

# Information Sheet

## Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting 2018

*Information to help you prepare for your time at Annual Meeting 2018:*

**Registration** - You may now register on-line for Central Plains Annual Meeting and pay by credit card at our website! Go to <http://www.centralplainsmc.org> and click on "Annual Meeting 2018" to access the registration forms and supporting documents and to pay by credit card. Full-time registration costs \$160 through May 31, and \$200 beginning June 1. One-day registration and young adult (ages 19-23) registration cost \$80.

**Registration Status** – When you fill out the form, please choose the status that fits you:

Credentialed Delegate - Each congregation sends one of its credentialed pastors as the Ordained/Licensed Delegate.

Lay Delegate - Each congregation sends one Lay Delegate per 50 members or a fraction thereof. For example, a congregation of 125 members will send one Credentialed Delegate, three Lay Delegates and one Youth Delegate. Additional credentialed pastors or youth may be designated Lay Delegates.

Youth Delegate - Each congregation is encouraged to send one active participant between age 15 and 20 as a voting delegate.

Youth Guest - Youth participants who are not voting delegates.

Guest - Any adult participant who is not a delegate, such as church-wide representatives and Central Plains members not designated as delegates.

**Workbooks** available on line. In an effort to reduce costs and save a few trees, all Annual Meeting reports will be available at our website after May 15, 2018. If you prefer a paper copy, you must check the box on the *Adult Registration Form* to receive one. In addition, each church will receive one printed copy. Printed copies of the financial reports will be available to each registrant upon arrival at Annual Meeting.

**Children's Activities** will be offered at First Mennonite Church (7300 Holdrege, just a short walk from the Capitol City Christian Church where the adults will be meeting) on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for children thru grade 8 in the 2017-18 school year. Please see the *Children's Activities Registration Form* to register children for the activities designed especially for them!

**Meals** – The Thursday evening meal is on your own. A social after Opening Worship on Thursday evening is being planned. Let us know if you are planning to attend the social by marking "Yes! I'm coming" on the *Adult Registration Form*. The Thursday evening social and Friday and Saturday noon and evening meals and all coffee breaks are included in the registration price. Breakfasts are on your own.

**Housing** - There are several options for housing while you are at Annual Meeting in Lincoln. See the *Housing Options* sheet for details.

**Youth** aged 15-20 participate in delegate sessions as either youth delegates or youth guests. They will receive a *Youth Schedule* on site with additional activities planned both to orient youth and to create fun and fellowship. Youth appointed delegates by their congregation should register as Youth Delegates; other youth should register as Youth Guests. All youth should register for the workshop of their choice on Saturday and for "Meet Your Conference Leaders" on Friday.

**Offerings** will be received at each worship service. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the work of God through Central Plains with your financial gifts.

Dress in layers for your comfort. All indoor meeting spaces are air conditioned.

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