

Penn West Conference Annual Meeting

Association Presidents Report

June 2021

The Presidents of the six Associations of the Penn West Conference meet quarterly each year via Zoom. The purpose of this gathering is to share the happenings of each Association and to conduct the business per request of the Conference. David Ackerman, Conference Minister, Tom Croner, and June Boutwell (moderators of the Conference) facilitate our meetings.

Each meeting begins and ends with prayer.

This past year the Associations focused on the following:

- + The completion of the Conflict of Interest Policy by each executive committee.
- + Donating to the Conference for Abolishing Medical Debt.
- + Planning and conducting the Fall Meetings by Zoom, in person, or using both options.
- + Discussing how the Associations choose delegates for General Synod 33. Reviewing UCC By-law 195 which states the requirements for the diversity of the delegates. This is difficult at times for the Associations to achieve due to the demographics of some of our Associations.
- + Naming representatives from each Association to the Transformation and Renewal Team.
- + Naming representatives from each Association for the PWC Planning Team for Annual Meeting.
- + Reviewing the workshop about repurposing the church and the church growth initiative. This is presented by Jill White of the UCC Building and Loan Fund.
- + Discussing Pastoral Leadership in our churches

We enjoy sharing each Association's happenings and learning about our similarities and differences.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Dina Johnson, Erie

Jill Marie, Clarion

Jim Neatrour, Juniata

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