

#1 – Reminder – NO FAITH & LIFE GATHERING ON NOVEMBER 2 !!!

Please note that the Leadership Council has determined that there will be no fall Faith & Life Gathering (delegate meeting) on November 2. This is an “optional” meeting according to our bylaws which has seldom been cancelled, but because of the high level of engagement over the last three years, perhaps it’s time for a long Saturday off!

Warning – we may be calling for a special delegate session or give most of our March 7, 2020 Faith &



Life Gathering to working with Michael Danner, MC USA Minister for Church Vitality and Engagement. We want to coalesce around a more cohesive purpose and mission statement that will set AMC direction for our next chapter. Keep Allegheny in your prayers!

#2 – Giving Tuesday and our new website

If you haven’t visited our **new website**, check us out at alleghenymennoniteconference.org. Because of several virus threats, we are now hosting our website and email through a new service. Much looks the same, but we are no longer using WordPress architecture.

Most happily – we now have a **giving button on our website**, using PayPal, to give everyone a convenient and (mostly!) painless way of contributing to the ongoing work of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. We want to experiment with a group blitz on December 3 – would you be part of getting **at least 50 people to donate \$20** through our giving button?

Allegheny is growing and serving more and more people because of our posture around inclusion and diversity. Help us take another step towards sustainability and progress by giving a little extra on this year’s Giving Tuesday. All delegates will receive an email reminder. *Give until it feels good!*

**#3 – 2020 Spring Study - Elaine James to bring new, compelling look at the Song of Songs**

This ain’t your ordinary Song of Songs! Elaine T. James, Associate Professor of Old Testament at Princeton will be leading our 2020 Spring Study at Laurelville. Ecology, agrarianism, healthy view of the body and sexuality, and lots of time for reflection will shape our time together. Look for a promotional flyer and registration form by November. **Save the date – May 4-7, 2020 at Laurelville!** For pastors, leaders, everyone interested in a compelling view of this often-overlooked OT masterpiece.

**#4 – Allegheny sends three representatives to CLC**

Joyce Hall, Enos Tice and David Mishler participated in the most recent Constituency Leaders Council gathering near Phoenix, October 17 & 18. The CLC is an advisory group of elders to MC USA. Significant happenings at the meeting included reports from each conference and constituent group answering three questions – what essential functions does MC USA provide to your ministry; what relationships in MC USA do you find most supportive; what does your group fight about and how does this reflect your priorities? Allegheny answers included – MennoData and assistance with pastor search; connections with Central District Conference and MC USA conventions (AMC had 8 congregations participate in Kansas City this past July); and, we contend most recently about who we want to become, developing priorities for our future. All in all, we represented that we are energized by our current work, contending for what the new version of Allegheny looks like to the church and to the world. Joyce and Enos went with some 20 persons to learn about border issues in a post-CLC learning tour to Tucson. Look for their stories in an upcoming Miscellany.