

Surviving or Thriving – THE NEXT STEPS

48th Annual Meeting of the Penn Northeast Conference

of the United Church of Christ

Saturday, April 24, 2010

Worshipful Work Agenda

8:00 a.m. Registration

8:45 a.m. Songs of Praise

- o *O Day of God, Draw Near*
- o *Like a Tree Beside the Waters*
- o *Blessed Assurance*

Song Leader – Rev. Todd Fennell

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The Language of God

United Church of Christ Internet Message

Welcome

Rev. Cliff Herring, Moderator

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Call to Worship & Work

One: We have gathered to give witness to the enduring realities of life.

ALL: We have come to affirm that life is a gift, that life is good, and that it comes from God.

One: We are gathered to renew our hope in Jesus Christ, as we travel life's long journey.

ALL: We find God in the paths of our present and our past, but we also trust in God's love for our future.

One: The same God guides us all the way, every day of our lives, and beyond life.

ALL: Let us praise God with our whole hearts, serve God with joy, and entrust our lives to God's hands. Amen.

- o Registrar's Report
- o Adopt Agenda
- o Define the Bar of the House
- o Appoint Parliamentarian
- o Adopt Business Guidelines
- o Secretary's Report
- o Treasurer's Report
- o Nominating Report & Elections

Rev. Emily Jean Gilbert

o Adopt Minutes of the 2009 PNEC Annual Meeting

o Receive and Approve Reports in the 2010 Advance Reports

Edgar Brubaker

Doug Lander

Offering

(Today's offering has been designated to go to *Our Church's Wider Mission* by the PNEC Board of Directors.)

Video: A Word from the National United Church of Christ Staff to the
PNEC Youth

- 9:45 a.m. Surviving or Thriving – The Next Steps Rev. Gil Rendle
- 11:30 a.m. Announcements Rev. Cliff Herring
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 1:00 p.m. Surviving or Thriving – The Next Steps Rev. Gil Rendle
o *Christian, Rise and Act Your Creed – Page 7* Rev. Todd Fennell
- 2:30 p.m. Our Worship & Work Continues Rev. Cliff Herring
o State of the Conference Rev. Alan C. Miller
o 2011 Proposed Budget
o Recommended Changes to the PNEC Constitution & Bylaws
o Election Results
o Speakouts
o Guatemala Partnership Update
o PNEC Disaster Response Team Work Camp Report

Installation of Officers, Board & Committee Members, & General Synod
Delegates Rev. Alan C. Miller

PEOPLE: We gather in celebration of the joy that is ours to be partners with you in the service of Jesus Christ. We promise to love you, honor your leadership, and assist you that together we may be a faithful church of Jesus Christ.

Passing of the Gavel

Closing Hymn *In the Midst of New Dimensions* Page 8

Benediction Kathy Dech

- One: We have worshipped God together;
One: Now we go our separate ways.
One: May the peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God
One: and of Jesus Christ and the blessing of God Almighty remain with you always.
One: May the spirit which has blessed us here
One: be your spirit in each day that comes! Go in peace. Amen.

Go in peace, anticipating our next gathering on Saturday, May 7, 2011 at Genetti's Best Western Inn & Suites, Hazleton, PA.

Notes & Thank Yous:

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Thank you to the Penn Northeast Conference Officers:

- Moderator: Rev. Cliff Herring
- Assistant Moderator: Kathy Dech
- Secretary: Rev. Emily Jean Gilbert
- Treasurer: Edgar Brubaker

Thank you to Rev. Todd Fennell for serving as our song leader.

Thank you to Steve Myers for serving as our musician.

Thank you to Rev. Robert Stevens for serving as today's Parliamentarian.

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