

The Board of Directors of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ wants to thank the churches and individuals of the Penn Northeast Conference of the United Church of Christ for their generous gifts to OCWM in 2010. Because of your generosity we were able to do all of the ministries listed below.



Thank you,

Alan C. Miller
Conference Minister

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- We are assisting many congregations in their search for a new pastor.
- We are working with as many candidates for ordained, licensed, and commissioned ministry as ever.
- This year we had 62 youth and adults at the annual PNEC Youth Retreat.
- Enrollment and attendance in the Ministry in the 21st Century program has been as high as ever.
- This year we sent 16 PNEC youth to the General Synod meeting of the United Church of Christ.
- In 2010 in addition to the OCWM dollars administered through our Office, our administrative staff processed another \$276,520.54 in gifts to various mission agencies on behalf of local churches, of which \$70,551.88 went for Haiti Relief.
- In 2010 we administered the awarding and processing of \$42,408.00 to students from the G.T. Williams Scholarship Fund.
- In 2010 we administered and processed seminarian, licensed, and commissioned minister grants for tuition and continuing education from the Longsdorf's Fund for a total of \$6,850.00.
- In 2010 we administered grants totaling \$7,344.50 for individuals and churches to attend UCC sponsored events from the YEA Fund.
- In 2010 we administered grants totaling \$9,200.00 for local churches to use as seed money for new outreach initiatives from the GEM Fund.
- Our PNEC Disaster Response Ministry Team continues to lead training events and work camps and was the first volunteer agency present in Bloomsburg following the flooding of the Susquehanna River in September.
- In September we sent a work camp of 30 adults to the Back Bay Mission in Biloxi, Mississippi to help with the rebuilding following Hurricane Katrina.
- We are receiving as many requests for leading workshops for leadership development, church growth and evangelism, Pastoral Relations Committee training, stewardship education, mission committee training, educational ministries training, teacher training, etc. as ever.
- Updated and reorganized the Resource Center to make it more user friendly.
- 125 young people went on the Annual PNEC Lancaster Theological Seminary and Bethany Children's Home Confirmation Tour.
- We have led Safe Church Training events for over 90 people.
- We sponsored a Boundary Training Event for 164 authorized ministers.
- The PNEC Parish Secretaries Group met 7 times for continuing education and support.

- We continue to hold quarterly support gatherings for local church educators and youth leaders.
- We sent 4 PNEC educators to a national UCC event held in Nashville to be trained in the new United Church of Christ “Faith Practices” resource.
- In 2010 we assisted over 31 authorized ministers and/or their immediate family with counseling help for a total cost of \$9,155.00 through the Conference’s Minister’s Care Plan.
- We held 8 retreats and 10 weeks of Bible study for the 11 congregations currently enrolled in the Conference’s Church Renewal Program.
- The staff has met one-on-one or on the phone with over 80 pastors offering counsel, advice, or support in response to their requests.
- 70 clergy and spouses attended the PNEC Annual Retirees Gathering.
- Over 90 Authorized Ministers attended the Conference’s Annual Ministry Day.
- We sponsored PNEC members to represent us on:
 - The United Church of Christ Council of Conference Ministers
 - The United Church of Christ National Attorney Oversight Committee
 - The United Church of Christ Executive Council
 - The United Church of Christ Local Church Ministries Board
 - The United Church of Christ Wider Church Ministries Board
 - The United Church of Christ Justice & Witness Ministries Board
 - The Mid-Atlantic Region of United Church of Christ Conferences
 - The QUAD Penn gathering of UCC Pennsylvania Conferences
- In addition to OCWM dollars spent on our many ministries we gave away OCWM dollars to:
 - \$65,000.00 to the national setting of the UCC
 - \$15,200 to Lancaster Seminary
 - \$1,000 to Cedar Crest College, Bethany Children’s Home, and Phoebe Ministries
 - \$4,800 to the Pennsylvania Council of Churches
- And the above list does not include all of the pastoral visitations, installation services, ordination services, commissioning services, anniversary of ordination services, retirement services, church anniversary services, and building dedication services that our staff participated in during the last year.

If you would like to make a 2011 end-of-the-year contribution to Our Churches Wider Mission (OCWM), send your check payable to “PNEC” at: PNEC, 431 Delaware Avenue, Palmerton, PA 18071. To be credited to 2011, your check must arrive at the Conference Office by January 13, 2012.

*No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
you are welcome here!
The United Church of Christ*

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