

**Penn West Conference
2021 Annual Gathering & Meeting Workshops**

Our Penn West Conference 2021 Annual Gathering & Meeting Workshops will be held by Zoom the weekend before the Annual Gathering & Meeting. They are open to everyone. You don't need to pay or register for the 2021 Annual Gathering & Meeting in order to attend these. The Zoom information for these will be shared via a snippet closer to the time, and pastors will also receive an email about it. For security reasons, we ask that this information not be placed on social media, but you may share it with others who you know will want to attend. Here is information about our 2021 Workshops. We hope you'll join us!

“Talking with David”

Friday, June 4 @ 6 PM

Presenter: The Rev. David Ackerman

This will be a time for conversation with our Conference Minister on happenings in the life of our Conference.

“Dementia's Impact on Loved Ones in a Faith Community”

Friday, June 4 @ 7 PM

Presenter: The Rev. Dr. Verna Call

Most of us have heard of Alzheimer's disease, but few of us know that there are many other forms of dementia which can afflict your loved ones. This workshop will provide some of the latest information on different dementias, including the warning signs and impact on the individual and caregivers. This workshop will provide hope and ways of giving spiritual care and support to those impacted by dementia. The power point presentation will offer information on how to better minister to those impacted by memory loss and its impact on faith communities. It will be a useful resource for both lay and clergy.

“Imagining the Future by Praying with Scripture”

Saturday, June 5 @ 9 AM

Presenter: The Rev. Meredith Hutchison

Learn the ancient practice of Lectio Divina, or "Divine Reading." Scripture is approached for spiritual formation rather than for information. Have an experience of prayer that may be new to you, that will feed your spirit and may provide guidance for you and for the church.

“Racial Reconciliation Reality”

Saturday, June 5 @ 10 AM

Presenter: The Rev. George Steffey

This workshop is for those are seeking to be part of the multi-ethnic Kingdom of God on Earth. It addresses justice for our current racist culture by looking at: the documented disparities caused by systemic racism, the historical development of racism, myths of race, racial justice in the future of the church, and tools for racial reconciliation. It is meant for those who have little experience in race relations and also those who have had a lifetime of racist experiential realities.

“Spirituality and Climate Change”

Saturday, June 5 @ 11 AM

Presenter: The Rev. Bobbie Hinline

As people of faith, how shall we approach a challenge as far reaching as climate change? How do we pray? What action do we take? We will spend our time considering how our prayer, our work and how we live our lives reflect our commitment to loving God and our neighbors and our very planet.

“Women, Words, and Racial Justice”

Saturday, June 5 @ 12 PM

Presenter: The Rev. Linda Miller-Pretz

God says we are all sisters in Christ. What words and history have racially divided women in church and society? This workshop has developed out of a Westmoreland Association book study: Too Heavy a Yoke, Black Women and The Burden of Strength by Chanequa Walker-Barnes.