## Welcome to the 61<sup>st</sup> Annual Gathering and Meeting Of the Churches of the Penn West Conference Of the United Church of Christ

## Be Transformed, Part II

We invite you with an extravagant welcome to join us for the 61<sup>st</sup> annual meeting at Pennsylvania Western University, California. We hope that you will come in person, but a Zoom opportunity is yet available for those who for any reason cannot attend in person.

Our speaker this year is Rev. Bonnie Bates, the Conference Minister of the Penn Northeast Conference. She will be addressing spiritual transformation, but will also discuss the possible unification of all four Pennsylvania conferences into one Keystone Conference. This transformation, which is yet in the planning stage, will be a leap forward for us in Penn West, if it comes to fruition. She will reveal the nuts and bolts of this transformation, as it is so far conceived, in a workshop forum.

Come and reconnect
and remember
and celebrate
and learn
and share
and worship
and challenge and be challenged

Come, for this may be one of the last annual meetings of the Penn West Conference, should the possible merger with our sister conferences become a reality. Our hope is that together we will be stronger in Penn West and throughout Pennsylvania. Nonetheless, that merger will be in your hands. You shall have the ultimate say after a final plan is adopted. May the Holy Spirit guide our deliberations and our votes.

God's peace to you,

George R. Kepple Moderator