

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: Contemplating Radical Hospitality 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 Parliamentary

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 (BU Alumni Reception in Bob's Place)
- 10:15 am Song/Centering
Camp Friedenswald Report
Introduction for membership of Knoxville Mennonite Church and Peace Mennonite Fellowship
Update on First Mennonite Chicago
Release of Agora Ministries

Presentation, Table Conversation, Open Mic – [Abuse Prevention and Response in Mennonite Church USA](#)

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 person bring a symbolic object that represents something the Spirit has been doing among your congregation the past year.
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