

Penn West Academy – 2024 Report

Greetings from the Penn West Academy 2023-2024! We met with faculty through the Academic year, four weekends a year, offered in person and on Zoom. Our special block was Systems Theory and Church Leadership, offered by Ann Depner, LCSW. We will be looking to replace our New Testament professor, George Steffey, who retired this year. Our Current Faculty are: Rev. Julia DiFiore (Old Testament), Rev. Meredith Hutchison (United Church of Christ Covenant and Polity), and Rev. Joseph Hedden (Theology), Rev. Dr. Jonathan Lawrence (Church History), and Melissa McLean (Worship and Preaching).

The Catalogue for the 2024-2025 year is in the process of being edited and printed. The Special Blocks for 2024 and 2025 is **open to everyone** and the topic is “Practical Theology: Church Administration, Planning, Development.” This Special Block will deal with the ins and outs of being a pastor: how to write a pastoral report, how to read a budget, practical issues for preparing for worship, how to work with the choir, and so on. Dates for the 2024-2025 Term are:

September 6-7, 2024

October 11-12, 2024

March 7-8, 2025

May 9-10, 2025

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