

Additional Biographical Information



Uehling, Allison (F-W): Special Projects Editor. Christ's Evangelical Lutheran Church, Oreland. B.S. from University of Utah. J.D. from GW University Law School, Sunday School teacher; Sunday School co-director; Hospitality chair; Mutual Ministry; Church Council; Current - Books Through Bars, desserts for Meals on Wheels, deliver Thanksgiving pies for Manna, Letters Against Isolation; Past - Philly Food Rescue driver, watershed stream clean-up, MLK Day of Service organizer.

Spiritual and/or Personal Gifts: Enthusiasm for meaningful service; Commitment to justice; Enjoyment of people, particularly those with quirky personalities; Appreciation for diverse perspectives and talents; Care for the natural world

In my work, I've had the incredible opportunity to give a platform to diverse peoples through a national conference and publications. Until the most recent election, I was able to lift up people of color, people in LGBTQ communities, and folks with disabilities or who work on behalf of those who do. The stifling of these voices has prompted me to look for other outlets. After attending an MLK Day project that was a little too advanced for my young kids, I started an MLK Day of Service for young families at our church. I try to offer our congregation opportunities for caring by donating books to Books Through Bars and cooking for UniLu's Feast Incarnate.



Cotnoir, Ghislaine (F-W): Interim Pastor, St. John Lutheran Church, Phoenixville. B.A. from University of Delaware. M.Div. from Lutheran Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. Trained as an Interim Pastor; Served on the Transitional Ministry Development team; Assisted in developing the Synodical profile prior to last Bishop election; The limited time I have for Community involvement centers around short term efforts centered around justice, inclusion and hunger issues.

Spiritual and/or Personal Gifts: I bring almost 40 years of experience in the church - seeing how it functions and where it sometimes doesn't. In those years I have had the

opportunity to develop gifts of (1) active, compassionate listening and (2) an ability to discern issues and assist teams in articulating them clearly and working toward meaningful solutions. I have a gift for being (3)able to articulate complicated things with clarity. (4) I work well with in a team. I have the gift of (5) joy and humor in ministry which gives me a passion for unraveling conflict.

As a chaplain I have worked in acute care, hospice and senior care settings. Being with patients, residents, staff and family at time of crisis, decision making and caretaking uses all of the gifts of ministry I have claimed in the question above. I am frequently called to assist when decisions need to be made at times of high emotion, in the midst of whatever complicated relational dynamics are present. I have taken time in this ministry to learn how to assist in complicated scenarios that may seem to those involved to be unsolvable.

As an interim pastor, part of my ministry is to assist congregations to name and gently, with grace, face past and present conflict, in order to hopefully prevent future conflict, and to begin to heal what has been.

I hope that I have used my gifts to prayerfully guide individuals, teams, and congregations through challenging times.