

**Conference communications council**  
**Zion Mennonite Church**  
**February 2, 2019**

**2019 Agenda**

9:00 Welcome and gathering worship

9:30 Presentation: Michael Danner, Ass. Exec. Dir. of Church Vitality & Engagement, MC USA

10:30 Break

10:45 Presentation, *continued*

12:00 Lunch

1:00 Congregational Roll Call – *One thing your congregation is doing differently than it had 5 years ago or even compared to more recently.*

1:30 Conversations around tables/sharing back to whole group

2:30 Break

2:45 Resources for congregations and announcements

Marisa Smucker, Mennonite Mission Network

Katherine Jameson Pitts, Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference

3:45 Beginning and Ending Stories

Anawim Christian Community, Portland, OR – Steve Kimes

Church of the Wandering, Olympia, WA – Tasha Norton

**Roll Call sharing: “What we are doing differently as a congregation”**

- ZION – Dinner for 8
- Western – several deaths in 1 year
  - Preparedness – Rick gave up pulpit to hear congregational stories
  - Pulpit supply
  - Don’t know where we are going
- Warden – Using resources on line
- Shalom – ghost church – no program

- Seattle – pray around children in front of church – bringing families forward instead of leaving them in the back.
- Salem – 2 years without pastor – maintain status quo – Candidate coming in Feb.
  - Supporting one another
  - Inclusive congregation conversations
  - Fellowship
  - Guess who’s coming to dinner
  - Moments of mission
- Prince of Peace – Anchorage
  - 3 years without pastor – now enjoying new pastor
- Portland Mennonite – 2 worship services
  - Desire for hospitality – bumps up how to make decisions
- Pacific covenant – House church – everyone contributes
  - Schedule – home / service
- Mountain View – young children – What do you want at church? Nursery
  - Have added children’s sermon
- Ministerios – stable leadership for a long time– comfort Zone
  - Many moving away – uncertainty
  - New leadership rising/new concerns/new people – uncertainty
- Menno – Candidate coming in Feb.
- Lebanon – pie ministry – given to first time visitors
  - Studying a book on leadership – has been a traumatic journey
- Jerusalem – house church – 7 people English – 10 people Spanish – challenges
- Bethel – stream services on facebook
- Roca – Living stones – sign the stones – joint service with Calvary – signify commitment to the church
  - EBAFOM – classes on Friday, then students teach on Sunday
- Hyde Park – children’s program – Godly play curriculum
- First – Aberdeen – Carl Hege very sick and in hospital
- Evergreen – Jessica called as pastor – no longer interim – she’s getting married
- Evergreen Heights – sister congregation in Obregon – going to visit soon
- Eugene Mennonite – Steve Kimes – pastor
- Corvallis – Structure is the same – which means all services are different
- Vida Nueva – growing – began with 8 – 15 – now have 40 – 60 – difficult – baptized 3
  - New relationship with Western – joint services
- Albany – Youth are coming back – new young pastor – drawing younger group