

Welcome to the Delegates from the CDC Board President

Welcome to our virtual zoom CDC gathering! It is certainly a disappointment to hold our 64th annual meeting and not be together. Thank you to the good people of **Oak Grove Mennonite Church, First Mennonite Church Sugarcreek, and First Mennonite Church Wadsworth** for their willingness to host us, we wish we could be gathered there instead.



This year we want to extend a particular welcome to Mennonite Church USA Executive Director, Glenn Guyton. It is a gift to be able to hear him preach. We are grateful for his willingness to join us.

While three regional gatherings were held this year — in Elkhart, Indiana, Madison, Wisconsin, and Raleigh, North Carolina — the fourth, scheduled for this spring in Cincinnati, was cancelled amid growing concerns about Covid-19. All of our congregations have had to rethink the way we worship together and care for each other in these challenging times. I have been grateful for the way congregations and communities have supported each other and shared ideas and information freely.

We have significantly altered the way we are gathering this weekend but we, as a board, still hope that in this time together you experience meaningful worship, laughter and fellowship, and above all a sense of God's spirit moving us forward toward God's dreams for Central District Conference and Mennonite Church USA.

Blessings,

Anna Yoder Schlabach