

#1 – Becoming Zoom, YouTube, Facebook Live, and parking lot worship experts!

So, have you had your crash course for online meeting formats yet? We are finding that our congregations have many technically-gifted persons who are creatively conspiring together to provide meaningful worship services and other resources for the folks who call our congregations home. Virtual attendance is generally higher in our congregations than in-person attendance was before the pandemic! Pastors are beginning to review what changes, coming out of our response to COVID-19, might be appropriate and innovative for our life going forward after the pandemic. What are we learning that may revolutionize our approach to making Jesus the center of our faith? Reconciliation the center of our work? Building community as the center of our life and ministry?

#2 – Annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference cancelled

The Leadership Council Executive Committee, with input from our pastors, has decided that meeting in-person at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center best wait until 2021. The annual celebration planning committee is working at creating a worship experience via an online format yet to be determined (for **Sunday, August 2**), and there will be some interactive Zoom meetings for delegates to conduct minimal required “business” on **Saturday, August 1**. Stay tuned for more details, everything subject to change!

#3 – Successful conclusion for PPP Loan Application

With successful funding from the PPP loan program (\$9,000), and with relatively strong financial support continuing from congregations and individuals going into our last month of the fiscal year, Allegheny is poised to maintain our reserves and go into the new fiscal year with solid financial footing. THANK YOU !!! As of this writing, we have just over \$111,000 in receipts and \$111,500 in expenses on a budget of \$115,226. Our balance sheet reserves are at \$29,000.



#4 – A significant word from our Executive Director, Glen Guyton



My work with the larger church continues as a member of the Constituency Leaders Council (the elders for MC USA) and with MC USA Conference Ministers. Glen Guyton, Executive Director for MC USA has recently written an important document which will serve as background for the next (hopefully) in-person national assembly in 2021 in Cincinnati.

You can review at <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/dispelling-myths-membership-guidelines/>

#5 - An urgent message from MMN

Calling all friends of Mennonite Mission Network- **we have an urgent need for Service Adventure Leaders in Jackson, Mississippi beginning in July 2020**. This is generally a 1-2-year term in which you'd live with young adults and mentor them as they serve in job placements, learn household skills, and worship together as a household. Leaders generally work outside the home in addition to this part-time job. Check out this short video from the previous Jackson Leaders:

[Become a Service Adventure Leader!](#)

Each of the units take turns sharing about their experiences throughout the year. To get a glimpse of Jackson life, read the March [newsletter](#) from the Jackson unit.

Are you ready for an adventure??

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