

Notes from Michelle

Greeting from the Pacific Northwest Conference Accounting Department!

At the 2017 Annual Meeting to Pilgrim Firs, the Pacific Northwest Conference launched a new **Friends of the Conference** campaign. Friends of the Conference donations directly support the work of our conference. As Rev. Michael Denton stands with our local communities against racism, income inequality and other social injustices, your donations support him. As he works with our churches to guide them through clergy transitions, your donations support him. As Rev. Courtney Stange-Tregear travels our region, meeting with our churches to promote church vitality, your donations support her. As Arlene Hobson interfaces with church search committees and clergy seeking positions, your donations support her. As all of the staff work with the camp directors to strengthen the camp programs, your donations support us. As our committees do their work in Justice & Witness, Outdoor Ministries, Global Ministries, Stewardship and others, your donations support them. As our Insurance Assistance Fund helps ensure medical insurance coverage for our retired and church pastors, your donations support them. As the Board of Directors meets to guide the Conference in its mission, your donations support them.

The work of the Conference is varied and the strength of the Conference is in the individual. So the **Friends of the Conference** campaign was introduced to give the individual a means to directly strengthen the Conference. For the first year a bold target of \$10,000 was set and the individuals at the Annual Meeting stood up and, together, contributed a third of that goal in one day, a total of \$3,390. And the donations continue to arrive, another \$1,245 in the first three months of the fiscal year – reaching almost half of the annual goal – a handful from small monthly, recurring donors and some from larger one-time gifts.

Contributions can be made in a number of ways:

1. Mail a check to PNCUCC, 325 N 125th Street, Seattle, WA 98133 with “Friends of PNC” in the memo field.
2. Go to pncucc.org, click the DONATE button and enter the amount on the Friends of the Conference line. Recurring donations can be set up this way as well via credit card or electronic check.
3. When registering for Pilgrim Firs or N-Sid-Sen camps, at the end of the registration process, select to also give to Friends of the Conference.

Thank you!

