

Central Plains Mennonite Conference

Job Description

Christian Formation Committee

The purpose of the Christian Formation Committee (CFC) is to assist the members of the Central Plains Mennonite Conference to grow continually in Christ-likeness in order to embody a holistic witness to the life, death and resurrection of Jesus. We do this by promoting Christian formation resources and equipping formation leaders.

Members of the CFC are each elected by the delegate body for a three-year term that is renewable once. The CFC chair is elected by the delegate body for a three-year term that is renewable once.

Reports to the Central Plains delegate body through the Conference Board.

Meeting Pattern

One or two face-to-face meetings per year plus teleconference calls. A typical year includes:

- A meeting in August with the Conference Board that includes all committees.
- A meeting the fall to set the agenda for the year.
- Approximately three additional teleconference calls before Annual Meeting in June.

Committee Structure

The committee consists of two task groups, 1) the Youth & Young Adult and 2) the Family & Adult. Each committee member is assigned to one of the task groups. This is a way to be sure we have a balance of gifts and experience represented on the committee.

Usually, the committee acts as a whole. Depending on what the committee is working on, the task groups could meet in addition to the CFC or be asked to work on a specific project related to a specific age group. For example, members of the Youth & Young Adult Task Group contribute to the planning of the weekend youth retreat, Youth Escape, which is held every other year.

Primary Responsibilities

1. Promote resources for Christian formation.

We promote Mennonite (and theologically compatible) curricula, books, videos, web sites, music, worship resources, prayer books, etc. Here is a *sampling* of the kinds of topics we want to be able to recommend resources for: Bible study, prayer, catechesis, conscientious objection, evangelism, intercultural transformation, kids clubs, nonviolence, parenting, restorative justice, and stewardship.

2. Equip people to do Christian formation.

We aim to help Sunday School teachers, Bible study leaders, youth sponsors, kids club leaders, mentors, Christian Education/Formation Committees, parents and pastors as they nurture faith in people at every stage in life and in any congregational setting, including the home.

3. Provide support and accountability for the Shalom Readers Club.
4. Partner with the Western District Conference Resource Library to give Central Plains members access to the WDC library services.
5. Provide support and accountability for the Conference Minister for Christian Formation.

Qualifications

Members of the Christian Formation Committee will be:

- Members of a Central Plains Mennonite Conference member congregation.
- Experienced congregational leaders in Christian formation.
- Committed to the vision and priorities of Central Plains Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Church USA.
- People who are able to work on a team, demonstrate initiative, and have interest in the work of conference
- Able to attend meetings at a distance.

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