

MENNOCON21 VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

This document includes a description of the programming available as well as any specific schedules to note. All times are EDT.

Worship Services and Bible Studies

The worship services and Bible studies will be live streamed from Cincinnati. Virtual hosts will greet you 15 minutes prior to each morning service and 30 minutes prior to each evening service. Join them as participants in Cincinnati gather in the worship hall. These hosts will have interviews from convention as well as highlights from the day. The virtual hosts will re-join following each evening service for a short wrap up session.

Worship

Peace From Roots to Fruits

July 6, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Lesley Francisco McClendon and Caleb McClendon

Lesley Francisco McClendon is senior pastor and Caleb McClendon is assistant pastor of C3 – Calvary Community Church, Hampton, Virginia. The dynamic duo teaches with vigor and passion, but aims to deliver powerful, life-altering messages with their simple, easy to comprehend delivery. Lesley has a passion for bridging generational gaps and loves speaking to a broad range of audiences, although she often says that mid-twenties to mid-life crisis is her sweet spot. Caleb’s laid-back approach in ministry is more similar to motivational speaking, encouraging and probing the minds of people who simply just want to live victoriously.

Bible Study

Pandemic, Lament and Repentance

July 7, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Safwat Marzouk and Voices Together

The Bible study will open with worship selections from Voices Together, the new Anabaptist hymnal and worship resource from MennoMedia. Safwat Marzouk, associate professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, will share on the topic, “Shalom Justice Amidst Pandemic and Racism.”

Worship

Jesus is the Peace

July 7, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Meghan Good

Dr. Meghan Larissa Good is Teaching Pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, Arizona and author of *The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today*. She is a graduate of Portland Seminary, Duke Divinity School and Gordon College. Meghan is a frequent preacher and lecturer at churches and universities across the country, speaking on subjects such as biblical hermeneutics, emerging Anabaptism, and contemporary preaching. She lives in Phoenix with a prized dinosaur bone and a ridiculously large book collection.

Bible Study

Justice and Reconciliation in the Joseph Story

July 8, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

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Worship

Feel the Peace

July 8, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Ana Hinojosa

Ana Alicia Hinojosa is from Brownsville, Texas and works for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States as Immigration Education Coordinator, where she is committed to the work of educating immigrants of their rights and bridging congregations to the work of MCC. She is a single, adoptive mother of three young adults, who have inspired her to pursue her doctoral degree in Education.

Bible Study

Strategies to Resist Xenophobia

July 9, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Safwat Marzouk and Voices Together

The Bible study will open with worship selections from Voices Together, the new Anabaptist hymnal and worship resource from MennoMedia. Safwat Marzouk, associate professor of Old Testament/Hebrew Bible at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, Indiana, will share on the topic, “Shalom Justice Amidst Pandemic and Racism.”

Worship

Trust the Peace

July 9, 7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

Jon Carlson

Jon Carlson serves as Lead Pastor of Forest Hills Mennonite Church. A reluctant Millennial, Jon is fascinated by the intersections of faith, culture, technology, and tradition. He and his wife are raising three young children in Lancaster County, Pa. When he’s not chauffeuring kids around, Jon enjoys a good cup of espresso, a dense book, or a long-distance run.

Worship

Bring the Peace

July 10, 10:30 – 11:30 a.m.

Glen Guyton

Glen Guyton currently serves as the Executive Director for Mennonite Church USA. He has over a quarter of a century of experience serving in the denomination at various levels. Glen has a wonderful ability to share difficult and complex information with diverse groups. Organizations, professional associations, and educators praise Glen for his quick-witted humor and relatability. Glen has authored two books, IDEAL ME: Discovering your call in a cluttered world and Reawakened: How your congregation can spark lasting change. Glen holds a Bachelor of Science in Management from the United States Air Force Academy and a Master of Education from Regent University. Glen currently resides in San Antonio, Texas with his wife and two adult children.

Seminars

Seminars feature a variety of topics from presenters from across Mennonite Church USA. The sessions have been pre-recorded. You are encouraged to watch them as you have time. Each presenter will join participants on Pheedloop for a chat session at the time specified with their seminar. Bring your questions and engage with the presenter and other participants.

Adult Seminars

Breaking the Mission Mold in Africa

Joe Sawatzky, church relations representative, Mennonite Mission Network, and panel

Listen in as Joe Sawatzky interviews James Krabill, Jonathan Larson and Thomas Oduro, editors of a new book of testimonies on the more than 60-year relationship between North American Mennonites and African Initiated Churches. Learn firsthand from participants in this fascinating and path-breaking chapter in the story of Christian cross-cultural engagement.

July 9, 4:15 p.m.

Cuidando de Sí Mismo y de Otros Durante la Pandemia de COVID-19

Maribel Ramírez Hinojosa, Ph.D., clinical psychologist and member of the Women in Leadership steering committee

Acompañenos para aprender sobre la importancia del cuidado personal de los pastores, con el asesoramiento experto de la Psicóloga Clínica Maribel Ramírez Hinojosa, PhD. Presentada en español, descubrirá cosas tangibles que puede hacer cada día para cuidarse y así dar lo mejor de sí mismo al servir a su congregación. También aprenderá formas de responder al estrés y el trauma que las personas están experimentando debido a la pandemia COVID-19, mientras se protege de la fatiga por compasión y el agotamiento.

July 9, 4:15 p.m.

Dear White Peacemakers

Osheta Moore, author and pastor, Woodland Hills Church, St. Paul, Minnesota

Osheta Moore invites white Christians to come to the table and join the hard work and holy calling of anti-racism work. Written in the wake of George Floyd's death, Osheta's new book, *Dear White Peacemakers*, draws on the Sermon on the Mount, spirituals and personal stories from the author's work as a pastor in St. Paul, Minnesota.

July 7, 2:45 p.m.

Faith and Climate Change: Questions We're Asking

Jennifer Halteman Schrock, director of MCCN, and Doug Graber Neufeld, director of CSCS

Hear from a diverse group of Anabaptists, as they grapple with the challenges that climate change poses for their faith and contexts. This seminar is a joint project of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions and Mennonite Creation Care Network.

July 8, 4:15 p.m.

Finanzas en Tiempos de Crisis

Martin Navarro, stewardship consultant, Everence

Durante la pandemia el desafío de finanzas nos ha impactado. En este seminario se hablará en cómo preparar sus finanzas para poder proteger a su familia y su dinero. Se hablará de estrategias de ahorrar y asegurar para evitar un caos.

July 8, 4:15 p.m.

How Your Financial Decisions Can Create Social Change

Chad Horning, chief investment officer, and Stella Tai, manager of stewardship investing, Everence

Bringing about social change requires more than just passion for a cause — it requires the ability to integrate the desired change into the way our world works. Economics have become the new focus for many seeking to increase justice and peace in our world. The financial tools you use every day can be part of that change and impact the future. Join us for an exploration of the many ways we can make a difference for others today, while managing our financial resources for the future.

July 7, 4:15 p.m.

Leadership for Adaptive Change

Bishop L.W. Francisco, III, Dr. Lesley Francisco McClendon, Nicole Francisco Bailey, leaders, C3 Hampton Leadership can be tough, but leading with flexibility in today's social, economic and pandemic-sensitive climate can be even more difficult. Join this session to learn about leadership for ADAPTIVE change. We will cover the basics of how to evaluate your ministry, set prioritized goals and stay relevant within your specific context to keep your current congregants engaged and reach new people where they are.

July 8, 2:45 p.m.

Practicing Revitalization

Michael Danner, associate executive director for church vitality, Mennonite Church USA

Many congregations and leaders want to revitalize their church. They write vision statements, start new programs and write strategic plans! Yet, nothing changes. Why? This seminar explores how the planning and decision-making processes impact revitalization. If these fundamental practices do not change, a church will keep getting the same results. This seminar will teach you to listen, explore, experiment and examine your way to new congregational health.

July 8, 2:45 p.m.

Re-imaginar, Revitalizar y ser Relevantes

Sandra Montes-Martinez, associate conference minister, Western District Conference

Quando pensamos en la iglesia, generalmente tenemos un marco de ideas que se derivan de nuestras experiencias con las estructuras eclesiales. Las prácticas y ritos de nuestra comunidad de fe nos dan identidad y nos ayudan a enfocar la misión de la iglesia. Con esta conversación comunitaria reflexionaremos en como la iglesia asertivamente puede evaluar su trabajo para Revitalizar la comunidad de fe y ser Relevantes en el ministerio de la iglesia en los tiempos que vivimos.

July 7, 2:45 p.m.

Tackling Tough & Polarized Conversations

Betty Pries, CEO, Credence & Co.

Dealing with differences can be challenging. It is especially difficult in congregational settings, where we are motivated by values of kindness and care. It is even more complex when our differences become polarized. Can we be caring, while also addressing the differences between us? This workshop proposes strategies for tackling tough conversations in a manner that is effective, builds community and enhances a spirit of joy and grace in the congregation.

July 9, 2:45 p.m.

The Kingdom is Like a Child with a Bucket, Dipper and Lid

Malinda Elizabeth Berry, associate professor of theology and ethics, Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Social-emotional development is more than a trendy topic. It's bringing to light important information that educators, counselors and psychologists have known for a long time: faith formation includes naming how our feelings help us participate in God's mission in the world.

July 7, 4:15 p.m.

Voices Together: A Closer Look

Benjamin Bergby and Katie Graber, Voices Together Mennonite worship and song committee

In this seminar, Voices Together committee members will provide an introduction of the new hymnal, as well as brief discussions on intercultural worship, expansive language and the accompaniment edition.

July 8, 4:15 p.m.

Youth Seminars

Allowed to BE Me

Vikki Pruitte-Sorrells, high school administrator and pastor, Lee Heights Community Church, Cleveland, Ohio

As a child, you may have been asked, "What do you want to be when you grow up?" You may have wondered, What does "life" have in store for me? God has a purpose for all of our lives. Growing in our relationships with God and Jesus Christ gives us the opportunity to discover ourselves and explore the goodness of God. This seminar will provide some simple ideas to consider, as you grow in your relationship with God and Jesus Christ, while learning to love the person that God is creating you to BE!

July 9, 2:45 p.m.

Being a Competitive Athlete AND a Mennonite

Rustin Nyce, head coach of track and field, Goshen College

This seminar explores the values of competition and how competition can share in Mennonite history and values. Consider how we find value in winning and losing athletic competitions without feeling superior or inferior, reflect on Jesus' model of strength and power as a guide for athletic mental and physical strength, and evaluate access for everyone to experience growth through competition, regardless of ability.

July 7, 4:15 p.m.

Growing Deeper Roots

Jerrell Williams, pastor, Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, Oregon

In this seminar, Jerrell Williams, pastor of Salem (Oregon) Mennonite Church, will discuss ways that youth can grow deeper in their faith. He will also provide examples of how congregations and youth leaders can create an environment for nurturing spiritual life in young people.

July 7, 2:45 p.m.

How Much is Enough?

Mitch Stutzman, stewardship consultant at Everence, and youth from Hesston (KS) Mennonite Church

Do you have enough money? To buy what you need ... want ... and need? These are the questions that we think about as we shop and decide what to do with your money. It is a difficult question to ask and an even more difficult question to answer. Watch this virtual seminar to hear what financial experts have to say regarding what you should think about when it comes to personal finance.

July 8, 2:45 p.m.

Jesus, Violence and Peace

Jes Stoltzfus Buller, peace education coordinator, and Saulo Padilla, immigration education coordinator, Mennonite Central Committee

We might all agree that Jesus calls us to be peacemakers, but we don't necessarily agree on what that means. Can we engage in protests? Own guns? How do we decide if, or when, we should call the police? What if we remain silent while others are harmed? These questions, like many scenarios in our lives, ask us to define our understanding of violence and nonviolence, and they challenge how we live out our peace theology. Join this seminar to reflect on and identify what peace means in your daily life.

July 8, 2:45 p.m.

Living for Jesus and Racial Justice

Brooke Martin, Danilo Sanchez, Henny Stevan Matahelemual and Jaye Lindo, youth formation team, Mosaic Mennonite Conference

What does my faith have to say about racial justice? Join Mosaic Conference's youth formation team, as we share from our experiences and perspectives about having and engaging in conversations about race and racism in the U.S. Continue the conversation: This past year we created several free study guides for youth groups, which are available on the resources tab at <https://mosaicmennonites.org/youth/>.

July 9, 4:15 p.m.

Quarterback, Class Clown and Homecoming Queen — But Who's the Leader?

Rachel Swartzendruber Miller, vice president of advancement, Hesston College

So many assume that being a leader requires a specific position, status or popularity. In reality, none of these are ingredients of true leadership. Come explore a new definition of leadership — through stories and examples — one that flips the term “leadership position” on its head. Similar to how Jesus showed us an “upside-down kingdom,” we can offer the world an upside-down way of leading. This kind of leadership is something you can do anytime, anywhere.

July 8, 4:15 p.m.

Shaping Our Stories; Sharing Our Stories

Eric Frey Martin, recruiter and church relations representative, Mennonite Mission Network

In this seminar, we will look at how we tell stories — not just the verbal ones that we relay to our friends — but the narratives we shape around who we are and how we project ourselves to others. We will take a look at how the stories we tell and project shape who we are and how our stories can impact others. We will look at sharing our stories as a way of sharing God with others.

July 9, 4:15 p.m.

Using Ancient Wisdom To Stop Destructive Communication

Marathana Prothro, assistant professor of communications, Bluffton University

From broken relationships to deep political and theological divides, destructive communication pervades much of our experience today. Drawing from ancient wisdom and contemporary psychology, this seminar provides youth a practical way to recognize these patterns of communication and offers a path toward healing and hope in their personal relationships.

July 7, 4:15 p.m.

Exhibits

Numerous agencies/organizations have set up virtual exhibits. Peruse their pages for information about their ministries. You can watch their promotional video, chat with a representative of that organization and download resources specifically for convention attendees. Check back frequently as some of the organizations have different things planned throughout the convention week.

Special Additions

Morning Prayers

Prayer coordinator, Ana Alicia Hinojosa, will lead a time of prayer. Start the day centering on God.

MennoCon21 Trivia Night

July 8, 9:00 p.m.

Did you know, according to Mennonite World Conference, that two thirds of the world's Anabaptists live in the Global Southern Hemisphere? Come test your Anabaptist knowledge at the MennoCon21 Trivia Night. Questions will be all levels of difficulty and will be drawn from a variety of sources and topics. Hosted by

Jonathan Chubb of Phoenix, Arizona, this event has limited (virtual) seating, so come early, bring a notepad and thinking cap, and compete for bragging rights! (But let's be humble about it, right?)

Concerts

Enjoy several concerts recorded just for MennoCon21. They are available to watch throughout the week.

Girl Named Tom - Small town siblings with a wide worldview, Girl Named Tom seeks to create harmony in a society divided. Bekah Grace's soulful voice mixed with the unique timbres of her brothers makes for an exquisite unity of three distinct parts. Their rural Midwestern roots tend to come through everything they do, with classical training and pop-leaning ears also evident in their sound. All of this allows GNT to perform anything from country tunes to beatbox pop to a cappella folk/hymn-singing. Girl Named Tom (est. 2019) is a band of siblings (Bekah Grace, Joshua & Caleb) from Archbold, Ohio who play acoustic pop music. The sibling band is known primarily for exquisite three-part harmony, using their unique voices together to make their originals and covers stand out.

Sadie Gustafson-Zook - Sadie Gustafson-Zook is a versatile singer, intricate guitar player, and contagious songwriter. Her pure voice and hummable melodies balance with witty lyrics to create charmingly honest and relatable music. Oregon-born, Indiana-grown and Boston-based, Sadie has brought her lovable stories and songs to audiences across the country, in homes, churches, and renowned folk venues and festivals including Club Passim, The Purple Fiddle, Radio Bean, Walnut Valley Festival, Red Wing Roots, and more. Sadie is a Kerrville New Folk finalist, has been featured on the Folk Alley and the Basic Folk podcast, and holds a master's degree in Jazz and Contemporary Music from Longy School of Music in Cambridge, MA. Sadie's most recent release is the first volume ("Vol. 1") of a two-part album entitled "Sin of Certainty," to be completed in late 2021.