



#1 – Two Allegheny Pastors featured in MC USA’s Peacemail / Snapshots

– Joyce Peachey Lind (Community); Ben Wideman (University) I love it when Allegheny pastors receive recognition in the wider church. Especially for sharing profound and impactful reflections. Congratulations Joyce and Ben! To see their work, click:



<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/some-respite-for-the-wilderness-wandering/>

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/we-carry-our-grief/>



#2 – Over 15 pastors/leaders to join Allegheny’s annual study - Elaine T. James PhD, will join pastors and leaders next week for a Spring Study at Laurelville Retreat Center, **April 25-28, 2022**.

Allegheny, Virginia, and Central District Conferences are represented in the participant list. A unique approach to the Song of Songs – Embodiment & Holism – has garnered acclaim as “masterful” and “superb” from numerous reviews. If you want to get in on some great biblical study, there are a few overnight options still available as well as daily part-time opportunities. Contact the conference office more details.



#3 – Youth of AMC – Registration for Summer Camping is now open!

Go to Laurelville’s website to get details, dates, costs, etc. as Allegheny and Laurelville again co-sponsor the overnight camping program for 2022. Expect an unapologetic Anabaptist flavor for your children, focusing on discipleship as an alternative to high-pressure campfire conversions. We look forward to learning with you this year – “Climbing the Mountain: Reaching for Wholeness” <https://laurelville.org/program-events/youth/church-camp-pa/>

#4 – Hall and Kolb to represent Allegheny at upcoming Delegate Assembly

Allegheny’s CLC representative, Joyce Hall (University), and Moderator-elect,



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Randy Kolb (Pittsburgh), will be in Kansas City May 27-30 for Mennonite Church USA’s special delegate assembly and Constituency Leaders Council meetings. The CLC is a group of conference and associate group representatives who serve as elders to the denomination, weighing in on the agenda of MC USA. There are four significant resolutions under consideration in this session, which was rescheduled to this year because of the priority of MC USA to hold an in-person event to deal with sensitive and impactful decisions.

#5 – Registration is open for Allegheny’s Annual “Celebration of Congregations and Conference” to be held



at Laurelville Retreat Center August 5-7. Overnight accommodations are limited as Laurelville comes out of pandemic protocols to strong demand for their services. This year’s Celebration anticipates distinctive opportunities for festivity as distributions from the proceeds of the International Guest House property will be given to all Allegheny congregations on Saturday. The Walking Roots Band will be with us to lead in worship and to recognize the 23-year tenure of Conference Minister of Children and Youth, Joy Cotchen. Service projects on the Laurelville campus, good food and fellowship, great accommodations and swimming pool – all help make this the go to event for Allegheny connections this summer! Everence is assisting with meal costs and our ice cream snack as part of their ongoing support to MC USA conference. Stay tuned for more details!

#6 –AMC related positions open - for more information contact: davem@alleghenymennoniteconference.org

Allegheny Conference Minister of Children & Youth - .5 FTE; starts September 1 (potential to combine with other positions to create full-time, including Scottdale MC lead pastor, Laurelville campus pastor)

Lead Pastor - Scottdale Mennonite Church - .5 FTE; starts July 1

Interim Pastor - West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship - .5 to .75 FTE, starts May

Settled lead pastor – West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship - 1 FTE – starts January 1 (estimated)