

#1 – 48 delegates from 10 congregations joined AMC’s Fall Faith and Life Gathering



On a sunny November Saturday Allegheny delegates and visitors participated in our second virtual meeting to share the work of our conference. This “optional” meeting engaged the collaborative work of determining how to effectively steward the proceeds generated from the sale of the International Guest House property. Numerous appreciative comments were received about the spirit of the meeting, the generative work in breakout rooms as we dove into scripture, and the thoughtfulness of making ourselves more aware of both the “racial covenants” of the past and the disenfranchising of Native Americans some two centuries ago that accompany the property. Since the meeting we have learned that the racial covenants have been stricken from the deed, and we are still researching how best to address the complicated indigenous history of the region of the nation’s capitol.


The sale closed on November 16, 2020, and Allegheny Mennonite Conference received proceeds of \$1,260,727.20, with final settlement of outstanding bills and repayments pending, which will determine the allocations from the proposal that was passed during the Faith & Life Gathering. A future proposal from conference pastors and the Leadership Council for disbursement of the tithe will be coming. Keep these matters in prayer as we discern this unusual and wonderful opportunity for the work of our collective witness.

#2 – AMC to participate again in “Giving Tuesday”



Repeat announcement - **Mark your calendars for December 1st – Giving Tuesday 2020.** Allegheny is experiencing strong support through this year of COVID-19. And in order to remain on track for a balanced 2020-21 fiscal year, we seek your ongoing contributions to meet our current obligations and grow needed ministries in our growing conference. On December 1, we ask you to go to our website – alleghenymennoniteconference.org – and use our PayPal link to send in a contribution of \$25 (or more!). If you have a PayPal account, using it eliminates transfer fees. But if you use your credit card, it’s also quite simple. Either way, please **identify your contribution as “Giving Tuesday”** in the memo area. Last year we received over \$2,300 from 23 contributors (almost 2% of our annual budget)! This year’s goal - a 30% increase – 30 contributors/\$3,000 for this celebration of giving. **Will you join us?**

#3 – From Our Treasurer, Karin Miller – four other ways to support Allegheny

 --As we approach the season of giving (or at least being inundated with requests!) we ask you to give until it feels good (a quote I heard many times from a former fundraiser friend). Allegheny has registered **on AmazonSmile** where all Amazon purchases are eligible for a 0.5% gift to the charitable organization of your choice. Just choose Allegheny Mennonite Conference – same products, same service, no fees, no extra cost!

--Use Bing and Support a Cause – donate with Microsoft Rewards – www.bing.com/give - - join Microsoft Rewards and you can support AMC simply by searching with Bing.

--Donate points from hotel loyalty, airline loyalty programs, and transferable currencies which allow you to donate your points. Check online to see what’s possible.

--Don’t forget that Everence credit card purchases are eligible for their **My Neighbor** program. Just identify Allegheny as your neighbor of choice and 1.5% of your credit card purchases come to the conference. Last year we received \$1,655.08 from the seven cardholders who chose AMC as “My Neighbor.”

#4 – Note from our Conference Minister of Children and Youth – Joy Cotchen

With feedback from our pastors and youth leaders, Allegheny’s SnoKamp is cancelled for this coming February. However, be alert for information about a “Getting Acquainted with other AMC Youth,” a creative interactive Zoom session for a couple of hours sometime in February!

#5 – Leadership Council (LC) Retreat - The LC normally meets for a weekend of planning each year in January. This year, because of COVID, we will be meeting for a scaled down Saturday morning Zoom session on January 23. Pray for your leaders and for our conference for 2021!