

Is there Ministry After Death?

As Christians, we certainly affirm life after death but what about ministry after death? Many of our church's founders and long-departed members did and still DO ministry, long after their deaths—through endowments and bequests to the church. Endowments and bequests are an important but quiet ministry. Your gifts can be given not only to your local church but to your association, Penn Central Conference and the United Church of Christ. This ensures the means to continue the mission, ministry and voice of our conference and the UCC far into the future.

Here are some examples of Planned Gifts:

Wills and bequests—A properly executed Will or Living Trust is the only way to assure that your estate is distributed according to your wishes and is the most common way that deferred gifts to the Church are made. You can designate a percentage or a dollar amount, or direct that the Church receive the residual amount of your estate. A Will or Living Trust can also be used to set up life-income gifts that benefit heirs during their lifetimes, with the remaining principal constituting a gift to the Church.

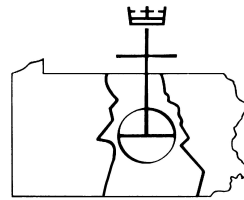
Life-income gifts—Life-income gifts are those which pay you income for life, with the remaining principal paid to the UCC-related entity you designate. You receive a tax deduction for the charitable portion of the gift in the year the gift is made.

Charitable Gift Annuities—A Gift Annuity's rate of return is based solely on your age at the time of the gift. Annuities may be funded with cash or appreciated securities and provide fixed income payments for life to you and/or another person, successively. A significant portion of the income may be tax-free.

Life Insurance—The church can be named as the beneficiary of your life insurance or the policy itself can be donated to the church.

Retirement Assets—Retirement assets may be expensive for heirs to inherit. Naming the church as the beneficiary of your retirement fund may provide a significant tax savings to your estate.

Please Note: This information is presented as preliminary guidance. Your attorney can advise you on what meets your needs.



March 2011

**Penn Central
Conference
UCC
QUARTERLY**

**God
is still
speaking,**

Four times a year (March, May, September and November), we bring you the “Penn Central Conference Quarterly.” We hope this helps you feel more connected to your conference. We look forward to any comments you have on the Quarterly by calling 717-652-1560 or e-mailing bwaleff@pccucc.org.



Changing Lives...Imagine What's Possible
**Penn Central Conference
49th Annual Meeting
June 10-12, 2011
Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove**

Join us June 10-12 for our Penn Central Conference Annual Meeting at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove. We'll be celebrating how we change lives in our 204 congregations that make up Penn Central Conference.

Special guests are **Rev. Dr. Jane Heckles** who serves on our national staff as Minister for Our Church's Wider Mission. In her current position, she coaches boards, conferences and church leaders in mission resource growth for all settings of the church. Jane will be our closing worship preacher and will give the keynote address on Saturday morning.

Waltrina Middleton, the new UCC Minister for Youth Advocacy and Leadership Formation, will also be present during our annual meeting. She will be offering workshops, meeting with youth and youth leaders and our general session on Sunday morning will feature “A Chat with Waltrina.”

Registration information can be found at www.pccucc.org. Annual Meeting is under Events. Click on the button to register online. You may pay with credit card or send a check after registering. Early Registration deadline is Wednesday, April 27.



Friday, June 10, 10am-3pm
Susquehanna University
***“Designing Contemporary
Congregations”***

with our new staff person
Laurene Bowers



Laurene will be offering this seminar based on her book “Designing Contemporary Congregations.” How do leaders balance meeting the spiritual needs of our long-term, beloved church members and still attract young families into the church with more contemporary expressions of worship? Can the existing church and the emerging church impact one another’s spiritual

growth? We will explore how to deal with resistance throughout the phases of change: motivation, implementation and evaluation. Learn some practical strategies to equip your church for change by creating ‘learning environments’ that are conducive to changing lives.

The book is currently on sale at the conference office for \$10.00 and will be on sale at annual meeting. Laurene will be doing a book signing at 4pm in the Marketplace.

Price: Church group rate is \$100 for three people. Each additional person from your church is \$25. For individuals, the price is \$50. Includes lunch.

Register on-line when you register for annual meeting and add the amount onto your annual meeting charges or send your church name and town with attendees names along with a check made out to Penn Central Conference to: Penn Central Conference UCC, 900 S Arlington Ave, Room 227A, Harrisburg, PA 17109.

New Conference Website To Debut in March

Be on the lookout for our new conference website debuting early March. The home page will list the top news and upcoming events along the side. There will be quick links along the bottom to Hartman Center, our video library, joining our e-mailing list and a new feature “PCC Bay.” You will be able to advertise items for sale or giveaway from your church and search for items you may be looking for. This will also be a place you can list job openings other than clergy. Our Resources tab will have links to documents and forms local congregations may need, all of our past communication pieces, the Resource Center, helpful links to other websites and our conference calendar of prayer. The directories tab will have links to a staff listing, conference church listing, resource consultants and a password protected clergy directory. We have added an OCWM tab so you can find the latest materials and information on Our Church’s Wider Mission. Our Board of Directors will have a designated tab for documents and minutes of their meetings. We have even added a prayer center for people to list prayers. We hope you will check the conference website frequently for updates and new information. It’s easy to remember—www.pccucc.org (**Penn Central Conference United Church of Christ**).

I want to support the vital work that our churches do together in Penn Central Conference. Please accept my contribution of:
_____ \$25.00 _____ \$35.00 _____ \$50.00 _____ \$100.00 _____ other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ Phone _____

Your local church (name, city/town) _____

Send this form with check made payable to Penn Central Conference to:
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Thank you for your support.