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On behalf of the convention planning staff (Scott Hartman, Sarah Chase, and me), I hope that you all have a wonderful week. We are thankful for you, our hundreds of volunteers and the various denominational staff who make this event possible. We give glory to God for the great things that will take place this week. We ask for God's

grace if we fall short in any area. This week we are a family that has come together from various parts of Mennonite Church USA to worship, to reunite, to pray and to dream about our future. We are all Mennonite Church USA. Thank you for making the decision to join us for Orlando 2017, 20 years after the last time our Mennonite group gathered in this very place. I believe that we are better together, all of us. Hebrews 10:25 reminds us not to neglect meeting together, and as we meet, to encourage one another. We, the convention staff, encourage you to have fun this week, meet new friends and to let the grace of God reign supreme in your thoughts and actions. Love truly is a verb.

Glen Guyton
Director of Convention Planning

Dear registrants for Orlando 2017,

The Executive Board and staff, along with hundreds of volunteers and work groups, have worked hard to plan and prepare for our eighth Mennonite Church USA Convention. The theme, Love is a Verb, is a celebration of God's love — shown in and through us.

We anticipate that our time in Orlando will be filled with worship, celebration, business, fun, service, connecting and learning. Some of you will join the delegate sessions, while others will lead and participate in seminars and other activities, such as service ministries. All of us will rejoice to meet new friends and perhaps reconnect with old ones.

During worship we will reflect on our collective call to seek and share God's love. Gifted speakers will challenge us to broaden our understandings of God's work in the world. In seminars we will learn and dialogue about important issues. Whether young or old, Orlando 2017 offers all of us opportunity to be changed as we gather together as the body of Christ.

The Delegate Assembly agenda will provide an experience quite different from any previous convention. After a shortened business session, an experienced process consultant will guide the delegates — along with some specially-invited stakeholders — through the Future Church Summit. There will be significant time for table group discussion, with emerging themes shown on large screens.



We pray that God will give us energy, wisdom, patience, understanding, discerning hearts and minds and, most of all, the generosity to share God's gracious love in a way that brings healing and hope to the world.



With anticipation of God's leading,



Patricia Shelly, moderator,
Mennonite Church USA



Ervin Stutzman, executive director,
Mennonite Church USA

The purpose of the biennial Mennonite Church USA Convention is to empower the church to achieve its vision, purpose and mission.

Key Objectives

1. To gather representatives of the whole church for worship, fellowship, learning, discernment, and decision making
2. To build Mennonite Church USA vision, identity and capacity to join God's mission in the world
3. To worship Jesus as the center of our faith; to embody community as the center of our lives; to embrace reconciliation as the center of our work
4. To share the Biblical story through an Anabaptist lens
5. To provide resources to help all participants carry out God's mission
6. To serve as a witness to the host community
7. To create an opportunity for all parts of Mennonite Church USA to gather regardless of race, ethnicity, or socioeconomic status.

Key Components

The adult gathering and Delegate Assembly will:

1. Encourage congregations to call, empower and bless their delegates to participate in the churchwide process of discernment and ministry
2. Provide a forum for the members of Mennonite Church USA to hear from and give counsel to Mennonite Church USA agencies and ministries
3. Create an environment for the Delegate Assembly to function effectively and efficiently on behalf of the church
4. Welcome and interact with representatives of sister churches
5. Provide opportunities for discipleship and spiritual growth by nurturing a strong Mennonite identity through an understanding of what it means to live out our faith as Mennonite Anabaptists.

The junior youth and youth gatherings will:

1. Invite youth to make and strengthen their commitments to Christ
2. Nurture a strong Mennonite identity through an understanding of what it means to live out our faith as Mennonite Anabaptists.

Young adult gatherings will:

1. Provide opportunities for young adults to gather together and resource one another
2. Provide opportunities for Mennonite Church USA leaders to learn from and hear the voices of young adults that will help the church in its mission.
3. Provide opportunities for young adults to learn about ministry opportunities and governance structures in Mennonite Church USA.

The children's gathering will:

Foster safe and age-appropriate activities that encourage spiritual and relational growth while allowing parents to fully engage in the Mennonite Church USA Convention.

Shared Expectations for Convention Attendees

As planners, we want convention to be safe and enjoyable for all of our attendees, and we are counting on everyone who comes to convention to help make this possible. While we may not always agree with one another, we should always treat each other with respect. In order to make convention a positive experience for everyone, here are some of our expectations for all convention attendees:

- Convention attendees should not engage in language or behavior that threatens the safety or personhood of another convention attendee. This includes racist speech, hate speech, threats, sexual harassment and any other behaviors that could be understood as threatening. We will not tolerate hate speech or harassment based on sexual or gender identity or directed specifically at LGBTQ participants. If you are a victim of language or behaviors like this at convention, please report the offender to the convention office.
- Blocking of hallways, fire exits, and points of egress is prohibited at all times. Gatherings that in any way violate fire code regulations will be dispersed.
- No literature (fliers, brochures, handouts, books, etc.) may be passed out beyond the exhibit hall area. Seminar and workshop leaders can distribute handouts as necessary during their session.
- No promotional materials may be hung on convention center walls without the written approval of Mennonite Church USA Convention planning. This includes posters, postcards, pictures, etc.
- Disagreements should be resolved peacefully. In any and all disagreements, we ask that you treat your conversation partners with the respect they deserve as beloved children of God.
- Respect the instructions of convention planning staff and volunteers on-site. We are here to serve you and to help make convention a good experience for everyone in attendance. If you have a disagreement or complaint about the behavior of staff or a volunteer, please come to the convention planning office to report it.



Reach. When you truly reach, you touch lives beyond expectation. You stretch boundaries through innovation, compassion and collaboration. Through bringing community to individuals, wherever they live. And through serving their diverse needs and interests to live life on their own terms. To learn more about us and our broad spectrum of opportunities for all of those we serve, contact us today.



General information

Information is listed by topic in alphabetical order.

Accessibility Services

Anabaptist Disabilities Network is helping to offer accessibility options to make all attendees feel welcome and able to participate in a variety of activities. Volunteer Accessibility Hosts are available to assist with accessibility service requests. Visit the Accessibility Services Information Booth located in the main hallway in the West Concourse.

Anti-racism Monitoring Team

Throughout this week, three people will be serving on the Orlando 2017 Anti-Racism Monitoring Team. The purpose of this year's team this year is to monitor delegate sessions and the Future Church Summit. The team will also evaluate accessibility of material, opportunities to speak and representation of speakers. The team will be recording where we are living out Mennonite Church USA's commitment to anti-racism, as well as areas where we can grow. The team members will then present their report and summary during the last delegate session at the end of the week.

The team will be composed of three people with attention to race and gender. You can identify team members by their badge that indicates "Orlando 2017 Anti-Racism Monitoring Team." You can also find their profiles at the Mennonite Church USA exhibit booth. We are grateful for these individuals who are generously giving of their time and expertise.

App

The app has schedules, maps, speaker information and much more! To download the app, search for "MennoCon" in the iTunes store or "MCUSA" in Google Play.

Audio and Video Recording

Please be aware that by entering the Orange County Convention Center, by registering for the Mennonite Church USA Convention or by participating in Mennonite Church USA Convention activities (also known as Orlando 2017), you consent to your voice, name and/or likeness being used, without compensation, in films and tapes for use in any and all media, whether now known or hereafter devised, for eternity, and you release Mennonite Church USA, its successors, assigns and licensees from any liability whatsoever of any nature. Also note that as parents or guardians you are also consenting to the filming and recording of your minor children who participate in Orlando 2017 activities or who enter contracted property. Do not

enter Orlando 2017 event areas and contracted properties if you do not wish to be subject to the foregoing. You may want to leave areas during video and audio recording if you do not wish to be filmed.

Children's Programming

Each morning children will worship together. They will explore their own themes that relate to the overall convention theme, "Love is a Verb." During worship time children will explore the Bible through drama, music and mini-sermons, all geared toward them. They will also spend time exploring different ways of praying and how to be a peacemaker. They will play together, create art and make music as well as get out all of their wiggles in the recreation hall. In the afternoon, families will be welcome to visit the children's convention area for craft stations, stories, snacks, games, team-building, hands-on activities and more, all centered around the fun theme that changes daily. Children can experience these activities with their classmates and teachers from the morning sessions, but parents are also encouraged to experience the activities with their children and get to know the other families that are at convention. Pre-registration is required for this programming. See page 14 for the children's program block schedule.

Daily Check-in will be located on the third level (W330-2). For security reasons, children will need to be checked in and checked out each session.

Preschool - Grade 5 Activities will take place on the third floor in rooms W330 and W331.

Infant/Toddler Care will take place in room W332.

Evening childcare is available for infant/toddlers and pre-school age children in the children's area. Evening sessions: 7:00 p.m. – 9:15 p.m., Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Supplemental Delegate Childcare is available for those participating in the Delegate Sessions and the Future Church Summit. This care is available:

- Thursday – 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.
- Friday – 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., 1:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m., and 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- Saturday – 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Family Night Activities will give families an opportunity to spend time together and enjoy some family-friendly entertainment. There will be a magician joining us on Thursday evening from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and a movie night on Friday evening from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

In case of emergency or evacuation, children should be picked up in the main lobby of the Rosen Plaza hotel (located next to the convention center).

Nursing room

This is a special room for nursing mothers. Registration Office 1, located in the main hallway next to West D Lobby, is available from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m. Use a light knock to alert anyone already in the room that you are entering.

Convention office

Questions? Before stopping by the convention office, visit the Information Booth (main hallway outside room 224) where many of your questions can be answered. If necessary, Information Booth workers will direct you to the convention office (Room W223). The convention office is also the place to register (after July 4), fill out an incident report or let convention staff know about any attendee misconduct.

Emergency and Medical Information

First Aid: The first aid room is located in the hallway just outside Exhibit Hall D2. On Site Medical Services has been contracted to provide on-site emergency care. They will be available during these hours:

- Tuesday, July 4: 7:00 to 11:00 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 5 – Friday, July 7: 7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
- Saturday, July 8: 7:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

For minor incidents/first aid (bruises, blisters, etc.) and other non-emergencies in the West Building, visit the first aid room.

Nearest Hospital & Urgent Care Facilities

- Dr. P. Phillips Hospital, 9400 Turkey Lake Road, 3.5 miles away, 407-351-8500
- Paramount Urgent Care, 8972 Turkey Lake Road, 4.1 miles away, 407-226-1906

Pharmacies

Walgreens, 9858 International Drive, 407-385-1697
Walgreens, 11018 International Drive, 407-597-5053
CVS Pharmacy, 6790 Central Florida Pkwy, 407-238-4726

Emergency Number

Police & Fire – call 911 in an emergency

Exhibit Hall

Visit the exhibits of Mennonite Church USA agencies, schools and other Mennonite-related organizations in the Exhibit Hall! This will be the place to gather with your friends, visit the food carts and check out what's happening with all our church-wide organizations. A list of exhibitors and the floor plan will be posted inside the entrance to the Tangerine Ballroom.

Food carts are available in Hall E2 with access through the Exhibit Hall. These carts accept cash or credit.

The MennoMedia booth will carry books by several of our featured speakers: Mark DeVries, Rachel Held Evans, Wes Furlong, Drew Hart, Josh Packard and Crystal Washington.

Exhibit Hall Hours:

- Tuesday, 9:00 to 11 p.m.
- Wednesday, noon to 11 p.m.
- Thursday, noon to 11p.m.
- Friday, noon to 7 p.m.

Hotel Phone Numbers

Rosen Centre – 407-996-9840
Rosen Plaza – 407-996-9700
Rosen Inn at Pointe Orlando – 407-996-8585

Information Booth

The information booth is located in the main hallway outside room 224. Stop by with all your questions about convention. Our volunteers will be happy to help you find your way or answer your questions.

I-RIDE Trolley

If you registered before the late registration period you received a 5-day pass for the I-RIDE Trolley. The first time you ride the trolley your pass will be activated. The pass allows you unlimited rides on the trolley for five consecutive days. Children age 2 and under ride free. Maps of the trolley route are available from the Information Booth. Included on those maps are restaurants as well as entertainment options along the route. Additional unlimited ride passes may be purchased at most Guest Service Desks in the I-Drive Resort Area (see map for location). Exact fare is required for individual rides as drivers do not carry cash. Trolleys run from 8:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily. The Red Line, which services International Drive, runs every 15-20 minutes.

Junior Youth

Junior youth activities will take place in room 340A on the third floor of at the convention center. Junior Youth activities will run from Wednesday to Saturday and feature programming by Asia Frye and Mariah Martin with music led by Sadie Gustafson-Zook. Junior youth can be dropped off at room 340A on Wednesday and Thursday at 8:30 a.m.;

Friday and Saturday at 7:30 a.m. Programming ends at 9:00 p.m. each evening. See page 15 for the junior youth block schedule.

A typical day for the junior youth will include worship times, small groups, games, rec hall and hands-on spiritual activities. Junior Youth will have opportunities to contribute to our worship services. On Thursday, Junior Youth will all participate together in a service project. Special activities will happen throughout the week including a scavenger hunt. Junior Youth will spend the day together from morning to evening, including during delegate sessions, with breaks for lunch and dinner.

Junior Youth will explore our convention theme, Love is a Verb, by seeing that God has first loved us. Because of God's love we respond with love for ourselves, love for others and love for creation. Jenny Castro, Communications Associate and Coordinator for the Women in Leadership Project for Mennonite Church USA, will help us explore love of self. Todd Wynward, author of *Rewilding the Way* and founder of a wilderness school in New Mexico, will help us explore love of the earth. Each and every Junior Youth will help us to understand how we love others.

In case of **emergency or evacuation**, the junior youth can be picked up in the lobby area of the Rosen Plaza hotel.

Lost and Found

The lost and found is located at the Information Booth.

Meals

Instead of a traditional meal plan, food carts are available during meal times. The food court is also open for business during meal times. These food carts/food court will give you a bigger variety of food choices at more affordable prices. There is something for everyone. The food carts/food court accept cash and credit cards. Access the food carts through the Exhibit Hall.

Meal Cards

If you registered during the early registration period, your registration will include a \$20 meal card. These cards are made possible by Everence. These cards can be used like a gift card or cash at any of the food carts in the exhibit hall or food court. Please treat your meal cards like cash. They cannot be replaced if lost or stolen.

Morning Activities

Several activities have been planned to help start your day right!

- Gather for Zumba, a fast-paced dance-inspired workout led by Jill Schlabach, certified instructor. Meet in the Recreation Hall at 7:30 a.m. to start your day by getting your blood flowing.

- Join others from your hotel for a morning run. Meet in your hotel lobby at 6:30 a.m. and head out in small groups depending on the distance you want to cover that day.
- Join Mennonite Women USA each morning for a time of prayer. Prayers will be led by a board or staff member in a different style each day: 8:30 a.m. (Wed. and Thurs.) 7:30 a.m. (Fri. and Sat.), Room 225AB

Offerings

We will have two worship services where offerings will be received to support Mennonite Women USA and the Women in Leadership Project of Mennonite Church USA:

- The Women in Leadership Project is an initiative to empower women in the fullness of who God created them to be, to live out their call in their local congregations and conferences across Mennonite Church USA and to actively contribute to our shared theology. The WLP works to dismantle patriarchy, in all its forms, within the denomination.
- As Mennonite Women USA celebrates 100 years of ministry, we are constantly imagining new ways of resourcing women of all ages with faith-forming publications, empowering diverse voices to speak prophetically and connecting women to engage in mission and service activities. Mennonite Women will faithfully follow Christ's call to be Fruit from the Vine, which looks different for each stage of life and our own cultural and theological context. Through it all, we yearn to listen prayerfully, encourage boldly and empower prophetically. Join in our mission!

Make checks payable to "Mennonite Church USA." Use the memo line if you would like to designate your offering toward one of the projects.

Prayer Ministry

Prayer is a vital part of the convention week. Many hours of prayer have been given already for this week, and prayer will continue to surround you during the week of convention. Orlando 2017 will have a prayer team with members actively engaged in prayer during worship and Delegate/Future Church Summit sessions. The prayer team will be wearing capes to help easily identify them.

Prayer team members are available to pray with you or your youth, for anointing or counseling, following worship services or at other times. If you need a private space to pray or meet with a prayer team member, visit the Chapel in the Exhibit Hall. Members of the prayer team will be available at certain times throughout the day.

Prayer stations are set up outside each worship space, in the exhibit hall, as well as next to the Information Booth. These stations include paper and pencils for you to write down your prayer requests and drop them in a covered basket. Members of the prayer team take two prayer walks daily, stopping at each prayer station to receive and pray through your requests. All requests are held in confidence.

Quiet Zone

We understand that all the energy and excitement in the convention center can get overwhelming at times. We have designated Registration Office 2 as a Quiet Zone. Use this room as a place to remove yourself (or a child) if you just need a quick break from everything. This is not designed as a place to take a nap but rather as a quiet space to regenerate during a busy day.

Recreation Hall

The rec hall is located in E1. Giant Checkers, Cornhole and Gaga Ball will be offered. There will also be volleyball and basketball, Ping-Pong, four square, giant Jenga, soccer games, badminton, table games and an area for younger children. For a complete listing of activities and specific times of events, go to the recreation info table (in the recreation hall).

- When you check out a ball, Ping-Pong paddle or other equipment, be prepared to leave an item as a deposit until you return the equipment — for example, your cell phone, ID, watch or meal ticket.
- We will hold lost and found items at the info table for the day. At closing each night, we will take all items to lost and found at the convention Information Booth.

Rec Hours:

- Tuesday, 9:00 to 11 p.m.
- Wednesday, noon to 11 p.m.
- Thursday, noon to 11 p.m.
- Friday, noon to 7 p.m.

Servant Projects

When you arrive at convention, you will need to check-in at the servant project office, located in room 221A. There you will receive information about any changes that may have occurred since you received your confirmation e-mail and where to go for servant project orientation. If your servant project is on Tuesday morning, check in at the servant project office between 1:00 and 5:00 p.m. on Monday, and be in your orientation room by 8:30 a.m. If your servant project is on Tuesday afternoon, check in at the servant project office between 8:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m., and be in your orientation room by 12:30 p.m. If you are scheduled to serve Wednesday, Thursday, Friday or Saturday, check in at the servant project office no later than the day before you are scheduled to serve. On the day of your servant project, be in your orientation room by 12:30 p.m.

Servant project orientations are an important time to set the tone for your time of service. You will also meet your group leader there. Your group leader will get you on the right bus, to the right agency and connected with your local hosts when you arrive at your service location. The group leader will also make sure you get back to the convention center on time.

If you are a sponsor whose children will be part of the children's activities, you may need to find alternative child care for lunch on the day of your servant project. The children's program takes a break for lunch, and your servant project orientation will overlap with this break. Please be sure that you identify someone to pick up and care for your children during this time, and let the children's convention staff know about this change.

Social Media Booth

Stay informed, stay connected and stay social during Orlando 2017! Stop by our social media booth in the exhibit hall to sign up for daily games, talk to our social media hosts, watch live interviews or take a picture with your friends. Love is Verb, so take part in all the action and share what you are loving and learning about in Orlando. Check out our SnapChat filter and connect with @MCUSAConvention on Twitter, Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat. Make sure you tag your convos and photos with #MennoCon17 and #MennoLove. Follow the business conversations with #MennoFCS and #MennoDelegate. The social media booth is open each afternoon and after dinner in the exhibit hall.

Translation & Interpretation

Translation: Mennonites across the United States speak and worship in many languages. Other than English, the most predominant language in our congregations is Spanish, so we are offering a version of this program book in which parts have been translated into Spanish. If you would like a copy, please pick one up at the Information Booth or view/download from our website.

Interpretation: Orlando 2017 planners want to make information as accessible as possible and have arranged for volunteers to provide Spanish and Spoken-Sign (ASL) interpretation services. Spanish interpretation will be provided during adult worship services and delegate sessions, and ASL interpretation and/or English-based signed transliteration will be available upon request. If you did not indicate the need for interpretation when you registered, we will do our best to accommodate last-minute requests, but we cannot guarantee that volunteers will be available at any given time. Visit the Information Booth to make your request.

Volunteers

Thank you for your willingness to volunteer at Orlando 2017! Your help is invaluable. We can still use more volunteers. Please check in with the volunteer coordinator in front of the convention office (Room 223A) whether you signed up in advance or want to help out now that you're at convention.

Wheelchairs

A limited number of non-motorized wheelchairs are available on a first-come, first-served basis at the Information Booth. Before you can check out a wheelchair, you will need to fill out a form with your name, address, phone number and other pertinent information. Wheelchairs may be used throughout the convention center, but they may not be taken off-site.

Mennonite Church USA would like to thank the following sponsors for their generous donations to Orlando 2017:

Polling and Data Software

Goodville Mutual Insurance, New Holland, Pennsylvania

Registration Bags

Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pennsylvania

Meal Cards

Everence, Goshen, Indiana

Volunteers

Special thanks to our many full-time coordinators and volunteers who gave of their time and talents to help make this event possible. We appreciate your service and couldn't have pulled together Orlando 2017 without you!

Adult Worship

Adult Worship Band

Karina Flores – Goshen, Indiana
Emily Grimes – Lansdale, Pennsylvania
Jeremy Kempf – Glendale, Arizona
Kaleem Kheshgi – Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Addie Leaman – Wakarusa, Indiana
Kent Miller – Middlebury, Indiana
Bryan Van Wyk – Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Adult Worship Leaders

Sarah Bixler – Princeton, New Jersey
Shannon Dycus – Indianapolis, IN

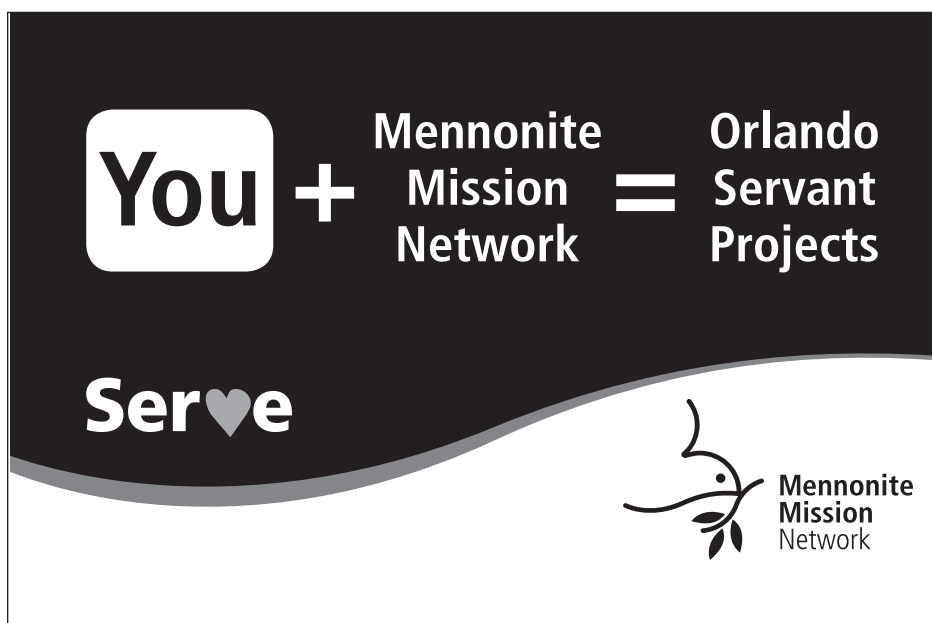
Youth Worship

Youth Worship Band

Valerie Bess – Richmond, Virginia
Cindy Cumberbatch – Tampa, Florida
Seth Crissman – Harrisonburg, Virginia
Hilary Harder – Elkhart, Indiana
Onan Alvarez – Houston, Texas
Greg Yoder – Penn Laird, Virginia

Youth Worship Leaders

Jon Heinly – New Haven, Connecticut
Rachel Springer Gerber – Bloomington, Indiana



Featured Seminar Speakers



Rachel Held Evans is a *New York Times* best-selling author and popular blogger who writes about faith, doubt and life in the Bible Belt. Her books include *Faith Unraveled* (2010), *A Year of Biblical Womanhood* (2012), and *Searching for Sunday* (2015). Rachel has been featured on The View, The Today Show, NPR, Slate, The BBC, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic Monthly*, and Oprah.com. She also served on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Rachel lives with her husband, Dan, in Dayton, Tennessee — home of the famous Scopes "Monkey Trial" of 1925. Dan and Rachel were thrilled to welcome their first child, Henry, in February 2016. They worship at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Tennessee.

July 5, 1:30 - 2:30p.m., Chapin Theater



Crystal Washington is the owner of CWM Enterprises in Houston and co-founder of Socialtunities, a social media instructional brand aimed at training everyone in strategically using social media. She hosts a weekly technology segment on Houston's Fox television affiliate and has appeared in *Black Enterprise* magazine, *Essence* and CareerBuilder.com. She has been interviewed by ABC, NBC, FOX, CBS, the Associated Press and many radio stations and magazines. Author of *The Social Media Why: A Busy Professional's Practice Guide to Using Social Media Including LinkedIn, Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, Pinterest, Google+ and Blogs for Business*, she is an international keynote speaker and workshop facilitator who describes herself as a fun-loving and eclectic nerd.

July 7, 1:30 - 2:30p.m., Chapin Theater



Mark DeVries has served as a youth pastor for 36 years, 28 of those at First Presbyterian Church Nashville (Tennessee), where he has recently stepped into a volunteer role. Mark is the president of Ministry Architects, a consulting team that moves churches "beyond stuck" and strategically forward. He is a graduate of Baylor University and Princeton Theological Seminary and the author of several books, including *Family-Based Youth Ministry*, *Sustainable Youth Ministry* and, most recently, *Building Your Volunteer Team*, which he co-authored with Nate Stratman, and *Youth Leader Training On the Go* with Jeff Dunn-Rankin. Mark and his wife, Susan, live in Nashville. They have three grown children and three grandchildren who bring delight to their lives on a daily basis.

July 6, 1:30 - 2:30p.m., Chapin Theater



Wesley Furlong is the founder and director of City of Refuge (refugelife), a network for community transformation, and the director of Church Development for the EVANA Network, an evangelical Anabaptist network of churches across North America. He served as the lead pastor of Cape Christian Fellowship in Cape Coral, Florida, from 2008 to 2015 and teaching pastor from 2004 to 2008. In 2012, Wesley started a city initiative called Not In My City (notinmycity.org) that grew into City of Refuge. He holds an M.A. in biblical studies, an M.T.S. from Emory University in theology and is presently working toward a Ph.D. in Social Work. He and his wife, Bonnie, have three kids and an ever-changing number of foster children.

July 6, 8:15 - 9:15a.m., Room 224H



Josh Packard is a sociologist, professor and researcher at the University of Northern Colorado, where he is also the Executive Director of the Social Research Lab. Josh is also the director of The Dechurched Project (www.dechurched.net). He studies institutional participation in America and focuses on professional, religious and voluntary associations. Josh is a sought-after speaker and trainer for corporate, religious and non-profit organizations. His research has appeared in numerous academic and trade publications, and he is the author, with Ashleigh Hope, of *Church Refugees*. Josh earned his B.A. in English from Texas Lutheran University and his Ph.D. in Sociology from Vanderbilt University. If you're interested in learning more about Josh, you can check out his website: www.joshpackard.com.

July 5, 3:00 - 5:00p.m., Room 230D

Introducing something new for the Mennonite Church USA 2017 convention in Orlando: MennoTalks. Not quite TED, and not exactly Pecha Kucha, MennoTalks will explore a different topic each day featuring seven speakers from diverse perspectives. The 20x20 presentation format — 20 slides for 20 seconds each — facilitates presentations that are dynamic, fast-paced and concise.

MennoTalks will take place in Room F4 each afternoon at 4:30 p.m.

- **Wednesday, July 5 Celebrating Women:** This year marks the 100-year anniversary of Mennonite Women USA. To celebrate this milestone, speakers will reflect on the many gifts women bring to our church. How do we as a community honor and celebrate these gifts? Looking toward the next 100 years, where is there room for growth?
Speakers: Sarah Bixler, Jenny Castro, Hannah Heinzekehr, Abigail King, Alma Ovalle
- **Thursday, July 6 Race, Religion and Justice:** What role does race play in our church and in the broader church? As a peace church, how do we address the issue of race and religion locally, nationally and internationally?
Speakers: Abigail Cable, Lauren Francisco, Drew Hart, Megan Heinly, Chantelle Todman Moore, Ben Tapper
- **Friday, July 7 Global and Local Peacemaking:** Our Confession of Faith states, “We believe that peace is the will of God....Led by the Holy Spirit, we follow Christ in the way of peace, doing justice, bringing reconciliation and practicing nonresistance even in the face of violence and warfare.” How do we live into our witness as a historic peace church?
Speakers: Jon Carlson, Kathy Neufeld Dunn, Nathan Grieser, David Jost, Hugo Saucedo, Sarah Thompson

Celebrate with us!

- Tuesday, July 4, 5:00 pm prayer walk with Mennonite Women and Mennonite Men.
- Wednesday, July 5 is Mennonite Women Day!
 - \$10 T-shirts at the booth
 - 7:30 pm Variety Show and Centennial Celebration at the Valencia Ballroom featuring drama, readings, brand new music, an offering and more!
 - 9:00 pm Circles of Sisterhood book signing with Anita Hooley Yoder in Valencia Ballroom
- All week, discover daily deals at our booth and meet board and staff.
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Special Events

Tuesday, July 4

■ Exhibits & Recreation Hall - Grand Opening!

Check out booths from Anabaptist organizations all over the world, and visit our recreation hall for a chance to shoot some hoops or join in an indoor soccer tournament.

■ Discovery: A Comic Lament

9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

F4

Discovery: A Comic Lament, written by Alison Brookings, is a brand new Ted & Co. show about the Doctrine of Discovery, the legal framework that justifies theft of land and oppression of Indigenous Peoples. In true Ted & Co. style, it finds unexpected humor at the crossroads of justice, land use and Indigenous experience. A show about love, and loss, of land. Discovery nudges us to question our stories with honesty and integrity.

Wednesday, July 5

■ Hymn Sing

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Valencia

Join Nathaniel de Avila Yoder for a time of singing old and new favorite hymns.

■ Inclusive Worship Service

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

F4

Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests, Pink Menno, and Inclusive Mennonite Pastors invite you to the fourth biennial Inclusive Worship Service. All are welcome to join this time of lament and celebration. We will remember the shooting at the Pulse nightclub just over a year ago in which 50 people were killed and 53 wounded -- mostly members of the Latinx Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer community. We will also celebrate the gifts that LGBTQ Mennonites bring to the broader church.

■ Menno Night of Music

9:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

F4

Need a break from the hustle and bustle of Convention? Come and relax at this special one-night-only music night! This unique event will showcase styles of music -- and a few surprises -- as diverse as the Mennonite Church itself. Featuring Andrew Pauls, Shantz Mennonite Church Youth, Spanish vocalist Nohemy Garcia, and more, this fun and freewheeling concert will set your toes to tapping and put a smile on your face.

Thursday, July 6

■ John Michael Hinton - Magician

Using no sorcery at all, John Michael Hinton performs captivating illusions that make people doubt their senses, question their reality and search for answers. He fakes the supernatural to cause people to desire the Real Supernatural! In his words, "My goal is simply to be a tool that God can use to spread His incredible gospel. If my illusions earn me the right to be heard, awesome, but it's the heart of God that I want you to truly walk away remembering." John will have two performances, one for families and one for everyone:

Family Night Activity - Join us in the children's program area for some family-friendly entertainment. 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Room 331A

Late Night Activity - Don't miss this opportunity to see John and all his magic. See his illusions come to life and capture the imagination. It will definitely be an unforgettable event! 9:00 - 10:00 p.m. Room F4

■ Trivia Night

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

340B

Do you know a lot of random information? Do you enjoy winning prizes? Put your knowledge to the test by joining the Mennonite Colleges & Universities staff for a night of Team Trivia. Form teams of six or fewer and come ready to compete. Prizes awarded to the top teams. Sign up your team at the Mennonite Colleges & Universities booth throughout the week, but sign up early because space is limited.

Friday, July 7

■ Family Night Activity - Movie Night

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

331A

Join us in the children's program area for an opportunity to spend time together and enjoy a family-friendly movie. Families can even come in pajamas!

■ Panic Squad

9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Chapin Theater

These performers come from all walks of life—pastor, actor, fundraiser, manager, IT guru, barista, banker, worship director and more. They come from the United States and Canada, from the East and West coasts. What they share is a God-given, God-honoring talent to make people laugh, a

love for entertaining and a commitment to settle for only the highest quality of comedy. Join the Panic Squad troupe for a night of laughter.

Young Adults

Several seminars are being offered specifically for young adults in addition to these special events:

Wednesday, July 5

Transforming: Caring for Creation Through Watershed Discipleship and Climate Justice 5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

How can we live into earth-honoring, people-dignifying, despair-erasing ways of following Jesus during this time of environmental crisis? How might our church respond, repent and reimagine? Come connect with others passionate for a more transformative level of creation care. Joining the discussion will be the founders of two new inspiring strands within the Mennonite Creation Care Network: Ray Martin, the funder and visionary behind the newly-formed Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions in Harrisonburg, VA; and Todd Wynward from Taos, NM, an author, activist, and Minister for Watershed Discipleship licensed by Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Meet at the MCCN exhibit at 5:30 p.m. to go to dinner together.

Young Adult Dessert Social

9:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

230B

We invite young adults (ages 19-30) to join us for a dessert reception to process, laugh, and wind down together from the first full day of convention!

Friday, July 7

Generating and Responding: Open Discussion with Church Leaders

9:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

230C

Young adults: come to discuss, share, and learn from Mennonite Church USA conference leaders. Refreshments provided.

Farewell Night Out

11:00 p.m.

230C

Young adults: meet outside 230C to join friends for a night on on the town to celebrate convention.

Special Events



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ORLANDO 2017 CHILDREN'S PROGRAM SCHEDULE

	Infant/Toddler	Preschool & Kindergarten	Grades 1-5
Tuesday, July 4, 2017			
7:00 PM-9:15 PM	Basic Childcare		
Wednesday, July 5, 2017			
8:30 AM	Drop Off	Drop Off & Gathering Activities	Drop Off & Gathering Activities
9:00 AM-12:30 PM	Childcare	Activity Center Rotation, Worship, & Activities	Activity Center Rotation, Worship, & Activities
12:30 PM-1:30 PM	Lunch Break		
1:30 PM	Drop Off	Drop Off & Gathering Activities	Drop Off & Gathering Activities
2:00 PM-5:15 PM	Childcare	Family Stations Large Theme Activity Peace Talks Family Team Building Activity	Family Stations Large Theme Activity Peace Talks Family Team Building Activity
5:15 PM-7:00 PM	Dinner Break		
7:00 PM-9:15 PM	Basic Childcare		
Thursday, July 6, 2017			
8:30 AM	Drop Off	Drop Off & Gathering Activities	Drop Off & Gathering Activities
9:00 AM-12:30 PM	Childcare	Activity Center Rotation, Worship, & Activities	Activity Center Rotation, Worship, & Activities
11:30 PM-1:30 PM	Supplemental Delegate Childcare		
12:30 PM-1:30 PM	Lunch Break		
1:30 PM	Drop Off	Drop Off & Gathering Activities	Drop Off & Gathering Activities
2:00 PM-4:15 PM	Childcare	Family Stations Large Theme Activity Peace Talks Family Team Building Activity	Family Stations Large Theme Activity Peace Talks Family Team Building Activity
4:15 PM-7:00 PM	Dinner Break		
5:30 PM-9:30 PM	Supplemental Delegate Childcare		
7:00 PM-8:00 PM	Family Night Activity – Magician		
7:00 PM-9:15 PM	Basic Childcare		
Friday, July 7, 2017			
7:30 AM-8:30 AM	Supplemental Delegate Childcare		
8:30 AM	Drop Off	Drop Off & Gathering Activities	Drop Off & Gathering Activities
9:00 AM-12:30 PM	Childcare	Activity Center Rotation, Worship, & Activities	Activity Center Rotation, Worship, & Activities
12:30 PM-1:30 PM	Lunch Break		
1:00 PM-1:30 PM	Supplemental Delegate Childcare		
1:30 PM	Drop Off	Drop Off & Gathering Activities	Drop Off & Gathering Activities
2:00 PM-5:30 PM	Childcare	Family Stations Large Theme Activity Peace Talks Family Team Building Activity	Family Stations Large Theme Activity Peace Talks Family Team Building Activity
5:30 PM-7:00 PM	Dinner Break		
6:30 PM-9:00 PM	Supplemental Delegate Childcare		
6:30 PM-8:30 PM	Family Night Activity – Movie Night		
7:00 PM-9:15 PM	Basic Childcare		
Saturday, July 8, 2017			
7:30 AM-11:00 AM	Supplemental Delegate Childcare		
8:30 AM-12:00 PM	Childcare		



**Orlando 2017
Jr. Youth Schedule
July 4-8, 2017**

Tuesday, July 4	Wednesday, July 5	Thursday, July 6	Friday, July 7	Saturday, July 8
	7:30 a.m. Cardio Dance	7:30 a.m. Cardio Dance	7:30 a.m. Cardio Dance	7:30 a.m. Cardio Dance
	8:30 a.m. Check-in	8:30 a.m. Check-in	7:30 a.m. Check-in	7:30 a.m. Check-in
	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Worship	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Worship	8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Worship	8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Worship
	10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Small Groups	10:00 - 10:30 a.m. Small Groups	9:00 - 9:30 a.m. Small Groups	9:00- 9:30 Slide Show
10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Rec Time	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Rec Time	9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Large Group Activity (Mennonite Colleges)	9:30 - 10:30 a.m. Small Groups
	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Quiet Activity	11:45 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Lunch together at meal carts	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Quiet Activity	10:30 - 11:00 a.m. Good-bye Ritual
	12:15 p.m. Check out for Lunch		12:15 p.m. Check out for Lunch	11:00- noon clean-up
	Lunch (Coffee House 1-4 p.m.)		Lunch (Coffee House 1-4 p.m.)	
	1:45 p.m. Check in from Lunch		1:45 p.m. Check in from Lunch	
	1:45 - 4:00 p.m. Rotations	12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Servant Project	1:45 - 4:00 p.m. Rotations	
	4:00 - 4:45 p.m. Exhibit Hall			
	4:45 - 5:30 p.m. Large Group Activity		4:00- 5:30 Scavenger Hunt	
	5:30 p.m. Check out for Dinner	5:30 p.m. Check out for Dinner	5:30 p.m. Check out for Dinner	
	Dinner (Possible Coffee House 5:30-7:00 p.m.)	Dinner (Possible Coffee House 5:30-7:00 p.m.)	Dinner (Possible Coffee House 5:30-7:00 p.m.)	
	7:00 p.m. Check in from Dinner	7:00 p.m. Check in from Dinner	7:00 p.m. Check in from Dinner	
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Opening Celebrations (ADULT- WORSHIP LEADERS; YOUTH-WORSHIP LEADERS)	7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Worship	7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Optional Activities and Worship	7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Worship	
9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Recreation open	9:00 p.m. Check-out end of day	9:00 p.m. Check-out end of day	9:00 p.m. Check-out end of day	
9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Receptions & Coffee House	9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Receptions, Coffee House, Pannic Squad	9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Receptions & Coffee House	9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Receptions & Mennos Got Talent	



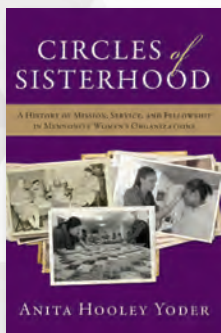
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Celebrating Women		Race, Religion, & Justice		Global & Local Peacemaking		MennoTalks Topic Special Event Featured Seminar Speaker
Menno Women 100 Birthday Rachel Held Evans & Josh Packard		Mark Devries & Wes Furlong		Crystal Washington		
Tuesday, July 4	Wednesday, July 5	Thursday, July 6	Friday, July 7	Saturday, July 8		
	7:30 a.m. Zumba	7:30 a.m. Zumba	7:30 a.m. Zumba	7:30 a.m. Zumba	8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Future Church Summit/Delegate Session	
8:15 - 12:30 p.m. Servant Projects	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Seminars	8:15 - 9:15 a.m. Seminars	8:00 - 10:30 a.m. Future Church Summit	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Seminars	9:00 - 10:00 a.m. Seminars	
Preconvention events: Money Talk for Pastors (Terry); IMH Gathering (Yvonne)	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Adult Worship (PHIL KNISS)	9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Adult Worship (RACHEL HELD EVANS)	11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Adult Worship (MARIBEL HINOJOSA)	11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m. Adult Worship (DREW HART)	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Youth Worship (WORSHIP LEADERS)	
	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Youth Worship (MELODY PANELL)	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Youth Worship (KIM LITWILLER)	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Youth Worship (SCOTT ROTH)	10:30 - 11:45 a.m. Youth Worship		
	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups	11:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m. Youth Small Groups		
	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Registration	12:00 - 11:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Recreation open	12:00 - 11:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Recreation open	12:00 - 7:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Recreation open	12:00 - 7:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Recreation open		
12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Servant Projects	12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Servant Projects	12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Servant Projects	12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Servant Projects	12:30 - 5:00 p.m. Servant Projects		
	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Hymn Sing	12:00 - 4:00 p.m. Delegate Session	1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Future Church Summit	1:30 - 5:30 p.m. Future Church Summit		
	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Featured Seminar/Seminars	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Featured Seminar/Seminars	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Featured Seminar/Seminars	1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Featured Seminar/Seminars		
	2:30 p.m. Inclusive Worship Service					
	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Seminars	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Seminars	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Seminars	3:00 - 4:00 p.m. Seminars		
	4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Seminars/MennoTalk	4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Seminars/MennoTalk	4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Seminars/MennoTalk	4:30 - 5:30 p.m. Seminars/MennoTalk		
5:00 p.m. Prayer Walk	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner	Dinner		
7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Opening Celebration (ADULT-WORSHIP LEADERS; YOUTH-WORSHIP LEADERS)	7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Youth Worship (LISA WHITE CAMERON) and Mennonite Women USA Birthday Celebration	5:30 - 9:30 p.m. Future Church Summit	7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Youth Worship (REMILYN MONDEZ)	7:30 - 9:00 p.m. Future Church Summit		
9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall and Recreation open			7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Future Church Summit			
9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Reception	9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Reception	9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Reception	9:00 - 11:00 p.m. Reception & Panic Squad			

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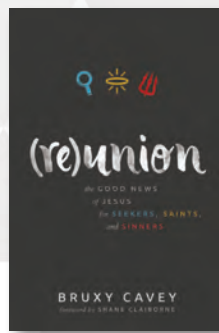
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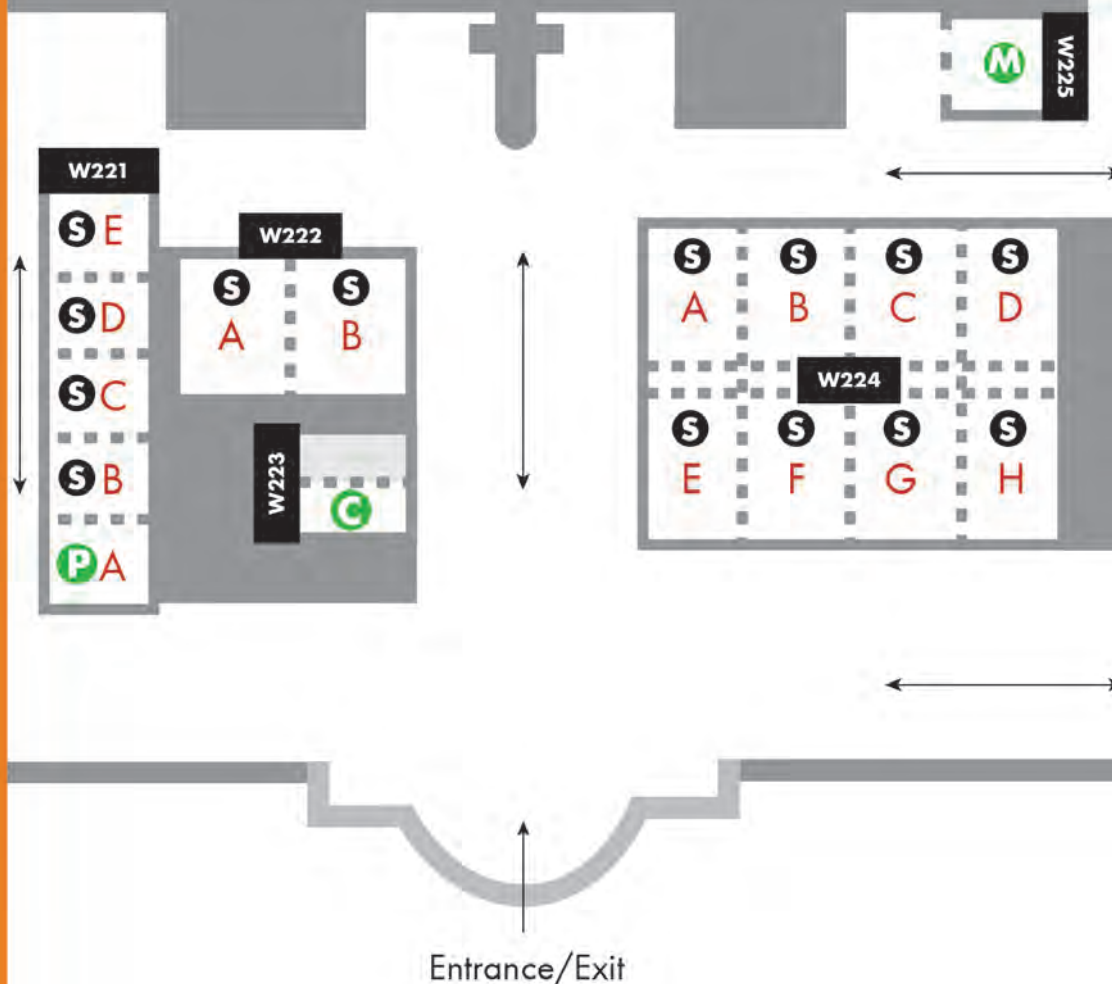
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Doctrine of Discovery	(DOD)
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Eastern Mennonite Seminary	(EMS)
Everence	(EV)
Iglesia Menonita Hispana	(IMH)
MennoMedia	(MMEDIA)
Mennonite Camping Association	(MCA)
Mennonite Central Committee	(MCC)
Mennonite Church USA	(MCUSA)
Mennonite Creation Care Network	(MCCN)
Mennonite Disaster Service	(MDS)
Mennonite Education Agency	(MEA)
Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship	(MHF)
Mennonite Health Services	(MHS)
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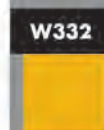
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*"Therefore go and
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Matthew 28:19a (NIV)*



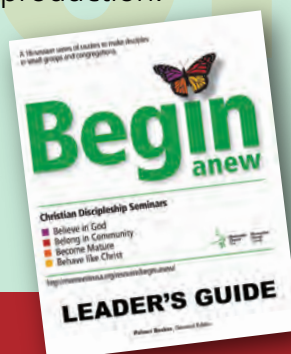
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AT A GLANCE Tuesday, July 4

8:15 - 9:00 a.m.	Servant Projects Orientation	314A, 314B, 315A
8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	Money Talk for Pastors	Rosen Plaza Salon 10
9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Servant Projects	Orlando
12:45 - 1:00 p.m.	Servant Projects Orientation	314A, 314B, 315A
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Servant Projects	Orlando
5:00 - 5:45 p.m.	Prayer Walk	West E/F Lobby
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.	MCC Friends Gathering	315B
7:00 - 9:15 p.m.	Infant/Toddler Childcare	332
7:30 - 9:00 p.m.	Adult Worship	Valencia
	Youth Worship	Chapin Theater
9:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall	Tangerine Ballroom
	Rec Hall	Hall E1
9:15 - 10:45 p.m.	Mennonite World Conference Gathering	232B
	New Pastors in Mennonite Church USA	232A
	Mennonite History Reception	231C
9:15 - 11:00 p.m.	"Discovery: A Comic Lament"	F4

Tuesday, July 4

Prayer Walk

5:00 p.m. - 5:45 p.m.

West E/F Lobby

Mennonite Women USA and Mennonite Men invite you to join them for a prayer walk to kick off Orlando 2017. Take this opportunity to start convention with a relaxing time of walking and praying. The walk will start in the West E/F Lobby at 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 4. The route will be just under one mile. Join us as we bless convention, the city of Orlando and Mennonite Church USA.

MCC Friends Gathering

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

315B

Come, all who have ever volunteered in an MCC thrift shop, at a relief sale, with the mobile cannery or in any other way. Come, all who have served in an MCC assignment, whether for many years, for one year or for a few months — whether far away or in your home town. Come, all who have prayed for or supported MCC. Come if you just want to learn more about MCC! Drop in at the MCC friends gathering for refreshments and conversation.

Adult Worship

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Valencia

Title: I am Loved by God

Scripture: 1 John 4

Speaker: Worship Leaders

Youth Worship

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Chapin Theater

Title: In the beginning ... LOVE

Scripture: Various

Speaker: Worship Leaders



Evening Activities

"Discovery: A Comic Lament"

Ted & Co.

9:15 p.m. - 11:00 p.m.

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Mennonite World Conference Gathering

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

232B

Join MWC President Nelson Kraybill and other MWC representatives as they share stories about the global church witness and ministry.

New Pastors in Mennonite Church USA

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

232A

Persons new to pastoring in the past two years are invited to meet with Terry Shue to get an overview of the denomination and some pointers on navigating the written and unwritten paths of what we do and why.

Mennonite History Reception

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

231C

Fellowship with Mennonite historians and those interested in Mennonite history. Hosted by Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society, MC USA Archives, Mennonite Historians of Eastern Pennsylvania, Menno Simons Historical Library, Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society and the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism.

AT A GLANCE Wednesday, July 5

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Morning Run	Meet in the lobby of your hotel
7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Zumba	Hall E1
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers	221C
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Children's Programming	330-332

Adult Seminars

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Inclusive Pastors Share About Congregational Discernment	240B
	Mickey Mouse and Faith Formation	232A
	Beyond Ourselves: Mennonites in Asia	231C
	Money Matters According to Jesus	231B
	People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery	230B
	Getting a Social Ministry Started	224H
	Interpretation of Romans 13:1-7 from an Anabaptist Perspective	224F
	Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine	224E
	A Palestinian Christian Family Story	224B
	A Shared Understanding of Ministerial Leadership	221E

Intergenerational Seminars

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Today's Anabaptist COs in our Global Body	230C
	Rewilding the Scriptures, Rewilding Ourselves	222A

Youth Seminars

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	What Happens When Love Is Not Enough?	314B
	Exploring Vocation: The Study-Service Theology Term	314A
	A Prostitute More Righteous than a Patriarch?	240D
	Sustainable Living Is Joy-Filled Living!	232C
	Good Samaritan in the Modern Age: Intervening in Sexual Violence	232B
	Dealing with Difference: The Old Testament and Popular Culture	230D
	Can You Hear Me Now? How God Calls	222B
	Privilege and the Police	221D
	Jr Youth Worship	F4

10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Jr Youth Programming	340A
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Adult Worship Youth Worship	Valencia Chapin Theater
12:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Rec Hall	Tangerine Ballroom Hall E1
12:45 - 1:00 p.m.	Servant Projects Orientation	314A, 314B, 315A
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Servant Projects	Orlando
1:30 - 5:15 p.m.	Children's Programming	330-332
1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Hymn Sing	Valencia

Featured Seminar

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Keep the Church Weird Rachel Held Evans	Chapin Theater
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Wednesday, July 5

Morning Run

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Meet in the lobby of your hotel

Zumba

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Hall E1

Join others in the Rec Hall to start your day by getting your blood flowing. Zumba will be led by Jill Schlabach, certified instructor.

Morning Prayers

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

221C

Join Mennonite Women USA each morning for a time of prayer. Prayers will be led by a board or staff member in a different style each day.

Adult Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Inclusive Pastors Share About Congregational Discernment

Megan Ramer and panelists

240B

The number of MCUSA congregations that welcome LGBTQ people as full members in their faith community continues to grow rapidly. How have congregations engaged discernment processes about extending their welcome and naming it publicly? This workshop will offer an opportunity to hear from, ask questions of and engage in conversation with pastors who have worked with congregations in discernment.

Mickey Mouse and Faith Formation

Joan Daggett

232A

How do we integrate children and youth in the church in a way that doesn't isolate them? We'll talk about the one-eared Mickey Mouse concept of children's and youth ministry, and how to recognize the importance of the faith community in forming faith in children and youth.

Beyond Ourselves: Mennonites in Asia

Kyong Jung Kim, John F. Lapp

231C

Spoiler alert: The Mennonite world is bigger than the United States! Learn about Mennonites in Asia: who they are, what they do and where they live, the challenges and triumphs.

Money Matters According to Jesus

Beryl Jantzi

231B

In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus speaks three times about money: alms-giving, earthly treasures and mammon. Money mattered to Jesus, so it should for followers who want to walk in his way. Are we ready and willing to heed his instruction?

People of the Land: Mennonites and the Doctrine of Discovery

Karin Kaufman Wall, Erica Littlewolf and Michelle Armster

230B

Presenters will discuss the Doctrine of Discovery — the European philosophy and set of policies that justified the conquest of Native American peoples and lands — that endures into the present. Presenters will provide a contextualization of U.S. policies toward indigenous peoples and the historical effects and current realities that face indigenous peoples as a result. Presenters will also identify the scriptures used to support this doctrine and explore how theological interpretations have shaped Mennonites' relationship to the land and its original inhabitants.

Getting a Social Ministry Started

Rick Stiffney and Leonard Dow

224H

This seminar will explore how a small group of individuals and a church can develop new ministries that address community needs. Presenters will address the critical components of prayer, vision, leadership planning and structure, bringing perspectives from their different backgrounds and experiences.



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The Interpretation of Romans 13:1-7 from an Anabaptist Perspective

Robert Milliman

224F

This seminar develops an interpretation of Romans 13:1-7 that reflects an Anabaptist perspective toward the text. It also demonstrates that an Anabaptist reading of Romans 13:1-7 is a more-than-satisfactory interpretative option. Therefore, rather than being problematic for Anabaptists, as some interpreters may suppose, Romans 13:1-7 actually reinforces Anabaptist convictions on peace and nonresistance.

Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine

The Resolution Writing Team

224E

An introduction to the Israel-Palestine Resolution: how the resolution came to be, the process it went through and what it is saying to Mennonites. This seminar is open to all, but is especially recommended for delegates.

A Palestinian Christian Family Story

Alex Awad, Jonathan Kuttub, others

224B

The Kuttabs and Awads are prominent Palestinian Christian families with long and close ties to Mennonites. Hear family members tell the story of several generations, and share experiences of struggle and faith.

A Shared Understanding of Ministerial Leadership

Terry Shue and Nancy Kauffmann

221E

This seminar will look at the recently adopted polity book for pastors of Mennonite Church USA. We will look at a qualifications, callings, credentials and ethics of persons in ministerial positions. Copies will be available.

Intergenerational Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Today's Anabaptist COs in our Global Body

Andrew Suderman

230C

There are Anabaptist Christians around the world choosing to be conscientious objectors. Hear stories of faithfulness and struggle as Anabaptists respond to the issues of military conscription and justice globally.

Rewilding the Scriptures, Rewilding Ourselves

Todd Wynward

222A

When we put our love for God's untamed creation into action and truly "get" God's untamed love for us, everything changes. We become wilder, more extravagant, more fiercely protective of our cherished earth. When we read

the Scriptures with untamed eyes, we see God's message is one of radical redemption, social transformation and earth protection. Join Todd Wynward, author of *Rewilding the Way*, on a feral re-examination of several core biblical texts. Brief talks, group readings and paired discussion will lead us to wrestle new insight out of ancient words.

Youth Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

What Happens When Love Is Not Enough?

Julie Reese and Kali Reese

314B

We Christians are supposed to love ... but does it make a difference in a broken world, full of violence and suffering, where evil seems to triumph? What is evil, and does its existence seem to weaken the Christian message? Join this mother-daughter team as they explore God and the problem of evil.

Exploring Vocation: The Study-Service Theology Term

Keith Graber Miller

314A

Are you considering a church-related vocational path, working as a pastor, youth leader, campus minister, mission worker or in some other role? Goshen College's new Study-Service Theology Term might be just right for you. In this session, SSTT Program Director Keith Graber Miller will speak about the new program, which takes high schoolers to Guatemala each summer. Following two weeks of study and travel in Guatemala, SSTTers do an internship in their home congregation or a local church-related service agency and then receive three hours of college credit. While all high schoolers are welcome to apply, program participants will be drawn primarily from African-American and Latino communities through a competitive application process. Graber Miller will speak about the college's first SSTT in Guatemala that just ended a week ago.

Sustainable Living Is Joy-Filled Living!

Luke Gascho

232C

Simple living has been a common theme in our church's history. As we live in a consumer-driven society, we are enticed to leave the commitment to living simply and joyfully. The seminar will examine options and practices that honor the call to live within the bounds of enough. The discussion will help form a new definition of sustainable living for the church today that is energizing and filled with life-giving actions.

A Prostitute More Righteous than a Patriarch?

Michele Hershberger

240D

Find out how deep Bible study explains strange stories and reveals deep truth.

Good Samaritan in the Modern Age: Intervening in Sexual Violence

Sarah Hofkamp, Zachary Zimmerman, Laura Miller and Beth Martin Birky

232B

We all have a role to play in intervening in sexual violence before, during and after an incident. This interactive workshop will equip youth with the knowledge and tools to take action and step in, breaking down rape culture to create a community of love. Certified by the University of New Hampshire's "Bringing in the Bystander" program, peer-educators have successfully trained the majority of Goshen College students and have created a program that is the first of its kind at any Mennonite institution.

Dealing with Difference: The Old Testament and Popular Culture

Benjamin Bixler

230D

What does Beyoncé have to do with the Old Testament? This seminar will begin with an interactive Bible study listening to Old Testament voices. These voices argue about how God's people should relate to those who are different, particularly foreigners and persons of other religions. Keeping these voices in mind, we will listen to Beyoncé and Kendrick Lamar and watch clips from Atlanta and The Jungle Book as examples of difference in our culture and lives. Youth will be invited to think critically about how scripture can guide their own response to difference.

Can You Hear Me Now? How God Calls

Janeen Bertsche Johnson

222B

We'll explore the different ways God calls people to lead the church and serve in the world, from biblical stories to our own experiences. How can we pay attention to these invitations and prepare ourselves to live into God's call?

Privilege and the Police

Cherelle M. Dessus

221D

This workshop will help young people understand the different experiences people have with the police and the

U.S. criminal justice system more broadly as a result of their race. Participants will engage in exercises designed to demonstrate the current racial inequalities in our criminal justice system and what can be done to change it.

Adult Worship

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Valencia

Title: You Are Loved by God

Scripture: John 13:34-35



Speaker: Phil Kniss has served as senior pastor at Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Virginia, since 1996. This is his third pastorate, following Community Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg (1991-1996), and Emmanuel Mennonite Church

in Gainesville, Florida (1983-1990), where he was founding pastor. He holds a Master of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in Harrisonburg and a Doctor of Ministry from Northern Seminary in Lombard, Illinois. Married to Irene Hershberger Kniss, a legal nurse consultant and clinic director, the couple has three daughters, two sons-in-law and two grandchildren.

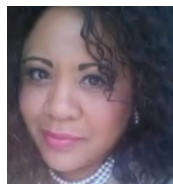
Youth Worship

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Chapin Theater

Title: God loves me ... no strings attached!

Scripture: Psalm 139:1-18 and Romans 8:38-39



Speaker: Melody M. Pannell has served in the field of social work, higher education and Christian ministry for more than 25 years and has worked extensively in leadership development for adolescents and young adults. Born and raised in Harlem,

New York City, she grew up attending Seventh Avenue Mennonite Church in her neighborhood. She graduated from Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) in Harrisonburg, Virginia, in 1997 with a bachelor's degree in social work and youth ministry. She also holds a Master's in Social Work from Fordham University in New York and recently obtained a Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Education degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union University, where she had worked as university counselor. She is now assistant professor of social work in the Department of Applied Social Sciences back at her undergraduate alma mater, EMU.



Begin Anew is a 16-session curriculum from Mennonite Church USA. Check out the new Leader's Guide in the Exhibit Hall! Free download at: MennoniteUSA.org/begin-anew

Hymn Sing

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Valencia

Join us as we spend time singing new hymns as well as old favorites.

Featured Seminar

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Chapin Theater

Keep the Church Weird

Rachel Held Evans

A lot of church leaders believe the key to drawing millennials and young adults back to church is to make a few style updates — a better band, a coffee shop in the lobby, an iPad giveaway at Easter. But Rachel Held Evans argues that a better way to invite people into Kingdom life is to “keep the church weird.” The ancient practices of the church — baptism, confession, communion, anointing, justice, preaching — remain relevant at any age, and people from every generation resonate with communities of faith that know how to be authentic and true to themselves.

Adult Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Anti-Semitism: What It Is, What It Isn't

Rabbi Brant Rosen and Jonathan Kuttab

240C

Hear Rabbi Brant Rosen and Palestinian Christian Jonathan Kuttab discuss the complexities of Anti-Semitism, how Christians are involved and how it relates to Israel-Palestine. Rabbi Rosen is the Midwest Regional Director of the American Friends Service Committee and the co-founder of the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council. Jonathan Kuttab is a well known international human rights attorney, activist and speaker. He is a co-founder of the human rights group Al-Haq and the Mandela Institute and Nonviolence International. He is also on the board of the Bethlehem Bible College, Holy Land Trust and Sabeel.

Native American Massacre or Anabaptist Hero Story?

Ervin Stutzman and Tina Begay

232B

The 1757 Hostetler “massacre” in Berks County, Pennsylvania, is a well-known and documented story among Amish and Mennonites. But what if we look at this story through the lens of Native Americans? Join Ervin Stutzman, author of the Return to Northkill trilogy, and Tina Begay, a

member of the Navajo tribe in New Mexico, to explore what happened and the impact it has had on Amish, Mennonites and Native Americans since then.

Sexual Abuse and Non-Credentialed Leaders

Regina Shands Stoltzfus, David Miller, Nancy Kauffman, Jenny Castro

232A

In 2016 Mennonite Church USA updated and revised its ministerial misconduct policy. The Panel on Sexual Abuse Prevention was tasked with developing recommendations for prevention and response to sexual abuse for non-credentialed leaders. In this workshop we'll outline these recommendations, highlighting best practices across the board for churches in the prevention of and response to sexual abuse.

Anabaptist Faith Formation Network

Shana Boshart and Rachel S. Gerber

231C

Finding the right faith formation resources can be a never-ending challenge! Come and discover how www.anabaptistfaithformation.org can help you find the resources you need for all ages in a one-stop, easily-accessible location. This is a must-see!

Begin Anew: Congregational Resources

Terry Shue and Palmer Becker

231A

Participants will be given an overview of the discipleship training resource “Begin Anew” and the newly developed congregational resources to complement the study.

How a \$1 Million Grant Is Benefitting MC USA Pastors

Beryl Jantzi

230C

Learn about the Everence Pastor Financial Assistance Program funded by a generous \$1 million grant from the Lilly Endowment. This three-year program has benefited many pastors in paying down debt and planning for a more secure retirement. Hear how pastors can benefit from grants and free educational events over the next 18 months.

Becoming a Green Patchwork Congregation

Jennifer Schrock

230B

Hear stories from Mennonite Creation Care Network's Green Patchwork congregations. Glean ideas and resources to help your congregation incorporate caring for the earth into its vision and daily life.

Tending the Pastor's Inner Life

Kelly Carson and Pamela Yoder

224F

In this interactive seminar, spiritual director Kelly Carson will explore ways for pastors and church leaders to care for their own spirit as they tend to the busy lives of so many others. Come, Rest, Be!

Intergenerational Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Phone and Tablet Moviemaking for Church and Mission

Wayne Larson

315B

Hands-on video production workshop: Principles of filmmaking and editing will be covered, with practical application via phone/tablet devices. Demonstration will be given using Apple products, but principles apply to Android and other devices and operating systems.

Dealing with Racism as a White-Majority Congregation

Sharon Kniss and Friends

315A

White-majority congregations have a great challenge and responsibility to counter racist beliefs and actions that have seeped into our consciousness. Come to hear and share stories about white-majority congregations taking action to reduce racism in their churches and community.

Empowering Women: Money and Faith

Marlene Bogard, Rhoda M Blough, Teresa Boshart Yoder

232C

Come and join other women who want to live with financial integrity and make wise decisions with their money. We will learn together how we relate to our money and how our money connects us to our faith, spiritual beliefs, value systems and who we want to be.

Democracy and Mennonites: Our Relationship to the State

Daniel Grimes

224E

Some Mennonites abstain from voting and others are actively engaged in politics. What has actually been our historical involvement in politics, and how are we involved today? Should I love my country, and, if I do, how should I view politics? Together we'll explore attitudes, perceptions and how our religious convictions inform or misinform our relationship with the state.

The Gospel Next Door

Marty Troyer

221E

Learn to see God's work in your neighborhood, city and the world — and learn how to join it. With practical suggestions and stories from ordinary Christians, Marty Troyer introduces a theology of place that empowers us to truly see the work of God where we live, work and volunteer.

Media, Meet Message

Jon Carlson

221D

Christians proclaim Christ's love through word and deed. As more and more of our words are expressed through media — and more and more of our actions are captured, broadcast and analyzed through media — how is Christ's love exemplified or distorted? Learn from one church's successes and failures in trying to engage its community through media.

Health: Taking Initiative With Our Own Care

Duncan Smith and Ingrid Friesen Moser

221B

What does it look like to take the initiative for one's (whole) health? What does it mean to be a steward of life given by God? We are each an important "ingredient" in what it takes to be well and get the best medical care when we need it. Participants in this workshop will be invited to hear stories that illuminate the importance of being active participants in their health story by Corinthian Plan staff. Special guest, Nelson Kraybill — pastor, writer, MWC president — will share his story of being a cardiac patient and the journey towards health and wholeness that he is on. Bring your own story or word as we explore this topic.

Youth Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Things You Wanted to Know about Syria, But Were Afraid to Ask

Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach

315A

From the refugee crisis to the war against ISIS, the situation in Syria just keeps getting more tragic and confusing. What is really going on, and what can a high schooler do?

Keeping the Faith: Themes in Popular Music

Jason Samuel

314B

Do you ever wonder why popular bands like U2, The Beatles and Twenty-One Pilots or artists like Chance The Rapper and Lady Gaga interject elements of God, spirituality and

faith into their songs? In this session we will explore the pop culture, populism and propaganda of Top 40 music from the last 20 years and what it means for you the next time you turn on the radio or hit that Spotify playlist.

Old School Wisdom Literature and Romance

Kevin Wilder

314A

Three Old Testament books say a lot about commitment, passion and emotional intimacy. This seminar is about healthy romantic relationships from Proverbs, Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes. What wisdom can we gain from wisdom literature?

Putting the Peaces Together

Benjamin and Sarah Bixler

240B

How can Mennonites imagine peace beyond just objection to war? This seminar explores ways to love God, ourselves and neighbors with all of our heart, soul, mind and strength. We will both talk about and practice ways of living out peace.

My Future: How in the World Do I Decide?

Lonnie Yoder

230D

People have many decisions to make about the future: What does God desire for me? What do I do after high school? If I go to college, what school is best for me? How do I decide about the future of a serious relationship? This seminar will examine ways to help you make important life decisions in light of God's will and desire for your life.

People on the Move: A Migration Exercise

Tammy Alexander, Saulo Padilla

222A

Get up! Feel what it's like to be a person on the move, a migrant moving from place to place. This seminar will help you understand the migrant experience through an exercise that will move you around the room.

Afternoon Activities

Dove's Nest: Faith Communities Keeping Children Safe Gathering

3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

224G

Join Dove's Nest staff, board and volunteers as we present our first-ever Children's Dove Award. This award is going to a Mennonite Church USA individual or church that did something courageous to keep children safe. Dove's Nest is a nonprofit organization that works with faith communities to keep children and youth safe. Light refreshments will be provided.

Inclusive Worship Service

2:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.

F4

Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests, Pink Menno, and Inclusive Mennonite Pastors invite you to the fourth biennial Inclusive Worship Service. All are welcome to join this time of lament and celebration. We will remember the shooting at the Pulse nightclub just over a year ago in which 50 people were killed and 53 wounded -- mostly members of the Latinx Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer community. We will also celebrate the gifts that LGBTQ Mennonites bring to the broader church.

Featured Seminar

3:00 – 5:30 p.m.

Understanding the "Dones": The Key to a More Vibrant Church

Josh Packhard, Ph.D.

230D

Americans are undergoing a radical transformation in the way that they engage with church. Increasingly, people are demanding congregations where they can be more than simply passive consumers. Josh Packard's groundbreaking research into the "Dones," the people who retain their Christian identity while shunning organized religion, shows what people really want out of church and the lengths they're willing to go to when they can't find it. Far from doom and gloom, "Understanding the Dones" is all about driving innovation in the areas that matter most: connecting people to God.

Adult Seminars

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Advocating for Our Sisters and Brothers Held in Immigration Detention Centers: "I was in prison and you visited me" (Matt. 25:36)

Tina Schlabach and Sarah Jackson

230C

This seminar features stories of women and men from many countries held in the Eloy CCA for-profit immigration detention center in Eloy, Arizona. Shalom Mennonite Fellowship, Tucson, Arizona, supports a community visitation group, writes letters to persons held there for many months and sometimes years, and welcomes them upon release. Congress has legislated that 34,000 beds be paid for daily in immigration detention centers around the U.S. Come hear the issues involved, and the experiences of those held there who are separated from their families and caught in the tangled web of our broken immigration system. Congregations can connect with these isolated individuals, bringing the hope and accompaniment of God's love and receiving testimonies of many remarkable and strong persons living inside detention.

How to Turn a Journal or Blog into a Published Book (or Not!)

Melodie Davis and Marty Troyer

231B

What does it take to write a memoir that rises above family history or the sermons of retired pastors? Experience an exploration of the memoir genre with tips, inspiration and readings from moving and eloquent memoir passages, as well as advice on how to shape a publishable memoir.

Led by Melodie Davis, managing editor at Herald Press, syndicated newspaper columnist and author of nine books, with Marty Troyer, pastor, Houston Chronicle blogger and author of *The Gospel Next Door* and others.

Occupation Is Not Our Judaism

Rabbi Brant Rosen; Sarah Thompson

231C

Rabbi Brant Rosen explores the intersection between Judaism and social justice, with a particular emphasis on Israel/Palestine. He is the Midwest Regional Director for the American Friends Service Committee and co-founder of the Jewish Voice for Peace Rabbinical Council. He will be in conversation with Sarah Thompson, Executive Director of Christian Peacemaker Teams.

Sister Care: Resource for Healing Ministry

Rhoda Keener, Hyacinth Stevens, Alma Ovalle

231A

The Sister Care seminar has been shared throughout the USA and in 15 countries and is being contextualized by Hispanic and African-American women leaders in the USA. Learn about Sister Care Level 2 and how Sister Care resources can be used in Sunday school classes, small groups or retreats to nurture healing and spiritual growth for both women and men.

I'm Youngish: Why Serve on a Nonprofit Board?

Rick Stiffney, Nicole Francisco Bailey and Maribel Ramirez Hinojosa

224H

This seminar will explore the contributions that young professionals bring to nonprofit leadership, as well as how their service can deepen their knowledge. The presenters bring depth of experience and breadth of generational perspective.

Ministerial Misconduct Policy and Procedure

Terry Shue and Nancy Kauffmann

221E

Participants will be guided through an introduction and overview of the recently revised document of policies and procedures. People new to conference leadership and people on credentialing bodies are particularly encouraged to attend.

Mennonites, Money and the Palestinian-Israeli Conflict: What is Divestment and What Does It Have to Do with Peace?

Mark Regeir, Jonathan Kuttub, Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach

221D

Many Palestinians and Israelis are asking the international community to implement boycott and divestment initiatives to bring change in Israel and Palestine, including Palestinian Christians who support boycotts and divestment as a form of nonviolent resistance to the occupation. Learn about this "boycott, divestment, sanctions" or "BDS" movement and how Mennonites might respond.

Engaging Children in Developing Critical Thinking Skills

Karen Kreider Yoder, Lois Kaufmann-Hunsburger, Dawn

Yoder Graber

232A

What in the scope of critical thinking skills makes love a verb? How can children learn critical thinking skills for life and faith? Examples from the roles of empathy, creativity and physical activity will lead into a discussion of how the digital world can enhance children's development of critical thinking skills. Sponsored by the Mennonite Early Childhood Network.

Intergeneration Seminars

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Peace Circles: Steps to Practical Peacemaking

Jason Boone

232B

Looking for a way to integrate Scripture, community and active peacemaking? This six-week, small group session will help you become agents of reconciliation wherever you are.

Talking Past Each Other: Conflict and Conversation Online

Hannah Heinzekehr and panel

224E

Social media, blogs, web comments and more provide many opportunities for individuals to share their thoughts and opinions. The great piece of this is that it levels the playing field and lets anyone with a computer reach beyond themselves with their thoughts. The shadow side can be that internet comments and social media dialogue can quickly devolve into name-calling and hotbeds for racist, sexist and other hurtful comments. How do we moderate and create healthy, helpful spaces for conversation online? Come join this interactive session that will offer some learnings from the staff of The Mennonite, Inc., as well as allow space for conversation and learning from one another about best practices.

How We Got the Bible: What Almost Made It? What Almost Didn't?

Loren Johns

222A

This seminar will explain why some Bibles don't include Matthew 17:21; 18:11; 23:14; Mark 7:16; 9:44; 11:26; 15:28; Luke 17:36; 23:17; Acts 8:37; 15:34; 24:7-8a; 28:29; Romans 16:24; and 1 John 5:7b-8a. It will provide a layperson's introduction to textual criticism and why it matters. Knowledge and perspective on this matter support leadership development.

Young Adult Seminar

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Discerning: Let Your Life Speak — Mission, Vision and Vocation

Panel discussion facilitated by Hannah Chappell-Dick

224F

Parker Palmer's book *Let Your Life Speak* has inspired young adults to toss aside "the idea that vocation, or calling, comes from a voice external to ourselves, a voice of moral demand that asks us to become someone we are not yet — someone different, someone better, someone just beyond our reach." Instead, he offers an inspiring vision of vocation, "not as a goal to be achieved, but as a gift to be received." Come to explore the idea of vocation as a process of discerning true selfhood as we hear from a panel of adults, both young and old, who have dived deep into these questions and surfaced not with answers, but with wisdom, anecdotes and more questions to be shared.

Youth Seminars

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Three Simple Rules to Start Your Financial Life Right

Beryl Jantzi

315B

Avoid common pitfalls that pull young people into dangerous levels of debt. How you make decisions early in life, including paying for college, makes a huge difference in what you are able to do once you're out on your own. Learn practical steps you can take in high school that reap life-long benefits.

Life After High School

Panel of staff and alumni, Mariah Denlinger, Adrienne Derstine

315A

Explore gap year options that make a difference in your world.

#DestinysDaughters

Melody Pannell

314B

Research shows how issues of racism and sexism have negatively impacted the overall mental health and self-esteem of African-American girls. Learn how young women from a Mennonite Church in Harlem, New York, used the power of their faith and identity in Christ to address and overcome these issues in faith, victory and joy!

How Do We Develop Healthy Self-images?

Scott Roth

314A

Do you find you don't like yourself? What does it mean to like yourself? Do you ever think about how God viewed you before the womb? Let's explore this topic of self-image and self-worth.

Doin' the Faith Five

Marlene Bogard

240D

In one hour we will share, read scripture, talk, pray and bless each other as a way to build community and growth in Christian faith.

Music for Social Change

Beverly Lapp, Jose Rocha and Marcia Yost

240B

Do you want to use your musical skills to make a positive impact on the world? This seminar will address how musicians can merge their artistic gifts with a deep desire to empower those on the margins. Centered around the principles of *El Sistema*, a music education philosophy rooted in South America, we will learn from examples of performers, educators and arts administrators serving as change agents in their communities. Participants will also explore areas of study and internship opportunities aligned with their career goals.

Mobilization for Service during Healthcare Education

Lyubov Slashcheva

232C

Do you have an interest in the health of individuals or communities? Does improving the well-being of the underserved near and far inspire you to consider a career in healthcare? Come hear about how students and young professionals in the medical, dental, nursing and other healthcare fields have had opportunities to develop as Christ-like care providers by serving in cross-cultural settings.

It Only Takes A Spark!

Janeen Bertsche Johnson

224B

Hear the stories of how serving at a church camp led people to seminary and ministry. Why are church camps such a valuable place for ministry exploration?

Circle Up

Kathy Evans and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz

221B

Join in a circle process to develop an awareness of the power of creating a sacred space of listening and sharing. This participatory event will give you simple tools to use on your own as you facilitate dialogue in a variety of settings.

Youth Leader Seminar

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

So How Should Youth Ministry Be Different?

Michele Hershberger

230B

Join Michele in a discussion on how distinctive Anabaptist theology changes our ministry with individual youth and youth groups.

MennoTalks

Celebrating Women

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

F4

This year marks the 100-year anniversary of Mennonite Women USA. To celebrate this milestone, speakers will reflect on the many gifts women bring to our church. How do we as a community honor and celebrate these gifts? Looking toward the next 100 years, where is there room for growth?

Presenters: Alma Ovale, Jenny Castro, Sarah Bixler, Hannah Heinzekehr, Katie Gillmore

Adult Seminars

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

On Musical Canon: Gathering Congregational and Denominational Music That Resonates

Bradley Kauffman, Benjamin Bergey, Emily Grimes, Amy Gingerich

240B

One common practice across Mennonite Church USA is that congregations develop a musical canon: a collection of songs that help express and shape each community of faith. Where does your congregational canon come from? How does it nurture congregational life? What is your relationship, positive or negative, to the denominational canon (Hymnal: A Worship Book, Sing the Journey, and Sing the Story)? What songs from your congregation would you would like to share with the denomination? Join this discussion as we unpack the ways that canon sustains congregational life.

Colonial Christianity: Doctrine of Discovery and Christian Zionism

Erica Littlewolf and Jonathan Brenneman

232C

This seminar will explore the parallels between European colonialism of North America and the Israeli occupation, as well as the underlying Christian theology that supports both. It will connect the histories and current events of these parallel yet unique situations.

Christian Zionism and the Gospel of Peace: A Palestinian Christian Perspective

Alex Awad

232B

Christian Zionism is the default mode in much of American evangelicalism. What is this teaching and what are its origins? How does it relate to God's reconciling mission in the world and God's desire for shalom for all people? Rev. Alex Awad, a prominent Palestinian evangelical and retired professor at Bethlehem Bible College, will share from his studies, experience and faith.

Church Responses to Immigration Enforcement and Deportation

Tammy Alexander

232A

This workshop will give practical tools for responding when church members are at risk of detention and/or deportation. Topics will include: "Know Your Rights" seminars, sanctuary, advocacy to government officials, reaching out to local media and ways to support family members.

Leading with Resilience

Lee Schmucker and Andrew Bodden

231C

In today's challenging environment, how do effective leaders strengthen their ability to "bounce back" or keep going in



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the face of obstacles? They strengthen leadership resiliency — which requires awareness and attention in six areas. Discover how some leaders are learning behaviors and mind-sets that build their spiritual center and resiliency.

Is It Possible? Protecting Children While Including Offenders

Jeanette Harder
231A

This seminar is composed of a panel of church leaders who are working to safely include people in their congregations who have committed sexual offenses — one of the most complex challenges a church can face.

Christian Formation from an Anabaptist Perspective

Robert Milliman
221E

This seminar develops a description of Christian formation that reflects an Anabaptist perspective. Models deriving from two theological streams dominate literature on this subject, the first one focusing on the believer's relationship with God, and the other on one's behavior toward God. The Anabaptist perspective on this topic provides a "third way" — a coherent theological and historical bridge between these two prevalent streams of thought.

Ecological Leadership for Today's Church

Luke Gascho
221D

Ecology is a wonderful basis for understanding effective leadership patterns and systems thinking. Jesus used lessons from nature to teach principles of discipleship and leadership. Comparing biblical and ecological models of leadership will provide a framework for discussion and application in this seminar. Understanding these models will influence our leadership practices, from how we lead in church and work settings to how we design and present Sunday school lessons.

Intergenerational Seminars

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Racism and the Church: Jesus Wasn't White

Stanley Green, Cindy Cumberbatch, Jason Boone
231B

Jesus wasn't white, so why is he usually portrayed that way?

Developing a Financial Plan to Pay for College

Beryl Jantzi
230C

The expense of a college education can be daunting. This seminar will provide financial guidance for prospective students, current students and graduates. What you know and do in advance makes all the difference.

Do Justice, Love Kindness, Walk Humbly: Israel-Palestine Through the Prophets' Words

Janeen Bertsche Johnson, Gwen Gustafson-Zook, Joel Miller and Dawn Yoder Harms, members of the November 2015 "Come and See" Tour
222A

How do the words of the biblical prophets speak into the Israel-Palestine conflict? Passages about justice, peace and hope take on new relevance and power as we consider the current situation in the Holy Land.

Youth Seminars

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Sports and Faith: How Do They Relate?

Lonnie Yoder
315B

Sports is a pervasive reality in North American culture. Some speak highly of the value of sports. Others challenge their relevance and the degree to which we give ourselves to sports — both as participants and as spectators. Come to this seminar and learn about ways to achieve a balanced and faithful approach to sports.

Your Brain on Tech

Kevin Wilder
315A

Kevin will lead a panel discussion on technology and its effect on imagination, intimacy and identity. We will look at the positive, negative and changes. You can bring your phone to help with the discussion.

Sexuality: Navigating the Sexual Landscape

Keith Graber Miller
314A

Part of adolescence is negotiating your emerging sexuality, learning to love your body and making healthy, life-giving sexual choices. In this session, led by a professor who has taught sexuality courses for a quarter-century, we'll discuss navigating the 21st-century sexual landscape in ways that are faithful, respectful and appreciative of the goodness of sexuality.

Restorative Justice for Difficult Conversations

Kathy Evans and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz
224F

Whether discussing racism, sexism, inclusion, politics or any of the divisive topics for our time and for our church, there are restorative ways to engage. EMU practitioner-educator Kathy Evans and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, MCC restorative justice coordinator, will lead a participatory session to gain practical skills in addressing conflict using restorative justice principles.

Loving My Non-Christian Friends

Julie Reese and Kali Reese

240D

Can you love someone with whom you disagree? How do you talk about God with your non-Christian friends and still show them love? Come learn ways to have meaningful, respectful and difficult conversations when your faith is challenged.

Let's Talk About Failure

Moriah Hurst and Abigail Cable

240C

How much grace do we have for failure? Is it an ending or a chance to learn? Can we be vulnerable about our own mistakes? For many young people (and adults, too), they have not been allowed to fail and thus are scared to try something because they may fail. We also put a lot of pressure on youth to do well (academically, athletically, musically) and also become great people (serve, volunteer, basically save the world). How do we let each other and ourselves fail ... or maybe just be normal and together grow into the whole people God has gifted us to be? Come join the conversation.

How to Use the Power of Social Media to Change Our World

Marathana Prothro

314B

Are you tired of hearing people rant about how social media has ruined youth today? Are you struggling to hold out hope that something good might come out of all this, yet? Our reasons for communicating online are as ancient as our needs for living in community. This seminar is for youth who want more than basic lessons on self-censorship and how to be safe online. It's for people who want to learn how to harness the power of social media to help God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Jesus Confronts the Three Universal Questions

David W. Shenk

240A

Every person has three universal questions: Why am I here? Where am I going? How can I be forgiven for my short-falling? What are some of the answers to those questions that come to us from the religions? What answer does Jesus give to these three universal questions?

Step Up

Brook Musselman and Shana Peachey Boshart

230B

This will be a preparation session for Step Up representatives participating in delegate sessions and the Future Church Summit. This one-hour session will engage and prepare youth for the upcoming sessions and for effective future service with the broader church. Participation will be limited to those nominated and pre-registered as Step Up representatives.

SNAP Survivor Support Group

5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

If you are trying to understand and cope with the impact of sexual harm on your life, you are welcome to join this confidential, independent self-help support group meeting led by SNAP-trained survivors of sexual abuse. Open to all survivors of all genders and their loved ones. Sponsored by the Anabaptist-Mennonite Chapter of SNAPnetwork.org and OurStoriesUntold.com. Call or text 540-214-8874 to get the nearby off-site location of meeting and more info.

Young Adult Event

5:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m.

Transforming: Caring for Creation Through Watershed Discipleship and Climate Justice

How can we live into earth-honoring, people-dignifying, despair-erasing ways of following Jesus during this time of environmental crisis? How might our church respond, repent and re-imagine? Come connect with others passionate for a more transformative level of creation care. Joining the discussion will be the founders of two new inspiring strands within the Mennonite Creation Care Network: Ray Martin, the funder and visionary behind the newly-formed Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions in Harrisonburg, Virginia, and Todd Wynward from Taos, New Mexico, an author, activist, and Minister for Watershed Discipleship licensed by Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Meet at the MCCN exhibit at 5:30 p.m. to go to dinner together.

Mennonite Women Centennial Celebration

7:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Valencia

Join us as we celebrate 100 years of Mennonite Women gatherings, service and nurture! A variety-show style format will feature drama, songs, readings, prayers, dancing and an offering to support the next 100 years of ministry.

Youth Worship

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Chapin Theater

Title: God loves you ... and so should I

Scripture: John 13:34-35



Speaker: Lisa Cameron serves on the senior management team at the YWCA Lancaster in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. She has also been involved with various theatre projects, including direction of the fall shows at Lancaster Mennonite

School. She has a Master of Arts degree in counseling from Western Michigan University and undergraduate degrees in theatre and psychology from Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Married to a United Methodist deacon, Lisa and her husband, Eddie, have a son, Janes, who loves to smile and make spit bubbles. She is a member of Blossom Hill Mennonite Church, loves her nieces and nephews, and is a life-long Chicago Cubs fan.

Evening Activities

AMBS Alumni and Friends Reception

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

340B

Alumni and friends are invited to join president Sara Wenger Shenk and others from AMBS for an evening of fellowship, food, updates and door prizes.

Hesston College Alumni & Friends Reception

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

315B

Alumni and friends are invited for food and fellowship and a college update.

Israel-Palestine Reception

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

232B

This will be a time to hear from Come & See Tour participants as well as representatives of organizations they met with, to learn about and connect to the work Mennonites are doing in Israel-Palestine.

People of Color Reception

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

230C

The Racial Ethnic Council invites all people of color to attend a reception to meet new people, network and hear about the Racial Ethnic Council and its work.

Young Adult Dessert Social

9:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

230B

We invite young adults (ages 19-30) to join us for a dessert reception to process, laugh and wind down together from the first full day of convention!

Menno Night of Music

9:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

F4

Need a break from the hustle and bustle of Convention? Come and relax at this special one-night-only music night! This unique event will showcase styles of music -- and a few surprises -- as diverse as the Mennonite Church itself. Featuring Andrew Pauls, Shantz Mennonite Church Youth, Spanish vocalist Nohemy Garcia, and more, this fun and freewheeling concert will set your toes to tapping and put a smile on your face.

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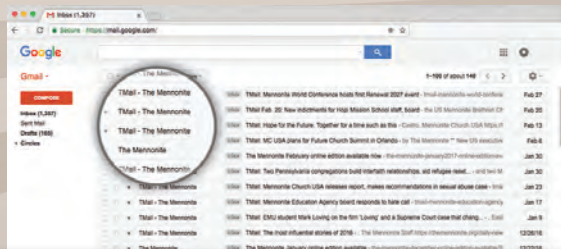
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AT A GLANCE Thursday, July 6

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Morning Run	Meet in the lobby of your hotel
7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Zumba	Hall E1
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers	221C
Adult Seminars		
8:15 - 9:15 a.m.	Called to Serve: Voices of LGBTQ Pastors	240A
	Making the Connections: Endless War There, Escalating Violence Here	232C
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	Ven a Ver Que Está Pasando en el Medio Oriente	230C
	How to Know What Works in Community Engagement: Mapping, Measurements and Best Practices	224H
	Talking about the 90%	224F
	The History and Future of Mennonite Publications	221D
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Children's Programming	330-332
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Jr Youth Worship	F4
Intergenerational Seminars		
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	What Are We Fueling? Investing for a Low-Carbon Future	231A
	Anabaptist Approaches to the Bible: What's Different and Why?	230B
	Two-Way Mission	224A
	Renewal 2027: Commemorating the Anabaptist Story as a Global Church	231C
Youth Seminars		
9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Let Your Life Speak	315B
	#DestinysDaughters	315A
	My Future: How in the World Do I Decide?	314B
	How Do We Develop Healthy Self-Images?	314A
	A Prostitute More Righteous than a Patriarch?	240D
	Can't Trump This: Mennonite Attitudes Towards Political Involvement	240B
	But I Disagree!! — Tools for Tense and Truthful Conversations	230D
	Loving My Non-Christian Friends	224E
	Let's Talk About Failure	222A

Youth Seminars continued

9:00 - 10:00 a.m.	Internships Across the Denomination Circle Up	221E 221B
		
9:30 - 10:45 a.m.	Adult Worship	Valencia
10:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Jr Youth Programming	340A
10:30 - 11:45 a.m.	Youth Worship	Chapin Theater
11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.	Supplemental Delegate Childcare	330-332
12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.	Delegate Session	Valencia
12:00 - 11:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Rec Hall	Tangerine Ballroom Hall E1
12:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Jr Youth Servant Project	Orlando
12:45 - 1:00 p.m.	Servant Projects Orientation	314A, 314B, 315A
1:00 - 5:00 p.m.	Servant Projects	Orlando
1:30 - 4:15 p.m.	Children's Programming	330-332

Featured Seminar

1:30 - 2:30 p.m. Youth Leader Special Event! Chapin Theater

Adult Seminars

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	The Wisdom of the Wounded: Losses, Triggers and the Church's Response	231C
	20 Ways to Jumpstart Christian Education	231A
	Trail Sisters	224H
1:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Adult Mental Health First Aid - Round 1	230B

Intergenerational Seminars

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Guns to Garden Tools	232C
	Women and Generosity	232B
	Do You Have What It Takes for Social Change?	232A
	What Is a Christian Peacemaker?	230C
	Get Ready, Get Set for Service!	221E
	The Forgotten Objectors: Reflecting on the I-W Era COs	221D

Young Adult Seminar

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Listening: Survivors of Sexual Violence	224F
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Thursday, July 6 at a Glance

Youth Seminars

1:30 - 2:30 p.m.	Should I Be Afraid of Muslims? What Muslims Believe and How to Respond in Ways That are Truly Christian	315B
	Teamwork Building: How a Film Crew is a Metaphor for Life	315A
	Exploring Vocation: The Study-Service Theology Term	314B
	Old School Wisdom Literature and Romance	314A
	Telling Stories, Claiming Our Anabaptist Identity	230D
	Are You Smarter Than Your Phone? Learning from Our Plain Cousins about Relationships and Technology	222A



1:45 - 5:30 p.m.	Jr Youth Programming	340A
3:00 - 4:30 p.m.	Mennonite Spiritual Directors Gathering	221B
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	SNAP Survivor Support Group	Offsite

Adult Seminars

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	People on the Move in Asia and the U.S.	232A
	Equipping the Other Half	231C
	Always My Child: Parents with LGBTQ Children	231A
	The Forgotten Ways: Planting the Seeds of the Gospel	230C
	Them's Fightin' Words: Nonviolent Communication and the Internet	224H
	You Know You're A Senior When Your Son Says Your TV Is Too Loud	221D

Intergenerational Seminar

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Is Jesus the Only Way?	315B
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Young Adult Seminar

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Discussing: Healthy Dialogue	224F
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Youth Seminars

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Keeping the Faith: Themes in Popular Music	315A
	What Happens When Love Is Not Enough?	314B
	Just Do It: Building Your Personal Brand	314A
	Music for Social Change	240B
	Mobilization for Service during Healthcare Education	232C
	Love and Discipleship: The Beauty and Brokenness	232B
	Jesus Confronts the Three Universal Questions	230D
	Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Building Your Personal Brand Online	222A

Youth Sponsor Seminar

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Q&A with Mark Devries	224B
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MennoTalks

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	MennoTalk - Race, Religion & Justice	F4
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Adult Seminars

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Living Out Love: Women of Color and Mennonite Women's Organizations	240B
	7 Days and 7 Ways to Empower Sunday School Teachers	230C
	Christian Filmmaking in a Muslim Context	224H

Intergenerational Seminars

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	The Bible and Palestine/Israel	232C
	Anabaptist Essentials: Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith	232B
	A Light on My Path: Studying God's Word	224F
	Ancient Stories, New Insights: Tales from the Jungle	221D

Youth Seminars

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Sports and Faith: How Do They Relate?	315B
	Ambassadors of the Kingdom: How Do I Stay Rooted in Christ Yet Build Friendships Daily?	315A
	Sexualization and Healthy Sexuality: There's a Big Difference	314B
	Follow Me	314A
	Sexuality: Navigating the Sexual Landscape	230B
	Bananas Aren't Only For Eating	224C
	(Sometimes Known as Team-Building)	
	Creative Prayer Practice	224B
	Solving Differences at School and Home Peacefully!	222A



5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Future Church Summit	Valencia
5:30 - 9:30 p.m.	Supplemental Delegate Childcare	330-332
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.	Family Night Activity - Magician	331A
7:00 - 9:15 p.m.	Infant/Toddler Childcare	332
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.	Jr Youth Programming	340A
	Trivia Night	340B
9:15 - 10:45 p.m.	Goshen College Alumni & Friends Reception	414B
	Eastern Mennonite University and Eastern Mennonite Seminary Alumni Gathering	315B
	Bethel College Alumni Gathering	230C
	Bluffton University Alumni & Friends Reception	230B
	Magician	F4

Thursday, July 6

Morning Run

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Meet in the lobby of your hotel

Zumba

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Hall E1

Join others in the Rec Hall to start your day by getting your blood flowing. Zumba will be led by Jill Schlabach, certified instructor.

Morning Prayers

8:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

221C

Join Mennonite Women USA each morning for a time of prayer. Prayers will be led by a board or staff member in a different style each day.

Featured Seminar

8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

How to Know What Works in Community Engagement: Mapping, Measurements and Best Practices

Wes Furlong

224H

Knowledge is essential when we're working for real change. How do we know what really makes a difference? How should we choose between so many opportunities and needs? This seminar will introduce you to some best practices and practical tools and share inspiring stories of community transformation movements from across the country.

Adult Seminars

8:15 – 9:15 a.m.

Called to Serve: Voices of LGBTQ Pastors

Theda Good, Mark Rupp and Michelle Burkholder

240A

The Bible is full of stories where God acts in ways that surprise and disrupt the established assumptions of what is good and right. The calling of LGBTQ people to positions of service and ministry may well reflect this pattern. This is an opportunity to listen as a panel of LGBTQ pastors and/or seminary students talk about their call to ministry and desire to serve the church that they love.

Making the Connections: Endless War There, Escalating Violence Here

Ajamu Baraka, Green Party Candidate for Vice-President, editor and writer, 'Black Agenda Report'; Jason Boone, Coordinating Minister, Peace and Justice Support Network; Facilitator: John K. Stoner (1040 for Peace)

232C

The Mennonite peace witness has become fragmented into disconnected messaging groups, each focused on a specific problem (e.g., gun violence, police brutality, racism, violence in the home, sexual violence, hostility toward refugees and immigrants, economic despair, eroding respect for the rule of law). Lost is a holistic understanding of how continuous war, war-supporting propaganda and militarism poison the soul; as Dr. Martin Luther King put it, "If America's soul becomes totally poisoned, part of the autopsy must read '[war]'. " After describing the connections between endless war and the specific problems it generates, this seminar will call attendees and the broader church to greater integration of our efforts through a shared focus on endless war. Substantial time will be given for audience discussion.

Israel/Palestine: Partners in Peacemaking

Jonathan Brenneman

232B

Hear from individuals and organizations that have worked with Mennonites in our pursuit of peace and justice in Israel/Palestine, and how you can be part of this work. This will include representatives from Jewish Voices for Peace, Friends of Sabeel North America, Bethlehem Bible College, Al Haq, Sabeel and more.

Pastor! You Were Not Called to Be a Therapist

Crystal Joseph

232A

A mental health diagnosis will not succumb to prayer alone. This session will explore the need for church leadership to partner with mental health professionals in order to achieve or maintain boundaries within the ministry. Education about clinical interventions, legal and ethical boundaries, and community partnerships will be provided by the presenter.

Patriarchy ... Is That Still Even a Thing?

Chantelle Todman Moore, Linda Gehman Peachey, Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz, Erica Littlewolf, Regina Shands Stoltzfus

231B

What is patriarchy? What does it have to do with the church? Does sexism still exist in our churches today? Participants will

explore the roots of patriarchy in our faith, the ways it is still doing damage in our faith communities, as well as strategies for calling out and undoing sexism when we encounter it.

Ven a Ver Que Está Pasando en el Medio Oriente

Saulo Padilla and participants in Come and See Tours
230C

Venga a escuchar historias y experiencias de los líderes hispanos que participaron en tours de aprendizaje Ven a Ver (Come and See) a la Tierra Santa (Israel/Palestina). También se presentarán los nuevos recursos de educación en español que tratan este tema importante para las iglesias hispanas. (Seminar will be in Spanish)

Talking about the 90%

Beryl Jantzi
224F

When we talk about money in church it's usually about giving. But more attention needs to focus on the other 90 percent. There are 2,300 scriptures addressing money and possessions, while 40 percent of Americans spend more than they earn. Learn practical tools on how to teach others to faithfully manage money.

The History and Future of Mennonite Publications

Panel
221D

Throughout the history of Mennonite Church USA and its predecessor denominations, Mennonite publications have served a variety of functions: They have been a gathering place for ideas; they have helped to shape and call together new denominations and collectives; they have been a catalyst for new movements; they have been a one-stop-shop for people seeking to understand what Mennonites think and believe in any given moment; and they have served as a tool for faith formation. Come hear from several current and former Mennonite professors and publishers about the history and future of Mennonite publications.

Intergenerational Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Renewal 2027: Commemorating the Anabaptist Story as a Global Church

John D. Roth
231C

Five hundred years ago, in 1517, events began to unfold in Germany that led to the Protestant Reformation and the

emergence of the Anabaptist movement. Today, Anabaptism is a global phenomenon with the majority of its adherents living outside of Europe and North America. This seminar will describe Mennonite World Conference's vision for commemorating these events and invite reflections on the meaning of Anabaptism for today, both here in North America and around the world.

What Are We Fueling? Investing for a Low-Carbon Future

Mark Regier
231A

As serious climate changes on our planet mount, how can concerned individuals and organizations leverage their economic influence to help move us from the world we have to the world we want? What different strategies exist and what difference can they make? From avoidance to engagement to targeted investment, principled purchasing and more, investors have a responsibility and a range of options to help further the transition to a low-carbon economy that the world needs.

Anabaptist Approaches to the Bible: What's Different and Why?

Loren Johns
230B

This generation has seen the greatest proliferation of Bible translations readily available on the market. What are the advantages and disadvantages of the main Bible translations and the pros and cons of the many study Bibles available? What information ought an informed consumer have? As Mennonites increasingly relate to people from other theological traditions and as we negotiate our own increasing diversity, nonjudgmental awareness of Bible translations and study Bibles can contribute to our holistic witness.

Two-Way Mission

Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer
224A

Each year Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer and their four teenage children live for six months in the rain forest of Ecuador and six months in Goshen, Indiana. Hear candid reflections on one model of teaching, learning and serving in the North as well as the South, communicating love and hope in two directions.



The Orlando Squeeze: Convention News Fresh Daily
Pick up a copy in the Mennonite Church USA booth in the exhibit hall or find it online.

Youth Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Internships Across the Denomination

Janie Beck Kreider

221E

This seminar is designed as a networking space to connect interested young leaders and students with internship opportunities across the denomination. Churchwide agency staff and institutional leaders are invited to come and share about available opportunities, as well as the qualities and the skills you seek. Come ready to share ideas about how to create attractive opportunities for young leaders across Mennonite Church USA.

#DestinysDaughters

Melody Pannell

315A

Research shows how issues of racism and sexism have negatively impacted the overall mental health and self-esteem of African-American girls. Learn how young women from a Mennonite Church in Harlem, New York, used the power of their faith and identity in Christ to address and overcome these issues in faith, victory and joy!

Let Your Life Speak

Tonia Martin, Leah Rittenhouse

315B

Who has God created you to be? How can you make a difference in the world around you and in the lives of others?

My Future: How in the World Do I Decide?

Lonnie Yoder

314B

People have many decisions to make about the future: What does God desire for me? What do I do after high school? If I go to college, what school is best for me? How do I decide about the future of a serious relationship? This seminar will examine ways to help you make important life decisions in light of God's will and desire for your life.

How Do We Develop Healthy Self-images?

Scott Roth

314A

Do you find you don't like yourself? What does it mean to like yourself? Do you ever think about how God viewed you before the womb? Let's explore this topic of self-image and self-worth.

A Prostitute More Righteous than a Patriarch?

Michele Hershberger

240D

Find out how deep Bible study explains strange stories and reveals deep truth.

Can't Trump This: Mennonite Attitudes Towards Political Involvement

Janeen Bertsche Johnson and Aaron Johnson

240B

What leads some Mennonites to be politically active, and others to be cautious about that involvement? What guidance does the Bible and our faith tradition give us as we balance being citizens of the United States and citizens of the kingdom of God?

But I Disagree!! — Tools for Tense and Truthful Conversations

Sharon Kniss and Friends

230D

Can we be friends — even sisters and brothers — and still disagree? How can we speak truthfully and with passion without destroying our relationships? Come to learn and improve practical skills for having difficult conversations in tense times.

Loving My Non-Christian Friends

Julie Reese and Kali Reese

224E

Can you love someone with whom you disagree? How do you talk about God with your non-Christian friends and still show them love? Come learn ways to have meaningful, respectful and difficult conversations when your faith is challenged.

Let's Talk About Failure

Moriah Hurst and Abigail Cable

222A

How much grace do we have for failure? Is it an ending or a chance to learn? Can we be vulnerable about our own mistakes? For many young people (and adults, too) they have not been allowed to fail and thus are scared to try something because they may fail. We also put a lot of pressure on youth to do well (academically, athletically, musically) and also become great people (serve, volunteer, basically save the world). How do we let each other and ourselves fail ... or maybe just be normal and together grow into the whole people God has gifted us to be? Come join the conversation.



Is your organization interculturally competent?

Schedule a consultation or training with one of Mennonite Church USA's IDI trainers.

Find more info here: MennoniteUSA.org/IDI

Circle Up

Kathy Evans and Lorraine Stutzman Amstutz
221B

Join in a circle process to develop an awareness of the power of creating a sacred space of listening and sharing. This participatory event will give you simple tools to use on your own as you facilitate dialogue in a variety of settings.

Adult Worship

9:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.

Valencia

Title: God's Beloved Church

Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14



Speaker: Rachel Held Evans is a New York Times best-selling author and popular blogger who writes about faith, doubt and life in the Bible Belt. Her books include Faith Unraveled (2010), A Year of Biblical Womanhood (2012), and Searching for

Sunday (2015). Rachel has been featured on The View, The Today Show, NPR, Slate, The BBC, The Washington Post, The Atlantic Monthly, and Oprah.com. She also served on President Obama's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. Rachel lives with her husband, Dan, in Dayton, Tennessee — home of the famous Scopes Monkey Trial of 1925. Dan and Rachel were thrilled to welcome their first child, Henry, in February 2016. They worship at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Cleveland, Tennessee.

Youth Worship

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Chapin Theater

Title: The limits of our love ... the limitless of God's

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-8



Speaker: Kim Litwiller is a follower of Jesus fully committed to marriage, motherhood and ministry. She's a wife, mother and pastor. She and her husband, Marc, are blessed with three amazing kids. In 12 years of ministry she has served as a youth pastor,

retreat speaker, Bible study leader, worship planner/leader and pastoral mentor in addition to her current role of serving Illinois Mennonite Conference as associate conference minister and East Peoria Mennonite Church as pastor. Kim's deepest passion is walking alongside the misunderstood, forgotten and hopeless and introducing them to the most misunderstood king in all of history – JESUS – who offers hope, peace, love and the life-altering promise never to leave nor forsake all who receive him.

Delegate Session

12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Valencia

- Opening, welcome of guests, committee and table introductions (30 min.)
- Roll call, explanation of group process and affirmation of group covenant (30 min.)
- Adoption of agenda and special rules for this meeting, intro to business (30 min.)
- Break (30 min.)
- Voting on ballot, Resolution on Israel/Palestine, any other business (120 min.)

Featured Seminar

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Youth Leader Special Event!

Mark DeVries

Chapin Theater

Mark DeVries, notable author, founder of Ministry Architects and long-time youth pastor will present a special breakout session for convention youth pastors/leaders/sponsors on "Sustainable Youth Ministry." In this intimate session with Mark, we will have a Q&A to get your biggest youth ministry questions answered, as well as opportunity to network and connect with other youth leaders in the church. This is a time for resourcing, equipping you with the latest in youth ministry today. And don't worry ... your youth are going to be in seminars during these blocks of time, allowing you to take full advantage of this exceptional training!

Adult Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

The Wisdom of the Wounded: Losses, Triggers and the Church's Response

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

231C

The presentation seeks to bring understanding of the losses suffered due to childhood sexual abuse and the grief that is triggered when this type of abuse resurfaces later in life. Included are a discussion of primary and secondary losses due to childhood sexual abuse, a personal view of this issue and suggestions on how the church can be more responsive to victims and survivors.

Trail Sisters

Michelle Armster and Erica Littlewolf

224H

For women of color: Using circle process we will have a conversation to begin to build relationships and explore alliances.

20 Ways to Jumpstart Christian Education

Amy Gingerich

231A

Too often the adults in a Sunday school class stare at each other when it's time to make decisions about curriculum: Should we read a book? Do a Bible study? Read an article? And then the finger-pointing starts: Who me? Why should I choose what we study? Come join a lively conversation filled with practical, easy ideas to jump-start your Christian education program and get people of all ages energized and engaged.

Adult Mental Health First Aid - Round 1

Kevin Farmwald

230B

Mental Health First Aid is an eight-hour course that introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health concerns, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. The program supports early detection and intervention by teaching participants about the signs and symptoms of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and addictions. Participants are introduced to local mental health resources, national organizations, support groups and online tools for mental health and addictions treatment and support.

Intergenerational Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Guns to Garden Tools

Melissa Roth

232C

Transforming the story of gun violence to a story of creation and restoration: current gun violence issues and stories from gun donors and victims of gun violence.

Do You Have What It Takes for Social Change?

Oscar Siwali

232A

Laws change, but it takes more than that for people or economic structures to change. Explore change from grassroots movements in South Africa.

What Is a Christian Peacemaker?

Sarah Thompson

230C

Christian Peacemaker Teams builds partnerships to transform violence and oppression. What does that mean? Come find out what it is that we really do in Palestine, Iraqi Kurdistan, Colombia, alongside indigenous peoples in North America and around the world.

Get Ready, Get Set for Service!

Jean Sensenig, Bill Hartman, Wayne Larson

221E

You want to go into service. Are you ready? Learn from a panel of international service volunteers (of all ages) about the questions they faced in deciding whether to go, and in getting ready to go. There are challenges at different stages of life. Learn who helped them work through the family, career and financial challenges.

The Forgotten Objectors: Reflecting on the I-W Era COs

Aaron Johnson

221D

Hear stories about conscientious objectors in the 1950s who served in the I-W and PAX programs. What lessons can we learn from their experiences and the nature of the programs?

Women and Generosity

Marlene Bogard & Teresa Boshart Yoder

232B

Generosity is contagious! Hear stories of generous lives and learn to use tools to manage your own charitable giving. We will explore gifts that give now, gifts that help later and gifts that give back.

Young Adult Seminar

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Listening: Survivors of Sexual Violence

Facilitated by Tyler Eshleman

224F

Bring your burning questions to a facilitated Q & A with two survivors of sexual abuse, Barbra Graber and Keith Morris, who are leaders in the growing movement to stop sexualized violence in faith communities.



The Women in Leadership Project works to dismantle patriarchal systems in Mennonite Church USA by empowering women to live out the call of God on their lives. Resources available at MennoniteUSA.org/wlp

Youth Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Should I Be Afraid of Muslims? What Muslims Believe and How to Respond in Ways That Are Truly Christian

Stephen “Tig” Intagliata and Phil Birkey

315B

There is much fear and suspicion of Muslims in our country, largely fueled by terrorist activity carried out in the world by groups that identify as Islamic. This workshop will help you better understand Muslim beliefs (i.e. the five pillars of Islam) and address stereotypes and attitudes towards Muslims that are common in our society today. There will be stories of what churches and Christians are doing to break down barriers and share hospitality with Muslims in our country, along with photos and reflections from the presenter from his recent travels to the Middle East.

Teamwork Building: How a Film Crew Is a Metaphor for Life

Kyle Hufford

315A

Taking a film crew to the Florida Keys sounds like a vacation, but if you don't utilize teamwork strategies it could end up feeling like work. Kyle Hufford, Assistant Professor of Communication at Goshen College, shares why learning how to lead a team and build a team is crucial not only on a film crew but in life. Using his most recent experience taking a film crew of students to the Florida Keys to shoot a marine biology documentary, hear the good and bad examples of how to cultivate teamwork in everything you do. In life we will always be a leader or a member of a team, and learning how to navigate those waters makes all the difference.

Exploring Vocation: The Study-Service Theology Term

Keith Graber Miller

314B

Are you considering a church-related vocational path, working as a pastor, youth leader, campus minister, mission worker or in some other role? Goshen College's new Study-Service Theology Term might be just right for you. In this session, SSTT Program Director Keith Graber Miller will speak about the new program, which takes high schoolers to Guatemala each summer. Following two weeks of study and travel in Guatemala, SSTTers do an internship in their home congregation or a local church-related service agency and then receive three hours of college credit. While all high schoolers are welcome to apply, program participants will be drawn primarily from African-American and Latino communities through a competitive application process. Graber Miller will speak about the college's first SSTT in Guatemala that just ended a week ago.

Old School Wisdom Literature and Romance

Kevin Wilder

314A

Three Old Testament books say a lot about commitment, passion and emotional intimacy. This seminar is about healthy romantic relationships from Proverbs, Song of Solomon and Ecclesiastes. What wisdom can we gain from wisdom literature?

Telling Stories, Claiming Our Anabaptist Identity

Karen Kreider Yoder and Jennifer Graber

230D

Stories shape our identity. When children hear stories of their ancestors, they claim those stories and build their identity. This workshop shares a semester of Anabaptist storytelling that led our 20 children and youth to claim their identities as 21st-century Anabaptist Mennonites.

Are You Smarter Than Your Phone? Learning from Our Plain Cousins about Relationships and Technology

Gerald J. Mast

222A

Like every other human tool, from axes to automobiles, our communication technologies both help and hurt us. In this seminar we will explore how digital devices both strengthen and undermine human relationships. Borrowing ideas from media research and plain Anabaptist churches — like the Amish and the Hutterites — we will discuss practical ideas such as screen sabbaths and device-free zones for loving our families, friends and neighbors well with our smart phone choices.

Afternoon Activities

Mennonite Spiritual Directors Gathering

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

221B

Anabaptist/Mennonite spiritual directors are invited to gather for a time of getting acquainted and learning about each others' ministries. Hosted by Jane Peifer and Marlene Kropf from the Mennonite Spiritual Directors steering group.

SNAP Survivor Support Group

3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

If you are trying to understand and cope with the impact of sexual harm on your life, you are welcome to join this confidential, independent self-help support group meeting led by SNAP-trained survivors of sexual abuse. Open to all survivors of all genders and their loved ones. Sponsored by the Anabaptist-Mennonite Chapter of SNAPnetwork.org and OurStoriesUntold.com. Call or text 540-214-8874 to get the nearby off-site location of meeting and more info.

Adult Seminars

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

People on the Move in Asia and the U.S.

Saulo Padilla, Prakash Thankachan, Rebecca Burkholder and Blaine Derstine

232A

Across the world, Mennonite Central Committee's efforts in relief, development and peace translate into working with populations at risk, in transition or in a resettlement process. Come hear about MCC's work in Asia with people on the move, and ways in which you can support people from around the world who are resettling in our communities in the U.S.

Equipping the Other Half

Julia K. Dunst

231C

Women comprise half of the world's population, but hold a fraction of decision-making roles in society. A look at the church reveals even lower numbers. Is this a biblical stance or is it a cultural bias? Take a brief look into the roles of women in the church as decision-makers and the (possible) outcomes.

Always My Child: Parents with LGBTQ Children

Carol Wise

231A

What happens when your child comes out as LGBTQ? For many parents, this marks a critical time in the life of their family, in their relationship with their child and sometimes even with their faith community. This is an opportunity to hear from parents with LGBTQ children as they share about their experience and especially about the impact that the revelation has had upon their understandings about family, love, human sexuality, gender identity, faith and acceptance.

The Forgotten Ways: Planting the Seeds of the Gospel

Mauricio Chenlo and church planters

230C

In church work we do all kinds of interesting things. In this seminar we want to explore imaginative and creative ways in which entrepreneurial leaders are planting churches across the nation.

Them's Fightin' Words: Nonviolent Communication and the Internet

Alyssa Bennett Smith

224H

The internet has drastically affected the ways in which we communicate. With more distance between us and fewer social cues, what considerations must we make in the digital sphere to interact with others nonviolently? This seminar will consider the trends of online communication, from

blog comments to major social media platforms, and offer concrete steps we as Anabaptist Christians can take to practice nonviolent communication in a mostly digital world.

You Know You're A Senior When Your Son Says Your TV Is Too Loud

Melodie Davis, Lupe Aguilar, Gerald and Marlene Kaufman

221D
Melodie Davis, Lupe Aguilar and Gerald and Marlene Kaufman will lead a panel taking a sometimes lighthearted but serious look at the indignities and challenges of growing older. They'll address how to talk about aging issues with your family and share resources for navigating choppy waters more smoothly. The Kaufmans are authors of *Necessary Conversations*; Davis helped produce the documentary "Embracing Aging"; and Aguilar is currently regional conference minister for South Central Conference.

Intergenerational Seminars

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Is Jesus the Only Way?

James Krabill

315B

Explore one of the most-asked questions in conversations about mission.

Discussing: Healthy Dialogue

David Evans

224F

We have seen conversation, rhetoric and relationships across differences become more and more strained in recent years. It is our aim to seek a deeper way of engaging one another in relationship as we affirm the Purposeful Plan of Mennonite Church USA to "together, [be] the body of Christ. This reflects our commitment to worship together, extend hospitality, discern the meaning of Scripture for our lives, reflect on our history, embrace the diversity in our midst, and practice active love and mutual accountability." It is with this vision that we as young adults wish to engage each other and our church leadership across many differences of thought, theology, worldview, experience, race and class to be a healthier, more robust church in the face of a growing polarization in our world.

Keeping the Faith: Themes in Popular Music

Jason Samuel

315A

Do you ever wonder why popular bands like U2, The Beatles and Twenty-One Pilots or artists like Chance The Rapper and Lady Gaga interject elements of God, spirituality and faith into their songs? In this session we will explore the pop culture, populism and propaganda of Top 40 music from the last 20 years and what it means for you the next time you turn on the radio or hit that Spotify playlist.

What Happens When Love Is Not Enough?

Julie Reese and Kali Reese

314B

We Christians are supposed to love ... but does it make a difference in a broken world, full of violence and suffering, where evil seems to triumph? What is evil, and does its existence seem to weaken the Christian message? Join this mother-daughter team as they explore God and the problem of evil.

Just Do It: Building Your Personal Brand

Rachel Swartzendruber Miller

314A

In the late 1980's Nike succeeded at linking its brand with the idea of personal drive, perseverance and hard work. This not only sold shoes and took Nike from a million-dollar to a billion-dollar company, it also made Nike synonymous with never giving up on your dreams. How hard are you working on building your personal brand? What ideas or messages come to mind when someone brings up your name? Learn how your everyday choices are building a brand you may or may not be proud of. What message is your brand communicating? Is your current brand what God is calling you to be?

Music for Social Change

Beverly Lapp, Jose Rocha and Marcia Yost

240B

Do you want to use your musical skills to make a positive impact on the world? This seminar will address how musicians can merge their artistic gifts with a deep desire to empower those on the margins. Centered around the principles of El Sistema, a music education philosophy rooted in South America, we will learn from examples of performers, educators and arts administrators serving as change agents in their communities. Participants will also explore areas of study and internship opportunities aligned with their career goals.

Mobilization for Service during Healthcare Education

Lyubov Slashcheva

232C

Do you have an interest in the health of individuals or communities? Does improving the well-being of the underserved near and far inspire you to consider a career in healthcare? Come hear about how students and young professionals in the medical, dental, nursing and other healthcare fields have had opportunities to develop as Christ-like care providers by serving in cross-cultural settings.

Love and Discipleship: The Beauty and Brokenness

Rebekah DeJong, Paul Peters

232B

The experience of love as a feeling may be familiar, but as a verb — an action — it has the ability to draw people together and at times to become misinterpreted and unintentionally damaging. Love can often be practiced by living in intentional community, through the study of God's word, participating in service projects, international adventure and cross-cultural experiences. Through the lens of CMU's Outtatown Discipleship School and Conrad Grebel University College's focus on peacebuilding, we will explore ways in which discipleship can be an act of love and how we can minimize the unintentional damage or negative impact it can have. Through storytelling, videos and practical exercises, come and explore the journey of encountering God's love through discipleship.

Jesus Confronts the Three Universal Questions

David W. Shenk

230D

Every person has three universal questions: Why am I here? Where am I going? How can I be forgiven for my shortfalls? What are some of the answers to those questions that come to us from the religions? What answer does Jesus give to these three universal questions?

Putting Your Best Foot Forward: Building Your Personal Brand Online

Hannah Heinzekehr and Shé Langley

222A

Social media offers each of us a myriad of opportunities to connect with people and to tell a story about who we are, what we prioritize and how we communicate. This seminar will explore some concrete skills and things to consider as you build your "personal brand."

Youth Leader Seminar

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Q&A with Mark Devries

Mark Devries

224B

Join Mark DeVries for an opportunity for more interaction.

MennoTalks

Race, Religion & Justice

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

F4

What role does race play in our church and in the broader church? As a peace church, how do we address the issue of race and religion locally, nationally and internationally?

Presenters: Ben Tapper, Drew Hart, Abigail Cable, Megan Heinly, Chantel Todman Moore

Adult Seminars

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Christian Filmmaking in a Muslim Context

Wayne Larson

224H

The life of a Christian filmmaker isn't always easy. Learn from experiences of communicating as a minority within a diverse community.

Living Out Love: Women of Color and Mennonite Women's Organizations

Anita Hooley Yoder and panelists

240B

A panel discussion highlighting the activities of women of color in local, regional and denominational Mennonite women's groups. Women will share how they live out their love for God and others through women's activities and also

name some challenging experiences in white-dominated Mennonite spaces. The discussion will be guided and supplemented by Anita Hooley Yoder's recent work on the history of Mennonite Women USA.

7 Days and 7 Ways to Empower Sunday School Teachers

Joan Daggett and Amy Gingerich

230C

Many children and youth Sunday school teachers do not feel equipped to teach. They struggle with classroom management, aren't sure how to get children to participate and wish they had more time to prepare. Meanwhile, some of the best Sunday school teachers are feeling burned out. Come and get inspired with easy ways to buoy your Sunday school teachers for this important ministry.

Intergenerational Seminars

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

The Bible and Palestine/Israel

Peter Goerzen

232C

How we interpret the Bible is of special importance when engaging present realities in Palestine and Israel. This seminar examines the origins and impacts of Christian Zionism and its use of the Bible, offers a critique of this approach to the Bible and proposes an alternative interpretive approach.

Coming in January!



A collection of essays exploring trauma and healing, leadership and sexism, theology and justice, women and power, and so much more.

These writings are based on the presentations from the 2016 Women Doing Theology Conference.



Anabaptist Essentials: Ten Signs of a Unique Christian Faith

Palmer Becker

232B

Early Anabaptists rediscovered Jesus and had a passion for following him and living out his teachings in daily life, even if it meant death. Join Palmer Becker as he shares from a lifetime of discovering what it means to follow Jesus, create community and practice reconciliation through his book *Anabaptist Essentials* (Herald Press, March 2017). Learn in this workshop what makes Anabaptism unique and relevant in our communities of faith and in the wider world.

A Light on My Path: Studying God's Word

Marlene Bogard

224F

Explore the two most recent Bible studies commissioned by Mennonite Women USA and published by MennoMedia: *Faith Travels* by Marlene Kropf (2016) and *Engaged in Mission* (working title) 2017 by Anna Liechty Sawatzky. Learn how they can be used personally or in groups, for conversation, devotions, celebration and more.

Sexualization and Healthy Sexuality: There's a Big Difference

Melody Pannell

314B

Sexualization through objectification is foisted on girls and boys from the outside (e.g. media, popular culture) while healthy sexuality and bodily integrity is cultivated within, aided by honest and intentional conversations in contexts that provide safety and support. We will look at trends that objectify our bodies and provide an interactive format for conversations about body consciousness and positive sexuality.

Ancient Stories, New Insights: Tales from the Jungle

Jane and Jerrell Ross Richer

221D

Indigenous believers in the Ecuadorian rain forest live in an oral culture with many similarities to the cultures of biblical times. Just as Jesus used stories to draw people into the Kingdom of God, this seminar will relate how sharing biblical narratives and listening to insights reveals God's diverse Kingdom among us.

Sports and Faith: How Do They Relate?

Lonnie Yoder

315B

Sports is a pervasive reality in North American culture. Some speak highly of the value of sports. Others challenge their relevance and the degree to which we give ourselves to sports — both as participants and as spectators. Come to this seminar and learn about ways to achieve a balanced and faithful approach to sports.

Ambassadors of the Kingdom: How Do I Stay Rooted in Christ Yet Build Friendships Daily?

Scott Roth

315A

You know the phrase, "In the world not of it." How do we really do that? How do you follow Christ and build friendships with those who do not? Come and let's engage this crazy concept of being ambassadors for Christ.

Solving Differences at School and Home Peacefully!

Brother Frank Albrecht

222A

Differences are natural and can be very life-giving! Win-win situations should be encouraged in all agreements. Youth are practicing now for how they will relate to their future spouses and children. Come to this workshop and learn practical, peaceful strategies to put immediately into action. This is a necessary workshop for all relationships!

Sexuality: Navigating the Sexual Landscape

Keith Graber Miller

230B

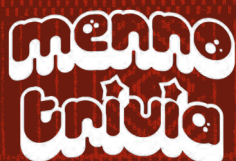
Part of adolescence is negotiating your emerging sexuality, learning to love your body and making healthy, life-giving sexual choices. In this session, led by a professor who has taught sexuality courses for a quarter-century, we'll discuss navigating the 21st-century sexual landscape in ways that are faithful, respectful and appreciative of the goodness of sexuality.

Follow Me

Del Hershberger

314A

What does costly discipleship mean? How can you be a radical disciple of Jesus?



Test your knowledge of Mennonite Church USA history!
Play trivia at the Mennonite Church USA booth in the exhibit hall and win prizes. You might learn something new!

Bananas Aren't Only For Eating (Sometimes Known as Team-Building)

Olivia Bartel

224C

Experience various team-building activities for most ages and most physical abilities

Creative Prayer Practice

Michele Hershberger

224B

Join others in doing prayer — using symbols, art, props and our bodies in ways that create liminal space. Let these prayer practices provide a new opening for the Spirit to work in you!

Evening Activities

Future Church Summit

5:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Valencia

Family Night Activity - Magician

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

331A

Join us in the children's program area for some family-friendly entertainment. Using no sorcery at all, John Michael Hinton performs captivating illusions that make people doubt their senses, question their reality and search for answers. He fakes the supernatural to cause people to desire the Real Supernatural!

Trivia Night

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

340B

Do you know a lot of random information? Do you enjoy winning prizes? Put your knowledge to the test by joining the Mennonite Colleges & Universities staff for a night of team trivia. Form teams of six or fewer and come ready to compete. Prizes awarded to the top teams. Sign up your team at the Mennonite Colleges & Universities booth throughout the week, but sign up early because space is limited.

Goshen College Alumni & Friends Reception

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

414B

All Goshen College alumni and friends are invited for a time to mingle and hear a GC update. Light refreshments will be served.

Eastern Mennonite University and Eastern Mennonite Seminary Alumni Gathering

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

315B

Eastern Mennonite University and Eastern Mennonite Seminary alumni are invited to gather to hear an update on new initiatives and current events at EMU, meet President Susan Schultz Huxman, network and meet old and new friends.

Bethel College Alumni Gathering

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

230C

A time for Bethel alumni to gather for conversation, renewing friendships and remembering our time at Bethel College.

Bluffton University Alumni and Friends Reception

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

230B

Alumni and friends of Bluffton University are invited for a time of fellowship. President Harder and Karen Klassen Harder look forward to greeting you and sharing news from campus.

Magician

John Michael Hinton

9:15 p.m. - 10:15 p.m.

F4

Using no sorcery at all, John Michael Hinton performs captivating illusions that make people doubt their senses, question their reality and search for answers. He fakes the supernatural to cause people to desire the Real Supernatural! In his words, "My goal is simply to be a tool that God can use to spread his incredible gospel. If my illusions earn me the right to be heard, awesome, but it's the heart of God that I want you to truly walk away remembering."

Join Alan and Deb Hirsch for a conversation about church planting. They will be joined by several Mennonite church planters for a panel discussion. Time will be given at the end for questions.

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AT A GLANCE Friday, July 7

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Morning Run	Meet in the lobby of your hotel
7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Zumba	Hall E1
7:30 - 8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayers	221C
7:30 - 8:30 a.m.	Supplemental Delegate Childcare	330-332
8:00 - 10:30 a.m.	Future Church Summit	Valencia
8:00 - 9:00 a.m.	Jr Youth Worship	F4
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	Loveability	222A



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11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.	Adult Worship	Valencia
12:00 - 7:00 p.m.	Exhibit Hall Rec Hall	Tangerine Ballroom Hall E1
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.	SNAP Survivor Support Group	Offsite
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1:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Future Church Summit	Valencia
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	Mine, Ours and Yours: Taking Care of Stuff	224H
	Owning Your Influence as a Student and Classmate	224E
	Follow Me	222A

Youth Sponsor Seminar

3:00 - 4:00 p.m.	Autism Spectrum in the Youth Group	224F
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MennoTalks

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Adult Seminars

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Creating a Circle of Love in the Congregation	231B
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	The Church in Healthy Relationship with the Ummah	224H

Intergenerational Seminars

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	Changing the Way the Church Views Racism	230D

Youth Seminars

4:30 - 5:30 p.m.	Leading Beyond a “Grass Is Greener” Mentality	315B
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Morning Run

6:30 a.m. - 7:30 a.m.

Meet in the lobby of your hotel

Zumba

7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.

Hall E1

Join others in the Rec Hall to start your day by getting your blood flowing. Zumba will be led by Jill Schlabach, certified instructor.

Morning Prayers

7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.

221C

Join Mennonite Women USA each morning for a time of prayer. Prayers will be led by a board or staff member in a different style each day.

Future Church Summit

8:00 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Valencia

Adult Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Welcoming Veterans in a Peace Church

Jason Boone

231C

Learn about the soul wounds many veterans carry, and find out how to walk alongside them on a path of healing.

Trends in Retirement Living

Mim Shirk and panel

231A

Most of us have strong opinions about where and how we want to spend our retirement years. Some believe that campus living with on-site health care services is a great way to go, while others are attracted to community-based options that focus on building a network of resources. Models that promote interdependence such as co-housing and simulated villages are gaining popularity. Traditional retirement communities are developing new ways to serve on their

campuses and in other settings. Learn about the latest trends so you can choose the best option for your resources, needs and interests.

Love God, Love Neighbor: Faith Practices that Strengthen Our Identity

Elaine Moyer

230C

Mennonite education engages love language in all of its dimensions every day! From decisions about mission and vision, to writing and choosing curriculum, to hiring administrators/faculty/staff, to recruiting/orienting/embracing students and families, to engaging knowledge/attitudes/skills within the context of Jesus' commands to "Love God, love neighbor." What are the implications for congregational life?

Lessons Learned from Former Muslims

Wayne Larson

230B

Hear about experiences from living in the Middle East and interacting with believers from that community.

Sex Across the Lifespan

Beth Landis

221E

This seminar will discuss what happens to the body during sex, and how that is affected by aging, medical conditions and medications.

Intergenerational Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

Coloring as Spiritual Discipline

Melodie Davis, Amy Gingerich

315B

Some have claimed that the power behind the coloring book craze is its ability to get people to slow down, reflect and be present. Come and experience for yourself how to spend time in prayer while coloring. Participants will spend time coloring prayers from an early Anabaptist prayer book, Ernststafte Christenpflicht, the first complete and self-contained German prayer book for Mennonites.



Help us tell the stories of Mennonite Church USA.

Your contributions to the Future Church Summit Timeline (located in the Exhibit Hall) will help Summit participants reflect on where we've been and who God is calling us to be in the 21st century.

Investing in the Margins

Mark Regier
221D

As wealth becomes concentrated among fewer and fewer people, we are increasingly aware of the destabilizing implications of economic inequality. Fortunately, there are many investments that contribute to the social, environmental and financial health of marginalized communities in the US and around the world. Hear stories of lives changed and learn more about the range of transformative community investments available to individuals and institutions.

Youth Seminars

9:00 – 10:00 a.m.

The Impact of Sports on Our Lives

Dave King
315A

Whether a player or spectator, sports impacts our lives in unique ways. We'll discover ways to grow through sports.

Just Do It: Building Your Personal Brand

Rachel Swartzendruber Miller
314B

In the late 1980's Nike succeeded at linking its brand with the idea of personal drive, perseverance and hard work. This not only sold shoes and took Nike from a million-dollar to a billion-dollar company, it also made Nike synonymous with never giving up on your dreams. How hard are you working on building your personal brand? What ideas or messages come to mind when someone brings up your name? Learn how your everyday choices are building a brand you may or may not be proud of. What message is your brand communicating? Is your current brand what God is calling you to be?

Doin' the Faith Five

Marlene Bogard
240B

In one hour we will share, read scripture, talk, pray and bless each other as a way to build community and growth in Christian faith.

The Universal Muslim Questions to Christians

David W. Shenk
240D

Whenever Muslims and Christians meet there are five questions Muslims bring to the conversations. What do you mean when you say Jesus is the Son of God? What is the meaning of Trinity? How can you believe that the Messiah was crucified? What do you think of Muhammad? Was the Bible changed?

How To Do College Right (The First Time)

Jason Samuel
232C

College is more than going to class and getting good grades — although that helps. It's probably the first time you won't have family around while you live your life. Now it's all up to you to do the grades thing while making friends, having fun, staying healthy and not screwing up so badly that you have to do it over again. In the end finishing strong is what matters. In this session I'll share with you what I learned from 10 years of going to college and teaching it for 14.

How to Use the Power of Social Media to Change Our World

Marathana Prothro
232B

Are you tired of hearing people rant about how social media has ruined youth today? Are you struggling to hold out hope that something good might come out of all this, yet? Our reasons for communicating online are as ancient as our needs for living in community. This seminar is for youth who want more than basic lessons on self-censorship and how to be safe online. It's for people who want to learn how to harness the power of social media to help God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Teamwork Building: How a Film Crew Is a Metaphor for Life

Kyle Hufford
230D

Taking a film crew to the Florida Keys sounds like a vacation, but if you don't utilize teamwork strategies it could end up feeling like work. Kyle Hufford, Assistant Professor of Communication at Goshen College, shares why learning how to lead a team and build a team is crucial not only on a film crew, but in life. Using his most recent experience taking a film crew of students to the Florida Keys to shoot a marine biology documentary, hear the good and bad examples of how to cultivate teamwork in everything you do. In life we will always be a leader or a member of a team, and learning how to navigate those waters makes all the difference.

But I Disagree!! — Tools for Tense and Truthful Conversations

Sharon Kniss and Friends
224H

Can we be friends — even sisters and brothers — and still disagree? How can we speak truthfully and with passion without destroying our relationships? Come to learn and improve practical skills for having difficult conversations in tense times.

Violence, Jesus and Peace: What Do YOU Think?

Jes Stoltzfus Buller
224F

What does it mean to be part of a peace church and how does that affect our daily decisions? Can we have guns? Support the military? Protest the government? We all have different definitions of how Jesus calls us to be peacemakers in our world. Bring your ideas and beliefs to a healthy and respectful conversation with others about this hard topic!

Loveability

Melissa Renee Stevens
222A

Rumi (a 13th-century Persian poet) said, "Your test is not to seek for love but merely to seek and find all the barriers within yourself that you have built against it." Young adults will discover that they are enough to love and be loved, and also learn how to create the love they need within themselves. Through the use of small-group discussions and videos, participants will have opportunities to experience and exhibit love.

Let Your Life Speak

Tonia Martin, Leah Rittenhouse
231B

Who has God created you to be? How can you make a difference in the world around you and in the lives of others?

Youth Worship

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Chapin Theater

Title: Live out your passions: Love where you are at

Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:12 and Matthew 22:36-40



Speaker: Scott Roth hails from Red Hill, Pennsylvania. He is director of East Coast Operations of Common Good / Project Haven, acting executive director of Upper Perk Community Thrift Shop, acting conference minister of Eastern District

Conference, associate pastor of Perkiomenville Mennonite Church, founder of Love Upper Perk, and director of Bike and Sol (a community bicycle shop). He has a wife, Heather; two children, Rowan and Ashlyn; two basset hound puppies, Clover and Daisy; and an assortment of fish. He spends time disc golfing, fishing, board gaming and playing video games online. His passion is to see the next generation do greater things in God than has been seen before.



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Adult Worship

11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.

Valencia

Title: We Love Our Neighbors

Scripture: Luke 10: 25-37



Speaker: Maribel Ramírez Hinojosa is a clinical psychologist in College Station, Texas. She was born in Nuevo León, México and immigrated to central California in the 1980's where she and her family joined a Mennonite church. Her Anabaptist

upbringing and her training as a marriage and family therapist and clinical psychologist were instrumental in developing her passion for peace and justice. Maribel works with children, couples and families with varying mental health issues. Her goal is to help patients achieve a better state of being in order to arrive at an improved state of functioning. Maribel enjoys volunteering with Mennonite organizations and with organizations that promote music and the arts. She and her husband, Felipe, have two children, Samuel and Ariana, who keep them very busy. They enjoy traveling, dancing and laughing together.

SNAP Survivor Support Group

1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

If you are trying to understand and cope with the impact of sexual harm on your life, you are welcome to join this confidential, independent self-help support group meeting led by SNAP-trained survivors of sexual abuse. Open to all survivors of all genders and their loved ones. Sponsored by the Anabaptist-Mennonite Chapter of SNAPnetwork.org and OurStoriesUntold.com. Call or text 540-214-8874 to get the nearby off-site location of meeting and more info.

Future Church Summit

1:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

Valencia

Featured Seminar

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

GenerationTech

Crystal Washington

1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Chapin Theater

Faith leaders are tasked with continually adding value for existing members while consistently attracting new members. Millennials don't see organized religion in the same light as their predecessors. In an increasingly digital world, busy Gen Xers demand efficiency, often by way of technology. Meanwhile, Boomer and Traditionalist members

want the face-to-face and tangible interactions that are the hallmark of building a strong, loving faith community. How do you juggle these groups? In this high-energy workshop, leaders will discover how to create interactive experiences that appeal across generations and cultures, reinforce lessons and turn members into advocates.

Adult Seminar

1:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Adult Mental Health First Aid - Round 2

Kevin Farmwald

230B

Mental Health First Aid is an eight-hour course that introduces participants to risk factors and warning signs of mental health concerns, builds understanding of their impact and overviews common treatments. The program supports early detection and intervention by teaching participants about the signs and symptoms of specific illnesses like anxiety, depression, schizophrenia, bipolar disorder, eating disorders and addictions. Participants are introduced to local mental health resources, national organizations, support groups and online tools for mental health and addictions treatment and support.



READING THE BIBLE WITH JESUS



Jesus' approach to Scripture has much to teach us about interpreting the Bible.

Bryan Moyer Suderman can help your congregation explore how Jesus used Scripture in a 2–3 day study of one Gospel, including teaching, conversation, prayer and listening to the Holy Spirit.

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Adult Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Overplayed: A Parent's Guide to Sanity in the World of Youth Sports

David King

232C

Based on his recent book by the same title, Dave King will explore the impact of youth sports on families and congregations and explore appropriate responses by parents and church leaders.

Chairing a Board: Art and Science

Rick Stiffney and Jim Alvarez

230C

This seminar will explain wise practices in giving leadership to a board of directors, including elements of skill, sensitivity and good sensibility. Presenters will draw on a broad range of experiences in serving on and consulting with nonprofit boards.

Restorative Justice and Juvenile Delinquency

Will Gonzalez

221D

In California, restorative justice practices significantly reduced recidivism and improved restitution rates. Some states are now discovering that by intervening in the lives of juveniles earlier in the criminal justice process the cycle of persistent criminal behavior can be mitigated. These findings also lead to an inquiry of whether restorative justice practices could be used earlier in educational institutions before youth become entangled in the juvenile justice system.

Intergenerational Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Here to Stay: A Radical Welcome

Elsa Goossen and Luz Varela

232B

Join past and current volunteers with Mennonite Voluntary Service for a discussion on what it means to be a community of faith that welcomes the immigrant in the midst of this political trend of exclusion. We will explore the root causes of migration, share stories from our current work experiences, talk about our collective responsibility to welcome our neighbors and offer ideas as to how we can become communities of openness, empathy and hospitality.

Hospitality that Points to Jesus

Margaret De Jong

231C

Are we using experiences of hospitality to point people to our hope in Jesus?

Understanding the Jesus Muslims Love

Jacqueline Hoover

231B

Explore the Jesus that Muslims love, discuss similarities and differences with the Christian view of Jesus and think through a response that is loving toward our Muslim neighbor and faithful to the way of Christ.

Joining the Holy Spirit in Mission

Jamie Pitts

231A

How can we join in with the Holy Spirit?

Resonate: Tending the Church's Voice

Benjamin Bergey, Emily Grimes and Bradley Kauffman

230D

Come, join the conversation about hopes for a new denominational worship and song collection. The Mennonite Worship and Song Committee welcomes your participation as they work to develop a collection to succeed Hymnal: A Worship Book, Sing the Journey, and Sing the Story. Share your insights and hear an update on the committee's progress.

Youth Seminars

1:30 – 2:30 p.m.

Creative Prayer Practice

Michele Hershberger

315B

Join others in doing prayer — using symbols, art, props and our bodies in ways that create liminal space. Let these prayer practices provide a new opening for the Spirit to work in you!

Bananas Aren't Only For Eating (Sometimes Known as Team-Building)

Olivia Bartel

224C

Experience various team-building activities for most ages, and most physical abilities.

Values-based
LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

Values-based Leadership Program is a leadership training course rooted in an Anabaptist perspective. Find more info at vblp.org

Mennonites and the Police

Joe Miller

315A

This workshop will be led by Joe Miller, who has served for the past 12 years as the volunteer chaplain for the East Lampeter Township Police Department in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania. He also serves as the lead pastor of Mellinger Mennonite Church. Workshop participants will wrestle with the theology and practical reality of these questions: Can we faithfully remain true to Jesus' call for being peacemakers and serve as a police officer? What is our witness to police officers who attend our churches? Can we allow police officers to become members of our Mennonite congregations? Other police chaplains are encouraged to attend and share their stories.

Ambassadors of the Kingdom: How Do I Stay Rooted in Christ Yet Build Friendships Daily?

Scott Roth

314A

You know the phrase, "In the world not of it." How do we really do that? How do you follow Christ and build friendships with those that do not? Come and let's engage this crazy concept of being ambassadors for Christ.

Stepping Up: Love Into Action

Sarah Thompson

224H

Anyone can take action for peace and justice — in schools or on the street. In this interactive workshop, learn how to step up for justice in any environment. Christian Peacemaker Teams builds partnerships to transform violence and oppression around the world.

Adult Seminars

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

The Automation Equation: Leverage Technology for Efficiency, Relationship-Building and Focusing on Real Priorities!

Crystal Washington

232B

Faith leaders are often left wishing for more hours in the day to serve members, grow their ministries and take care of personal obligations. Inventive leaders understand that utilizing technology — including social media, Google and key apps — is the only way to increase efficiency while improving outreach efforts. In this fun and high-energy program, you will discover how to ride the wave of technology and change to organizational growth and more rest and relaxation!

Come and See: The Struggle for a Just Peace in Israel/Palestine

Joy Lapp

232A

This seminar will focus on the current situation in Israel and Palestine through reports from participants on recent Mennonite "Come and See" tours. After presenting the reality on the ground, we will discuss the "Kairos Palestine Document," which is a call from Palestinian Christians to the Christian church worldwide to hear their suffering and join their nonviolent struggle for justice. We will close with a discussion of the question of how Mennonites might act for justice in cooperation with their Palestinian sisters and brothers.

Your Church's Welcome: Attracting and Including

Ed Bontrager

231A

We will look at how your church can really be "visitor friendly," show true hospitality and reduce anxiety for first-time guests. We will also look at the glue factors that help newcomers feel good about becoming a vital part of your church. A resource will be introduced: "Revitalize Now," a collection of 101 resources for your congregation, compiled by the seminar leader.

Yes, Women Plant Churches, Too!

Mauricio Chenlo and Garifuna women church planters

230C

How can women use their natural gifts to build relationships and initiate conversations about faith?

Spiritual Resilience in Hard Times

Sarah Augustine

221D

Many of us strive for a sense of balance as we are bombarded with messages encouraging us to make equal room for faith, family, work, peacemaking/activism and other obligations. Yet for many of us, "balance" is elusive, especially during times of difficulty. This workshop will explore finding spiritual groundedness during hard times by responding to Jesus' radical call to fullness of life.

Youth Seminars

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Are You Smarter Than Your Phone? Learning from Our Plain Cousins about Relationships and Technology

Gerald J. Mast

315B

Like every other human tool, from axes to automobiles, our communication technologies both help and hurt us. In this seminar we will explore how digital devices both strengthen and undermine human relationships. Borrowing ideas from media research and plain Anabaptist churches — like the Amish and the Hutterites — we will discuss practical ideas such as screen sabbaths and device-free zones for loving our families, friends and neighbors well with our smart phone choices.

People on the Move: A Migration Exercise

Tammy Alexander, Saulo Padilla

315A

Get up! Feel what it's like to be a person on the move, a migrant moving from place to place. This seminar will help you understand the migrant experience through an exercise that will move you around the room.

Know Your Neighbor: It's a Small World After All

Rebecca Burkholder, Blaine Derstine, Jes Stoltzfus Buller

314B

Peacebuilding undergirds all of MCC's work, but what does that look like in real-life situations? In Asia, MCC works to build relationships between different religious groups, including Muslims, Christians, Hindus, Buddhists and others — much like the diversity we see in our hallways and classrooms at school. Come find out how peacebuilding can be applied to your neighbor next door, or across the world!

Your Brain on Tech

Kevin Wilder

240D

Kevin will lead a panel discussion on technology and its effect on imagination, intimacy and identity. We will look at the positive, negative and changes. You can bring your phone to help with the discussion.

Love and Discipleship: The Beauty and Brokenness

Rebekah DeJong, Paul Peters

232C

The experience of love as a feeling may be familiar, but as a verb — an action — it has the ability to draw people together and at times to become misinterpreted and unintentionally damaging. Love can often be practiced by living in intentional community, through the study of God's word, participating in service projects, international adventure and cross-cultural experiences. Through the lens

of CMU's Outtatown Discipleship School and Conrad Grebel University College's focus on peacebuilding, we will explore ways in which discipleship can be an act of love and how we can minimize the unintentional damage or negative impact it can have. Through storytelling, videos and practical exercises, come and explore the journey of encountering God's love through discipleship.

Sexualization and Healthy Sexuality: There's a Big Difference

Melody Pannell

230D

Sexualization through objectification is foisted on girls and boys from the outside (e.g. media, popular culture) while healthy sexuality and bodily integrity is cultivated within, aided by honest and intentional conversations in contexts that provide safety and support. We will look at trends that objectify our bodies and provide an interactive format for conversations about body consciousness and positive sexuality.

Mine, Ours and Yours: Taking Care of Stuff

Nancy Heisey

224H

Stuff — we all have it. Is it ours? Let's talk about gifts we've received from God and others and how we care for and share them.

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Follow Me

Del Hershberger

222A

What does costly discipleship mean? How can you be a radical disciple of Jesus?

Youth Leader Seminar

3:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Autism Spectrum in the Youth Group

Kathleen Nofziger Yeakey

224F

What do we do when someone in the youth group or class is on the autism spectrum? Learn about spiritual formation and autism, with strategies to strengthen and increase accessibility and inclusiveness for everyone.

MennoTalks

Global & Local Peacemaking

4:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m.

F4

Our Confession of Faith states, "We believe that peace is the will of God. ... Led by the Holy Spirit, we follow Christ in the way of peace, doing justice, bringing reconciliation, and practicing nonresistance even in the face of violence and warfare." How do we live into our witness as a historic peace church?

Presenters: Ben Carlson, David Jost, Sarah Thompson, Thomas Dunn, Nathan Grieser, Hugo Saucedo

Adult Seminars

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

Creating a Circle of Love in the Congregation

Kathleen Nofziger Yeakey

231B

Learn how to set up a supportive care group in the congregation to meet the needs of a family or individual touched by disability. Learn methods to share the supportive care for the one so that none are overwhelmed or burdened.

A Restorative Approach to Broken Boundaries in Congregational Life: A Social Work Perspective

Melody Pannell

230C

The church is called to be a place of healing and hope. It is a place where we practice discipleship and spiritual formation. It is a place where we are encouraged to develop strong relational bonds and interpersonal skills that increase our capacity for building community and actively engaging in congregational life. However, what happens when those sacred bonds are abused through mistrust, betrayal and broken boundaries? Learn how to discuss these realities within our congregations in a productive manner as we address issues of power, conflict and harm through a therapeutic and restorative approach.

The Church in Healthy Relationship with the Ummah

Jonathan Bornman

224H

More than ever before, North American Jesus followers find themselves neighbors to growing Muslim communities. Get equipped for a life-giving relationship with your Muslim neighbors through dialogue, witness, peacemaking and hospitality. Develop a plan to implement these in your community!

Intergenerational Seminar

4:30 – 5:30 p.m.

In the News and in Our Prayers

MCC Staff

232C

Here's a chance to engage a world or national issue that is new or whose visibility has grown since convention seminars were assigned. Come for input from and discussion facilitated by Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) staff. For topic information, visit MCC's exhibit.

Changing the Way the Church Views Racism

Drew Hart

230D

Police brutality. Mass incarceration. Stereotypes. Poverty. Everyday acts of racism. Popular blogger and theologian Dr. Drew Hart will challenge participants to move beyond our thin definitions of racism and towards a thicker conception that recognizes both its individual and societal dimensions. Hart is known for weaving together accessible and everyday personal stories with antiracism theory and Christian theology. In doing so, he unveils how sentiments of white exceptionalism and racialized ideology creep into our lives and unconsciously distort God's desire for both the church and society. While there is no quick fix for tackling racism, Hart will provide concrete practices for Christians committed to the journey of struggling for racial justice in the Way of Jesus.

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Looking for Truth in a Fake News World

Marathana Prothro

231A

Headlines, that is. Have you ever clicked on a tantalizing title or headline only to find out you were completely misled? In a world of alternative facts, click bait and fake news, it's increasingly difficult to discover and recognize truth in online content. We'll explore the ways this trend destroys community and keeps us from living into the fullness of God's kingdom. This interactive seminar will test your ability to spot fake news and offer tips on how to make sure the content you consume and share online is more real than fake.

Solving Differences at School and Home Peacefully!

Brother Frank Albrecht

222A

Differences are natural and can be very life-giving! Win-win situations should be encouraged in all agreements. Youth are practicing now for how they will relate to their future spouses and children. Come to this workshop and learn practical, peaceful strategies to put immediately into action. This is a necessary workshop for all relationships!

Walking in Someone Else's Shoes

Jonathan Brenneman

240B

Come join us for this simulation to see what happens when two teenagers — one Palestinian, one Israeli — are caught in the same act of throwing stones at a vehicle.

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Should I Be Afraid of Muslims? What Muslims Believe and How to Respond in Ways That Are Truly Christian

Stephen “Tig” Intagliata and Phil Birkey

232B

There is much fear and suspicion of Muslims in our country, largely fueled by terrorist activity carried out in the world by groups that identify as Islamic. This workshop will help you better understand Muslim beliefs (i.e. the five pillars of Islam) and address stereotypes and attitudes towards Muslims that are common in our society today. There will be stories of what churches and Christians are doing to break down barriers and share hospitality with Muslims in our country, along with photos and reflections from the presenter from his recent travels to the Middle East.



Transitioning into Ministry (TiM) is a formational experience for a cohort of beginning pastors and their congregations. Read more here: MennoniteUSA.org/tim

Youth Worship

7:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Chapin Theater

Title: Extending love beyond: God's church unleashed

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16 and 1 John 4:7-12



Speaker: Remilyn Mondez, from the Philippines, was one of the Young Anabaptist speakers at the 2015 Mennonite World Conference Assembly in Pennsylvania. She spoke about Walking in Conflict Reconciliation, sharing about

her personal childhood experiences on church conflict. She was an International Visitors' Exchange Program (IVEP) participant of Mennonite Central Committee in 2004 and was the Philippine delegate to the Global Youth Summit in Asuncion, Paraguay in 2009. She works as an assistant professor in English and Communication and is currently pursuing a doctoral degree in Communication Studies. She is a writer of academic books and journal articles and loves traveling.

Future Church Summit

7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

Valencia

Evening Activities

Family Night Activity — Movie Night

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

331A

Families are invited to gather for a movie. Bring pillows and blankets and enjoy a relaxing time watching a movie together.

"The Sultan and the Saint"

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

Jonathan Bornman

F4

This premier showing of "The Sultan and the Saint" is a unique opportunity to learn the story of St. Francis of Assisi, who crossed battle lines to meet with Sultan Al-Kamil. Their meeting is recorded in both Muslim and Christian sources and is an early example of interfaith dialogue. Following the 60-minute film, Jonathan Bornman and a Muslim dialogue partner will discuss the film and then open to questions and discussion from the audience.

Mennonite Creation Care Gathering

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

232A

Come connect with others passionate about creation care. We welcome you whether your interest is sustainable business or sustainable gardening; greening churches or greening children; wildlife management or simple living; standing with Standing Rock or standing on ladders retrofitting leaky buildings. Learn about inspiring Green Patchwork congregations and the visionary Watershed Way movement.

Menno-PIN Gathering

9:15 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

231C

Menno-PIN (the Mennonite Palestine-Israel Network) Needs You! Want to help make peace in a troubled land? Here's your chance! Bring your hopes, questions, ideas, suggestions and, above all, your passion!

Panic Squad

9:15 p.m. - 11:15 p.m.

Chapin Theater

The Panic Squad performs improvised comedy — spontaneous humor that is crafted around audience participation. It's just like television's "Whose Line Is It Anyway" but totally clean! The Panic Squad proves that comedy can be completely clean AND exceptionally funny. The Panic Squad combines exceptional comedic talent, a love for entertaining and commitment to excellence to create a high-quality, professional show that will have you buckled over with laughter. Don't miss this hilarious, interactive, fast-paced comedy show!

Generating and Responding: Open Discussion with Church Leaders

9:30 p.m. - 10:45 p.m.

230C

Young adults: Come to discuss, share and learn from Mennonite Church USA conference leaders. Refreshments provided.

Farewell Night Out

11:00 p.m.

230C

Young adults: meet outside 230C to join friends for a night out on the town to celebrate convention.

AT A GLANCE Saturday, July 8

6:30 - 7:30 a.m.	Morning Run	Meet in the lobby of your hotel
7:30 - 8:15 a.m.	Zumba	Hall E1
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Valencia

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Service Is Not Just for Kids

Del Hershberger and SOOP alumni

232A

Explore life-long inspirational service opportunities for all ages.

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James Krabill

224H

Take a look at worship and mission for the church today.

A Mennonite Girl From Harlem: Transforming Self and Society

Melody Pannell

224D

In the 1950's Eastern Mennonite Board of Missions, through Lancaster Mennonite Conference, planted several churches throughout the boroughs of New York City. Seventh Avenue Mennonite Church, located in the heart of Harlem, was one of the first mission churches to flourish through this outreach effort. My father, Richard W. Pannell, was the first African-American pastor to be licensed in this conference. I was born into this unique congregation where black and white, rural and urban, intertwined and wrestled with the practical theology of Anabaptist values, norms and beliefs.

Come with me on a journey to explore how this “dichotomy of communities” became a cultural framework in my process of transforming self and society.

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How To Do College Right (The First Time)

Jason Samuel

314B

College is more than going to class and getting good grades — although that helps. It's probably the first time you won't have family around while you live your life. Now it's all up to you to do the grades thing while making friends, having fun, staying healthy and not screwing up so badly that you have to do it over again. In the end finishing strong is what matters. In this session I'll share with you what I learned from 10 years of going to college and teaching it for 14.

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David W. Shenk
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Jes Stoltzfus Buller
224E

What does it mean to be part of a peace church and how does that affect our daily decisions? Can we have guns? Support the military? Protest the government? We all have different definitions of how Jesus calls us be peacemakers in our world. Bring your ideas and beliefs to a healthy and respectful conversation with others about this hard topic!

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Chapin Theater

Title: Live out God's love

Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20

Speaker: Worship Leaders

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11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Valencia

Title: As You Go ... Love

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Speaker: Drew G. I. Hart is a professor at Messiah College in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania, with 10 years of pastoral experience. He has been regularly dialoguing with both Black and/or Anabaptist communities on matters of faith,

community and ethics. Through both personal experience and academic research, he has explored the intersections of Black faith and Anabaptism. His recent book published by Herald Press, *Trouble I've Seen: Changing the Way the Church Views Racism*, utilizes compelling everyday stories, Jesus-shaped theological ethics and anti-racism frameworks to transform the church's witness in society. Drew's blog, "Taking Jesus Seriously," is hosted at The Christian Century, and he speaks regularly in churches, colleges and conferences. Drew and his family live in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



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Delegate Assembly Session

Schedule for Official Business

Thursday, July 6 12:00 noon—4:00 p.m.

- a. Opening, welcome of guests, committee and table introductions (30 min.)
- b. Roll call, explanation of group process and affirmation of group covenant (30 min.)
- c. Adoption of agenda and special rules for this meeting, intro to business (30 min.)
- d. Break (30 min.)
- e. Voting on ballot, Resolution on Israel/Palestine, any other business (120 min.)

Future Church Summit (see full schedule on pgs 90-93)

Saturday, July 8 10:00 a.m.—11:00 a.m.

- f. Action on Future Church Summit (30 min.)
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Delegate Assembly Leaders



Moderator: Patricia Shelly

Newton, Kansas, Bethel College Mennonite Church, Western District Conference.

Patty is professor of Bible and religion at Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas. She is an ordained pastor and has served on the Executive Board for 12 years.



Moderator-elect: David Boshart

Wellman, Iowa, Wellman Mennonite Church, Central Plains Mennonite Conference.

David is Executive Conference Minister for Central Plains Conference and has served on the Executive Board for 10 years. Previously David served as a pastor for more than 25 years.



Executive Director: Ervin Stutzman

Harrisonburg, Virginia, Park View Mennonite Church, Virginia Mennonite Conference.

Prior to serving as Executive Director, Ervin was the Dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary. He previously served as Moderator of Mennonite Church USA and as a member of the Executive Board. Prior to that, he served as a pastor, overseer and mission administrator.

Assembly Secretary: Bill Zuercher

Bill is a volunteer for Hesston College and Western District and South Central conferences, serving as ministry coordinator for the latter. Bill has served as recording secretary for eight Delegate Assemblies and continues in the same capacity for the Constituency Leaders Council.

Co-parliamentarians:

Phil Y. Bailey. Phil is the Head of School and Principal at Calvary Christian Academy, Hampton, Virginia. Previously Phil served as an administrative leader at Potomac Lighthouse Public Charter School in Washington, D.C., as well as an attorney in the Bureau of Competition at the Federal Trade Commission.

Ed Diller. Ed is the Partner-in-Charge of the Cincinnati office of the law firm Taft Stettinius & Hollister LLP. Ed previously served as moderator of Mennonite Church USA and was on the Executive Board from 2007 to 2011. He was a board member and vice-chair of Mennonite Education Agency from 2001-2007.

Listening Committee:

Nisha Springer, Plano, Texas,
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Tina Begay, Bloomfield, New Mexico
Charlotte Hardt, Mount Vernon,
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Stephen Kriss, Philadelphia,
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Terry Zehr, Lowville, New York

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Seeking Peace in Israel and Palestine: A Resolution for Mennonite Church USA

For consideration by the Delegate Assembly at Orlando 2017

But they shall all sit under their own vines and under their own fig trees, and no one shall make them afraid. – Micah 4.4

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. – Matthew 5.9

1 Summary

2 *As followers of Jesus and his gospel of reconciliation, we long for peace, security, and the well-*
3 *being of all people living in Israel and Palestine.*

4 *We have heard the cry for justice of Palestinians, especially those living under oppressive military*
5 *occupation for fifty years. We are also acutely aware of antisemitism and violence inflicted upon*
6 *Jews in the past and the present. The suffering of these two groups has too often been set against*
7 *the other. We recognize, rather, that the legacy of Jewish suffering is intertwined with the*
8 *suffering of Palestinians.*

9 *In this situation, there are Palestinians and Jews who work for justice and peace for all, rejecting*
10 *violence and oppression. We are blessed to count them as partners and seek to support them and*
11 *learn from them.*

12 *We confess that we, as Mennonites, as Christians, and as Americans, bear some responsibilities*
13 *for the injustice and violence that both peoples have experienced historically and currently.*

14 *We commit ourselves to take active and specific steps to redress these harms. On one hand, we*
15 *will oppose military occupation and seek a just peace in Israel and Palestine; on the other, we will*
16 *seek deeper relationships with Jewish communities and actively oppose antisemitism.*

Resolution

As followers of Jesus and his gospel of reconciliation, we long for peace, security, justice, and flourishing of all people living in Israel-Palestine, including Jews, Christians, and Muslims.¹

We have heard the cry of Palestinian Christians including *Kairos Palestine, A moment of truth: A word of faith, hope and love from the heart of Palestinian suffering*. The Palestinian people have suffered injustices, violence, and humiliation, including the Crusades, colonialism, and since 1967, life under Israeli military occupation² and in refugee camps throughout the Middle East. The Jewish people have suffered violence, often at the hands of western Christians, including the Inquisition, pogroms, and the atrocities of the Holocaust. Jews continue to experience antisemitism and violence in many countries today.³

The suffering of these two groups has too often been set one against the other. We recognize, rather, that the legacy of Jewish suffering is intertwined with the suffering of Palestinians. Palestinians have often borne the consequences of persecution of Jews. The longing for a secure Jewish state and hostility to Jews resulted in many Jews fleeing to Palestine and establishing the state of Israel. They displaced hundreds of thousands of Palestinians, who remain refugees, and failed to provide genuine equality for those who remained. The continued threat to the security of Jewish people around the world has been used to justify the oppressive military occupation of the West Bank and Gaza since 1967.⁴

As U.S. citizens, as Christians, and as Mennonites, we share responsibility in the harms done to Jews and Palestinians. In the two sections that follow, this resolution calls us to address both military occupation and antisemitism. As we acknowledge our own complicity in this web of violence, injustice, and suffering, we will strive, by God's grace, to take concrete steps to address these wrongs.

Opposing Military Occupation and Seeking a Just Peace

Mennonites have been present in Israel-Palestine for more than 65 years, responding to humanitarian need, supporting sustainable development, advocating for justice, supporting reconciliation, and nurturing long-standing relationships.

We hear our Palestinian and Israeli partners in peacemaking tell us that fifty years of Israeli military occupation is a major contributor to the cycle of violence between Israelis and Palestinians. Occupation includes land confiscation, rapidly expanding Israeli settlements, home demolitions, checkpoints, walls, travel restrictions, extended administrative detention, arrest of children, and extra-judicial killings.

We hear the call from both Jews and Palestinians to have a state that affirms their peoplehood and history and that protects their unique cultures, civil rights, freedoms, security, and dignity. We recognize that for many Jews the state of Israel in its 1967 borders offers these protections. We recognize that Palestinians

¹ In this resolution, the term "Israel-Palestine" refers to the areas of the present-day state of Israel and the occupied Palestinian territories.

² "Israeli military occupation" refers to the Israeli military control of Palestinian territory seized by Israel in 1967, consisting of the West Bank, including East Jerusalem, and the Gaza Strip. (Though Israel pulled troops out of the Gaza Strip in 2005, the United Nations and human rights organizations such as Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch consider Gaza occupied territory because Israel exercises effective control of the area through control of borders, military incursions, and other means.)

³ Antisemitism refers to the discrimination against, violence toward, or stereotypes of Jews for being Jewish.

⁴ This resolution addresses harms past and present to the Jewish community worldwide and also specific policies of the Israeli government. Though many Jews feel a strong connection to the state of Israel, it is not accurate to identify or equate the Jewish people with the Israeli government.

do not have these protections either in the state of Israel, in the Palestinian territories, or in refugee camps.

Both Israelis and Palestinians have used violence in their effort to achieve security for their own group. Some Palestinians have turned to violence to seek their freedom. We recognize that many Israelis see themselves as a minority in a hostile region. In response, Israel has developed the strongest military in the region, is the largest recipient of U.S. military aid in the world, and controls many aspects of Palestinian life. Yet Israelis continue to feel threatened and under attack. Violence has not been effective for either Palestinians or Israelis and threatens to dehumanize and corrupt both communities.

But there are also Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers who reject violence and militarism, resist injustice without weapons, and take great risks to work for a just peace. They believe that security cannot be achieved for one group without security for all others living in the region. They reduce fear, heal traumas, and build bridges. This helps create the context for genuine and fair negotiations. As Mennonite followers of Jesus, the Prince of Peace, we are inspired and challenged by these partners.

In our own nation, we are mindful of historic and systemic injustices and the ways some of us have benefited from and are complicit in these wrongs, including the forced removal of indigenous people from their land, the legacy of slavery and racism, and a broken immigration system. While the history and dynamics of each injustice are unique, the work for justice in any one place is linked to the work for justice everywhere. We continue to be called to name and address our part in harms at home, in Israel-Palestine, and throughout the world.

Confession and Lament

As Western Christians, Mennonites, and U.S. citizens, we confess and lament the ways we have supported the military occupation, which has grievously harmed and traumatized the Palestinian people and has not served the well-being and long-term security of Israelis:

- Failing to adequately understand the harms done to Palestinians in the creation of the state of Israel, as second-class citizens of Israel,⁵ and under Israel's military occupation
- Failing to understand the dramatic power imbalance experienced by Palestinians living under Israeli military occupation
- Being too slow to relate to Palestinian Christians as part of the body of Christ
- Embracing or tolerating Christian Zionist theology, which too often has disregarded the well-being of Palestinian people⁶
- Accepting negative stereotypes of Palestinians, especially those based on anti-Muslim and anti-Arab biases
- Not adequately supporting both Palestinian and Israeli peacemakers, who reject violence and choose the creative and courageous path of active non-violence
- Contributing tax dollars to the \$3.8 billion of annual U.S. military aid to Israel, some of which undergirds the military occupation, and failing to challenge U.S. government support for the military occupation
- Benefiting from companies that are actively participating in the occupation.

⁵ Israel includes Jewish and Palestinian citizens. Israel's population is 20% Palestinian. When this resolution refers to Israelis, it includes this often forgotten minority. This does not refer to Palestinians living under occupation, who do not have Israeli citizenship.

⁶ Christian Zionist theology advocates the gathering of the Jews in Biblical Israel, typically as a prerequisite for the Second Coming of Jesus, and that Christians should support the state of Israel.

Commitments

Partnering with Palestinian and Israeli Peacemakers: We commit to continue to learn from, partner with, and pray for Palestinian and Israeli groups and individuals working for peace with justice. We applaud individuals and groups who organize nonviolent protests and movements, refuse military service, and build bridges across divisions.

Understanding the Realities of Occupation: We encourage Mennonite congregations and area conferences to learn about the situation, including studying *Kairos Palestine*. We urge our members who travel to Israel-Palestine to seek out diverse Palestinian and Israeli voices to better understand their experiences and perspectives.

Engaging Christian Zionism: We urge pastors, teachers, and appropriate church agencies to engage Christian Zionism within our own church and in the broader American Christian community, encouraging Christian Zionists to enter into conversation and relationship with our Palestinian Christian partners and, as followers of Jesus, to pursue a nonviolent, inclusive, and just vision for Jewish and Palestinian coexistence in the Holy Land.

Advocating with the U.S. Government: We urge members, congregations and denominational offices of Mennonite Church USA to advocate with the U.S. government to end military aid and arms sales in the region, and to support measures that pressure Israel to freeze settlement construction, respect the civil rights of Palestinian citizens of Israel and the rights of refugees, end the occupation, and work for a just peace in accordance with international law.

Avoiding Economic Support for Occupation while Investing in Peace and Justice: As people who seek to follow Jesus in daily life, we know that how we spend and invest our money is an important part of our faith life. Concerns about simplicity, fair trade, and sustainability guide our individual and institutional purchasing decisions. We urge individuals and congregations to avoid the purchase of products associated with acts of violence or policies of military occupation, including items produced in settlements. Likewise, Mennonites have spent years developing investment strategies that reflect our deepest convictions. We want to invest in peace with justice, not to profit or benefit from the suffering of others. We ask Everence, on behalf of Mennonite Church USA, to periodically convene representatives of Mennonite related organizations and agencies involved in the region, in order to share counsel and review investment practices for the purpose of withdrawing investments from companies that are profiting from the occupation. We urge all Mennonite Church USA agencies, related organizations, and members to similarly review their investments.

Strengthening Relationships with Muslim and Palestinian-American communities: Recognizing the growing anti-Muslim and anti-Arab prejudice within our culture, we commit to strengthening our relationships with Muslim communities, educating ourselves about our similarities and differences, and working for equality, tolerance, and acceptance of Moslems in our society.

106 **Opposing Antisemitism and Seeking Right Relationship with Jewish Communities**

107 Both Mennonites and Jews have had the experience of being religious minorities in western Christian
108 contexts. During the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries, Catholic and Protestant leaders persecuted
109 both Mennonites and Jewish people. At times, Mennonites and Jews were neighbors as they were given
110 refuge by tolerant authorities. Nonetheless, in many settings Mennonites adopted the negative attitudes
111 of the prevailing Christian culture towards our Jewish neighbors.

112 **Confession and Lament**

113 As Western Christians, Mennonites, and U.S. citizens, we confess and lament the ways we have
114 participated in harms against Jewish people:

- 115 • Failing to do the hard work of examining our participation in antisemitic belief and practice
- 116 • Bearing complicity in the Holocaust that killed six million Jews, failing to respond to Jewish
117 refugees fleeing Europe, and failing to fully examine the historic record of Mennonite complicity
118 in these atrocities
- 119 • Ignoring the gravity of ongoing antisemitism and acts of violence against Jewish people
- 120 • Failing to recognize how these past and present threats contribute to the need for security for
121 Jewish people
- 122 • Neglecting to build relationships with Jewish representatives and communities in the United
123 States and to recognize diverse expressions of their hopes and fears
- 124 • Failing to understand the significance of the state of Israel for many Jewish people and the
125 diversity of perspectives and understandings among Jews related to Israel and Zionism.

126 **Commitments**

127 ***Examining the Legacy of Antisemitism:*** Mennonite Church USA staff have raised seed money and initiated
128 plans for several conferences in the next biennium on topics including Mennonite involvement in the
129 Holocaust and how we read scripture in light of the Holocaust. We affirm these efforts and encourage
130 Mennonite schools and agencies to consider similar initiatives. We request that sponsors of each event
131 record and share findings within Mennonite Church USA and with Mennonite World Conference to
132 explore ways we might continue to address antisemitism in our tradition.

133 ***Building Relationships with Jewish Communities***

- 134 • We call on Mennonites to cultivate relationships with Jewish representatives and bodies in the
135 U.S.
- 136 • We encourage area conferences to commission at least one congregation to reach out to a local
137 synagogue in their community to build relationships, listen deeply to their experiences, and learn
138 from them.
- 139 • We encourage Mennonites to build relationships and partnerships with Jewish groups and
140 individuals in the U.S. who pursue their calling to social justice and peacemaking.
- 141 • As we cultivate relationships with Jewish communities in the U.S. and Israel we will be attentive
142 to and seek a deeper understanding of the diverse perspectives that Jewish people have of the
143 state of Israel and Zionism.

144 **Prayer and Action**

145 We commit ourselves to 'pray without ceasing' (1 Thessalonians 5.17) for all people in Israel-Palestine,
146 especially for those impacted by violence and those working for peace, even as we take concrete steps to
147 examine our own complicity in injustices past and present.

148 We request that a report on the activities related to this resolution be submitted to the next Mennonite
149 Church USA delegate assembly

1 Clarifications

- 2 1. **Why should Mennonite Church USA be involved in Israel-Palestine?** As Mennonites, Christians, and
 3 U.S. citizens, we are already involved in both helpful and harmful ways. The appeal of Palestinian
 4 Christian brothers and sisters challenges us to pray and work for peace with justice in that land. A
 5 history of antisemitism, especially among Western Christians, compels us to wrestle with our role in
 6 the origins and perpetuation of this injustice and conflict. As citizens of the United States, whose
 7 government provides massive financial, military, and political support for the state of Israel and its
 8 policies of occupation, we feel a particular responsibility for the ongoing suffering. Finally, conflict in
 9 that small area contributes to mistrust and violence throughout the region and beyond. Our
 10 commitment to the Prince of Peace beckons us to strive for God's justice and peace for all the people
 11 of this region.
- 12 2. **How did this resolution develop?** A resolution on Israel-Palestine was brought to delegates at the
 13 Mennonite Church USA assembly in Kansas City in 2015. Delegates tabled that resolution, asking that
 14 it be revised, and called for a period of learning and discernment as we seek to support Palestinian
 15 and Israeli peacemakers. Through numerous drafts, a three-person writing committee prepared this
 16 resolution in consultation with a diverse, ten-person reference group and tested this resolution with
 17 a range of Palestinian, Israeli, and Jewish partners.
- 18 3. **What is *Kairos Palestine*?** *Kairos Palestine* was prepared and distributed in 2009 by a broad group of
 19 Palestinian Christian leaders including Catholic, Orthodox, Anglicans, Lutherans, and Evangelicals. This
 20 document is especially compelling to Mennonites because of its deep commitment to Jesus' way of
 21 love even in the face of great suffering and severe injustice. It includes a call for economic boycotts
 22 and divestment from companies that support the occupation of the West Bank and Gaza. It affirms
 23 that only a nonviolent resistance based on love of enemy and a repudiation of revenge can lead to
 24 just peace and reconciliation.
- 25 4. **Have Mennonites supported using financial pressure for the cause of justice and peace on other**
 26 **matters?** As people who seek to follow Jesus in daily life, Mennonites have long sought to practice
 27 our faith in our economic activities. Refusal to buy war bonds, for example, was a principled and costly
 28 decision for Mennonites in decades past. Mennonites have been at the forefront of developing
 29 socially- responsible investment practices. Everence, our denominational stewardship agency, has
 30 long employed investment screens that preclude profiting from military production, the alcohol
 31 industry, and companies with a record of human rights abuses. Ten Thousand Villages has been a
 32 leader in promoting fair trade purchasing, and increasingly churches and members consistently
 33 purchase fair trade coffee. In response to a denominational resolution about human trafficking and
 34 child slavery, Everence served as a primary force in leading American chocolate companies to shift
 35 towards child labor-free cocoa-sourcing, which especially impacts communities in West Africa. These
 36 are but a few of the ways in which Mennonites have sought to make responsible consumer and
 37 investment choices and use our economic power for the cause of justice and peace.
- 38 5. **What is BDS? How does this resolution relate to BDS?** The BDS Movement (boycott, divestment, and
 39 sanctions) was launched in 2005 by 170 Palestinian civil society organizations calling for economic,
 40 cultural, and academic boycotts of Israel. The appeal named three demands: an end to occupation of
 41 the West Bank and Gaza, equal rights for the Palestinian citizens of Israel, and the right of return for
 42 displaced refugees. This initiative was promoted in light of failed efforts to bring peace through
 43 negotiations or international mechanisms such as the United Nations. There are vigorous critics of
 44 BDS who raise a range of concerns. Many Palestinian Christian groups as well as some Jewish peace
 45 organizations support BDS as a nonviolent alternative to violent liberation efforts.

46 This resolution offers a unique Mennonite voice. It opposes Israeli military occupation and U.S.
 47 support while intentionally affirming the need to reach out to build stronger relationships with Jewish

communities. This resolution calls on Mennonites to apply long-standing stewardship principles and strongly affirms Palestinian and Israeli advocates of nonviolence. While the resolution does not call for a boycott of all Israeli goods or for academic or cultural boycotts, it urges Mennonites to avoid purchases and investments directly related to the military occupation of Palestinian territories.

6. **Why is it important for Mennonites to address antisemitism?** Mennonites, like most western Christians, have been parties to the antisemitism of the prevailing culture. As members of an Historic Peace Church, many Mennonites may assume that our tradition responded differently at critical historical moments. Significant scholarship, including recent research, highlights ways some Mennonites were complicit in the Holocaust. As a faith community, we have not done the hard work of examining our historic complicity or the ways antisemitism has shaped our perspectives and life, including how we read the Bible. Uncovering, confessing, and repenting for our antisemitism and historic complicity in bringing harm to Jewish people is critical for our own integrity and faithfulness. We pray it may also contribute to healing and to the cause of peace.

In recent years, Mennonite Church USA has taken small steps on this path. We have compiled a bibliography on Mennonite-Jewish relations, have acquired a grant to facilitate consultations, have encouraged an evolving alliance between Mennonite and Jewish activists and scholars for social justice around the world, and have begun exploring opportunities for more formal relations with Jewish leaders. There are individuals among us who have entered deeply into relationship with Jewish colleagues and partners. They will be valuable resources to the broader church as we continue this journey.

7. **Is this resolution consistent with the principles of Mennonite peacebuilding?** The resolution embraces a restorative justice framework, naming ways Mennonites have participated in harms and taking concrete steps to address these wrongs. The resolution pursues a "two-handed" approach, both speaking clearly against any injustice and violence and also extending a hand of understanding and relationship to all parties. We will do both, not making one conditional upon the other, even if pressed to do so. The resolution recognizes that it is difficult for injustices to be heard when there is a major power imbalance. Addressing this power imbalance is part of the work of peacemaking and reconciliation.

8. **Does this resolution advocate for a "two-state" or "one-state" solution?** This resolution does not advocate for any particular solution or any particular vision of statehood. Within both communities there are many differing ideas on this matter. Both Israeli and Palestinian people desire to live in safety and freedom and it is ultimately up to them, not Mennonites, to determine what that will look like.

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Thursday, July 6

5:00	Doors open
5:30-6:00	Opening ceremony and introduction to the process
Building community within table groups	
6:00-6:25	Building relationships within table groups <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Where are you coming from?</i> • <i>Share a story about your name.</i> • <i>Share a sincere hope for this Future Church Summit.</i>
6:25-7:00	Building community in table groups: creating a covenant of our values <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the values that will enable us to have meaningful and compassionate conversations at this table?</i>
7:00-8:00	Grounding in our faith <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Appreciative inquiry interviews</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share a story of a time when you felt the most connected within the Mennonite church. ○ Share what is most life-giving and essential for you in being an Anabaptist. • <i>Table group discussion: What really stood out for you from these stories?</i> → Input to Theme Team: Please identify compelling insights describing what is most life-giving and essential in drawing people to this faith.

How our past has shaped us – and what this may mean for us going forward...	
8:00-8:15	Introduction
8:15-9:15	A journey through history: from the roots of Anabaptist formaton – and the past 100 years of the Mennonite church and the world <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plenary discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What were the significant Mennonite developments, decade by decade? ○ How did these intersect with developmets in the broader world? ○ What patterns do we see emerging over time? • <i>Table group discussion → Input to Theme Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the main learning points from the discussion about our history? ○ What might this mean for us going forward?
9:15-9:30	Closing <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Theme Team report: Grounding in our faith: What is most life-giving and essential?</i> • <i>Closing remarks</i> • <i>Song</i>

Friday, July 7

Acknowledging where we are; exploring how we want to be	
8:00-8:15	Opening of morning session
8:15-9:20	Revisiting our past: What do we want to affirm? What do we need to lament? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Table group discussion → Input to theme team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Revisiting our past, what do we want to affirm and take forward? ○ What do we need to lament and let go of? • <i>Plenary discussion using 'Spiral' process</i> • <i>Theme Team report</i>
9:20-10:25	Acknowledging diversity; living with differences <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Plenary discussion using 'Samoan Circle' process</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the implications of our diverse identities within our church? ○ Can we live with our differences? Do we choose to do so? • <i>Table group discussion → Input to the Theme Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the implications of having diverse identities within our church? ○ How can we be constructive in living with our differences?
10:25-10:30	Closing
11:00-12:15	Worship
12:00-1:30	Lunch
1:30-2:00	Opening of afternoon session <i>Shifting from an internal to an external focus; from the past and present to the future</i>

Friday continued

2:00-2:45	What is the world yearning for? What we can contribute as a church? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Individual reflection</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What do you perceive as central challenges in the world today? • <i>Table group discussion → Input to the Theme Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What are the key things we can collectively take action on as an Anabaptist witness in response to the world's needs?
2:45-3:00	Energizer and stretch
3:00-3:45	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Theme Team report:</i> What can we collectively prioritize as an Anabaptist witness in response to the world's needs? • <i>'Samoaan Circle' discussion</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does it mean to be a peace church in the 21st century? ○ What is our evangelism in the 21st century?
3:45-4:40	How will we follow Jesus as Anabaptists in the 21st century? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Singing and prayer</i> • <i>Personal reflections</i> • <i>Table group visioning exercise and discussion → Input to the Theme Team</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ What does it mean for us to follow Jesus as Anabaptists in the 21st century?
4:40-4:50	Energizer and stretch
4:50-5:20	What kind of church is God calling us to be? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Theme Team report</i> • <i>Spiral process:</i> Given all the things we have been discovering, what kind of church is God calling us to be?
5:20-5:30	Closing
5:30-7:00	Dinner
7:00-7:20	Opening for the evening session <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Panic Squad improv group</i> • <i>Overview of evening session</i>
7:20-8:50	World Café about Mennonite Church USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Orientation to World Café and recruiting table hosts</i> • <i>World Café Discussion</i> • <i>Theme Team report</i>
8:50-9:00	Closing

Saturday, July 8

What Kind of Church is God Calling Us to Be? Synthesizing the Summit	
8:00-8:15	Opening <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Blessing, singing and prayer</i> <i>Overview of the final session and shifting into the Delegate Assembly</i>
8:15-8:45	Coming together as Mennonite Church USA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Theme Team report from the World Café</i> <i>Table group buzz</i> <i>Samoan Circle: What are the key insights for priorities and things to address in the future development of Mennonite Church USA?</i>
9:10-9:45	Synthesizing the Summit <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Theme Team Synthesis Report: Review all the main inputs and themes generated throughout the Summit</i> <i>Conduct polls of priority messages: What are the key insights and things to address in the 'Future Church Summit Outcomes' document?</i>
9:45-10:00	Break/table swap <i>Delegates go to their assigned tables; other participants can remain in the room as observers.</i>
10:00-11:00	Closing Delegate Assembly
11:00-11:30	Doors open for adult worship
11:30-12:00	Worship

The Future Church Summit: Guidance for Table Group Dialogue

How it will work

At the center of the Future Church Summit will be the dialogue and discernment that occurs through conversation in table groups. You will be guided through a series of questions, and each group will be invited to share insights and ideas by sending them via an iPad to the Theme Team. The role of the Theme Team is to synthesize the comments coming from all of the discussions and present back a list of common themes that represent the thinking of the whole group. At the end, all participants will be able to individually express preferences on priorities through a series of electronic polls, which will be compiled in the final Future Church Summit Outcomes document.

Your table group will be self-managing. You will choose people who can serve in the roles of process facilitator, time-keeper and recorder for your table. You can switch those roles as desired throughout the Summit. We will have a pool of trained facilitators who can assist your table group if needed, as well as several technical support people who can respond if you need assistance with the iPads. Please raise the relevant sign on your table if you need help during a session – or contact the facilitation team members directly if your table is running into significant ongoing difficulties.

What you need to bring is your willingness to fully engage with the process and to be open to sharing the best of what you have to offer and to receiving the gifts of others so that together you can co-create new insights and awareness for yourselves and for the wider church.

Invitation to be present to the Holy Spirit moving within our dialogue and discernment

Engaging in the Future Church Summit will create opportunities for meaningful and creative dialogue. You are invited to be fully present to that of God in each person and to be open to the Holy Spirit manifesting through this process. This calls for being open-hearted and open-minded.

In preparation for the process and throughout, you are encouraged to be centered in the heart of your faith and in your love for each other and for the church of which you are a part, following truly in the path of Jesus Christ.

Communication: “Speak so that others want to listen; listen so that others want to speak”

Speak for ourselves. No participant represents a whole group, and we will not ask others to represent, defend or explain an entire group.

Be bold, with humility. Move beyond politeness and / or rhetoric (saying what you always say or saying what you think you should say). At the same time, please avoid making “grand statements.” Instead, connect what you know and believe to your personal experiences, influences in your life or to specific sources of information.

Listen with resilience and love, “staying present” even if you hear something that is difficult for you. Embrace it as an opportunity to practice compassion, and expand your capacity to be present for that of God within each person.

Seek to understand differences rather than to judge them.

- Avoid making assumptions about the beliefs, values and motives of others. Instead, consider the possibility of testing the assumption by asking a genuinely curious question, such as: “Can you share more about why that is important to you?”
- Is there something someone said that you want to understand better? If you ask a question, be sure it reflects genuine curiosity and is not a challenge in disguise.
- Have you heard an apparent difference that disturbed you in some way? If so, first check to see if you understood it correctly. Then you might say what was disturbing and why. Or you might ask a question that is likely to surface the values or assumptions that underlie the difference.

Be mindful of hurt. We each experience conflict in the church differently and with differing impacts. For some, the experience has been exceedingly painful. Participating in this gathering is harder for some than it is for others.

Discretion. To enable all to speak freely, commit to treating each other's contributions with care when talking about the process outside your table group. If asked to keep something completely confidential, honor the request. If your table group wishes, you can covenant to not attribute specific remarks to specific people or some other variant of confidentiality.

Self-management. Be careful to not interrupt others and be mindful of the amount of time you are speaking. Keep your points focused and short to enable others to speak.

Find pathways to a connected conversation. Aim to pick-up and weave a conversational thread when an interesting theme or idea has emerged that you would like to develop. Embrace a "yes, and..." approach to build upon ideas and thoughts offered by others. When you hear something that stirs fresh thoughts or feelings, share your learning points.

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