

The Penn West Conference and the Penn West Academy for Ministry Present
The 2025 Installment of our Pastoral Ethics Requirements...
Ministering with People with Disabilities (Diversity/Cultural Competency)

Back in 2017, all six of the Associations of the Penn West Conference passed the resolution, “On Pastoral Ethics Requirements for the Associations of the Penn West Conference of the United Church of Christ.” In 2025, we are providing a diversity/cultural competency training program on Ministering with People with Disabilities, offered for your convenience at three separate times by Zoom. The training is open to all people (Authorized Ministers or laypeople) who want to attend and register for it.

The first two sessions will not be recorded; the third will be, and if you attend this session, it requires your consent to be recorded. All Authorized Ministers and Members in Discernment are expected to either attend one of these events, as per the resolution, or write a paper (2-4 pages) on this subject. Because we will offer a recorded session this year, another way for Authorized Ministers to satisfy the requirement will be to view (providing proof of the viewing) the May 12 recording at some point after that date and before the end of the year (preferably before October). Remember, too, that Authorized Ministers must complete and submit the Annual Informational Review form before certificates of completion will be sent to them. Our presenters this year will be the Rev. Sarah Lund, Kimberly Williams, and Robin Stemple from the United Church of Christ Disabilities Ministries Network. Please register for one of these event dates/timeframes below.

- Saturday, March 29, 9 AM - Noon
- Thursday, April 10, 6-9 PM
- Tuesday, May 12, 6-9 PM – will be recorded, consent to record required

The cost of the event is \$10.00 per person. This covers administrative fees as well as an honorarium for the presenter. If the registration fee is a hardship for you, please contact the Conference Minister. Please register by completing the section below and sending your payment by Friday, March 14, to Penn West Conference, 312 South Maple Ave., Suite PWC, Greensburg PA 15601. Please make checks out to “Penn West Conference.” If you would like to register online on our website via Tithe.ly, visit <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/9732672>.

My \$10.00 check made out to “Penn West Conference” is enclosed. I am registering for Ministering with People with Disabilities on the following day/time:

- Saturday, March 29, 9 AM - Noon
- Thursday, April 10, 6-9 PM
- Tuesday, May 12, 6-9 PM

Registration for the Tuesday, May 12 event, and this event alone, requires consent to be recorded. My signature here signifies my consent to be recorded for it:

Signature, if attending May 12: _____

Name: _____

Association: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____