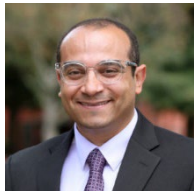


#1 – Pastors and Leaders - Save the Date! – April 22-25, 2024



Safwat Marzouk has agreed to resource Allegheny's Spring Bible Study for 2024. Held at Laurelville Retreat Center, Safwat will focus our annual event with "**Exodus: The Intersection of Worship and Liberation for Contemporary Faith Communities.**"

He is currently working on an Exodus commentary for the New Interpretation Series of Westminster John Knox Press: *Exodus: A Commentary*.

Dr. Marzouk is an Egyptian Presbyterian whose research interests include thinking theologically about monsters in the Bible. Author of several books, including Egypt as a Monster in the Book of Ezekiel, Safwat will bring a fresh look into the Exodus materials. Look for more information in coming months.

#2 – Fall Faith & Life Gathering set for November 4

the exchange, Winchester, Va, will host an important, in-person, delegate meeting the first Saturday of November. During the meeting, the Leadership Council will provide significant updates around the search for a new conference minister and for youth ministry within Allegheny Conference. Because of the desire for face-to-face interaction around these focuses, which will help in articulating a coherent vision for the future of the conference, there will be no hybrid option for this meeting (unless COVID changes the calculus). We hope that all congregations consider sending delegations to Winchester for this 6-hour gathering (approximately 9am to 3pm). More details in the next Miscellany and in emails directly to delegates and leaders. In the meantime, check out their website: <https://theexchangeathering.com/>



#3 – Pastor Peer Gatherings to resume in October



An in-person pastor peer gathering is scheduled in Bedford, PA for October 17, from 9am-3pm, based on the results of a recent poll. It will be held at Hoss's Restaurant near the PA Turnpike Bedford interchange. Those who cannot attend have the option of joining by Zoom. Jayne Byler will be facilitating the meeting.

#4 –Conference Office-the future of rented space

It is highly likely that soon after the end of 2024, rented space for a physical conference office will either be relocated or eliminated. You will hear more about this situation at the upcoming delegate meeting. One of the primary concerns with such an eventuality is the future of historical records. What we could send along to the national archives from the International Guest House has been completed. What to do with filing cabinets full of records, some dating back into the 1800s, is another question.

We are looking for volunteers with experience in archival materials to help determine how to proceed.

Please respond to the conference office with your interest.

#5 – Check out former AMC Moderator and Spouse in the news



Enos and Carolyn Tice are featured in the current issue of Mennonite Mission Network news as they engage their year-long adventure as SOOP volunteers.

Find the article online: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/news/4928/Couple-experiences-shalom-and-community>

#6 – Congregational Accessibility Audits



One of the commitments that conferences are asked to fulfill in this biennium is to encourage every congregation to begin and complete an Accessibility Audit. If your congregation has completed such an audit, contact the conference office to tell us your story. Anabaptist Disabilities Network offers this online audit to assist congregations in this important work - <https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=O2Nh1PolD0-JbrneMlkC4xIKOqng-pOsz8fJ1kX9GBUNDkwWIAwR0FBWFIETDUxOEhHRFJCUK5SRC4u>