

# Lehigh Presbytery News

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April 27, 2017

## SAVE THE DATE!



### Covered Dish at the Covered Bridge

Sunday, July 16, 2017  
2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

WEHR'S DAM COVERED BRIDGE  
PARK – PAVILION #3

Join us for a Presbytery-wide Picnic.  
We would love to see you.  
So mark your calendars for Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>  
and SAVE the DATE!

### Fishing Festival and Camp Fun Day @ Kirkwood Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Come join us for a day of fun in the sun. For those with a long drive or who want to experience what it would be like to stay overnight; overnight accommodations are offered for May 5, 2017.

There will be activities for all ages, including fishing, open zip on our zip line, games, scavenger hunts and a lot more. So bring the whole family for a day of fun! Lunch will be available so you can make a day of it. For more information or to reserve overnight accommodations, contact the camp office at 570-421-8625 or [kirkwood@kirkwoodcamp.org](mailto:kirkwood@kirkwoodcamp.org) (Kirkwood Camp, 127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA)



## Helping Hands in South Carolina



Helping Hands volunteers went south again in March but not to Georgetown, SC. They went farther in-land to Sumter, SC. Several volunteers left on Thursday, March 16, 2017, to check the housing, work sites and the lay of the land. On this trip they bounced between two churches; First Presbyterian Church of Sumter, SC for the meals and Trinity Methodist Church, Sumter, SC for the overnight accommodations. It seems that every place has different organizations to work for. This time we worked for a Long Term Recovery Group based with The United Way.

On Friday, they met Joe Davies, a medically discharged vet, to look at the work sites. He works for the United Way as the Volunteer coordinator. He showed them four houses they would be working on.

**House 1:** This was a trailer. The Helping Hands volunteers removed the old skirting (this is material that covers the opening under the trailer itself) and replaced it with new skirting. Mean while placing the new on the same horizontal plane around the perimeter of the trailer. The original was on several different planes. This is the only job that was totally completed and it looked great.

**House 2:** This was 10 - 12 miles farther down the road from # 1. This house had several problems. In South Carolina, many houses are built on piers without much of footer because there isn't much frost there. The problem is the way this house sits on the lot, the water drainage after several storms made both sides of the house to settle leaving the center beam at its original height. To level the house is way above the Helping Hands volunteers pay grade and experience, let alone the lack of equipment. What they could do for the home owner was to put down underlayment on the kitchen floor, and install new vinyl sheet goods. So they moved appliances, disconnected the water heater and installed new underlayment, filled in the seams and returned all the appliances. They weren't able to install the vinyl as it did not arrive while they were there. But, the home owners are on their way to getting fixed up. One just has to have faith that there are others coming to help after we leave for home.

**House 3:** This trailer was much closer to town. There was a long work list for this one. They removed some of the Sanitest from the bathroom walls. It had an 8' x 20' rear deck that was scary to walk on so they ripped it down and rebuilt it. The front stoop had to go also, it was rebuilt. This work took us a little over 2 days to complete. They didn't get to finish the rest of work list.

**House 4:** This house was the farthest from us. A group worked there all week. This was primarily a trim painting job. They scraped, glazed windows, caulked where it was needed, primed and painted. Several also removed a built-on awning from the front porch. Several also tried to repair the porch fascia and parts of the roof.

The volunteers were treated like royalty. The accommodations were fine and the food was great. Every a.m. we had breakfast at Shoney's.

The owner is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sumter, SC and feeds all the groups that come and work for free. Good work and great people.

Helping Hands is always looking for new folks to join them on these adventures. You don't need to know how to do this kind of work, we have folks that can teach you. We laugh a lot, see different parts of our country, meet many new and interesting folks and we accomplish much work.



***Come join us!!!!***

## LEHIGH PRESBYTERIAN WOMEN'S EVENT



### *Breathing on Embers*

**May 13, 2017 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**

- What?** A four hour spirited workshop, to engage women of all ages in breathing new life into our local chapter of Presbyterian Women.
- Why?** We know it is time to change and we know we need help. We want to grow and make a difference in ways that matter
- What can be discovered?** New ideas and connections, multigenerational wisdom and support, a path forward spiritually and practically
- When?** Saturday, May 13, 2017, 10am to 2pm
- Where?** First Presbyterian Church PCUSA, in Fellowship Hall  
2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA
- What else?** Special guests to lend a hand will be our sisters and friends from the Presbyterian Women of Donegal Presbytery and Central Presbyterian Church, Downingtown, PA!
- Register by May 5, 2017**, contact Gail Watts, 570-449-8791, [gnwatts848@gmail.com](mailto:gnwatts848@gmail.com). Please indicate if childcare is needed.
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### **MODERTOR'S GATHERING**

You are invited to join our Presbytery Moderator Jack Felch and our Presbytery Stated Clerk, Marsha Heimann for our second Moderator's Gathering on **Sunday, May 21, 2017 from 1:00 to 3:00 pm at the Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua, 210 Pine Street, Catasauqua, PA.**

The primary purpose of our gathering will be for Jack and Marsha to listen to the Good News in the life of your congregation. They will bring back what they hear and share it with others in the leadership of Lehigh Presbytery. Of course, you may also have questions or concerns for which they will seek answers and provide timely feedback to you. On request, they would be pleased to schedule private meetings before or after the regional gathering to address sensitive topics, not suitable for public sharing.

There will be a small gift, a book, for each congregation represented at this gathering. It is Jack's hope that the book can be shared and circulated among those with a passion for being the church in this time and place.

**Please RSVP by email to Robin, [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org), with the names of expected guests, no later than Wednesday, May 17, 2017.**

Upcoming Moderator's Gatherings (1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.):

October 22, 2017 – Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 1129 Church Road, Shawnee on Delaware, PA

## Attention Pastors, Church Treasurers, and Chairs of Personnel Committees

The Rev. Douglas Portz, our Board of Pensions Regional Church Consultant, will be presenting an overview of recent changes to the Benefits Plan on

- ✦ **May 2, 2017 from 1:00 p.m.-2:30 p.m.** at The Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto, 332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA;
- ✦ or **May 3, 2017 from 10:00 a.m.-11:15 a.m.** at The First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.

Time will be spent giving an overview what benefits are staying the same and which are changing. We will discuss questions regarding:

- How small churches (or a church of any size) can use the Menu-options for their situation;
- How to fill out Employer Agreements (even for one employee);
- Completing the Annual Enrollment;
- How to use Benefits Connect to monitor your Benefits;
- How to use online forms and update salary information;
- How to grandfather employees into the Plan;
- as well as, how to add new full-time and part-time employees.

If you are interested in how these changes will affect your church, the budget, and your staff benefits please be sure to come and learn how the Board of Pensions is serving you.

**Please RSVP your attendance to the Presbytery office (610-391-9020 or email [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org)). Thank you.**

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## Session Minute Reading



It is time for the Annual Reading of the Church Session Minutes. Clerks of Session are required to have their Minutes examined and Rolls/Registers reviewed during the month of May. We have scheduled four opportunities for you to attend. Please feel free to attend the **one** that is most convenient for you. Thank you to those who so graciously offered to host.

1. **Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon** – Shawnee Presbyterian Church, 1129 Shawnee Church Road, Shawnee on the Delaware, PA.
2. **Saturday, May 6, 2017 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** – First Presbyterian Church, 3231 W. Tilghman Street, Allentown, PA.
3. **Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10 a.m. – 12 noon** – Freeland Presbyterian Church, 625 Front Street, Freeland, PA.
4. **Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.** – United Presbyterian Church, 6750 PA Route 873, Slatington, PA.

Please bring with you your current copy of the *Book of Order*.

Our method of review involves reading each other's Minutes while following a Session Minutes Examination Checklist (copy enclosed). For good stewardship of your time, **please fill these forms out in advance of our meeting and bring the copies to our meeting.**

As we asked last year, please bring the following documents **if you did not do so previously.**

1. Property deed(s)
2. **2016** Annual Report
3. Most recent directory
4. Current bylaws and standing rules
5. Current Sexual Misconduct Policy (G-3.0106)

We hope that all Clerks can be present. Moderators of Session are welcome to attend and participate, but their attendance is not mandatory. Many find this time helpful in their ministry as Moderator of Session.

## Lehigh Presbytery - Stated Meeting Hosts 2017



**Saturday, April 29, 2017**  
*(retreat)* 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. lunch will be served  
Kirkwood Camp  
127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA

**Tuesday, June 27, 2017** 4:00 p.m. dinner will be served  
Presbyterian Parish of Bangor-Roseto  
332 Kennedy Drive, Bangor, PA

**Saturday, September 30, 2017**  
*(retreat)* 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. lunch will be served  
Kirkwood Camp  
127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA

**Tuesday, November 28, 2017** 1:00 p.m. no meal served  
Presbyterian Church of Catasauqua  
210 Pine Street  
Catasauqua, PA

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### KIRKWOOD CAMP NEWS

127 Kirkwood Road, Stroudsburg, PA 18360  
570-421-8625 -- [www.kirkwoodcamp.org](http://www.kirkwoodcamp.org)

## SUMMER CAMP



At Kirkwood, Summer Camp is all about the kids. We offer a week-long, faithful and community building experience that sends our campers home full, happy, sleepy, and with new friends and deeper faith. On-line registration is now open at <https://kirkwoodcamp.org/summer-camp/>. There are several options to choose from:

- » **Traditional Camp** Rising Grades 3-12 - Join us for the week, and experience our vibrant camp community at its fullest. Fly down the zip-line. Make lasting friendships. Hike up to the ridge, with the opportunity to sleep out under the stars.  
**Sun-Sat, offered 4 times: 6/18-6/24, 6/25-7/1, 7/16-7/22, 7/23-7/29/2017**
- » **Night Owl** Rising Grades 6-12 - Have an incredible experience at camp—after dark! Night Owl campers will stay up into the early hours of the morning, only rising for a hearty breakfast at normal “lunch time.” Explore, create, sing, play, hang out, and worship in the middle of the night, while sleeping in our cool platform tents.  
**Sun-Sat, offered twice 7/16-7/22, 7/23-29/2017**
- » **Joy of Creation** Rising Grades 3-12 - Experienced volunteers join us for the week to explore the fine and performing arts, including vocal and instrumental music, art, drama, guitar, journalism, outdoor living, and dance. This is your outlet to be creative with new friends and cool camp counselors. Bring your instrument, your voice, your creativity, and your love of nature.  
**Sun-Sat, offered twice: 7/9-7/14, 7/30-8/5/2017**



## ORGANIST

We are looking for a part-time Organist. Do you enjoy sharing your talent with many of God's faithful as you play one of the American organ-builder E.M. Skinner organs?

The job entails weekly practices, Sunday services and seasonal services. Come and be part of a great team of worship leaders, singers and musicians.

We are accepting applications now. Send your resume with references to:

United Presbyterian Church  
214 Mahantongo St  
Pottsville, Pennsylvania 17901

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## Consign for **GOOD**

Children's Consignment Sale hosted by Faith Presbyterian Church Emmaus  
3002 North Second St., Emmaus, PA 18049

### Spring Consignment Sale

**May 11 (Thursday Pre-Sale): 5:30-8:00 (by invitation only)**

**May 12 (Friday) 8:00-12:00 and 5:00-8:00**

**May 13 (Saturday) 8:00-11:00; Half Price Sale 11:30-1:00 (consignor selected items only)**

Monies raised by this sale will be donated to Neighbors Helping Neighbors, a non-profit group that is helping homeless families with children within the East Penn School District. They help families regardless of race, religion, or age. Neighbors Helping Neighbors is working with these families by providing food, guidance with their finances, career planning and temporary transitional housing. The monies we raise all go directly towards helping these neighbors in need to get back on their feet.

If you are interested in being a consigner you can email us at [consign@faithchurchemmaus.org](mailto:consign@faithchurchemmaus.org) or visit [www.consignforgood.org](http://www.consignforgood.org) for registration and additional information. Find us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Consignforgoodemmaus/> 

We are positive that together we can begin to make change for **GOOD** in our community!

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## GIFT CARDS & VERA BRADLEY PURSES



Westminster Village, a non-profit organization, will host a **"Gift Cards & Vera Bradley Purses"** event on **April 29, 2017**. Doors will open at 11:00 a.m. and Bingo begins at 12:30 p.m. A light lunch will be available.

Admission is \$25.00 at the door for Bingo. This will be held in the Commons Dining Room at 803 North Wahneta Street, Allentown, PA. (610-782-8300)



## USED CLOTHING SALE

Westminster Village, in conjunction with First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem, is having a Used Clothing Sale. The sale will be held at First Presbyterian Church, 2344 Center Street, Bethlehem, PA on **May 6, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.**

Gently used clothing: men's, women's and children's can be dropped off at Westminster Village or at the First Presbyterian Church of Bethlehem. Hours for dropping off clothing are April 18-May 3 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon.

All proceeds from the sale of the clothing will go to Westminster Village, a non-profit organization, to benefit the quality of life of its residents.



THE BOARD OF PENSIONS  
OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)

## **ATTENTION: Retirees & Spouses**

The Board of Pensions **Retirees and Spouses** are invited to a Luncheon on **Wednesday, May 3, 2017 at 11:30 p.m.** in the Fullenbach Room at Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104.

Please RSVP to Marsha Heimann at [lehighstatedclerk@gmail.com](mailto:lehighstatedclerk@gmail.com) or call 610-391-9020 by Friday, April 28, 2017.

We apologize for the short notice, the mailed invitations were delayed. Please share this invitation with other Board of Pensions Retirees and Spouses you may know of.

We hope you can join us.

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## **Federal Reporting Requirements for Churches Available**

*Federal Reporting Requirements for Churches: What You Need To Know for 2017* is available through [Benefits Connect](#) (search in Resources & Support) of the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

This publication assists in administering benefits and reporting income for ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Reporting and withholding employee income and Social Security taxes, which can be difficult tasks, are at the center of important church-related tax laws.

<https://benefitsconnect.pensions.org/layouts/15/BenefitsConnect/Login.aspx>



## 2017-2018 Presbyterian Planning Calendar

Once again, Lehigh Presbytery is taking orders for the Presbyterian Planning Calendars in order for you to take advantage of the reduced pricing for bulk orders.

If you wish to order any this year, please fill out the information below and send it to the Presbytery with your check. Orders must be received by May 22, 2017.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Robin at the Presbytery office (610-391-9020, [office@lehighpresbytery.org](mailto:office@lehighpresbytery.org))

### Calendar Features

- Monthly calendar pages from June 2017 through December 2018
- Lectionary for the Lord's Day and special liturgical days
- Colors for the liturgical seasons
- Liturgical days, programmatic emphases and secular holidays
- Monthly planning suggestions and resources
- Synod and presbytery directories
- GA staff directories
- Foldout synod/presbytery and world maps in color
- User-friendly size—easily fits into a binder

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

CHURCH: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

QUANTITY: \_\_\_\_\_ @\$9.00/EACH TOTAL DUE: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please make check out to Lehigh Presbytery and mail to:**

Lehigh Presbytery, 710 N. Cedar Crest Blvd., Allentown, PA 18104

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## “Bhutan: A Kingdom of Sexy Happiness” and “India: A Country of Considerable Contrasts”



The public is cordially invited to attend the following photographic presentations by John and Dianne Kareha Deisinger in Crest Hall of Luther Crest, 800 Hausman Road, Allentown, PA 18104:

**Tuesday, May 2, 2017, 2:30 p.m.:** “Bhutan: A Kingdom of Sexy Happiness”

**Tuesday, June 6, 2017, 2:30 p.m.:** “India: A Country of Considerable Contrasts”

(The Presbyterian Outlook from time to time will send information on behalf of organizations that may be of interest to our readers, like the one below. These paid advertisements help fund the ministry of the Outlook.)



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## 2017 CROP HUNGER WALK DATES

Mark your calendars for these events at St. Timothy Lutheran Church (140 S. Ott Street, Allentown, PA.)

### **CROP Recruiters' Pizza Party/Kickoff:**

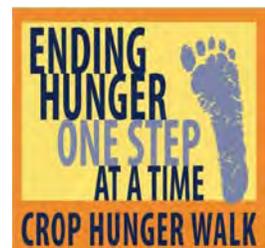
*Sunday, August 27, 2017; 1:30-2:30 p.m.*

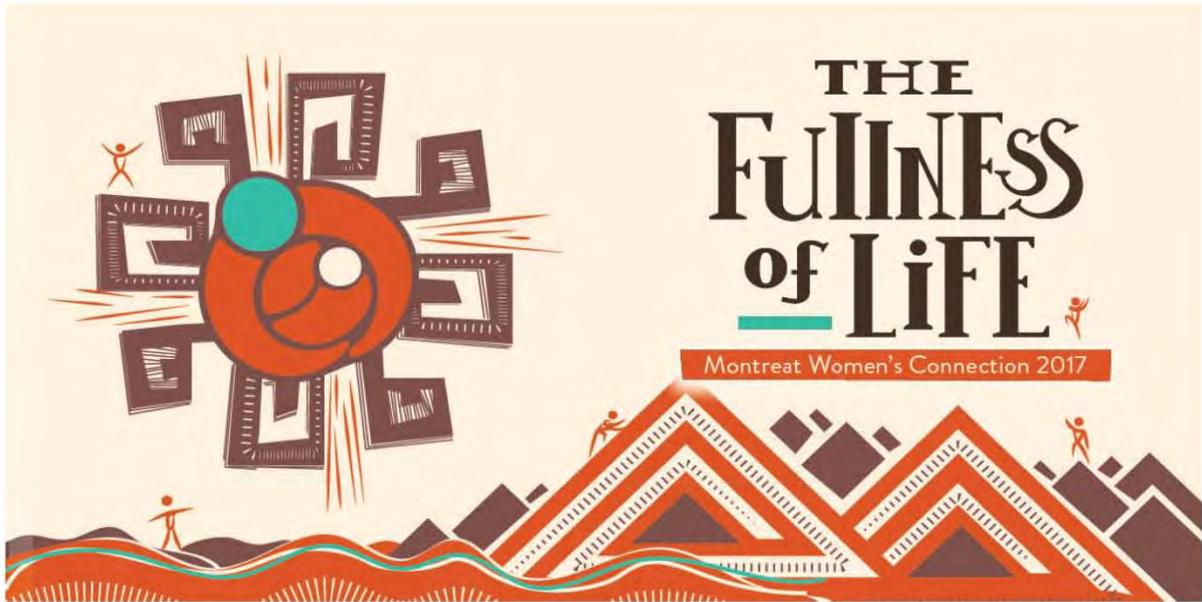
Receive materials, ideas, and inspiration for yourself and your congregation.

### **Greater Allentown CROP Hunger Walk:**

*Sunday, October 8, 2017; 1:30 p.m.*

Registration begins at 12:45 p.m.





We, as women, are made in the image of God, created as physical, emotional/relational, and spiritual beings. Women's Connection 2017 is a holy time for women to honor who God has created us to be. We hope to provide space for opportunities to nurture mind and body, to connect with community of old friends and new, and to recenter our communal lives and our individual selves in God's good news. Come as you are.



**Rachel Held Evans** Keynote Speaker  
New York Times best-selling author  
Dayton, TN

**Sera Chung** Preacher  
Director of Recruitment at Princeton Theological Seminary  
Princeton, NJ



**Elizabeth Bridges** Music Leader  
Worship Leader at The Grove Presbyterian Church  
Charlotte, NC

**Mollie James** Music Leader  
Worship Team Member at The Grove Presbyterian Church  
Charlotte, NC



August 11 - 13, 2017 | [montreat.org/women](http://montreat.org/women)



## **BIG TENT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN**

***Washington University in St. Louis, MO, July 6 -8th***

Registration is now live! We recommend that you review the [schedule of events](#) before beginning the [registration](#) process.

We invite you to join Presbyterians from around the country at Big Tent 2017, held on the beautiful campus of Washington University in St. Louis, MO, July 6 -8th. The theme will emphasize the hope of the Gospel and its

power to transform society in our current cultural context, marked by anxiety, racial division, political animosity, and economic inequality. Through dialogue, workshops, exhibits, and engagement with one another, participants will engage the Church in its mission of justice-making and peace.

Registration is \$395 and includes accommodations for three nights and six meals. Commuter rate (big tent programming and four meals) is \$225. You can find a complete listing of other available packages on the [Accommodations & Meals](#) page.

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/churchwide-ministries/big-tent-2017/>

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## **MILLER SUMMER YOUTH INSTITUTE 2017**

Since 1997, the Miller Summer Youth Institute has drawn rising high school seniors from across the United States and abroad. These scholars come from small parishes and big steeples, big cities and small towns, representing all walks of life and theological perspectives within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and beyond.

This year, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary is working in partnership with Waynesburg University to expand the Miller Summer Youth Institute. At the event, students will earn 2 college credits by working with Waynesburg and Pittsburgh Theological Seminary faculty, stay in the Waynesburg University dorms, have meals provided on campus, and spend a day in Pittsburgh at the Seminary.

SYI is designed to form an intentional Christian community where young people can be challenged to move beyond their comfort zones in order to grow in faith, engage in academic theological study, and explore ministry. In addition to times of study and reflection, you will have the chance to participate in outstanding recreation events, or shall we say, have fun!

All spots at the Miller Summer Youth Institute are filled on a first come, first served basis. Your spot is not secured until you have paid your deposit in the amount of \$100 and we have received your satisfactory references and transcript.

Date: Sunday, July 9, to Saturday, July 15, 2017.

Cost: \$450

To apply visit: <https://forms.waynesburg.edu/machform/view.php?id=747259>



## SUMMER BOOK CLUB

Crossroads Summer Book Club at Moravian Theological Seminary, Bethlehem highlights four, very different books this year:

- *Just Mercy* (May 23) facilitated by Rev. Cynthia Simmons,
- *The Book of Joy* (June 20) led by Rev. Maggie Wellert,
- *Why I Left, Why I Stayed* (July 18) with Dr. Jill Peters,
- and *The Morning They Came For Us* (August 15) with Rev. Dr. Deborah Apller, Professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible.

Sign up for one night (\$10 each) or for the whole series (\$30) at [www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads](http://www.moravianseminary.edu/crossroads). For more information, contact Jill Peters at [petersj2@moravian.edu](mailto:petersj2@moravian.edu). Come and join us for some great conversations - completing each book is helpful but not necessary.

Dr. Jill Peters

Missional Leadership Developer, Moravian Theological Seminary, 1200 Main Street, Bethlehem, PA

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