

CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Schedule for the 53rd Annual Business Session

June 25-27, 2009

First Mennonite Sugarcreek

Engaging the Empire: Anabaptist identity for the everyday

Thursday, June 25

- 4:00 pm Registration begins at First Mennonite
5:00 pm Pastor Appreciation Dinner at Schrock's Country Cooking
7:30 pm WORSHIP I: Speaker: Ched Myers, *Exodus or Egypt? In Baptism and Wilderness Vision Quest, Jesus Retraces the Footsteps of His Ancestors* (Luke 3-4)
Fellowship and Snacks following service

Friday, June 26

- 8:00 am *Business Session I*
Welcome and call to Order to the 53rd Annual Meeting
Welcome from Eastern Ohio Region congregations
Introduction of Resolutions and Listening Committees
Review of Agenda and actions needed
Summarize/Approval of 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes
ACTION: 2008 Annual Meeting Minutes
Presentation of Proposed Constitutional change
State of the Conference Address
- 9:00 am The historical context of Sugarcreek
Missional Church Committee: Return to the Earth
Dedication of Burial Boxes
ACTION: Milwaukee Mennonite Church
Treasurer's Report/Presentation of 2009-2010 Spending Plan
Presentation of Gifts Discernment Committee and slate
ACTION: Slate
Commissioning Service: Incoming and continuing committee members
- 10:00 - 10:30 am Break/Snacks
- 10:30 am Congregational Story
The Corinthian Plan
Friends Program
Missional Church Committee
- 11:00 am Congregational Story
Messages from Bethel, Calvary, Christ Community, Dover, First Berne, and Lafayette
Camp Friedenswald Highlights
Introduction of Guests
Announcements
- 11:30 am Lunch at Sweet Basil
- 1:00 pm *Business Session II*
Congregational Story
Ministerial Committee Highlights
Journey Program Report

1:30 pm Introduction of Emmaus Road Mennonite Fellowship
1:45 pm Word from MC USA: Joint agency report, MMA featured agency

2:15 pm Congregational Story
Chicago Mennonite Learning Center Report

2:45 pm Transition to workshops
3:00 pm Workshops - Option 1
4:00 pm Transition
4:15 pm Workshops - Option 2
5:30 pm Dinner

Mennonite Women Dinner at Sweet Basil
Mennonite Men Dinner at Sweet Basil
All those not participating in either of the dinners above are on your own. See a list of area restaurants in your delegate packet.

7:30 pm WORSHIP II: Speaker: Ched Myers, *Manna or Mammon? An Introduction to Sabbath Economics* (Luke 4:3f; Ex 16)
Offering

Late Night Activities: Music with *The Hastily Assembled Bluegrass Band* and ice cream

Saturday, June 23

6:45 am Breakfast with Mennonite Mutual Aid at Sweet Basil

8:00 am *Business Session III:*
Breakout Groups

9:30 am Missional Church Committee:
MCC Great Lakes Report

Congregational Story:

Bluffton University Report
Adriel Report

10:00 am Open Mic
ACTION: 2009-2010 Spending Plan
ACTION: Constitutional Change

10:30 am Listening Committee Report
ACTION: Gratitude Resolution/Other Resolutions
Delegate attendance report

Close of Conference

10:50 am Drink Break

11:00 am WORSHIP III: Speaker: Ched Myers, *Dispersal or Dominion? Liberator or Patron? Following Jesus in the Context of Empire* (Luke 4:5-12; 1 Sam 8; Jer 7)
Communion

No lunch served