

Information Sheet

Central Plains Mennonite Conference Annual Meeting 2019

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 2019” to access the registration forms and supporting documents and to pay by credit card. Full-time registration costs \$165 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, 2019. If you prefer a paper copy, you must check the box on the *Adult Registration Form* to receive one by mail prior to Annual Meeting. 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 Iowa Mennonite School on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for children thru grade 8 in the 2018-19 school year. Please see the *Children’s Activities Registration Form* to register children for the activities designed especially for them!

Meals – 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. The Saturday evening meal will be a special event off-site. Wood fired pizza will be served at a local farm. It will be a wonderful evening of fellowship and delicious food! Plan to attend and bring lawn chairs or a blanket to sit on as seating space is limited. Let us know you will be joining the fun by marking “Yes, I’m coming...” on the *Adult Registration Form*. Please have your evening meal on Thursday prior to your arrival for the Opening Worship. (There will be no evening meal available on-site on Thursday evening.) Breakfasts are on your own.

Housing - There are several options for overnight stays while you are at Annual Meeting in Iowa. See the *Housing options sheet* for suggestions.

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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