

# CENTRAL DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Delegate Schedule

June 19-21, 2025

Bluffton University, Bluffton, Ohio

***Listen! Wisdom is Calling***

## **Thursday, June 19**

*Worship services are open to everyone! You don't need to be registered for the annual meeting to attend.*

- 2:00 pm Registration in Marbeck Center lower level
- 3:00-4:30 pm Pre-conference seminar in Centennial Hall: Juneteenth with Elizabeth Kelly and Matt Pritchard
- 5-6:45 pm Pastor Appreciation Dinner in Marbeck Center Kreider Room
- 7:30 pm WORSHIP I: at Grace Mennonite Church, Pandora, Ohio  
Theme: Wisdom from our Anabaptist History  
Speaker: Perry Bush  
Offering: Giving Back to the Community – Lima Mennonite Haitian immigrant ministry
- 9:00 pm Ice Cream Social at Grace Mennonite

## **Friday, June 20**

- 8:30 am *Delegate Session I in Marbeck Center*  
Welcome  
Getting acquainted around tables  
State of the Conference Address  
Centering  
Congregational Story: Assembly Mennonite Church  
  
Introduction of Resolutions and Listening Committees, and Parliamentarian  
  
Summary Review of 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes  
ACTION: 2024 Annual Meeting Minutes  
  
Treasurer's Report/Presentation of 2025-2026 Proposed Spending Plan  
  
Presentation of Gifts Discernment Committee and Slate  
ACTION: 2024-2026 Slate  
Commissioning Prayer: Incoming and continuing committee members
- 9:45 am Break/Snacks in Marbeck Center
- 10:15 am Song  
Camp Friedenswald Report  
Committee reports panel discussion  
Song/Centering  
Introduction for membership of Knoxville Mennonite Church and Peace Mennonite Fellowship  
Update on First Mennonite Chicago  
Release of Agora Ministries  
  
Sharing around tables/open mic - Dwelling in the Word/Visioning  
  
Introduction of Guests

Announcements

- 11:45 am Lunch in Marbeck Center
- 1:30 pm *Delegate Session II*  
Song/Centering  
Conference Minister Evaluation
- 1:40 pm WORSHIP II: in Marbeck Center  
Theme: Wisdom from our Churches Today  
Storytelling: Each congregation to bring a symbolic object that represents something the Spirit is doing among them right now.  
Offering: Central District Conference  
Communion
- 3:15 pm Break
- 3:45 pm *Delegate Session III*  
Seminars/Activities  
\*Swiss Historical Society and Schumacher Homestead led by Doug Luginbill  
\*Wild Church Worship in Nature Preserve led by Janeen Bertsche Johnson, James Rissler, Brian Sauder, and Sarah Werner  
\*Hymnsing in Yoder Recital Hall: Anabaptist singing through the years with Adam Tice and Katie Graber
- 6:00 pm Dinner in Marbeck Center or on your own (list of local restaurants in delegate packet)  
Free Time –  
\*Opportunity for informal get-togethers  
\*Emerging Communities conversations  
\*Attend Mennonite Women: 100 Years and Story and Song at First Mennonite Church, 7:00p

**Saturday, June 21**

- 8:30 - 9:30 am  
WORSHIP III:  
Theme: Wisdom for the Future Church  
Speaker: Melissa Florer-Bixler
- 9:30 am Break Marbeck Center
- 10:15 am *Delegate Session IV*  
Song/Centering:  
Congregational Story: Columbus Mennonite Church  
Missional Church Committee  
Ministerial Committee
- 11:15 am Song/Centering:  
ACTION: 2025-2026 Spending Plan  
Open Mic  
Listening Committee Report
- 11:40 am Evaluations/Committee Nominations  
Close of Delegate Sessions

11:50am	Songs/Benediction
12:00 pm	Close of Annual Meeting