Susquehanna Conference
The United Methodist Church

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LOVE BOLDLY | SERVE JOYFULLY | LEAD COURAGEOUSLY

Matthew 22:36-40

PROGRAM ADDENDUM II

Annual Conference

June 4-6, 2026
Community Arts Center
Williamsport, PA

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Commission on Sacred Worth

The working mission of the newly formed Commission on Sacred Worth is to amplify and support LGBTQ+ voices by building meaningful, equitable service and graceful ministry with and for LGBTQ+ persons fostering reconciliation across the Susquehanna Conference.

Our fourfold purpose is to:

1. Support LGBTQ+ laity, clergy, and candidates for licensed or ordained ministry in the Susquehanna Annual Conference through community-building, faith and leadership development, solidarity, and advocacy.
2. Center and amplify the voices and experiences of LGBTQ+ persons, especially those marginalized by the church and society—most notably transgender individuals and Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC).
3. Monitor Annual Conference committees, policies, and status and needs of LGBTQ+ candidates and appointed clergy to ensure justice and equity based on sexual orientation, gender identity, and gender expression, and to report findings to the Annual Conference.
4. Curate, create, and share resources to equip local churches for:
    a. relationship-building and continuing education,
    b. meaningful ministry with and for LGBTQ+ church and community members of all ages.

As a newly formed commission, we are still in the early phases of discerning how God is calling us to live into the purpose of the commission and facilitate connection throughout the Susquehanna Conference.

We have a survey in process to gather information from clergy, laity, and congregants to determine what the people of the Susquehanna Conference need from this commission. Surveys were distributed May 2026 and we look forward to your participation to help guide program and resource development.

We are reaching out to other conferences and agencies with similar purposes to broaden our reach and offerings, identifying what is currently available within our community. We look forward to learning effective methods and programs currently utilized within and beyond the UMC.

In collaboration with the Archives at Drew Theological School, we will build resources that trace the theological and historical developments related to LGBTQ+ affirmation and inclusion in the Book of Discipline to promote dialogue and grace-filled connection.

We look forward to how the Commission on Sacred Worth will continue to evolve over the next year as we develop a vision and action plan, led by the Spirit in connection with those in the Susquehanna Conference and beyond.

Megan Wessman, *Convener/Chair*