

Central Plains Mennonite Conference Workshops
Friday June 17 (4:00 – 5:00) & Saturday June 18 (3:30 – 4:30)

Let the Children Come: Preparing our Faith Communities to End Child Abuse & Neglect: Churches have potential to both help and hurt children and youth. This workshop discusses practical ways churches can make policies to protect children, strengthen families and keep children safe in church and community. Jeanette Harder, author of the book with the same title will lead this workshop. (Friday & Saturday)

First Fruits Congregational Budgeting & Giving: How East Union Mennonite Church has used First Fruits concepts in the church budget. Terms will be defined with comparison and contrasts between East Union (IA) and Silverwood Mennonite (IN). Presented by Jeff Swartzendruber, Everence Managing Director and East Union congregational chair. (Friday & Saturday)

Mission Possible: A Mid-Week Children's Curriculum: A mid-week children's curriculum explained—with samples—presented by pastor Amy Nissley and lay leaders from Bethel Mennonite Church at Mt. Lake, Minnesota. (Friday & Saturday)

Conversations With Kingdom Partners: Cesar, Patricia & Others From Quito & Riobamba, Ecuador and partners in Colombia: A bi-lingual gathering with up to date news—in person, with friends and partners in mission. Don Kempf will moderate. (Friday)

Cross Cultural Communication: A bi-lingual workshop introducing tools and exploring bridges for improving communication between people who have different cultural experiences. Facilitated by Pastor Marji Caraballo of Templo Alabanza in Moline, IL. (Friday).

Growing Deeper, Rooted & Grounded in Love: Learn of resources that encourage young families in your congregation to nurture their children's faith formation. This workshop is led by a panel of participants in the Family Faith Formation Project of Central Plains and is facilitated by Kent Blossom. (Friday)

Immigration & The Christian Response: Immigration laws are popping up in state legislatures causing concern among our Hispanic brothers and sisters. How might Christians respond? This bi-lingual workshop is facilitated by Pastor Rosie Epp of Sermon on the Mount in Sioux Falls, SD. (Saturday)

Have Questions? Let's Talk!: Now that you've experienced most of Annual Meeting—worship, delegate sessions and fellowship—you surely have questions. Conference Ministers and Moderators want to hear your thoughts and questions about the weekend. For youth and young adults only, facilitated by Shana Peachey Boshart. (Saturday)