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To: Congregations who are members of Mennonite Church USA
Area Conferences who are members of Mennonite Church USA
Racial/Ethnic groups recognized by the MC USA Executive Board

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**Executive Board members** 

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The MC USA bylaws (Article V, Delegate Assembly, 4. Meetings, state that: "d. In the case of a special meeting, written notice of the special meeting (which will include the time, date, and place), and the purpose for the meeting, along with the proposed action to be taken, shall be submitted to area conferences and to member congregations at least ninety (90) days in advance of the date of the meeting. Area conferences shall keep the Executive Board notified of congregational members and any changes thereof."

A special session of the Delegate Assembly is scheduled for May 27 (starting at 7:00 p.m. CDT) through May 30 (ending at 12:00 p.m. CDT), 2022, at The Westin Kansas City at Crown Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

The purpose of this special meeting is to complete the 2019-2021 biennium resolution process. Delegates will discuss and vote on resolutions that were delayed due to the global pandemic.

These two resolutions are scheduled for a vote:

- Clarification on Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA
- MC USA Accessibility Resolution

This resolution is designated as a study resolution:

## MC USA For Justice Resolution

MC USA delegates will determine if this resolution will be discussed and voted on at this special assembly:

A Resolution for Repentance and Transformation

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.

For more information about this special delegate assembly, visit https://www.mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate-session-22/