

“I am going to do a new thing” Isaiah 43:19. **Annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference** will be a **Hybrid** gathering this year from August 6-8, 2021. You can choose either to attend in person at Laurelville or virtually via zoom. Registration information was sent to congregations and delegates or go to <https://www.alleghenymennoniteconference.org/>. It’s important that you register as early as possible because we are limited in the number of rooms reserved.



The speakers for worship will be Lorie Hershey pastor of West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship since the summer of 2007, on Saturday night and Tony Brown, internationally acclaimed baritone and Artist In Residence and Peace Ambassador at Hesston College on Sun morning. Worships are open for all to attend without registration.

Registration on Friday, August 6th will begin at 4:30 with supper being served at 5:30. Please be prompt with our mealtimes as we are not the only group on grounds and the dining hall is trying to keep groups separated. As of now Laurelville’s policy is to wear masks in the dining hall until you are seated at your table eating.

Conference Minister on leave –

David Mishler will be returning from his leave on July 1. Continue he and Becky in your prayers as the journey with Becky’s cancer continues.

Laurelville Summer Camps for children and youth is in full swing. Keep Joy Cotchen, Conference Minister of Children and Youth, Leah Rittenhouse, Summer Camp Director, the counselors, Bible teachers, nurses and Laurelville staff in your prayers. This year’s theme and Bible focus is Climbing the Mountain...Taking Hold ~ Matthew 5:1-16. They are all hard at work to deliver an Anabaptist-focused camping experience for summer campers.



- After a 5+ year process examining best practices and perceptions of Laurelville, the board voted to approve an exciting change this spring! Our official name will still be Laurelville Mennonite Church Center but moving forward we’ll do business as Laurelville Retreat Center.

- **MennoCon21** begins soon on July 6-10, 2021. MennoCon21 participants may choose between attending in person in Cincinnati, Ohio, or virtually via Pheedloop, an interactive, online event platform. The delegate portion of MennoCon21 as a virtual-only meeting. Learn more about MennoCon21 virtual offerings at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21-virtual-opportunity/>

- Registration is open for the **Everence® Development Conference**, which helps charitable organization leaders stimulate and nurture generosity to strengthen their missions. The event, Invest in what lasts, is scheduled for Sept. 28-30 at Lancaster Marriott at Penn Square, Lancaster, Pennsylvania. Register now at: everence.com/devcon21.