

August Monthly Packet

Conference Calendar

If you'd like your committee meeting or event added to the calendar, please send an email to office@pncucc.org.

All meetings are online unless otherwise indicated.

August

- 2 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 3 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm
- 4 CDC planning meeting; 9:00-10:30am

- 9 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 8 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:15-3:00pm
- 9 Stewardship Committee meeting; TBA
- 10 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; 9:30am-2:30pm

- 15 Dismantling Racism meeting; 5:30-7:00pm
- 16 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 17 Personnel Committee Meeting; 2:30-4:00
- 17 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:30pm
- 18 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00-12:00

- 23 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am

- 30 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am

September

- 4 Conference Office is closed to observe Labor Day
- 6 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 7 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:00pm

- 12 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:15-3:00pm
- 13 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 14 Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 15 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; 10:00-12:00

- 20 Jonna's Office Hour; 9:30-10:30am
- 21 Personnel Committee Meeting; 2:30-4:00
- 21 Moderators Meeting; 7:00-8:30pm

Transitions

At the July meeting of the Westside Committee on Ministry approved the Transfer of Standing into the PNC-UCC for the **Rev. Bill Maurey-Holmes** and the **Rev. Jill Hutton** (Eastgate UCC). The Eastside Committee on Ministry did not meet in July.



General Synod 34 Highlights

Read all about the highlights from General Synod 34, including the historic vote in which Karen Georgia Thompson was elected as the first woman, and the first Black woman to lead the UCC as General Minister and President. More business highlights, the Resolutions and voting results, and more may be found here: <https://www.ucc.org/general-synod-34-highlights/> The 35th General Synod will be held in 2025 but after the vote to change the frequency of General Synod, the 36th General Synod will be held in 2028.

Interim Conference Minister Search

The Board of Directors voted to establish a committee to begin the search for an Intentional Interim Conference Minister. This person could serve for up to 36 months. They had initial training with Lee Albertson, the resource person at the National Setting for conference minister search committees.

The timeline established is as follows:

May 15	Position posted to the national's page for Employment Opportunities
June 30	Position posting closes
Late June/Early July	Profiles will be forwarded to the Committee members (confidential)
July	Committee will read profiles and have discussion and prioritize profiles (confidential) and have interviews.
Early August	Name will be brought to Board of Directors and voted on. The candidate may have to give 60 days notice at their current position, if applicable. Once a contract has been signed the person will be made public to the Conference.
October	Possible starting date of the Intentional Interim Conference Minister for PNCUCC..

Please forward any questions or concerns to Indigo Brown or Esther Sanders. May God's blessings be abundantly known in your ministry settings.

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In Grace and Peace,
Rev. Esther Sanders, BCC

How to Listen Effectively

DATE: 8/17/23 @12:30-2pm \$30

WHERE: on Zoom

[Register Here](#)

About the Class

Effective listening skills are essential for day-to-day communication, decision-making, and for resolving conflict. And yet, what are they really? Why do they seem to work sometimes but not others? When do WE get to feel heard?

This workshop offers participants foundational skills for this key element of communication, advancing quickly from basic skills to techniques for acknowledging unstated emotions, underlying needs, and values. This workshop is an interactive combination of lecture and discussion with opportunity to practice with your peers in a neutral and supportive learning environment.

About the Instructor

Rev. Sophie Morse has worked in the field of conflict resolution and conflict skills training for over 15 years. She has presented over 500 hours to diverse audiences including incarcerated populations, volunteer mediators, professionals, and youth in Kitsap County and across WA state. Her complete bio is available [here](#).

See All Available 2023-2024 Conflict Classes [Here](#).

Communities of Practice (CoP) 2023/24



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Communities of Practice are support groups organized by the Committee on Ministry, led by trained facilitators, for folks who are in a variety of ministries in our Conference.

Perhaps you have been part of one at one time, or have been curious. Now is the time to think about this circle of support for 2023/24.

- Groups for specialized ministers, pastors in different contexts and congregation sizes, retired clergy, and more
- Inclusive for Members in Discernment
- Most groups meet on zoom making it possible for groups to exist across the mountains and even time zones

What do people say about it?

"I am new to the UCC ministry and find it very helpful to be in a group with others who are further along and who offer both encouragement and guidance as I learn to do ministry the UCC way. Our leader poses good questions to get us talking and offers insightful reflections after each one shares."

"It's essential!"

"Being able to meet regularly with a CoP group of colleagues is one of the best things I do for myself. This group keeps me connected & relative to the PNC & UCC, supports me in my life and ministry and inspires me to grow as we support and learn from one another."

How much does it cost?

\$250.00 September through June, though some groups opt to meet during the summer too; Scholarships are available

How do I get more info? Contact Rev. Amy Hitchens at amy@npucc.org PNC, UCC



CENTERING ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE AT THE EPA

UCC Webinar—UCC Trailblazer, the EPA, and New Grant Programs

Charles Lee, the lead author of the UCC's landmark report on toxic waste and race as well as the lead organizer of the historic First National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit, will be one of two featured speakers on environmental justice at the EPA. Lee is now the Senior Policy Advisor for Environmental Justice at the EPA. He will be joined by Jacob Burney who directs the Environmental Justice Grants Division at the EPA. In the past year, the EPA has been in the news due to significant institutional changes that have prioritized funding and staffing for environmental justice. Even if you cannot make the webinar at its scheduled time on August 9th at 2 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a link to a recording of it. [Register now!](#)

[Hyperlink: https://UCC.zoom.us/webinar/register/3316782917696/WN_8R38XouXTwKpJ8rht-wQXg]



August Celebrations

Best wishes to our clergy and their partners on their special days.

Ordinations

Ron Blake	53 years	Bob Feeny	3 years
Candace Frawley	10 years	Cathryn Cummings	44 years
Gregg Brekke	17 years	Daniel Parker	41 years
Alice MC Ling	43 years	Kevin Raymond	15 years
Amy Johnson	1 year	Stevi Hamill	1 year
Lynne Simcox	51 years	Kathy Turner	54 years

Birthdays

Daniel Berg	Catharine Cline	Trina Banks
Rebecca Withington	Harvey Buer	Philip Eisenhauer
Judi Edwards	Cameron Sharp	Lewis Hinshaw
Anthony Robinson	Beth Seacord	Ann Lev
Elayne Spangler	John Solimine	Lynne Simcox
Delbert Gault	Pichu Chen	Dale Rominger
Susan Welsh	Meighan Pritchard	Marcia Royer
Sally Bredeweg	Roberta Rominger	Josh Sanders
Andy CastroLang	Sylvia Taylor	

Anniversaries

Roberta & Dale Rominger
 Ron & Carol Blake
 Ryan & Shauna Lambert
 Chris Morton & Megan Crouse
 Bob Ingalls & Donna Poland
 Courtney & Mark Stange-Tregear
 Tara Barber & Wendy Blight
 Jane & Tom Sorenson
 Daniel & Iona Parker