

2024 Annual Meeting Agenda Overview:

Friday, June 21

- 1:00—5:00PM Community service opportunity in Bend and MCC comforter knotting
- 1:00—5:00PM Contemplative Half-Day Retreat for Pastors/Chaplains/Credentialed Leaders
- 6:00PM Appreciation Dinner for Pastors/Chaplains/Credentialed Leaders (Everyone else will have dinner on their own)
- 7:30PM PNMC Hymn Sing, led by Phil Rempel (Albany Mennonite Church)

Saturday, June 22

- 7:30AM New Delegate Orientation Breakfast
- 8:30AM Opening Worship
- 9:30AM Break and Snacks
- 10:00AM PNMC Delegate Session #1
- 12:00 Noon Catered lunch for all
- 1:30PM Workshop Period 1: **MCUSA Safe Church**, led by Nancy Kauffman
- 3:00PM Break
- 3:30PM Workshop Period 2 (choose one)

- I. **Gratitude in Action: Practicing Generosity and Faithful Stewardship as the Body of Christ** *The joyful work of being the church comes with all kinds of challenges in our day, including cultivating the resources needed to live out our mission in the world. Join Rhoda Blough (Everence Stewardship Consultant) and Colin Saxton (Everence Stewardship Theologian and Director of Church Relations) to explore some best practices for generosity and an approach to faithful stewardship aimed at helping congregations flourish.*
- II. **Braver Conversations: Learning to Depolarize Ourselves and Remain Curious About Others** *This workshop teaches skills that will help us engage in important conversations we might otherwise avoid. Avoidance can harm relationships, erode trust and weaken the resiliency of our congregational life. We will focus on discovering underlying values and areas of commonality, maintaining curiosity in our engagements and treating others with dignity. When we remember that each person is created in God's image it can transform difficult conversations into rich, restorative experiences. This workshop is from Braver Angels, a non-partisan organization that works to reduce the political divisions in the U.S. Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship (Boise, ID) started working with Braver Angels in 2018 as a way to be peacemakers in turbulent political times. You can learn more at braverangels.org. Workshop Leader: Robert Hanson, Member of Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship and member of the PNMC Pastoral Leadership Team.*
- III. **Diverse Ways of Being the Church** (Panel Discussion) *What are the struggles and opportunities as we seek to fulfill our mission as congregations? How does our context shape our way of being and doing church? We will be considering leadership structures, worship styles, along with urban/rural, racial/ethnic/cultural differences. Gary Jewell, PNMC District Pastor, will moderate our discussion.*

- 5:00PM Dinner on our own
- 7:00PM Table games and recreation at the school

Sunday, June 23

- 8:30AM PNMC Delegate Session #2
- 10:00AM Coffee/Rolls
- 10:30AM Worship & Communion Celebration
- Noon Adjourn and recreation options in the Bend area

Bonus Offering! Pre-Meeting Anabaptist Theology Symposium

All are invited to a time of purposeful conversation and reflection on the role theology plays in our churches in the Pacific Northwest. As we approach the 500th anniversary of our Anabaptist tradition, and in the midst of cultural, social, and political change, it seems like a significant opportunity to gather as churches from our corner of the world to begin some important conversations about how what we are doing and teaching is uniquely Anabaptist and what that actually means.

The two sessions will feature panel discussions with select presenters and facilitated conversations involving all who are present. The goal is to begin some important conversations that may be carried on through the year formally and informally. There is no intent to establish any “orthodoxy” or statement out of this. Facilitated by pastors Sam Adams (Bend Mennonite Church) and Craig Morton (Meridian Mennonite Church).

Sessions: 1-6 pm Thursday, June 20 and 8:30-11 am Friday, June 21

Location: Seven Peaks School, Bend, OR (same location as Annual Meeting)

No extra charge for this gathering. Simply indicate your plan to attend on the registration form.