

Penn West Conference Boundary Awareness Training 2014

The Associations of the Penn West Conference have voted to require *all authorized ministers* (ordained, licensed, commissioned, retired) to participate in a Boundary Awareness Training every 5 years. Many PWC pastors were involved in the Training in 2007-2008, while others have never taken such training. Either way, 2014 is the time to do so. The Training provides the opportunity for authorized ministers to reflect on the importance of maintaining the boundaries of trust while serving God's people.

Content: The Boundary Awareness Training is based on a resource entitled "A Sacred Trust: Boundary Issues for Clergy and Spiritual Leaders" which includes 4 videos and group discussion. The challenge of boundaries is that they are not always clear.

Exemptions: If you feel that you no longer serve in a capacity as a pastor (not preaching, not performing weddings, etc.), you must contact your Association Church and Ministry Committee and request an exemption from the requirement. If you have completed such a training in another Conference, you must provide information and verification of such participation to your Association Church and Ministry Committee for this to be accepted as fulfilling the requirement.

Cost: The cost for the day \$10 which includes the program, coffee, snacks, and lunch.

Locations: Below is a list of various days and places at which the Training is being offered. Times for all dates are 9 am (gather with the program beginning at 9:30 am sharp) – 4:00 pm.

Locations – choose the place and date that best fits your schedule:

May 15 (Thursday) – St. Paul's UCC, Somerset (202 West Union Street)

May 17 (Saturday) – Trinity UCC, Delmont (39 E. Pittsburgh St.)

June 3 (Tuesday) – St. Paul's UCC, Knox (937 Twin Church Road)

June 14 (Saturday) – First Congregational UCC, Ebensburg (217 High St.)

Please complete the enclosed registration form below and return it to the Conference Office.

Registration for Boundary Awareness Training.

Check the date of your choice. Return the registration form and \$10 to the Penn West Conference Office, 320 S. Maple Avenue, Greensburg, PA 15601. Please indicate if you have any food allergies or requirements.

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Name: _____ Email or Phone _____

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Application for Exemption

Dear Members of the Association Church and Ministry Committee,

I am aware of the Boundary Awareness Training requirement has been approved by the Association. This requirement is that all authorized ministers of the Association (ordained, licensed, commissioned and retired) are required to complete Boundary Awareness Training every five years. Exemptions will be decided on a case by case basis by the Association Church and Ministry Committee. Non-compliance with this provision could place ministerial standing in jeopardy.

I request exemption from this requirement for the following reason:

- _____ I am a retired minister who no longer engages in any active ministry. I am not currently serving a church, nor am I doing occasional supply preaching, weddings or pastor care.

- _____ I have received training on boundaries for pastors that I feel satisfies the requirement of Boundary Awareness Training. I am attaching the outline of the training and verification of completion.

- _____ Other Reason (Please Explain)

Name

Date

If seeking an exemption, please return this completed, signed form and other documentation to:

The Chairperson of your Association Church and Ministry Committee -

Clarion – Rev. Barry Fillman
Juniata – Rev. Jerry McCuller
Lake Erie – Rev. Phil Garner

Pittsburgh – Rev. Liddy Barlow
Somerset – Rev. Joe Beer
Westmoreland – Rev. Cindy Parker