

# All Association Meeting

April 18, 2015

St. John's United Church of Christ,  
501 East Main St., Evans City PA 16033



## Beyond Sunday Morning Emergency Preparedness for Local Churches

### Our Keynote Address

Research shows a steep decline in young adults participating in the life of “The Church”, yet there are touch points that can engage younger generations and help them to see “The Church” in a new way. Strengthen and grow your congregation through service and faith-based volunteer opportunities that bring young and old alike together in a way that develops everlasting relationships and commitment to “The Church.”

Our Keynote Address will be provided by Mr. Zach Woglemuth, the United Church of Christ's Coordinator for Disaster Ministries. In his current role, he is responsible for all UCC disaster programming, response activity and disaster volunteer activity both domestically and internationally. We are glad to have him with us!

## ***Workshop Opportunities***

**“Cross Purposes: Working together in a Disaster”** ~ Mr. Bob Newell is a part-time licensed minister of two churches in the Dubois, PA area of the Clarion Association. He graduated from the Penn West Academy in 2006 and served as a local chapter Executive Director with the American Red Cross for 5 years. He will share insights into how local churches can work together with other organizations in responding to a disaster.

**“Planning to Avoid a Disaster”** ~ Mrs. Cara Neatrou has served as a 911 tele-communicator in Bedford County since 1981. She is hoping in her workshop to help churches in their pre-planning efforts to avoid being overwhelmed if disaster strikes.

**“Salem Missions Team”** ~ Mr. Sherman Dick is the emergency coordinator here in the Penn West Conference. He has worked under all conditions and knows the importance of adjusting ways of helping depending on the circumstances. He emphasizes the importance of not simply rebuilding homes but rebuilding lives in the wake of disasters. He has recently been focused on helping tornado victims in Oklahoma and welcomes anyone who wishes to help in these efforts.

**“Identify Potential Risks/Lower Insurance Cost”** ~ Mr. Donald Hamm is the United Church of Christ Insurance Board Representative in the Penn West Conference. He has extensive experience (since 1987) in both the insurance field and in working with denominations and local churches to find remedies for risk exposures.

**“ Emotional & Spiritual Care after a Crisis”** ~ The Rev. David Williamson is pastor of St. Paul's UCC in Hermitage, a former Army chaplain, and the current chaplain of the Hermitage fire and police departments. He's

been certified as a "Master Chaplain" by the Federation of Fire Chaplains, certified in spiritual care in crisis intervention by the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, and is board certified in school crisis response by the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. He will be focusing his workshop on how people of faith (clergy and laity) can provide effective emotional and spiritual care shortly after a crisis or disaster strikes.

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### **Select 2 workshops to attend:**

- \_\_\_\_\_ ***“Cross Purposes: Working together in a Disaster”***
  - \_\_\_\_\_ ***“Planning to Avoid a Disaster”***
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### **Schedule**

9:30-10:00 AM	Registration
10:00-10:15 AM	Opening Prayer
10:15-11:00 AM	Keynote Address
11:00-11:45 AM	Workshop #1
11:45 AM – 12:45 PM	Lunch
12:45-1:30 PM	Workshop #2
1:30-2:15 PM	Meet with Associations
2:15-3:00 PM	Wrap-up, Closing Prayer & Commissioning

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

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