Annual Meeting was amazing!
We are grateful for all the many volunteers who generously gave of their time and talents to bring it to fruition. Thank you to all of you who joined together online over the course of the event to do the hard and necessary work of our conference.

Ordination Service

Please join the Pacific Northwest Conference of the United Church of Christ and Plymouth Church, United Church of Christ, Seattle, for the Ordination Service of Elizabeth Stanhope Gordon, PhD, MDiv, JD.

DATE & TIME: Sunday, May 23, 2021 at 3 pm.
She will be ordained to her call as a per diem Clinical Spiritual Care Provider at the University of Washington Medical Center. She also serves as a Fellow in Older Adult Spiritual Care at the VA Medical Center on Beacon Hill. More recently, she became a board member of Plymouth Healing Communities which serves individuals living with mental illness who have experienced homelessness. Her past pursuits have included teaching at Seattle University and disability rights advocacy.

ACCESS: To attend, please register at the following link to receive the link for the service itself.

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZItcOChpzksHtwbhXPLSrGjdo-2kj36KbgE
Conference Calendar

If you’d like your committee meeting or event added to the calendar, please send an email to pncucc@gmail.com.

Please see website for links to Conference check-in meetings.

April 30-May 1 Annual Meeting

May
1  Annual Meeting online
2  Annual Meeting worship
5  Courtney's Office Hour; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1490066906; 9:30-10:30am
6  Moderators Check-in online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1481017260; 7:00-8:30pm
7  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
12  Moderators Check-in online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1481017260; 7:00-8:30pm
13  Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 9:00am-12:30pm
13  Stewardship Leadership Team meeting; online; 11:00am-12:30pm
13  Fiscal Oversight meeting online; 1:00-2:30pm
13  Conference Sabbath begins at Noon and ends at noon on Sunday, May 16th
18  Environmental Justice meeting; online; 4:30-5:30pm
18  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
19  Courtney's Office Hour; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1490066906; 9:30-10:30am
20  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
21  Ordination of Elizabeth Gordon; online; 3:00pm
26  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
28  Environmental Justice meeting; online; 4:30-5:30pm
29  Board meeting; online; 6:00-7:30pm

June
2  Courtneys Office Hour; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1490066906; 9:30-10:30am
3  Moderators Check-in online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1481017260; 7:00-8:30pm
4  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
7  PNCUCC Moderator & Board Office 1.5 hours; https://washington.zoom.us/j/99953739164 6-7:30pm
9  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
10  Westside Committee on Ministry meeting; online; 9:30am-2:00pm
11  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
11-12  Board of Directors Retreat
15  Environmental Justice meeting; online; 4:30-5:30pm
15  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
17  Moderators Check-in online; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1481017260; 7:00-8:30pm
18  Eastside Committee on Ministry meeting online; 10:00am-2:00pm
18  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
23  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
30  Book Study; Admin & Financial check-in; https://meetings.ringcentral.com/j/1497218618; 1-2:00pm
Staff Column
Celebration

It has been a long year. Like most of you, I can’t wait until life gets back to normal. We don’t know exactly when we will get back to normal. We all pray that it will be soon. But it’s still kind of unknown. All those variants out there—what do they mean? Will I have to get vaccinated every year?

But I did want to celebrate something exciting, something I never thought I would be celebrating or be excited about. I’m talking about my first sighting of a yellow school bus in over a year!

Every year we look forward to various yearly events – the first crocus of the year, the first warm, sunny day of the year, the first frost, the snowfall, etc. We also look forward to all the holidays we celebrate Easter, Christmas, July 4th, etc.

My sighting of the first yellow school bus, though, feels extra special. It’s not, at least for me anymore, an annual thing that I had been looking forward to. Actually, if truth be told, it was something I dreaded. When I was working and living back east, I dreaded the annual return of the school bus. It meant that if I got behind a school bus I would be late for a meeting or an appointment, that my commute time would almost be doubled. Drat those school buses.

Maybe I will get back to the time when I say again—drat those school busses. But for now, I am overjoyed at seeing them, at the prospect of life returning to normal. It’s giving me hope again. I hope there is something for each of you too—no matter how big or small, some particular event that you are celebrating that means, for you, life is getting back to normal. Let hope rise again.

Andy Warren
UCC Webinar—The Work of Justice: Job Creation and Climate Action

To emerge from the pandemic, an economic recovery that prioritizes jobs and justice is desperately needed. Now is a time to cast a vision for a holistic recovery that is guided by a commitment to employment, affordable housing, racial justice, public health, and a transition to a decarbonized economy. This webinar will focus on what a just recovery would look like and what faith communities can do to call for legislation that embodies our values. Three panelists will share with us. Natalie Mebane is a policy specialist for 350.org, one of the nation’s largest climate organizations. Bracken Hendricks has served as a climate advisor to former president Bill Clinton and the Clinton Foundation in addition to more recently advising Jay Inslee in his presidential campaign. The Rev. Dr. Ambrose Carroll founded Green the Church, which works at the intersection of Black churches and environmental justice. Even if you can't make the webinar's scheduled time on Wednesday, May 12th, at 1 pm ET, still sign-up, and we will send you a recording of it. Sign-up now for the webinar! (https://bit.ly/3390ICf)
Annual Meeting
We gathered together from all around the conference to do the work of the conference.

Our Call Our Work
https://bit.ly/3wCKYUL

Link to Keynote Video
https://vimeo.com/pacificnorthwestucc/review/544317053/34a509e706?amp%3Bdirection=desc&sort=lastUserActionEventDate

Link to Sunday Worship https://www.npucc.org/worship-videos

Link to Vimeo Channel for more videos from the weekend.
https://vimeo.com/user/112324585/folder/4205384

New PNC Directory
We are excited to get the new committee rosters updated in the PNCUCC Conference Directory as soon as possible. Here is the Nomination Report, in case you can't wait!
https://static1.squarespace.com/static/561823c9e4b0448989bf7fcb/t/609059ea86b60c44a8f92cd5/1620072938655/PNCUCC+Nominations+2021.pdf
May Celebrations
Here are significant dates for our clergy and their partners.
Best wishes to you on these special days.

Ordinations

1. Ronald Hutchinson 61 years
2. Lindalee Purdy 12 years
3. Conard Edwards 60 years
4. Pat Bennett 40 years
5. Sharon Benton 18 years
6. Kris Ostrem 29 years
7. Ruth Brandon 48 years
8. Emily Tanis-Likkel 16 years
9. Cameron Sharp 45 years
10. Penny Matthews 46 years
11. John Rogers 59 years
12. Judith Hjorth 56 years
13. Wayne Wilson 22 years
14. Lisa Horst Clark 12 years
15. Dennis Hollinger-Lant 44 years
16. Kendall Baker 57 years

Birthdays

1. Bianca Davis-Lovelace
2. Leah Atkinson Bilinski
3. Cathryn Cummings
4. Mae Durland
5. Lauren Cannon
6. Linda Crowe
7. Jeffrey Lee Barker
8. Kathie Forman
9. Deborah Rose
10. Tara Leininger
11. David Royer
12. Kathy Turner
13. Cristina Airaghi
14. Bobbi Virta
15. David Morris
16. Tara Barber
17. Joy Haertig
18. David Brown
19. Nathaniel Mahlberg
20. Ron Blake
21. Marci Scott-Weis
22. Donene Blair

Anniversaries

1. Sharon Benton & Jamie Kepros
2. Davi & Rachael Weasley
3. Allen & Carla Chase
4. Cameron & Kathryn Sharp
5. Anthony & Linda Robinson
6. W. Craig Rennebohm & Barbara Bennett
7. Randall Mullins & Sharon Pavelda
8. Philip & Patricia Eisenhauer
9. Richard & Joyce Wyanski
10. Dee & John Eisenhauer
11. Janna Born Larsen & Steve Larsen