

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



One of eight table groups

the exchange, Winchester, Va, hosted a hybrid delegate meeting with 42 attending in person and 11 attending online. 53 delegates are the most we have had at a meeting since the pandemic. Randy Kolb, Moderator, and the Leadership Council are grateful for the serious attention given to the agenda of the conference –



Randy Kolb with an online group

1) preparations for a conference minister search; 2) how youth ministry will figure into AMC’s priorities over the near and long term; 3) and how we can secure financial resources to carry our collective mission forward.

Delegates gave feedback to several questions generated by the Leadership Council around these three focal priorities. *the exchange* provided wonderful music, a great space at a local high school, and lunch and snacks.



Draw the circle wide – Photo by Jayne Byler

Thank you to pastors Chris Scott and Viqui Dill and everyone behind the scenes who made the day a positively memorable experience.

#2 - Jon Carlson, MC USA Moderator – another important message



“People get better when they start to understand that they are valuable”

<https://www.mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/fear-not-of-man-where-mc-usa-is-going/>

#3 – Giving Tuesday – November 28, all day! - \$3,000 goal for special one-time budget focus



Tuesday, November 28, 2023 is the 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. Because of our search for a new conference minister, **a special “One-Time” budget item for 2023-24 – GOAL \$3,000** needs to be fulfilled in order to cover expected conference minister search related expenses.

This link to the conference donate button will be sent to everyone on our mailing list on November 28. Or you can click early! Give until your heart feels satisfied!!!

<https://www.alleghenymennoniteconference.org/donate/> (Under “Write a Note” – type in Giving Tuesday)

#4 – Need a speaker – check out Mennonite Mission Network representative Sara Gurulé

I began working at Mennonite Mission Network as a Constituent Engagement Representative in August 2022. In this position, I meet with conferences, congregations and communities throughout the United States. I am so excited to meet with and learn from the communities I encounter! Sara is interested in coming to your congregation – virtually or in person. Check out more here: <https://www.mennonitemission.net/about/staff/Sara%20Gurul%C3%A9>



#5 – Congregation Feature – what is highest on your congregational agenda?

Be looking for a new feature in the Miscellany. Starting next month, we will feature one of our seventeen congregations who will let us in on a one paragraph description of what is going on that gives them energy to engage the work of following Jesus. Stay tuned...

#6 – New Update from the Tice’s SOOP Adventure -

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

#7 – Check out the SPRING STUDY Brochure and Online Registration at

alleghenymennoniteconference.org Look under the Events tab.

