List of Continuing Education Opportunities…
(\textit{CC}=Cultural Competency Training; \textit{AR}=Anti-Racism; \textit{BT}=Boundary Training; \textit{ABT}=Advanced Boundary Training)

(\textbf{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!)

\textbf{2021}

December 10-11  \hspace{1em} \textbf{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.

December 21  \hspace{1em} \textbf{Conflict Resolution Skills for Leaders - Live Virtual Workshops:} 10am-1pm CDT - This workshop explores the various dynamics of conflict and provides participants with the necessary skills to respond to it confidently and effectively. \textbf{Learn More}

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- A Conflict Overview
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\textbf{2022}

Jan. 3 – Feb. 21  \hspace{1em} \textbf{Missional Leadership} – Mondays - Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary \texttt{www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads}

January 4, 11, 18  \hspace{1em} \textbf{Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley offers a three-part series on "Sexuality, Orientation and Gender in the Bible"} - Tuesdays January 4, 11 & 18. The classes meet online via Zoom at 6pm EST or in-person at 7pm at 1401 Greenview Drive in Bethlehem, PA. Facilitated by MCCLV’s Rev. Goudy, all participants are warmly welcome and the classes are free of charge (the online classes are limited to 50 minutes while the in-person classes are typically 75 minutes). To register and receive the Zoom information, write to Raymond Joseph at RaymondJoseph@mcclv.info or call 484-202-0149.

Jan. 6 – Feb. 24  \hspace{1em} \textbf{Road Hazards (Congregational Ethics)} – Thursdays – Rev. Derek French & Dr. Jill Peters - Dr. Jill Peters, Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary \texttt{www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads}

January 10 – March 6  \hspace{1em} \textbf{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. \textbf{Click here to register}. Offered by Phillips Seminary.

January 10 – March 6  \hspace{1em} \textbf{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.**

January 29 **Conflict Transformation Skills for Churches** - 9:00am to 4:30pm CT - Register a group of four or more and save $15 apiece! For your convenience, feel free to use this **LMPC Registration Form** to compile the names and contact information for your group. Questions? Call 630-627-0507.

February 1, 8 Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley offers a two-part series on "*Stewardship of Sexuality*" - Tuesdays, February 1 & 8. The classes meet online via Zoom at 6pm EST or in-person at 7pm at 1401 Greenview Drive in Bethlehem, PA. Facilitated by MCCLV's Rev. Goudy, all participants are warmly welcome and the classes are free of charge (the online classes are limited to 50 minutes while the in-person classes are typically 75 minutes). To register and receive the Zoom information, write to Raymond Joseph at RaymondJoseph@mcclv.info or call 484-202-0149.

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.

February 15 Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley offers a class titled "*Inclusive Language*" - Tuesday, February 15. The class meets online via Zoom at 6pm EST or in-person at 7pm at 1401 Greenview Drive in Bethlehem, PA. Facilitated by MCCLV’s Rev. Goudy, all participants are warmly welcome and the class is free of charge (the online class is limited to 50 minutes while the in-person class is typically 75 minutes). To register and receive the Zoom information, write to Raymond Joseph at RaymondJoseph@mcclv.info or call 484-202-0149.

February 22 Metropolitan Community Church of the Lehigh Valley offers a class titled "*Progressive Christianity*" - Tuesday, February 22. The class meets online via Zoom at 6pm EST or in-person at 7pm at 1401 Greenview Drive in Bethlehem, PA. Facilitated by MCCLV’s Rev. Goudy, all participants are warmly welcome and the class is free of charge (the online class is limited to 50 minutes while the in-person class is typically 75 minutes). To register and receive the Zoom information, write to Raymond Joseph at RaymondJoseph@mcclv.info or call 484-202-0149.

February 26 **Healthy Congregations** - 8:30am-4:30pm CT - Register a group of four or more and save $15 apiece! For your convenience, feel free to use this **LMPC Registration Form** to compile the names and contact information for your group. Questions? Call 630-627-0507.

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March 7 – May 1  
**Overview of the Bible** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. Alex Ruth - This course is an introduction to the content of the Bible and the methods of study that scholars use to understand it. Students will learn about the history of the periods in which various biblical books were written, and about how the individual writings came together into a single book. They will attempt to discover what the biblical writers were seeking to accomplish through their writings. This search will present students with understandings of the world and the place of humanity that can help illuminate alternative ways humans have experienced the world and attempted to make sense of it. The price of the course is $75. Click here to register.

March 7 – May 1  
**Christian Ethics** - Instructor: Rev. Dr. George Flanagan - Ethics are the moral principles that govern our behavior. This course is an introduction and exploration of the basic concerns and issues involved in ethical reflection, the Biblical and theological foundations of Christian ethics, and the response of the Christian to perennial and contemporary social and moral issues, with a view to equipping the student for ethical reflection in preaching, teaching, and pastoral leadership. The price of the course is $75. Click here to register.

March 7 – May 1  
**Communications** - Instructor: Kurt Gwartney - The church has availed itself of technology throughout its history for the purpose of communicating its message to the culture. Students in this course will explore the theological underpinnings of the use of digital media in the sharing of the church’s message. Students will be expected to understand the pitfalls and promises of digital tools and their use in a variety of ministry settings. Students will be challenged to demonstrate effective use of digital media in ministry through a practical project. They will also develop the skills necessary to evaluate emerging digital tools for their effectiveness and how to promote ministries through targeted marketing and communication. The price of the course is $75. Click here to register.

March 7 – May 1  
**Introduction to the New Testament** - Instructor: Dr. Kris Tenny-Brittian - This course will enhance the students’ understanding and use of the New Testament in their teaching, preaching and service to God’s world. Students will pay particular attention to the message of the texts while looking at major themes, textual issues, literary forms, social and cultural context, and other issues and concerns. Students will become better acquainted with the historical, cultural, social, and religious context of the writings; the themes of the Biblical drama centered upon Jesus; and the New Testament’s bearing on current issues and ministry. Prerequisite: Overview of the Bible. The price of the course is $75. Click here to register.

March 7 – May 1  
**Disciples History and Polity** - Instructor: CMLT Adjunct Faculty - 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. The price of the course is $75. Click here to register.

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](http://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](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads)

March 14 – 18  
**Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders** – 9AM-5PM CT - Discover for yourself why MSTI has been described as “The best and most thorough model for mediation with individuals and congregations that I have experienced in more than three decades of ordained ministry.” For details please refer to this [MSTI Brochure](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads).

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May 2-4  
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May 3-5  
**Clergy Convocation** – Double Tree by Hilton, 2400 Willow Street Pike, Lancaster – qualifies for 10 contact hours – Presenter: Rev. Dr. Emily C. Heath – Registration Deadline: April 1, 2022.  [Click Here](#) for detailed information and how to register.

May 23-25  
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**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](https://www.moravianseminary.edu/academics/crossroads)
- **Moravian Seminary** – 610-861-1512 -  [http://moravianseminary.edu/academics/continuing-education](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](http://www.centerforfamilyprocess.com)
- **Lehigh Conference of Churches** –  [https://lehighchurches.org](https://lehighchurches.org)
- **Institute for Islamic Christian Jewish Studies** –  [https://icjs.org/](https://icjs.org/) - usually (CC) qualified