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Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ,  
Annual Report of the Transformation and Renewal Team

Praise God! We seem to have survived the Covid Pandemic . . . well at least a lot of it!

When our lives found most of us in a time-out, being sent to our rooms, the adjustment was unashamedly not an easy one for many of us. And congregations that had already been discussing or planning to implement a virtual component to their worship offerings, joined with congregations that dared not dream about such things for focus had been on surviving. The conference, and the world for that matter were immediately thrust into learning to communicate with our congregants and to be the church in community in new and wonderful ways! Struggles, yes, but rewards beyond measure.

When the waves of Covid19 hit, the plans of the T&R team like so many others were shelved, for what we hoped would be just a short time. Alas and alack, many of us are still working to find solutions and new ways of being the church. The T&R team, is currently re-grouping, and engaging in asking God to guide us to where we can do the most good for our Conference and to shine forth with God's Glory into our communities that are yearning for the light of Hope, Love and Peace.

So we ask you to prayerfully seek, whether God is calling you to be part of our ministry team. You will be welcome, and much needed here.

We are still available to consult with congregations, and will so be embarking on follow up with those who were engaged with our group in pre-pandemic times.

In the Hope of Christ,

The T&R team,

Pastor Jim Neatrour, facilitator