

**Penn West Conference
Discipleship Team Report, 2022-2023**

The mission and purpose of the Penn West Conference Discipleship Team is to walk with our Pastors, Local Churches, and Associations to grow followers of Jesus in changing times. Our team is the heir to the Transformation and Renewal Team. We are seeking to nurture and cultivate discipleship, vitality, and hope in the lives of our churches.

This past year, we were blessed to receive an amazing presentation by the Rev. Matt Deal on family systems theory and how it can be used to help churches in challenging times. We also considered how we could use a resource utilized by the Mission Grants Committee on how we could share opportunities for ministry that are in concert with priorities in the national setting of the church. We continued to discuss ways that we could help our churches be the best that they can be, and we invite prayers and more disciples from the rest of the Conference toward that end.

If your local church is interested in meeting with members of the Discipleship Team, don't hesitate to reach out to me and I can help to coordinate a visit between members of our team and your church so that our team may walk with you through your discernment process. May God's blessings be with each of you as we seek to live out Christ's call to make disciples in our settings for ministry and in our lives!

Respectfully submitted,
David Ackerman