

#1 – Celebration of Congregations and Conference – August 4-6, 2023, at Laurelville

“The Wind of Transformation” is this year’s focus for Allegheny’s Annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference. West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship will lead our worship experiences. **Glen Guyton, Mennonite Church USA Executive Director will be the featured speaker.** Everence will again sponsor an upgraded breakfast package and evening snack. Activities for children, youth activities, and childcare will be offered. Look for registration information coming soon!



#2 – Pastors/Leaders Appreciation Dinner at Celebration

With Glen Guyton coming to Allegheny this August, we are holding a **special appreciation dinner for pastors and leaders** of our congregations on Friday evening at 5:30 PM. Conversations with Glen will happen from about 3:00 to 5:00 PM with all pastors/leaders who can arrive early, along with the Allegheny Leadership Council. Don’t miss this opportunity to receive some well-deserved gratitude for your work! There will be no cost to pastors/leaders and a guest. *(If anyone sees this announcement and wishes to make a contribution towards the costs, please send a check or go online and indicate “Pastor Appreciation” in the memo line.)*

#3 – Financial Update coming into the fiscal year end

We are closing the gap between budgeted and actual revenue, but we have a ways to go coming in to June 30. Your congregation will be receiving a request for funds letter in the coming week to let you know the amount of the shortfall. Please consider an extra gift to help us close the year with as small of a gap as possible, with hopes of exceeding revenue expectations an outlier. Contributions received by June 30 will accrue to this year’s financials. Thank you!

#4 – WPMF and Allegheny Conference grant credentials to new pastor



Jonny Rashid, new pastor for West Philadelphia Mennonite Fellowship had a Celebration of Call service on May 21, 2023, to recognize the Licensing Towards Ordination (LTO) credential granted by the Allegheny credentialing committee. Pastor Jonny was granted this credential following a meeting with the committee on March 1,

2023, to become active with the beginning of his term on May 1, 2023. Congratulations to Jonny and WPMF as they enter a new chapter of ministry to the community un and around West Philadelphia.



#5 – Grace Fellowship, Greenwood DE to find new worship space



Beginning in July 2009, a small group from Tressler Mennonite Church wanted to reach out more deliberately to unchurched teens and young adults in the area. After several moves, the group began meeting in space in an industrial park at 11164 Coon Den Road with cooking facilities and a large meeting area. Part of weekly worship includes sharing a meal together. Their annual famous 5,000 apple dumpling fundraiser at the Apple Scrapple Festival is something to behold!

However, some changes with their property is forcing them to find new space by October. Keep in prayer this congregation and their leaders, T. J. and Tom Tennefoss.