

List of Continuing Education Opportunities...

(**CC**=Cultural Competency Training; **AR**=Anti-Racism; **BT**=Boundary Training;

ABT=Advanced Boundary Training)

(**ALL Authorized Ministers, please note:** We will be identifying these kinds of continuing education opportunities – The policy was effective starting January 1, 2019. If you have any questions, please contact the Penn Northeast Conference Office at 610-826-3113. Thank You!)

2021

- October 6 **Performance Management – New Perspectives and Best Practices** – 9AM to 4PM, CDT; This workshop explores how to effectively offer corrective feedback and validate desired workplace behaviors that will draw out the best in people. [Learn More...](#)
- Oct. 11 – Dec. 12 **Introduction to the Hebrew Bible – (On-Line)** - Instructor: Dr. Lisa Davison - This course will be a survey of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), with a focus on understanding the nature of the literature, intent of the authors, the place of the books in the canon, and issues for interpretation in the life of the church. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) Deadline to register Sept. 27
- Oct. 11 – Dec. 12 **Stewardship** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Bruce Barkhauer - This course will give attention to a holistic understanding of stewardship, but with a specific focus on the role of money in our personal life, congregational life and culture. Participants will explore various strategies for growing stewards and developing authentic stewardship ministries in the local congregation. While the content of this course may be most meaningful for those in leadership positions in the congregations, it will also be engaging for those who simply want to explore issues of faith and money. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) Deadline to register Sept. 27
- Oct. 11 – Dec. 12 **Theology** - Instructor: Dr. Andy Mangum - How do we study and think about the unimaginable complexity we call God? How have our ancestors in the faith considered God and God's interaction with the world? Students will learn to read and critically evaluate theological texts, and in the process learn to work with different theological approaches, see distinctions and similarities in various traditions, and develop a coherent personal description of the gospel and relate it to Christian life. Online course. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) Deadline to register Sept. 27
- Oct. 11 – Dec. 12 **Disciples History and Polity** -Instructor: Dr. John Imbler - An exploration and analysis of the history, polity and characteristic beliefs of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The course will include the origins, development, growth and current status of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and its related groups around the world; discussions of the characteristic beliefs and practices which make the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) a unique part of the universal church while celebrating the Disciples' ecumenical pilgrimage; and an awareness of how the polity of the Disciples of Christ works. Online course. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)
- October 11-15 **Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders (2021)** - Does your congregation experience conflict? Does it harm your Christian fellowship and distract from your church's mission? Learn to transform conflict from a negative force into an opportunity for reconciliation and growth. Contact the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center at **630-627-0507** or Admin@LMPeaceCenter.org. Online registration <https://lmpeacecenter.org/ticketspice/>.
- Oct. 14 **Money and Ministry: A Theology for Congregational Leaders** - 7–8:30pm and Tuesdays, 7–8:30pm, Oct 19–Nov 16, 2021, via Zoom Instructor: Mike Little, Director of Faith and Money Network. 2.5 CEUs. \$325. **Register by October 5. Information and registration:** <https://www.lancasterseminary.edu/programs/pennsylvania-academy-of-ministry/>
- October 15 **Personality Differences in the Workplace** – Live Virtual Workshop: 10AM to 1PM, CDT; Utilizing the ACHIEVE Work Styles Assessment, participants of this workshop will learn to better understand and communicate with personality styles that are different from their own. [Learn More...](#)
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- October 21 **Difficult Conversations – Strategies for Challenging Discussions** – Live Virtual Workshop from 9AM to 4PM CDT; This workshop explores the key elements of preparing for, conducting, and concluding difficult conversations. [Learn More...](#)
- October 25-27 **Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process** – a leadership training program sponsored by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Lombard, Illinois – this is offered three times per year for three successive days each time - designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. [Click Here](#) for detailed flyer and registration
- Nov. 4 – Dec. 2 **Unpacking the Scriptures – Discipleship** - with Pam Weiss who leads the discipleship program at First Presb. Allentown gives us practical and creative ways to bring people together to explore their faith. This is our Late Fall Course which meets twice a week (Mon and Thurs)
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- December 10-11 **CONFLICT TRAINING DATES -- [Register Here](#)** - **This training is particularly effective for leadership councils, Sessions, Vestries and curated congregational groups.** This 1.5 day online workshop will walk your group through how to become skilled in conflict transformation. You will learn skills that will reshape your interactions with present and future congregational conflict and equip you for managing conflict in your work and personal life. There will also be opportunities for sharing our personal experiences with conflict and working on leading through difficult conflict using case studies and role playing.
- 2022**
- Jan. 3 – Feb. 21 **Missional Leadership** – Mondays - Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads
- Jan. 6 – Feb. 24 **Road Hazards (Congregational Ethics)** – Thursdays – Rev. Derek French & Dr. Jill Peters - Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads
- January 10 – March 6 **UCC History & Polity** – Instructor: Rev. Margot Pickett - Through weekly reading, online research, reflection, writing, and student interaction this course will enable and encourage students to be faithful interpreters of the UCC. This course requires that participants explore their own (or another local) UCC congregation, Association and Conference through personal contact and to engage in teaching and learning from each other. Online course. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register](#). Offered by Phillips Seminary.
- January 10 – March 6 **Worship** – Instructor: Rev. Geoff Mitchell - Worship is central to the Christian life. This course will focus on the formulation of a theology for worship in the local congregation, an overview of the history and present trends in Christian worship, development of practical skills in planning and implementing weekly and special services of worship, introduction to the rich use of the arts and sacred music in the worship

setting, and the development of resources which can be used for worship. Online course. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) Offered by Phillips Seminary.

January 10 – March 6 **Education & Leader Development** – Instructor: Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian - This is an introduction to, and exploration of, the foundations and principles of leader development. Students completing this course will have been exposed to basic approaches to Christian Education and leadership development and been given the skills to facilitate those working in a congregation's Christian Education ministry. This class has been designed to address the Leader Development section of the Disciples of Christ Sixteen Areas of Ministerial Practice: "Know the foundations of Christian education and the principles of leader development. Show competence in teaching children, youth, and adults, including lay leaders and staff." Online course. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#) Offered by Phillips Seminary.

January 10 – March 6 **Pastoral Leadership** – Instructor Dr. Bill Tenny-Brittian - Effective leadership in the church today appears to be a rare commodity. John Maxwell rightly asserts, "Everything rises and falls on leadership." An effective church leader can assess the state of a church or ministry, discern a Godly vision, and cast that vision in such a way that the congregation will follow. In this course students will identify their leadership styles, examine their strengths and weaknesses, and explore what it takes to effectively lead in the church today. Online course. The price of the course is \$75. [Click here to register.](#)

February 14-18 **Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process** – a leadership training program sponsored by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Lombard, Illinois – this is offered three times per year for three successive days each time - designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. [Click Here](#) for detailed flyer and registration

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March 7 – May 2 **Story of Christianity** – Mondays (except Holy Week 4/11) – Rev. Dr. Bill Falla - Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads

March 10 – May 5 **My Journey (Formative Spirituality)** – Thursdays (except Holy Week 4/14) – Rev. Dr. Maggie Wellert - Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads

May 2-4 **Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process** – a leadership training program sponsored by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Lombard, Illinois – this is offered three times per year for three successive days each time - designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. [Click Here](#) for detailed flyer and registration

May 23-25 **Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process** – a leadership training program sponsored by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Lombard, Illinois – this is offered three times per year for three successive days each time - designed to enhance the ability of participants to function as self-differentiated leaders within their own ministry setting. [Click Here](#) for detailed flyer and registration

Others...

-**Communities of Practice** – participation qualifies for ½ of the continuing education requirements

-**Crossroads Lay Leadership Program at Moravian Sem.** – <https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/crossroads>

-**Moravian Seminary** – 610-861-1512 - - <http://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education>

This site gets a person directly to continuing education programs. The calendar is on the same page.

-**Center for Family Process** – www.centerforfamilyprocess.com

-**Lehigh Conference of Churches** – <https://lehighchurches.org>

-**Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** – <https://icjs.org/> - usually (CC) qualified

