

WORKSHOPS FOR SATURDAY JUNE 20, 2009

Columbus '09 Delegates to MC USA Convention –

Delegates appointed by their congregations, conference delegates, and others interested in MC USA issues and discussions are invited to convene with conference leaders for orientation, planning and sharing.

*offered once (1:30 p.m.)

The Corinthian Plan

The Corinthian Plan is the name for the new health-care benefit plan for MC USA pastors & church workers. This workshop will provide an opportunity to ask questions of the CPMC “Corinthian Plan Ambassadors” and learn more from them and a denominational representative of the planning board.

Evening Prayers - Elaine Kauffman

Spend the last workshop session in “at prayers” with the Anabaptist prayer book *Take Our Moments and Our Days*. Time for conversation after the benediction for those interested in reflection, , materials, themes, or other related topics.

*offered once (4:00 p.m.) in the historic Bethel church (limited to 20 participants)

Faith Formation in the Home - Marlene Bogard

Learn about the important role of parents in Christian faith nurture, explore prayer, family rituals, traditions and service as avenues of faith formation.

*offered once (1:30 p.m.) (limited to 30 participants)

Hope for Afghanistan, Alternatives to Violence – Freeman Area Network for Justice & Peace

Someone has observed that Americans learn geography and history through the wars they fight. What do we know about Afghanistan now? This workshop will explore Christian/Muslim voices and presence in this part of the world. Resources will be provided for thinking about alternatives to violence and to military solutions.

Hymn Sing - Galen Kauffman

Sing favorites old and new in a beautiful old church that is part of the Heritage Hall Museum complex.

*offered once (1:30 p.m.) in the historic Bethel church

Managing Money to Honor God – Jeffrey C. Swartzentruber, CPA, PFS (Menn. Foundation Rep and VP MMA Trust Company)

How do you manage your money? In this session we will talk about: God’s view of money, what your money is saying to the world about you, living generously, learning to live for “enough” rather than for “more”, and saving for the future.

Punks, Monks, and Radicals: Embodying the Gospel in a Postcolonial World - Mark Van Steenwyck...

Hear stories about the rise of a new radical impulse around the world--folks who are embracing the radical way of Jesus Christ in the shadow of Empire. Mark will share about how communities are creatively addressing the shallowness of our consumer culture with emphases on hospitality, peace, simplicity, prayer, missional engagement, social justice, and intentional living. Drawing upon the experiences of a number of intentional communities (including his own--Missio Dei, a Mennonite community in Minneapolis), Mark will examine the different ways in which these new monks, punks, and radicals are connecting with a generation that is tired of shallow and inauthentic Christianity, and how the broader church can learn from its example.

Safe Sanctuaries; Preventing child abuse in the Congregation - Marlene Bogard

We will explore why congregations are at risk and how to develop abuse-prevention policies so that all who worship & learn in a church are safe.

*offered once (4:00 p.m.)(limited to 30 participants)

Taking the 'and' out of the churches' worship and witness - Kent McDougal

In this workshop we will reflect scripturally and theologically on the recovery and practice of a "classic" form of liturgy. We will try to flesh this out a bit by telling the story of Christ Community Church in Des Moines. This workshop will be framed on both sides by a discussion of the relationship between liturgy and life, worship and witness.

What is God Up to in Ecuador? - Ecuador Partners of Central Plains Mennonite Conference

It has been about 10 years since the Ecuador partnership began. Learn how God's love is being shared in Ecuador as the Anabaptist presence keeps growing. Come prepared to hear stories, see photos, and to learn from the examples of our brothers and sisters from the southern hemisphere.

What's in it for Me? - Elizabeth Janssen of Mennonite Central Committee & Kay Schroeder of Mennonite Mission Network will lead a discussion about opportunities for all ages.

*offered once (1:30 pm)

Youth and Conference Leaders in Dialog - Organized by Shana Peachey Boshart

Youth Delegates & Guests are invited to a time of dialog with CPMC conference leaders.

*offered once (4:00 p.m.)

Off-sites - all afternoon – (start at 1:30, return by 5:30) (\$3 transportation fee collected at time of departure)

- Hutterite Colony Tour - Delmer Hofer (limited to 25 participants)
- Service Project at Swan Lake Christian Camp; bring work clothes and gloves (limited to 14 participants)

Note: Heritage Hall Museum will be open Saturday afternoon; \$4 entrance fee (self guided)