



MennoCon21 General Information

Information for the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) biennial conference is listed alphabetically by topic.

Accessibility services

Anabaptist Disabilities Network is offering accessibility options to make all attendees feel welcome and able to participate in event activities. Anyone who indicated a need during registration was contacted prior to convention. If you have additional needs once on-site, visit the Information Booth for available options. The Information Booth is located near the center escalators on the second floor.

Convention app

For schedules, maps, speaker information and much more, download our convention app. Search for "CrowdCompass Events" in the App Store or Google Play app store. After installing the app, search for "MennoCon21," and select it as your event. This is the best way to stay up to date with any room and schedule changes. Announcements will be shared via the app.

Children

There is no children's programming at MennoCon21. Children are expected to stay with their parent/guardian whenever they are in the convention center, including during meals.

We have designated two spaces for nursing mothers and sleeping infants. One is in the coat check room, just outside the Grand Ballroom. The other is in the coat check room on the street level, just off the main lobby. These rooms will have signage and are available throughout the day. Please use a light knock to alert anyone already in the room that you are entering.

Additionally, we will have some activities and fun items available for children to enjoy at the Information Booth. Please stop by and grab an item for your child!

If you find your child needs a space to burn some energy, the West Meeting Room Pre-Function Lobby is a great, safe space where children can run and play. The area is not staffed but is available to parents throughout the day. Please return everything where you found it. There will also be some options available in the recreation hall.

The recreation hall is open at the following times:

Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, noon to 2:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thursday, noon to 2:00 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday, noon to 2:00 p.m.



Emergency and medical information

First aid:

The first aid room is located just outside Exhibit Hall A, along the 5th Street South Concourse. First aid/emergency medical services have been contracted during normal daytime and evening hours. For a medical emergency, call 911 and have someone else contact convention staff. Report the emergency, giving location, if possible, and other details. Stay with the injured/ill person until first aid arrives. Convention center staff will guide emergency medical staff to the location of the injured person.

Nearest Urgent Care facilities

The Little Clinic, 1 West Corry Street (approximately 3.2 miles from Duke Energy Convention Center)
The Little Clinic, 130 Pavilion Parkway, Newport, Kentucky (approximately 2.9 miles from Duke Energy Convention Center)

Pharmacies

Walgreen's Pharmacy, 601 Race Street (approximately .2 mile from Duke Energy Convention Center)
CVS Pharmacy, 36 East 7th Street (approximately .5 mile from Duke Energy Convention Center)

Grocery store

Kroger on the Rhine, 100 East Court Street

Emergency number

In an emergency, call 911.

Exhibit hall

Visit the exhibit booths of MC USA agencies, schools and other Mennonite-related organizations. The exhibit hall will be a place to gather with your friends and check out what's happening with church-wide organizations. A list of exhibitors and the floor plan will be posted just outside the entrance to Exhibit Hall A, in the 5th Street South Concourse.

Exhibits will be staffed during these times:

Tuesday, 8:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

Wednesday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and 8:30 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Hotel phone numbers

Hilton Netherland Plaza — (513) 421-9100

Hyatt Regency — (513) 579-1234



Information Booth

The Information Booth is located near the center escalators on the second floor. Stop by with any questions you have about convention. Our volunteers will be happy to help you find your way or answer your questions. Also, watch for announcements and social media feeds on the monitors at the MC USA exhibit.

Junior Youth

There is no junior youth programming at MennoCon21. Junior youth are encouraged to remain with their parent/guardian, unless attending a seminar or playing in the recreation hall.

Lost-and-found

The lost-and-found is located at the Information Booth.

Meals

Meals will be served in the dining hall (Exhibit Hall A). Lunch is included for all registered participants. To help with traffic flow, we are asking adults to proceed to lunch directly after worship, while youth groups spend time in their small groups. Please enter from the 5th Street Concourse.

Media release

Please be aware that, by entering the Duke Energy Convention Center, registering for the MC USA convention, or participating in MC USA convention activities (also known as “MennoCon21”), you are consenting 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 MC 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 child(ren) who participate(s) in MennoCon21 activities or who enter(s) contracted property. Do not enter MennoCon21 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.

Morning run

Join others staying at your hotel for a morning run. Meet in the lobby at 7:00 a.m. and head out in small groups, depending on the distance you would like to cover that day.

Offerings

Offerings at MennoCon21 will benefit the MC USA Justice Fund. Amid significant social unrest in the United States, MC USA launched the Justice Fund to provide a way for individuals and congregations to support MC USA churches that are actively involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing in our society or combating poverty.

The Justice Fund will use donations to provide grants for MC USA congregations that are engaging in their communities to dismantle racism and to build peace. Congregations may also use these funds for seed money to begin work in their justice work.

Offerings will be collected before and after worship on Wednesday evening. Checks may also be dropped off at the convention office, room 260. Make checks payable to “Mennonite Church USA.”



Another option to give is through the GivePlus+ mobile app. Here are instructions on how to access that app:

1. The GivePlus+ mobile app can be found in the App Store and the Google Play app store, by searching "giveplus church."
2. Once installed, search for **Mennonite Church USA**.
3. You can either **create an account** or **give now**.

If you do not wish to create an account, simply press "**Give Now**." However, we recommend **creating an account**. By creating an account, you can go back to the app and search your giving history, which will also include any online gifts you've made previously. Any electronic donations made as a guest will not be visible in the app's giving history. You may also set up recurring donations if you create an account.

If you've already set up an account on the MC USA online giving page, you can use the same log-in information in the Give+ app.

4. Once your account is set up and you have logged in (or clicked "Give Now"), select the "+" sign. This will bring up all donation options. Simply follow the prompts in the app. Once you have selected the amount and project and entered your payment method and personal information, you will be taken to a confirmation page to submit your donation.

Prayer ministry

The Prayer Team is led by Ana Alicia Hinojosa. Hinojosa currently serves as an immigration education coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States.

Prayer stations are set up throughout the convention center. These stations will include hands-on, interactive options. You are invited to explore these stations, on your own time, to select activities to participate in.

If you have a prayer request, please put your request in the baskets at any of the stations. Members of the Prayer Team will stop at each prayer station throughout the day to receive prayer requests and pray through them. All requests are held in confidence.

Recreation hall

The recreation hall is in Exhibit Hall B. Many activities, ranging from giant checkers to cornhole, will be offered. Four square, soccer, Pickleball, tabletop games and activities for younger children will also be available. For a complete listing of activities, go to the recreation information table in the recreation hall.

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



Recreation hours:

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Social media

Stay informed, connected and social during #MennoCon21! Stop by the MC USA exhibit booth to check out highlights from social media. Take part in all the action and share what you are loving and learning about in Cincinnati, Ohio. Make sure you use the hashtag “#MennoCon21” in all your posts on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram. Follow us at @MennonitesUSA on Twitter and Instagram, and like the Mennonite Church USA page on Facebook.

Volunteers

We would like to extend a special thanks to our many full-time coordinators and volunteers who gave their time and talents to help make this event possible. We appreciate your service and couldn't have pulled MennoCon21 together without you! We can still use more volunteers! If you are interested, please check in at the convention office (Room 260), whether you signed up in advance or want to help now that you're at convention.

Worship band

Seth Crissman — Harrisonburg, Virginia

Onan Alvarez — Houston, Texas

Hillary Harder — Goshen, Indiana

Emily Grimes — Lancaster, Pennsylvania

Greg Yoder — Penn Laird, Virginia

Jermaine Figueroa — Houston, Texas

Worship leaders

Chris Cox — Hampton, Virginia

Hendy Stevan Matahelemual — Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Kay Schroeder — Hesston, Kansas

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