

Please join us in welcoming the Rev. Dr. Courtney Stange-Tregear as our Acting Conference Minister!

Courtney has served in the Pacific Northwest Conference for the past six years as Minister for Church Vitality, and previously served as Acting Conference Minister during the Rev. Mike Denton's sabbatical. You may be familiar with Courtney from her work curating the Lenten Devotional series (and the devotional book created from our 2020 lent reflections). She has also been the staff support for the PNC Stewardship Committee and PNC Church Development Committee, she has led retreats and annual meeting, she created the weekly moderator's group to support local church leadership during the pandemic, and so much more. She was instrumental in the PNC's participation in Giving Tuesday, a national day of giving fundraiser, for which our conference received national attention.

Recently, Courtney has supported the PNC board and our strategy team, working on vision casting and strategic planning for the conference. Her listening, grounded presence, and skills as a creative problem-solver have been appreciated. She is a gifted preacher and a passionate, spirit-filled, theologically-grounded minister. Under her leadership, the vitality ministry has led the conference's priority of deepening relationships and has increased our capacity to do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly.

Courtney is a member of the United Church of Christ Cornerstone Fund board of directors, the Antoinette Brown Society leadership, and is a founding member and chair of the Associate Conference Minster's alliance. Courtney has a BA from St. John's College, a Masters of Arts from University of Leeds, a Master of Divinity from Andover Newton Seminary at Yale Divinity School, and a Doctor of Ministry from Bexley Seabury Seminary at University of Chicago.

Our conference is a covenant between each of our churches, with our camps, with all our clergy, and with each of you. Conference leadership is primarily made up of amazing volunteers, and that's by design! Just like a UCC church is led by members, a UCC conference is led by each of you who participates and shows up. The conference staff supports the work of the conference, but it's really all of you who make the conference possible. In this time of staffing transition, Courtney will provide continuity and able leadership for our conference as the Acting Conference Minister.

You can reach out to Courtney by email at Courtney@pncucc.org, at her drop-in office hours every Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 on Zoom, or call or text her. You can also contact Arlene Hobson, PNC Executive Administrator, at arlene@pncucc.org and she can always help direct you to the best person to be in touch with for whatever support you need!

Rev. Tara Leininger Indigo Brown

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