

Mennonite Church USA

Special session of the Delegate Assembly 2022

Frequently Asked Questions



- What are the dates and times of the special session of the Delegate Assembly?
 - o May 27-30, 2022
 - o Opening session starts at 7:00 p.m. on May 27.
 - o Closing session ends at 12:00 noon on May 30.
- Why meet over a holiday weekend?
 - o The holiday weekend was chosen to allow more people to attend without taking extra vacation days from work. We also got a better rate on sleeping rooms by meeting over a holiday weekend.
- Where is the meeting?
 - o [The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri](https://www.marriott.com/hotels/travel/mciwi-the-westin-kansas-city-at-crown-center/)
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- What are the costs to attend?
 - o Registration - \$250, which includes all delegate materials and lunch on May 28 and 29
 - o Lodging - \$127 (plus taxes) per room per night at The Westin
 - o Travel – Varies based on where you are coming from
 - o Meals – Lunch will be provided on May 28 and 29; all other meals will be on your own
- When will registration open and what is the deadline for registration?
 - o Registration opens on February 1.
 - o The deadline for registration is May 16.
 - o The deadline for reserving a hotel room is May 4.
- Why are we having a special session of the Delegate Assembly?
 - o Due to pandemic-related travel concerns in 2021, the regular Delegate Assembly connected with MennoCon was reduced to a short, online session. The agenda was limited to items that did not require table-group processing.
 - o Some leaders expressed that the challenges of the pandemic did not allow them time to process resolutions.
 - o Some leaders expressed that the church statements on the agenda require face-to-face processing.
- Will childcare be available?
 - o Childcare will be available for infants/toddlers up to age two for a fee (\$50).
- Can I access the Delegate Assembly virtually?
 - o No, online participation will not be available for this special session.
- How many delegates does my congregation/conference get?
 - o [The bylaws of MC USA](#) state:
 - a. Each congregation of the Mennonite Church USA is eligible to send one (1) delegate for each one hundred (100) congregational members, or fraction thereof. Also, congregations may send an additional youth delegate (ages 16-21).
 - b. Each area conference of the Mennonite Church USA is eligible to send one (1) delegate for each one thousand (1,000) area conference members, or fraction thereof. Also, conferences may send an additional two youth delegates (ages 16-21).
 - c. Each Racial/Ethnic group which has been officially recognized by the Executive Board may send three (3) delegates plus one (1) delegate for each one thousand (1,000) members of such recognized Racial/Ethnic group. Also, Racial/Ethnic groups may send

an additional two youth delegates (ages 16-21).

d. Each member of the Executive Board is automatically a delegate.

- Are non-delegates able to attend?
 - o Non-delegates can attend. We will have gallery seating for them. The registration system includes an option for non-delegate registration.
- Do we need to have the same delegates we had in 2021?
 - o No, delegates do not have to be the same people that were delegates at any previous delegate session.
- Are scholarship funds available?
 - o Mutual aid funds are available. Congregations with 100 or more members and who have been active in MC USA in the past five years may request a scholarship to cover up to 70% of the actual costs for one delegate to attend the special session. Mutual aid assumes the congregation and possibly other area conference are contributing to the costs for a delegate to attend. The maximum scholarship amount available is \$630 per congregation. Please note an estimated average cost of \$900 per delegate with lodging, air fare and meals. Applications will be reviewed.

**AS OF MAY 16, SCHOLARSHIPS
ARE NO LONGER AVAILABLE.**