

Annual Report 2025 Justice and Witness Committee

The Penn West Conference Justice and Witness Committee met via Virtual Meetings for part of 2024, every month.

During those initial months in January through May, the committee continued to discuss any outcomes and updates related to committee assignments, focusing mainly on the Disabilities Awareness subcommittee, which has continued to do tremendous work adding congregations to agree to use a compliance checklist for the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and for use across the conference as a standard practice.

The biggest shift in our committee has been an ongoing discussion surrounding what our role is and whether or not the committee/subcommittees are already overlapping with other conference committees. To remain relevant to congregations and seek ways to benefit the larger new Keystone Conference as we reorganize, the committee discussed moving towards a resource-only role that would be supportive in nature and proactive as issues arise.

The committee agreed to take a brief hiatus as we wait and see what the Keystone Conference brings in 2025 and what the Justice and Witness Committee will look like with those changes.

Submitted in good faith,

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