

Penn West Conference Annual Meeting

Association Presidents Report

June 2022

The Presidents of the six Associations of the Penn West Conference meet quarterly each year. We share information, updates, and needs concerning the work of each Association, discuss ideas we may have in moving forward, and work together to address the concerns of our Conference as set forth by our Conference Minister, David Ackerman.

This past year, our Associations focused on:

- + Selecting and providing delegates to General Synod 34. We attempt to do this, as best as we can, in accordance with UCC by-law 195 which states the requirements for the diversity of the delegates.
- + Subsidizing gifts from Associations to our Synod delegates
- + Completing the Conflict of Interest policies by each association executive committee.
- + Providing representatives to the Board of Directors and Unified Fitness Review Committee.
- + Planning and conducting our “All Association Meeting,” a gathering that serves to strengthen covenantal ties among the individual members of each association.

This year, our Spring All Association Meeting was dedicated to “Sacred Conversations to End Racism: Restorative Racial Justice Journey.” It represented a vital step for us to better understand the crucial issue of racial justice in our society. Working and planning with members of our Conference’s Justice and Witness ministry, we were wonderfully led in this program by the UCC’s Minister for Racial Justice, the Reverend Dr. Zelda Love.

All of these efforts represent our desire to strengthen our covenantal ties with one another, working toward Jesus’s ultimate wish for us, that we “may all be one.”

Respectfully Submitted,