

## **Workshops**

### **Church Planting Strategy in Central Plains (Friday)**

Join in a discussion with Pastor David Boshart, West Union Mennonite Church, Parnell, Iowa, about church planting in Central Plains Mennonite Conference. Hear stories of the experiences of others; share your heart for outreach and evangelism.

### **The Circle Process (Friday & Saturday)**

Led by John Gehm, consultant to the Central Plains Mennonite Conference Unity Task Group, this workshop is designed to teach the “circle process.” It is a process that facilitates hearing all voices. Those who seek communication in situations of conflict value the circle and the methods here described.

### **Ecuador: Eye of the Beholder (Saturday)**

This workshop will provide an opportunity for members of work teams and participants in the partnership councils to share their stories, impressions, and perhaps even pictures of Ecuador. Learn more about the Mennonite Churches and their partnerships.

### **Immigration, Ecuador, Colombia (Friday)**

What do these three have in common? Who can explain the links among them? What do we need to learn? What can we do? Join Holly Blosser Yoder and others. This workshop is sponsored by the CPMC Outreach & Service Committee.

### **The Old Testament Roots of Nonviolence (Friday & Saturday)**

Philip Friesen, life-long missionary and scholar, presently an International Student Outreach Minister at Stadium Village Church, shares from his recently published book, *The Old Testament Roots of Nonviolence*. Philip's book shows how Jesus' love for his enemies is deeply rooted in the Old Testament story and the teachings of Moses. It reveals how the yeast of the gospel was already at work in the lives of Abraham, Moses, and the prophets, and underlies everything Jesus did, including his teaching about war and injustice. Philip will also share something of the spiritual struggle that lies behind the writing of the book.

### **Opportunities for Peace, Justice and Service (Friday)**

What are the peace, justice and service opportunities in Central Plains Mennonite Conference? Learn about grants that could help congregations become involved. Come with questions, hopes and dreams. Join Katie Spohn & Rosie Epp to learn more.

### **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs (Friday)**

Gather with others to sing and learn the stories of songs we love to sing. Share your stories about their influence, or your testimony about the ways God has used them. (This workshop is tentative at time of printing registration materials.)

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### **The Spirituality of Icons (Friday & Saturday)**

Artist Michelle Hofer, Freeman, South Dakota, shares about the spirituality that goes into creating icons. Learn about using icons in prayer. Michelle is from Hutterthal Mennonite Church, and is the creator of a triptych of banners which were displayed at last year's annual meeting.

### **Tell Me Why... (Saturday)**

Now that you have experienced most of annual meeting—worship, delegate sessions and fellowship—you surely have questions. The conference ministers and moderators sit down to answer your questions and to hear your thoughts on the issues we've talked about this weekend. For youth and young adults only.

### **Using the Anabaptist Prayer Book: Evening Prayers in the late afternoon (Saturday)**

Participate in evening prayers as directed by the Anabaptist prayer book, *Take our Moments and our Days*. Then, if you wish, stay to discuss ways to use the prayers alone or with a group.

### **The Word Made Fresh (Friday & Saturday)**

Grab your congregation by the ears and shake. Matthew Blackwell Kinney, erstwhile stage and television actor, will share his thoughts about the transforming power of the spoken Word. In this short seminar, you'll learn simple techniques that will help you add dimension, sound, music, and color to your reading of the scripture.