

Penn West Conference Annual Meeting

Association Presidents Report

May 2025

The Presidents of the six Associations of the PWC joined together at monthly meetings. We discussed what was happening in each of our Associations. This was also a time for us to share some of our joys and concerns in the life and missions of our local churches.

Over the past few months, we have been examining in great detail if a Penn West Association maybe in our future, or do we remain as six Associations as it is now. In the beginning, we reviewed the Penn West Association (PWA) case statement. The opening to this document reads. With the Keystone Conference likely beginning in 2026, leaders in the six Associations of the Penn West Conference are seeing this time as an opportunity for us to consider becoming a Penn West Association (PWA). Our group discussed the potential benefits of becoming the PWA, what a budget for a new PWA might look like. We also had the occasion to become familiar with the Draft: of the Constitution and By-Laws for the Penn West Association of the Keystone Conference of the United Church of Christ.

There will be time at the Annual Meeting in June for further discussion on a formation of a PWA. We are also, hoping to have additional conversations at Town Hall meetings in the months to come.

I hope that the members of our Associations had a chance read and enjoyed our Easter snippet series. The snippets for each week, was done by one of our Association Presidents. They selected one of the weekly readings from the lectionary for Easter. We were asked to share a paragraph with our thoughts on the resurrection and how it intersects with our work as we contemplate becoming the Penn West Association.

The Presidents of our six Associations, would like to thank our clergy and members of all our churches for their time and talents in the continuing work and mission in all settings of the PWC and the United Christ of Christ.

Respectfully Submitted,

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