

## October News

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# Conference Calendar

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

### October

- 12 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am
- 12 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:00-3:00pm
- 13 Westside Committee on Ministry; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 14 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm
  
- 18 Board of Directors meeting; online;
- 19 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am
- 20 Moderators Check-in; online; <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/333224991>; 7:00-8:30pm
- 21 Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 10:00am-2:00pm
- 21 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm
  
- 26 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am
- 28 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm

### November

- 2 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am
- 4 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm
  
- 9 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am
- 9 Church Development Committee meeting; 1:00-3:00pm
- 10 Westside Committee on Ministry; online; 9:30am-2:30pm
- 11 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm
  
- 13 Ordination of Elyse Jauregui; Eagle Harbor Cong'l Church; 4:00-5:30pm
- 16 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am
- 18 Admin & Finance Check-in; Video call link to be determined; 1-2:00pm
  
- 23 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am
- 24-25 Conference Office Closed for Thanksgiving
  
- 30 Courtney's Office Hour; online at <https://v.ringcentral.com/join/677720379>; 9:30-10:30am

## Transitions

The following transitions were approved by the Committee on Ministry in September

- The conferring of “Ordained Ministerial Partner Standing” on **Stephen Gentle**
- **Kaye Hult** was granted a Leave of Absence
- **Elyse Jauregui’s** call to ordination was affirmed.
- **Melinda Townsend** was granted a Leave of Absence

Other transitions

- **Mike Denton’s** transfer of standing was completed
- **Janet Matthews** concluded her ministerial service at Fox Island UCC
- **Roberta Rominger** concluded her ministerial service at Congregational Church on Mercer Island (UCC)

# ACTING CONFERENCE MINISTER

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**REV. DR. COURTNEY STANGE-TREGEAR**

Please join us in welcoming the Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear as our Acting Conference Minister!

Courtney has served in the Pacific Northwest Conference for the past six years as Minister for Church Vitality, and previously served as Acting Conference Minister during the Rev. Mike Denton's sabbatical. You may be familiar with Courtney from her work curating the Lenten Devotional series (and the devotional book created from our 2020 lent reflections). She has also been the staff support for the PNC Stewardship Committee and PNC Church Development Committee, she has led retreats and annual meeting, she created the weekly moderator's group to support local church leadership during the pandemic, and so much more. She was instrumental in the PNC's participation in Giving Tuesday, a national day of giving fundraiser, for which our conference received national attention.

Recently, Courtney has supported the PNC board and our strategy team, working on vision casting and strategic planning for the conference. Her listening, grounded presence, and skills as a creative problem-solver have been appreciated. She is a gifted preacher and a passionate, spirit-filled, theologically-grounded minister. Under her leadership, the vitality ministry has led the conference's priority of deepening relationships and has increased our capacity to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

Courtney is a member of the United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund board of directors, the Antoinette Brown Society leadership, and is a founding member and chair of the Associate Conference Minister's alliance. Courtney has a BA from St. John's College, a Masters of Arts from University of Leeds, a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry from Bexley Seabury Seminary at University of Chicago.

Our conference is a covenant between each of our churches, with our camps, with all our clergy, and with each of you. Conference leadership is primarily made up of amazing volunteers, and that's by design! Just like a UCC church is led by members, a UCC conference is led by each of you who participates and shows up. The conference staff supports the work of the conference, but it's really all of you who make the conference possible. In this time of staffing transition, Courtney will provide continuity and able leadership for our conference as the Acting Conference Minister.

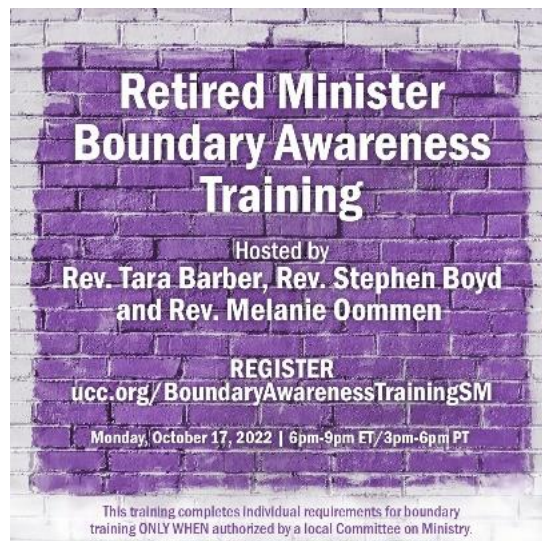
You can reach out to Courtney by email at [Courtney@pncucc.org](mailto:Courtney@pncucc.org), at her drop-in office hours every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 on Zoom, or call or text her. You can also contact Arlene Hobson, PNC Executive Administrator, at [arlene@pncucc.org](mailto:arlene@pncucc.org) and she can always help direct you to the best person to be in touch with for whatever support you need!

Rev. Tara Leininger  
PNC Moderator

Indigo Brown  
PNC Vice Moderator

### **[October 17, 6:00 – 9:00pm ET, Retired Clergy Boundary Training with Revs. Tara Barber, Stephen Boyd, and Rev. Melanie Oommen](#)**

Maintaining healthy boundaries is challenging at any stage in ministry and it is particularly tender and difficult attending to boundaries as we transition out of our last call, and while in retirement. Using "A Sure Foundation," "The Ministerial Code" and Rev. Dr. Bruce Epperley's new book, "The Jubilee Years," Rev. Stephen Boyd, Rev. Tara Barber, and Rev. Melanie Oommen will offer a focused Boundary Awareness Training for those entering and living in retirement. Note - This training completes individual requirements for boundary training ONLY WHEN authorized by a local Committee on Ministry.



### **Regional Women's Retreat**

The Regional Women's Retreat will be held November 4-6, 2022, at the Salishan Resort this November with Jennifer Garrison. See Video: <https://bit.ly/3q2ceur>

## Changes at N-Sid-Sen

Many of you know that Mark Boyd's position as Managing Director of N-Sid-Sen in Harrison, Idaho is quickly coming to its end as he completes that role and transitions into the Associate Director position at Pilgrim Firs in Port Orchard. We are thankful to Mark for his years of service to this conference at N-Sid-Sen! Though we will miss his beautiful pictures and reflections from the shores of Lake Coeur d'Alene, we look forward to seeing the gifts he and Wade Zick are able to bring to Pilgrim Firs together.

Mark's final day at N-Sid-Sen is November 15, and that means time is short to find someone well-suited to taking the reins as Mark hands them off. Our present plan is to find a candidate willing to fill the position on a short-term basis, followed by a candidate who might serve for a greater length of time.

It's a tall order, but we believe we have a team up to the task. Acting Conference Minister, Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear has hit the ground running in forming a search committee with Rev. Alice Ling, Eric Johnson, Nicole Ballard, and Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski. We have some leads, and we're hopeful for possibilities ahead.

Because of the immediacy of finding someone to fill the Managing Director role in about a month, *and* because of the short-term nature of that role, we will initially be conducting a very fast-paced search process.

**If you would like to be considered for the first short-term role or know of someone who would, please send a resume with three phone references to [nsidsensearch@gmail.com](mailto:nsidsensearch@gmail.com) by October 15.**

We are not presently receiving recommendations for anyone to fill the longer-term role. Thank you for understanding and helping us focus on prioritizing immediate needs.

We welcome your prayers for the searching to come. May God guide us well.

Blessings,  
Rev. Alice Ling  
Eric Johnson  
Nicole Ballard  
Rev. Leah Atkinson Bilinski  
Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear

# REV. DR. JIM ANTAL

UCC Leader, Activist, and Public Theologian

HYBRID SEMINAR & SUNDAY SERMON

## NOV 5 & 6

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# October Celebrations

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

## Ordinations

1	David Kratz	49 years	15	Chris Morton	49 years
2	Ann Eidson	16 years	16	David Brown	66 years
2	Kizzie E. Jones	28 years	17	Mary Olney-Loyd	39 yeears
3	Trina Banks	1 year	17	Susan Welsh	39 years
3	Roberta Rominger	39 years	18	Sophie Morse	1 year
4	Beth Plumbo	29 years	19	Judi Edwards	28 years
5	Beverly Jenden-Riedlinger	18 years	23	Stephen Eriksen	35 years
5	Meighan Pritchard	7 years	24	Greg Kammann	45 years
5	Kelsey Beebe	3 years	25	Bianca Davis-Lovelace	6 years
6	Cecilia McKean	19 years	26	Lauren Cannon	7 years
7	Rick Russell	37 years	26	Joy Haertig	35 years
14	Kevin Bechtold	3 years	26	Sandra Rosen	38 years
15	Robert Anderson	60 years	29	Anthony Robinson	44 years
15	Peter Ilgenfritz	34 years	30	Randall Mullins	44 years

## Birthdays

1	Patricia Eisenhauer	7	Susan Yarrow Morris	18	Tammy Stampfli
1	Sharon Pavelda	7	Chris Morton	22	Nell Carlson
1	Linda Robinson	7	Jane Sorenson	24	Randall Mullins
3	Emily Tanis-Likkel	9	Judith Bardsley	25	Jackie Mampel
4	Lynnea Mayer	11	Jennifer Rupp	28	Alice M. C. Ling
4	Martha Teigen	12	Ed Crouch	29	Bob Ingalls
5	Ryan Lambert	12	Paul Forman	30	Donivan Johnson
6	Art Mampel	14	Steve Jerbi	31	Sandy Wisecarver
7	Richard Gamble	16	Mark Bonnema		

## Anniversaries

5	Beverly Jenden-Riedlinger & Thomas Riedlinger
6	Marj Johnston & Cindi Abbott
10	Kathleen Morgan & Ann Lev
11	Mark Travis & Michael Tomberg
16	Michael Denton & Lauren Cannon
18	Dan Stern & Sam Wilson