

Penn West Conference Annual Meeting

Association Presidents Report

April 2024

The Presidents of the six Associations of the Penn West Conference joined together monthly to share joys, concerns, and occurrences in each of the Associations. This year we were able to meet on a regular basis; the topic of the Keystone Working Group was discussed at these monthly meetings. The Presidents had an opportunity to share any thoughts, questions or concerns of what a Keystone Conference might mean for the Penn West Conference, the Associations and the Local Congregations.

During our gatherings the Presidents had a chance to report on what was happening in their Associations. This was a time to share information and ideas that might help with issues that others maybe experiencing in other Associations.

The last few months, we have been making plans for the All-Association Spring meeting which was held on April 20 (very well attend). The meeting opened up with Worship, then followed by the Keystone Conversation portion of the meeting. There was time set aside after lunch for Workshops and each Association had a segment to meet as individual groups. The day ended with closing Worship service.

Beside these gatherings our group has annual business that requires attention. One of these is the reviewing and updating the "Conflict of Interests" polices for the Executive Committees in each Association. we work to ensure that there are nominees to service on the Penn West Conference Board of Directors, Situational/Local Church Support Consultation, Berg Scholarship Fund, and the Mission Grants Committees. We also confirmed that there are delegates for the upcoming 2025 General Synod from each Association.

The Presidents of the six Associations would like to thank all those volunteers in our Associations for their time and talents for the ongoing work and mission in all settings of the United Church of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted

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