



The Reverend Dr. Bonnie Bates began her work as the Penn Northeast Conference Minister on September 1, 2017. Prior to coming to PNEC, she served as the EOA/WRA Associations Associate for Congregational Vitality and Development. Her role there was to support pastors and congregations in transition, assist with search and call, work with congregational revitalization, and explore new church starts. She received her Master of Divinity degree and Doctor of Ministry degree in Transformational Leadership from Colgate Rochester Divinity School.

Bonnie has served churches in the New York Conference; directed and taught in the Graduate Human Resource Development program at St. John Fisher College in Rochester, worked in Human Resources for several non-profits, and served on several not-for-profit Boards including the Dunkirk Camp and Conference Center in western New York. She served in a variety of association and conference positions while in the New York Conference UCC including chair of the conference personnel committee, Executive Council and Executive Committee, Church and Ministry Committee, Staff redesign, Visioning and Constitutional revision committee. Bonnie currently serves on the Phoebe Ministry Board of Directors, the Pennsylvania Council of Churches Board and Executive Committee, and the Lehigh Conference of Churches Ecumenical and Interfaith Committees.

Her hobbies are singing, reading, hiking, and fly fishing. She once sang with a national choir in Carnegie Hall, Constitution Hall, the White House, Royal Albert Hall, and a variety of locations in Belgium, France, Switzerland, Austria, and Italy. She resides in Whitehall. Her son Sam, his wife Kim and their 4 children reside in Louisburg, North Carolina.