# WPA E-CONNECT



We exist to equip congregations and leadership to help people find and follow Christ.

March 2022

#### Pass the Faith Along!

"I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ." Philemon 1:6

Our theme for the year reminds us selves, but are charged with the task our distinct honor to mentor, disciple, we have learned. The Spirit of God introduce them to a life abundant through your life, don't forget that

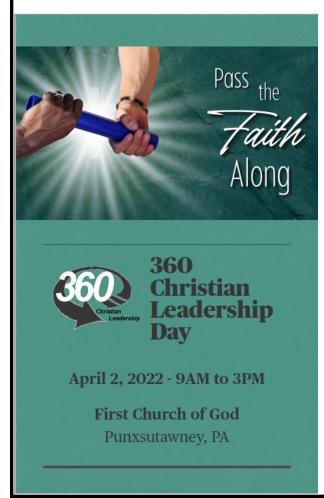


that we are not just believers for ourof bringing others along with us. It is share with others those things of God gives us the ability to love people and that only God can give. As you journey others are watching you, someone is

waiting for you to share your hope with them, and you are a witness – one way or the other!

Be generous with what you have been given! Take every opportunity to pass your faith to others.

### **360 CHRISTIAN LEADERSHIP DAY - NEXT WEEK!**



It's not too late to register for the 360 CHRISTIANLEADERSHIP DAY on Saturday, April 2 at Punxsutawney First Church of God, 23 Skyview Drive, Punxsutawney.

What an economical way to provide your leadership and other congregational members solid training in many areas of discipleship. The 5 Tracks the Leadership Development Team is offering are: Personal Care Track, Technology for the Church Track, Next Gen Ministries, Worship Ministry Track, Congregational Care Track. There is something for every disciple! Bring a busload! The cost is \$35 per person. If a church registers 10 or more, the cost is \$5 less per person if you register by March 28. Register online today at <a href="https://www.wpamin.com">www.wpamin.com</a>.

#### **SUPPORTING OUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN UKRAINE**

WPA Ministries has an opportunity to support our brothers and sisters in Ukraine and their relief activities to their communities. Our Churches of God in Ukraine are driving trucks with medical, material and food resources through Poland to Ukraine on a weekly basis at the moment. If your congregation or individuals wish to contribute to these disaster relief efforts you may send your money/checks to <a href="https://www.jesusisthesubject.org/disaster-relief">www.jesusisthesubject.org/disaster-relief</a> or send checks to



WPA Ministries, PO Box 597, Emlenton, Pa 16373.

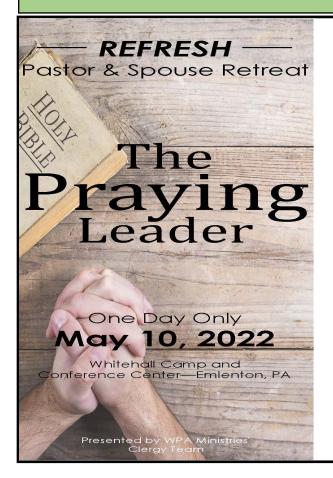
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100% of disaster relief monies will go to Ukraine from either of the locations

#### **CLERGY BENEVOLENCE FUND**

With many weeks of remote services, illnesses, and loss of family employment, the Clergy Benevolent Fund has been utilized more than any time in the past ten years. Because of this, we are asking that you consider taking a special offering within your congregation for this fund. 100% of the gifts to this fund are used to support clergy during crisis times, such as these past months. Please make sure you mark your gift to the Clergy Benevolence Fund, and specify the church, so your congregation can get the credit.

During REFRESH this year, we will also receive a special offering to build up this Benevolent Fund. It is our honor to support other servants as they labor for Him.



#### **CLERGY REFRESH**

Don't forget to sign up for REFRESH,

at Whitehall Camp and Conference Center

Tuesday, May 10.

Guest Leader: Rev. Jessica Hall

Register online starting March 1.

## **TRANSITIONS:**

Congratulations to **Rev. Traci Blystone**! She has accepted the pastorate of the Hammers Street Church of God in Portage, Pa. Traci will be beginning her role as Senior Pastor on April 3.

#### **BACKGROUND CHECK RENEWAL DUE NOW**

WE STILL A FEW CLERGY MEMBERS WHO HAVE NOT RENEWED THEIR BACKGROUND CHECKS and Mandated Reporter Training. It is time to update them. Pennsylvania State law requires that they be renewed every 60 months. Those in violation may need to meet with the Credentialing Services Committee. Remember, any licensed or ordained minister is required by the state to have up-to-date checks. Retired Clergy (inactive) are exempt from the requirement.

- Pennsylvania State Police Criminal History Clearance Go to <a href="https://epatch.state.pa.us">https://epatch.state.pa.us</a>
- 2. Pennsylvania Child Abuse History Clearance Go to <a href="https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home">https://www.compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home</a>
  - FBI Criminal History Report (Fingerprinting)
     Go to <a href="https://www.identogo.com">https://www.identogo.com</a>
     Service code: 1KG756
    - 4. Mandated Reporter Training
      Go to <a href="https://www.reportabusepa.pit.edu">https://www.reportabusepa.pit.edu</a>

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#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

Saturday, April 2 -

360 LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE — Punxsutawney FCOG

Register at wpamin.com

Tuesday, May 10 -

REFRESH CLERGY DAY with Rev. Jessica Hall - WHCC

Register at wpamin.com

June 30-July 3 -

IYC: International Youth Convention — San Antonio

July 16-July 24 -

WPA CAMP MEETING — WHCC

with Rev. Kevin Earley, Evangelist and Rev. Cindy Magsig, Worship Minister and Rev. Tina Lipps, Youth Evangelist.