

**#1 – Fall Faith & Life Gathering - November 4 – Winchester, VA**

*the exchange*, Winchester, Va, will host our upcoming delegate meeting at **John Handley High School**, in the student union. Address - **425 Handley Blvd, Winchester, Virginia. 22601.**



Because of increasing covid cases, Leadership Council is making this meeting available as a hybrid via Zoom, but with **strong encouragement to come in person because of the nature of the agenda** – vision for conference minister search, vision for youth ministry, and financial capacity for conference work. Breakout groups (in-person and online) will give important feedback to the Leadership Council to assist in their work during this time of transition.

We hope that all congregations consider sending delegations to Winchester for this 6-hour gathering:

9:00 – Gathering, registration and coffee/refreshments	12:00 – Lunch – suggested donation \$20
9:30 – Worship led by <i>the exchange</i>	1:00 – Spotlight-IGH proceeds discussion – TJ Tennefoss, Grace
10:00 – Conf. Min. Report; Conf. Treas. Report - Offering	1:05 – Conference Youth Ministry (breakout groups)
10:25 – Spotlight-IGH proceeds discussion – Julie Swartzentruber, Pittsburgh	1:40 – Spotlight-IGH proceeds discussion – Congre #4 TBD
10:30 – Conference Minister Search (breakout groups)	1:45 – Ministry Resources Work Group (breakout groups)
11:55 – Spotlight-IGH proceeds discussion – Doug Berg, Springs	2:30 – Closing Song

**#2 - A message from MC USA Moderator Jon Carlson**



*What makes something—or someone—Anabaptist?* While we could all offer multiple responses to the question, the word itself gives us a hint: it has something to do with baptism. For five years (2012 - 2017), representatives from Mennonite, Catholic, and Lutheran traditions engaged in a trilateral dialogue about baptism. The results of those generative conversations were published in **The Report of the Trilateral Conversations between Lutherans, Mennonites, and Catholics, 2012-2017.**

Now, Mennonite World Conference is inviting Anabaptists throughout the world to engage with that report in our own contexts. MWC's Faith and Life Commission has prepared a study guide for use in congregations, Sunday School classes, small groups, or other contexts –

<https://mwc-cmm.org/en/resources/growing-faithfulness-living-out-our-baptism>

**Mennonite Church USA invites you to review the available resources and consider sharing a response from your community back to MWC by November 1, 2024.**

In the shared spirit of our one baptism, Jon Carlson, Moderator

**#3 – With grateful appreciation**

Many thanks to everyone for the cards, gifts, emails, prayers, and connections over the past several weeks during the passing of my wife, Becky. The journey with cancer was long, with a sudden ending. I am clearly in the middle of a grieving process which ebbs and flows, as many of you know. I am back in the office attending to the work before our conference, albeit with a new awareness of my limitations and sense of priorities - *Dave*

**#4 – Giving Tuesday not far away!**



Tuesday, November 28, 2023 is the designated date for this year's designated giving to your favorite ministries. Among the many choices you have, Allegheny Mennonite Conference hopes you will choose our focused ministries – *Jesus-centered-*

*Collaborative-Committed to Placed Based Ministry* – as worthy of your support. **Special “One-Time” Budget Item Focus for 2023-24 – GOAL \$3,000 for Conference Minister Search related expenses.** Be looking for a link to the conference donate button in your email or text and give until your heart feels satisfied!!!