

2018 PNMC Annual Meeting Workshops

1. Churches yesterday, today and tomorrow – Mennonite Mission Network

Marisa Smucker (*Church Relations Representative*)

The world is changing, and the way we do church is also shifting and changing. Some congregations are shrinking, some are growing, some are merging, and some have yet to be planted. Last year church relations representatives interviewed conference ministers and other church leaders in the areas of church planting and church revitalization. Since those interviews, conversations have continued, and planning is underway. In this workshop we will talk about legacy churches, church revitalization, and church planting. Come ready to share your own congregational experiences and learn about Mission Network's plan for resourcing and engaging church planters and missional leaders.

2. Leveraging sharing funds to walk with your community – Everence

Rhoda Blough (*Stewardship Consultant*) and Dennis LeFevre (*Certified Financial Planner*)

Everence 101: Ever wonder how Everence partners with congregations? Learn about the many ways Everence works with congregations and how you can facilitate those partnerships.

3. Endowments and Investing – Everence

Rhoda Blough (*Stewardship Consultant*) and Dennis LeFevre (*Certified Financial Planner*)

Learn about setting up an endowment fund to help your congregation extend its outreach while also promoting stewardship of resources. An endowment fund is set aside and permanently invested, with the earnings available for supporting your ministries.

4. Meet the Speaker / Executive Director – Mennonite Church USA

Glen Guyton (*Executive Director*)

A time for informal conversation with Glen Guyton, Mennonite Church USA Executive Director. As Glen begins his term in this new role he is eager to hear from the voices of members of Mennonite Church USA about your dreams for the church as well as to share more of his vision and story.

5. Healthy Boundaries: What your congregation needs to know – PNMC

Katherine Jameson (*Executive Conference Minister*)

Across MC USA, conferences are providing training to pastors in healthy boundaries to try to prevent pastoral misconduct, but it's not just pastors who need this important information. If you are in congregational leadership you have a role too.

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We will explore PNMC and MC USA expectations for pastors and ways that congregational leaders can work with their pastors to meet these expectations. We all want our congregations to be safe places for everyone and healthy pastors and leaders working together are key.

6. "Pathways" -- The Journey Forward Study Guide

Katherine Jameson (*Executive Conference Minister*)

The *Pathways* study guide is a way for groups to participate in the Journey Forward renewal process. *Pathways* invites congregations and groups across MC USA to engage in studying Scripture, singing, praying, storytelling, exploring Anabaptist history and values, discussing how they see God working in their lives and discovering how they can live out broader church values in their particular contexts. In this workshop we will take a closer look at the materials and how they can be used, including participating in a sample lesson

7. Blessings Shared – Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Led by Gloria Nussbaum, (*PNMC Conference Historian*)

Psalm 89:1 - *I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.*

"Do you have a Will?" That's a question we're used to being asked and most of us understand the importance of having one. How often have you been asked, "Do you have an Ethical Will?" Indeed, most of us have never heard of such a thing!

Dating back to biblical times, elders and leaders offered prayers and proffered advice of an ethical nature to family members and disciples, bidding them to go forward and lead full, principled and virtuous lives. There are many examples of this in the Bible. In this interactive workshop we'll explore the history of Ethical Wills, look at some examples and begin to write our own. People of all ages will learn and have fun together!

8. Stephens Ministry – Portland Mennonite Church

Led by Britt Carlson (*Pastor of Community Life*)

Walking with one another: A Stephen's ministry story

Caring for one another is a vital role of a congregation, but it doesn't always happen well. Through the Stephen's Ministry program, Portland Mennonite is finding new ways to accompany those in the congregation in need of care. Learn how the program has worked for them and explore the possibility of your congregation gaining new skills and organization in caring.