



#1 – Allegheny’s Annual “Celebration” event – August 5-7 – is almost here!

This Year’s Theme – “And Be Thankful” Colossians 3:15

A late surge of registrations is making for high anticipation for this year’s weekend gathering. ***Please note that the delegate session, scheduled within the events of the weekend will be from 9:00am to 12:00 noon on Saturday morning. Celebration of IGH’s 50 year ministry and the distribution of sale proceeds is planned to happen just before lunch at noon. If you are coming just for the delegate session, be sure to recognize this time frame.*** With numbers approaching those pre-pandemic, I expect a fruitful time of engagement, worship, fellowship and service together!

Seth Crissman and Greg Yoder from Walking Roots Band, Community Mennonite Church, Jennifer Davis Sensenig, and Cindy Lapp will be featured in our worship times. We will recognize the 23-year ministry of Conference Minister of Children and Youth, Joy Cotchen. We will celebrate our newest congregation – AICCP (Asian Indian Christian Church of Pittsburgh). Laurelville will again give opportunities for service on campus Saturday afternoon. Great accommodations, swimming pool, generous support from Everence (say thank you to Steve Bustos!), numerous volunteers from Allegheny congregations – all help make this the go to event for Allegheny connections this summer!



#2 – Summer Camping Season back in full swing!

A strong summer camping staff and a resurgence of summer campers are the makings for a great summer of growing. For many years, Allegheny Mennonite Conference and Laurelville Retreat Center have co-sponsored overnight summer camping for youth of Allegheny Mennonite Conference and beyond. With camps cancelled in 2020 due to the pandemic, and scaled way back to day camps only in 2021, we seem to be back in 2022 with some 170 campers at overnight camps this summer. In addition Laurelville had 185 day campers! Summer camps at Laurelville continue to be one of the best Christian Formation venues for encouraging young followers of Jesus and for developing future leaders. I hope for this wonderful co-sponsorship between Allegheny and Laurelville to flourish for decades to come.

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

Lead Pastor - Scottdale Mennonite Church - .5 FTE; open immediately

Interim Pastor - West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship - .5 to .75 FTE, open immediately

Settled Lead Pastor – West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship - 1 FTE – open January 2023

#4 – Mennonite Church USA Delegate Assembly – What Now?



Mennonite Church USA

We are just learning of the mixture of reactions to the decisions made by MC USA delegates during the Special Delegate Assembly this past May in Kansas City. While some are responding with celebration, hope and joy, others are responding with lament, discouragement and disillusionment. I encourage everyone to view the recent webinar sponsored by MC USA – *What Now?* Here is a link: https://youtu.be/lcdnJ3a_Ke4

This is a time for listening carefully to one another, while living into the direction of these important denominational decisions. Allegheny’s CLC representatives - Joyce Hall (University) and Moderator-elect, Randy Kolb (Pittsburgh) - joined fourteen congregational delegates in representing Allegheny Mennonite Conference in Kansas City. Since 2016, Allegheny Conference has become a conference which affirms congregational autonomy - the congregation as the primary locus of authority (place-based ministry). At the same time we hold collaboration and the centrality of Jesus as strong counter-balances to congregational autonomy. We need one another to be authentic voices to our communities. May God give us wisdom in living into the vision of Romans 14 and Acts 15.