

Committee On Ministry  
Report for 2025

Due to 2 resignations of the Penn West Academy, the first thing we did since last year's minutes was to interview and call to those positions. We interviewed and called/hired Ciera James for the Church History position; the second interview process resulted in selecting Jonathan Lawerense to fill the New Testament position, which means he now teaches Old and New Testament.

Several of us were involved in planning and organizing a Regional M.I.D. Conference for all 4 Pa. Conferences at Hartman Center Jan. 3 & 4, '25. Our Conference had only 1 M.I.D. participate and 2 leaders for the Program.

We were updated regularly about the Keystone Working Group by David; and you will be hearing more and more about that at this meeting and throughout the rest of the year! One of the biggest Concern/issue we are dealing with is how will this change or do to the PennWest Academy, Rev. Joseph Hedden, Dean of the Academy, is working with leadership from the Pa. Academy for Ministry, sponsored by the other 3 Conferences to see what possibilities/avenues may be available or possible for the future.

By request we rescheduled an Active Shooter Training session with the U.C.C. pension Board, but again had to cancel due to very low registrations.

Our committee at or in last meeting received, with regrets, the resignation of Meredith Hutchison from the u.c.c. History and Polity Course in the P.W. Academy. ~~Now~~ Now we will begin a search and interview process for someone to fill that position. Any suggestions or names you may know or recommend, the committee would be glad to receive. Ethics training and compliance concerns are on an on-going basis.

Once again, I don't have adequate words to express our committees appreciation and gratitude to David Ackerman for his timeless and constant leadership ~~for~~ and to us!! Thank you, David!

Sincerely,



Barry W. Fillman  
Chair of Committee