

#1 – Everence “My Neighbor” program gives strong support

Seven persons/businesses made Allegheny their “neighbor” in 2019, sharing 1.5% of all their qualified Everence Mastercard related purchases with our ministry! Total contributions for 2019 were \$1,655.08, making it the strongest My Neighbor support to date. Will you consider making Allegheny Mennonite Conference your neighbor for 2020 (if you already use an Everence Mastercard)? Will you consider joining Everence to use their credit card program and make Allegheny your neighbor? There no more painless way of giving to AMC. We hope you decide to use this avenue for growing revenue for the future.

#2 – Leadership Council approves membership for West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship



Following the release of West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship (WPMF) by Franconia Mennonite Conference on November 2, 2019, the formal process of receiving WPMF

began with Allegheny. The conference minister sent a letter recommending approval for WPMF to become a member congregation of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. The Leadership Council responded by approving the conference minister’s recommendation during their annual retreat on January 25, 2020. West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship is thus a member congregation of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. We welcome West Philly!

Several transition events remain, including a special worship service of blessing and welcome, scheduled for February 9, 2020 at WPMF’s location - 4740 Baltimore Ave, Philadelphia, PA 19143. Representatives from Franconia, Allegheny and leaders from WPMF will participate in this service, which I believe is a significant model for how such transitions can occur.

A formal memo to all conference delegates will be sent shortly, to which delegates will be able to speak into the Leadership Council’s decision to receive WPMF into membership. We are also planning a service of welcome and celebration for WPMF as part of our upcoming delegate meeting on March 7, 2020 and Hyattsville Mennonite Church.

#3 – Registration is open for Spring Study

Applications are coming in for the May 4-7 Spring Bible Study for pastors and leaders at Laurelville. “Embodiment and Holism: Reading the Poetry of the Song of Songs” will focus on a reading of this book which leads to creation care, healthy views of body and sexuality, and an agrarian approach to life. Sign up today! See the website for registration materials.



#4 – Leadership Council Retreat



All 13 of your AMC Leadership Council members were present at the annual retreat where team building, budget planning, and visioning for the upcoming year happen. We pray for every Allegheny congregation during the 3-day event. We worship and share. We play games with a purpose to help us think about our role as leaders of our growing conference of congregations. We plan agenda for our Faith & Life Gatherings and Summer Celebration. Thanks

for your prayers and support of the work we do together. (Jim, Enos, LeAnne, Lester, Karin, Joyce, Ryan, Dave, Jane, Ani, Karrie, Kathy, Joy)

#5 – New Jr. Youth Retreat

March 20-22, a new retreat is coming to Allegheny Conference; it’s a Jr. Youth Retreat for ages 9-13. Youth and sponsors will gather together for fun, fellowship, service and spiritual growth at Laurelville. Check out the details on the Allegheny website.