



NEWS of the 29 Churches of the York Association

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Partners in Blessing - Cooperative Mission, Cooperative Ministry

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Mission Statement

We, the members of the York Association of the United Church of Christ, are called by God and empowered by the Holy Spirit to represent Christ by: supporting one another in our covenantal relationship; calling clergy and laity to mutual accountability to the faith and order of the church; witnessing together to God's redeeming love.

(Adopted April 28, 1991)

Letter from the President Low Energy High Satisfaction

On January 31st, 2015 your Vice President, Mike Loser and I took part in the Penn Central Conference Landscape Self Study task force facilitated by Holycow! Surveys to be filled out and invitations to attend had been sent out to the PCC Board of Directors, PCC staff, and those who hold leadership roles in the 230 churches. The workshop consisted of small group discussions about the future of the Penn Central Conference as part of the discernment process to call a new Conference Minister.

A follow up workshop was held April 24th and 25th. The same participants were then presented with the compilation findings of what had been heard from 817 people that took the survey. There were a total of 17 findings listed. While these findings don't apply specifically to the York Association, as a whole, one of the findings found the level of energy listed in the quadrant Low Energy/High Satisfaction. Organizations in this quadrant have normalized a low level of vitality which enable them to be relatively satisfied. To some degree, this is indicative of the "in between" phase of leadership transition that the Conference finds itself. It is also symptomatic of the felt need for clear direction and vision, measurable achievements, expectations, and accountability that

are reported by the assessment tools. All of these are essential to the future effectiveness, and the sustainability of high levels of energy and satisfaction within the conference and the Associations.

Submitted by: Barbara Crum, President

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Submitted by: Mike Loser, VP York Association

REMINDER

JOIN York Association Facebook Group

The York Association has a NEW Facebook group page. Three simple steps to join:

1. Log In to Facebook
2. Search for *York Association News & Views*
3. Click the *Join Group* button

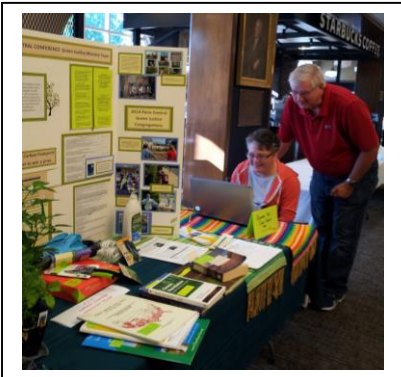
If you are active on Facebook, take a minute to join our new group.

The Penn Central Green Justice Ministry Team is excited about the 2015 PCC Annual Meeting



Please join us for "Creative Approaches to Saving the Beauty of God's Earth," one of the Annual Meeting Pre-conference workshops. Kevin L. Miller, an artist and group facilitator from York and Rev. Jerry Lee Miller, a songwriter, musician,

pastor and activist from Lancaster will be leading this engaging and interactive workshop. The day will include art, music, dialog, brainstorming and expressive ritual designed to inspire a creative and hopeful response to climate change concerns for participants as well as ways to share the message with our congregations. You may register for the workshop on-line if you are registering for the annual meeting. Or, if not attending annual meeting, send a check in to the conference office along with \$20 and note that you are registering for the "Creative Approaches to Saving the Beauty of God's Earth" workshop.



Please visit our Green Justice Display Table where you may view our water display, calculate your water footprint and enter to win an energy efficient, low carbon or low water use prize. Please take the time to read thru the Transition from Fossil

Fuels to Renewable Energy Resolution information on the PCC Website Annual Meeting page. Members from the Green Justice Team worked this past year with UCC members from 10 other UCC conferences to bring this resolution to General Synod this June and is asking that the Penn Central Conference also endorse this resolution.

Annual Meeting Workshops:

- **The Effects of Climate Change on our Health and Well Being** will be presented by Dr. Alan S. Peterson, the Emeritus Director of Environmental and Community Medicine at Lancaster General Hospital.
- **Preserving the Bounty of the Harvest** will be presented by Robert Bauer, Master Gardener and Master Food Preserver from Penn State Extension.
- **The Water-Energy-Food Connection and Us** will be presented by Anita Stabile.

- **Let's Save Our Pretty, Pretty Planet** will be presented by Kevin L. Miller who has a love for the environment and creation care.
- **Socially Responsible Investing** will be presented by the UCC United Church Funds Staff. Good stewardship of our financial resources leads us to want to invest responsibly but also to provide for our retirement years and our families.

Submitted by: Lee Ann Strine & Libby Loser

Around the Association

Trinity UCC – Hallam

- Will be holding their annual **strawberry festival** on Wednesday, June 10th, at 6:30 p.m. in the Gathering Place. Ice cream, whipped cream, shortcake, chocolate syrup and drinks will be provided. Come out and enjoy delicious strawberry treats, fellowship and fun.

Submitted by: Pat Harbaugh

Grace UCC – Hanover

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Blessing of the Pets

Sunday, June 7th – 5:30 PM

Codorus State Park @ Band Shell

Pet Blessing @ 6:30 PM

A Parade of Pets & Children @ 7 PM

Lyric Band Concert 7 – 8 PM

For more info, call 717-632-1146

Submitted by: Les Loucks

Locust Grove UCC –1035 Locust Grove Rd, York

- Our June **Chicken BBQ and Bake Sale** occurs on Saturday, June 6, beginning @ 11:00 am rain or shine. Dinners will be available on a first-come, first-served basis, until sold out. You may reserve dinners by calling the church office (717-755-1318) and leave your name, phone number, and the number of dinners. Dinners include: one-half chicken, baked potato, dinner roll, applesauce, cupcake, and beverage. Dinners may be eaten on-site or carried out. The cost of a dinner is \$8.00.

Submitted by: Ann Ludwick

JULY newsletter deadline is June 5.
 This newsletter (JUNE) will be emailed on May 15 by the Association President, Barbara Crum.
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