

Workshops at CPMC 2021 Annual Meeting

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – 2:00-3:00pm

What is the church going to look like in a COVID/post-COVID world? The world around us is changing and the church cannot continue with business as usual. When statistics tell us that 70% of the people who don't go to church are not interested in a Sunday morning worship event how is the Gospel of Jesus Christ going to reach them? On top of that, the COVID pandemic has accelerated some trends we were already seeing in church attendance and church involvement. How does the church need to change to engage with our culture today? David Fitch is a seminary professor, but more importantly he has been part of several church plants. These churches do not grow quickly but are much more interested in slow, steady growth with a focus on discipleship.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON – 3:15-4:15pm

Choose one of the following on the Registration Form:

Ministries Among the Hmong – Get acquainted with Hmong culture and beliefs as well as hospitality, marriage and funeral practices. Jonah Yang will share about the Hmong including their history and reception of Christianity, as well as his ministry near and far. Jonah is a 2018 graduate of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He has served in the Lao Evangelical, United Methodist and Presbyterian denominations in the US. He currently serves in the Hmong Community Mennonite Church in Lauderdale, MN.

Sorting out truth now and in our history: Crazy news and political nonsense - How do we sort out truth in our current setting and our history? What can we learn about how Mennonites responded (or didn't respond) to governments in times of war, political crises and social upheaval? Have we always been "quiet in the land?" Have we spoken up only when it has a direct impact on us as a people? When have our religious principles caused us to be the "other" in American society? Has there been a "typical" Mennonite response? Join Marcus Miller as he visits our history from a fresh perspective. Marcus Miller teaches history and social studies at Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, Iowa. He is known as a teacher who encourages students to think.

CALLed? Yes, but how? - The landscape of the Church and how it intersects with culture and community is changing rapidly and many Church leaders feel unequipped. Hesston College's CALL Program seeks to develop Church leaders who feel empowered to navigate the ever-changing paradigm of the Church by making disciple-makers. The world needs more disciples of Jesus. The question isn't whether you are called; the question is how are you called? If you are a follower of Jesus Christ, you are called to participate in the Ministries of Christ. But which ministries best fit your gifts, and are you being called into church leadership? Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg directs Hesston's CALL program, blogs at TMail and passionately believes every person has a precious calling waiting to be discovered.