

**The Penn West Conference and the Penn West Academy for Ministry Present  
The 2021 Installment of our Pastoral Ethics Requirements...**

**Substance Abuse: Addiction and Recovery**

Back in 2017, all six of the Associations of the Penn West Conference passed the resolution, “On Pastoral Ethics Requirements for the Associations of the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ.” In 2021, we are providing a continuing education program, offered three times by Zoom, for Authorized Ministers and laypersons in our Conference. All Authorized (ordained, licensed, and commissioned) Ministers and Members in Discernment are expected to either attend this event, as per the resolution, or write a paper (2-4 pages), either on this subject or on another continuing education experience. This year’s topic is an important subject of ministry, especially in these times. We hope you will join us.

The training will be led by Ron Pedersen, with assistance from the West Virginia Institute for Spirituality and the national setting of the United Church of Christ. The event is scheduled to be a maximum of three hours. A tentative schedule is as follows:

*Opening - A summary of a personal experience in addiction and the recovery process (about 20 mins.)*

*Part One - Recognizing addiction and addictive Behavior in others and in self (about 40 mins.)*

*Part Two - Response to addiction suspicions: guidelines, resources, and boundaries against enabling addicts (40 mins.)*

*Part Three - Treatment and resources (15 mins.)*

*Part Four - Social reaction to addiction: society/church/health care system (15 mins.)*

*Part Five - Spirituality, addiction, and twelve step programs (remaining time)*

For the convenience of our pastors and churches, three separate events have been planned. Please register for one.

- Wednesday, March 3, 9 AM to noon.
- Saturday, April 10, 9 AM to noon.
- Monday, May 10, 6-9 PM.

The cost of the event is \$25.00 per person. This covers the fees and expenses for the presenters. There will also be ways in which you will learn about how to support the national setting in its work combatting substance abuse. If the registration fee is a hardship for you for whatever reason, please contact the Conference Minister. Please register and send your payment by Friday, February 26, to Penn West Conference, 312 South Maple Ave., Suite PWC, Greensburg PA 15601. Checks may be made to “Penn West Conference.”

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Association: \_\_\_\_\_

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