

PENN WEST ACADEMY REPORT 2022

The 2021 -2022 year for the Academy has been a year of transitions. We hired a new faculty person, Julia DiFiore, to teach the Old Testament class as Rev. David Longstreet retired from the position. Thanks to David for his years of faithful service!! Julia brings a wide breadth and depth of theological knowledge to the faculty. Welcome, Julia.

Other transitions: we have been able to keep up with the rapidly changing Covid situation by using a hybrid model for teaching. A Zoom option is available when being in person is not possible, for both faculty and students.

In addition to traditional students, we have been joined by auditors this year who have taken classes that interest them. An auditing student can mix and match, take a class, do the work or not, engage at whatever level they find most appropriate.

Right now, the focus is in preparing for the next School year 2022 to 2023. If you have questions about the course of study or wish to sign up or know some students, we are here to serve.

Grace and Peace,

Joseph Hedden, Dean and Instructor in Theology

On behalf of the faculty:

Julia DiFiore, Old Testament

Stephen Fair, Worship and Preaching

Meredith Hutchison, UCC Covenant and Polity

George Kepple, Church History

George Steffey, New Testament