

# CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Schedule for the 52nd Annual Business Session

June 26-28,2008

Wheaton College

*For Such a Time - Esther*

## Thursday, June 26

- 4:00 pm Registration begins at Fischer Hall  
5:00 pm Pastor Appreciation Dinner at Anderson Commons  
7:30 pm WORSHIP I: *Before Esther Comes Vashti*, Esther 1:1-13a, 15-22, Speaker: Joel Miller  
(Barrows Auditorium in the Billy Graham Center)

Fellowship and Snacks following service

## Friday, June 27

- 7:00 am Breakfast at Anderson Commons
- 8:00 am *Business Session I* (Barrows Auditorium)  
Welcome and call to Order to the 52nd Annual Meeting  
Welcome from Chicago area congregations  
Introduction of Resolutions and Listening Committees  
Summarize/Approval of 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes  
ACTION: 2007 Annual Meeting Minutes  
Review of Agenda and actions needed  
State of the Conference Address
- 9:00 am Congregational Story:  
Treasurer's Report/Presentation of 2008-2009 Spending Plan  
Introduction of Conference Minister  
Presentation of Gifts Discernment Committee and slate  
ACTION: Slate  
Commissioning Service: Incoming committee members
- 10:00 - 10:30 am Break/Snacks
- 10:30 am Congregational Story:  
Ministerial Committee Highlights  
Journey Program Report
- 11:00 am Congregational Story:  
Message from Grace Mennonite Church  
Introduction of Milwaukee Mennonite Church]  
Camp Friedenswald Highlights  
Announcements
- 11:30 am Lunch at Anderson Commons

- 1:00 pm      *Business Session II* (Barrows Auditorium)  
                  Introduction of Guests  
                  Congregational Story:
- 1:15 pm      Missional Church Committee  
 1:55 pm      ACTION: 2008-2009 Spending Plan.  
 2:00 pm      Word from MC USA: MMN featured agency
- 2:30 pm      Congregational Story:
- 2:45 pm      Transition to workshops [(Billy Graham Center)  
 3:00 pm      Workshops - Option 1  
 4:00 pm      Drink Break  
 4:15 pm      Workshops - Option 2  
 5:30 pm      Dinner at Anderson Commons  
                  Mennonite Women Dinner in South Party Room at Anderson Commons  
                  Mennonite Men Dinner in Phelps Room at Anderson Commons
- 7:30 pm      WORSHIP II: *Since I have found favor, I have a request!*, Esther 5:1-3; 7:3-4a, Speakers:  
 Cyneatha Millsaps and Chuck Neufeld  
                  Offering
- 9:00 pm      Late Night Activities

**Saturday, June 23**

- 7:15 am      Breakfast at Anderson Commons
- 8:00 am      *Business Session III: What does it mean to be an Anabaptist Christian in our American culture?*  
                  Breakout Groups (Billy Graham Center)
- 9:00 am      Transition back to Barrows Auditorium
- 9:10 am      Breakout group reporting/discussion
- 9:30 am      MCC Great Lakes Report  
 Bluffton University Report  
 Chicago Mennonite Learning Center Report  
 Adriel Report  
 Mennonite Women Report  
 Mennonite Men Report
- 10:00 am      Open Mic
- 10:30 am      ACTION: Gratitude Resolution/Other Resolutions  
 Listening Committee Report on Anabaptist/American identity discussion  
 Delegate attendance report
- Close of Conference
- 10:50 am      Drink Break
- 11:00 am      WORSHIP III: *Subversive Hope*; Esther 4:9-17, Psalm 371-7, 23-24, Matthew 6:19-21,  
 Speaker: Gwen Gustafson-Zook (Barrows Auditorium)

Communion

No lunch served