

Annual Report of the JPD Greater Philly Cluster
March 2015

Cluster Member Congregations: BuxMont, Cherry Hill, Delaware County, Dorothea Dix, First U Philly, Germantown, Lower Bucks, Main Line, Pottstown, Restoration, South Jersey Shore, Thomas Paine, Wellsprings, Restoration

Cluster Meetings: Representatives from the congregations met in Aug 2014, Oct 2014, and again in Mar 2015. Marylin Huff and Mark Bernstein facilitated these meetings.

Cluster Mission: Share our message, Grow our Faith, Strengthen Congregations

Cluster Status: The Greater Philly Cluster has been working hard to get to know our neighbor congregations and be intentional about how we work as a group. In our first year, we established an interest in working together and laid the groundwork. In our second year, we have discovered several challenges and are working to address those. We are working to get broader support of the cluster clergy. Ministerial transitions and a history of unsuccessful cluster ventures in the past have proven challenging in this regard. We are now working to build more trust among clergy and leaders in creating a strong and productive cluster.

The current initiative is to encourage cluster participants to enroll in the HUULTI courses offered by CERG. The goal is to create a shared experience and some enhanced skills to pave the way for future cluster work.

