



Association of Presbyterian Church Educators
Chicago, Illinois • February 9-12, 2022

Dear Connectors,

The 2022 APCE Annual Event, February 9-12, 2022, will be an opportunity to celebrate APCE's 50 years + one as an organization and the important ways we bring people into the circle of faith through ministries that connect, enrich, empower, and sustain.

The schedule includes many opportunities for veterans and newcomers to the event to experience a just and equitable organization.

Connector (regional or organizational) gatherings are scheduled for an hour and a half on Wednesday afternoon and do not include a dinner. We would like each gathering to incorporate a communion service. What better way to make connections between old friends and new than through the sacrament of communion?!

Connectors will be provided communion liturgy designed around our theme – one that brings people together in exploration of who or what is connecting, enriching, empowering, and sustaining us in our own circles of faith and through this organization and beyond. Bread and juice will be provided. Connectors will be asked to facilitate this sacrament as part of the order of the day.

Recognizing that our circles are not healthy or complete without asking who is not represented, we are also encouraging connectors to reach out to each of their presbyteries, classis, and regional governing bodies to request and encourage "Widening the Circle" grants – funds and support of up to \$1000 to send someone who has never attended, a retiree who needs help to make the trip, or a person not well represented in our circle of faith.

Thank you for supporting plans for a just and equitable event by reaching out to bring others into the circle, and once they are there, by welcoming them to the circle through communion and fellowship with one another.

Questions or suggestions? Please contact Kirsty DePree, kdepree@frch.org, or Candace Hill, c3hill99@gmail.com.