

Youth Delegate Fact Sheet 2021

So you've been asked to be a delegate at Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting! Are you wondering on earth that means? I'm Amanda Bleichty, your youth delegate coordinator. I'll try to explain.

Your congregation is one of 47 congregations that make up Central Plains Mennonite Conference (CPMC). Every summer, these congregations send representatives called delegates to a meeting where they fellowship, worship and make the decisions that keep Central Plains going. You can take some time to get to know CPMC by exploring our website, centralplainsmc.org.

We want to include you.

CPMC wants you to participate in Annual Meeting because we think you should be there to influence the kind of churches and the kind of conference that we are becoming. That's why we encourage every congregation to send at least one youth as a delegate.

This year, out of an abundance of caution, CPMC delegates will again be meeting virtually, via Zoom. Although our delegate sessions are often much longer, this year we will try to do the important business of the conference in a 2.5 hour block. In addition to this work that only delegates can do, we'll also meet together for worship three times and have the chance to attend workshops about things that we're interested in. Our Annual Meeting will take place from 7:00pm on Friday, June 18 through morning worship on June 20, with plenty of time offline to relax and recharge.

In addition, youth delegates are also invited to a special youth delegate get-together on Friday evening, following our opening worship (around 8:30pm). During this time we'll meet one another, have a brief orientation about being a delegate, meet with conference leaders, and play a game or two on Zoom.

Logistics:

Registration and other information about Annual Meeting is available online. Registration will be \$50 this year (which your congregation will most likely pay for you), but each person needs to register (and to have a device available) for Annual Meeting. Closer to meeting time, you'll want to check back on the Annual Meeting pages for important delegate information. This year we'll have a written workbook that you'll want to peruse, and several video reports that you'll want to have watched **before** the delegate session on Saturday. (centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021)

Questions?

Your pastor may be able to answer questions about what Annual Meeting is like. Or you can give me a call or write me an email. I hope you'll come! I look forward to seeing you at CPMC Annual Meeting!

-Amanda Bleichty
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