Annual Gathering and Meeting Workshop Day June 6, 2020 from 9:00am to 9:00pm

All workshops will be via Zoom. You will be able to attend any or all of the Workshops as you please. You will receive Zoom information in a snippet and/or an email (pastors) that will allow you to click into the meeting or phone in. You will be able to leave at any time and come into the workshops at any time.

9:00 am-10:00am Jill White Repurposing Workshop

This workshop is designed to be an introduction to a larger workshop offered through Church Building & Loan that will help churches explore how to most fully discover their mission for ministry and live into it, using Mission Insite as a tool.

10:00 am – 11:00 am **Joseph Hedden Sustaining Ministry in the Long Run**

Penn West Academy Faculty share their understandings of what ministry means to them and how their particular subject can assist clergy and church leaders be serving in the church and world in the long run.

11:00 am – 12:00 am **Bobbie Hineline** What do we do about climate change?

There is a lot of conflicting messages about the health and direction of our planet. What can people of faith believe and do about the carbon in our atmosphere? Let's begin with a discussion.

Noon – 1:00 pm Break for Lunch

1:00 pm – 2:00 pm George Steffey Fresh Visions of Church

This workshop will be a presentation and discussion about trends in the history of the church, new expressions of church today, mission outreach and justice for our neighbors and the world, theological education of the future and opportunity for sharing of participant's visions for church.

2:00 pm – 3:00 pm Dave Mears Find Your Why - (based on the book by Simon Sinek)

As we imagine the future of our churches, it is important to examine why we are engaged in mission and ministry. Are we living the discipleship we have been called to or are we repeating old patterns without any thought expecting different results?

3:00 pm – 4:00 pm Melissa McLean Imagining Penn West Youth 3.0

In his 2015 book the Rev. John Dorhauer challenges the United Church of Christ to imagine "Church 2.0." This workshop for all ages will apply that lens to the Penn West Conference, and specifically the involvement of the youth. Utilizing the results of the conference-wide youth survey, the participants in the workshop will receive valuable insights on the youth in the church, both locally and nationally. The challenge will be to begin to collaboratively imagine and define what "Penn West Youth 3.0" will look like both now, and in the future.

4:00 pm – 5:00 pm **John Titus**

Clear the Clutter & Listen for the Spirit

Is your schedule too busy, overbooked, overwhelmed, then find some time to let go of everything? Learn about how some contemplative prayer practices can help center yourself and open up yourself to listen for the Holy Spirit.

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Break for Dinner

6:00 pm – 7:00 pm **Deirdre Hainsworth**

Mapping our Boundaries: Using Technology for Ministry with Youth

Online communication and social media are threaded through our lives today, and our relationships in church and ministry are no exception. How can we use these new technologies in ways that are creative and relevant to younger members, while still protecting privacy and living out our responsibilities as leaders? In this workshop, you'll learn more about how the speed and design of these new tools can make boundary issues more complicated, how to develop a set of boundary commitments to support safe and inclusive online ministry, and how to model online decision-making for youth.

7:00 pm – 8:00 pm **Tom Croner**

Cultivating a Vision for Future Annual
Gatherings & Meetings: A Gathering of
Prophets

This workshop will be a conversation about how we might envision what our Annual Gatherings & Meetings may look like in the future.

8:00 pm – 9:00 pm Ryan Lucas & Keith Grimm Philippines Trip

In this workshop, Ryan and Keith will discuss their planned Ambassador Trip to the Philippines, which had been scheduled for 2020, but which we are now looking to reschedule.