

#1 – Allegheny to seek affirmation for new Conference Minister



Amy Yoder McGloughlin has been identified as the next conference minister for Allegheny Mennonite Conference, to be affirmed by delegate action in a special online voting procedure following a special virtual delegate meeting to be held May 18, 2024 at 11:00 AM via Zoom. Allegheny Conference spans five states – West Virginia, Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Delaware -- with seventeen congregations.

Amy brings many years of experience to this new role as pastor, working in Christian communities, nonprofit organizations, writing, public speaking, team management, leadership, and teaching.

A search committee has been working since fall 2023 and brought a unanimous recommendation to the Leadership Council, who is now unanimously recommending her to be affirmed for a three-year term by congregational delegates. A two-thirds majority affirmation is necessary for final acceptance of the recommendation for Amy to serve as conference minister. Delegates should look for more information coming soon to their inboxes.

#2 - "Exodus: The Intersection of Worship and Liberation for Contemporary Faith Communities" –



Dr. Safwat Marzouk led thirteen pastors and leaders in Allegheny’s annual Spring Pastors and Leaders Bible study at Laurelville Retreat Center April 22-25. Dr. Marzouk is currently Associate Professor of Old Testament at Union Presbyterian Seminary. He was former Associate Professor of OT/HB at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary from July 2011- June 2021.

Dr. Marzouk stimulated wonderful conversation as we revisited the Exodus narrative around numerous themes, including “liberation from” and “liberation into,” “divine call pattern,” connections between “the priestly Creation account and the Tabernacle,” among others. Much time for hiking, reflecting, resting, laughing and competitive games complemented the study. Be looking for next year’s dates and speaker in the coming months.



#3 - Celebrating God's (re)Creation – Annual Celebration of Congregations and Conference



Come to Laurelville Retreat Center, August 2-4 for AMC’s annual “Celebration” event. Read Joel 1 & 2 as preparation. You will be treated to an immersive (and fun!) combination of work, worship, and outdoor experiences designed for all ages and abilities. Karla Stoltzfus Detweiler is our resource person – MC USA’s new Climate Justice Coordinator. This is a **Save-The-Date** announcement. Registration and more details coming in May.