

Information Sheet
CPMC Annual Meeting 2021
*Looking Forward: The Future of the church in a
post-Christian/post-COVID world*

Central Plains Mennonite Conference will hold its Annual Meeting entirely online June 18-20, 2021. Plan now to attend this event for worship, business, fellowship, and learning opportunities. While we will miss opportunities for face-to-face interaction and fellowship, the Annual Meeting Task Group is working hard to implement ways for attendees to have times for small group discussion and connection.

Registration - Registration for Annual Meeting 2021 is now open by paper and online. Go to <http://www.centralplainsmc.org/> and click on "Annual Meeting 2021" to access the registration forms and supporting documents.

Payment by credit card is accepted with your online registration or you may mail a personal check to the Freeman office. If your church pays the registration fee, you may indicate that on the Registration form. Registration cost is \$50 through June 7. On June 8, an additional late fee of \$5 will be in effect.

Each registrant to Annual Meeting must have their own device and email address. Participants will only be allowed to place one vote from each device on any given question. We will again be having Zoom rooms for discussion and this year we are also having workshops, so please, be sure **each person registering has their own device and email address**. Detailed instructions for how to use the Zoom platform are included with this packet. A *practice session* for using Zoom will be available on Wednesday, June 16. Drop in anytime from 7:00-8:30 pm to brush up on skills using the platform, or to ask specific questions about using Zoom. The Zoom link to the tutorial time will be available at centralplainsmc.org/annual-meeting-2021 on June 16.

Registration Status - (See the Delegate Job Description included in this packet.) When you fill out the Adult Registration 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 Conference members not designated as delegates.

Youth aged 15-20 participate in delegate sessions as either youth delegates or youth guests. Youth appointed delegates by their congregation should register as Youth Delegates; other youth should register as Youth Guests. Youth Delegates and Youth Guests are invited to spend time exploring what it means to be a delegate, learning to know Conference Leadership and having FUN together in the "Youth, Conference Leadership and Fun" workshop which will be held on Friday evening. Youth may choose the workshop of their choice on Saturday.

Offerings toward the work and ministry of Central Plains Mennonite Conference are welcome at any time and can be made securely at our website (<http://www.centralplainsmc.org/>) or checks may be mailed to the conference office. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to the work of God through CPMC with your financial gifts.

Privacy disclaimer - All Worship services, Delegate Sessions and Workshops will be recorded. Worship Services and Workshops will be available for viewing after Annual Meeting.

Workbook content will be available on our website after May 15, 2021. If you prefer a paper copy, *you must* request one on the *Adult Registration Form*. Workbooks will be mailed (in late May) directly to those who request a paper copy, so be sure to include a valid mailing address. In addition, each church will receive one printed copy.

Schedule:

Wednesday, June 16

7:00-8:30 pm - drop in practice Zoom session for those with questions or who would like to practice using the platform

Friday, June 18

7:00 p.m. - Welcoming Worship

Following Worship - Youth activities and the "Youth, Conference Leadership and Fun" workshop

Saturday, June 19

9:00-10:15 am - Worship - David Fitch - speaker

10:30-11:45 - Delegate Session

11:45 am - 12:30 pm - Lunch

12:30-1:45 pm - Delegate Session

2:00-3:00 - "What is the church going to look like in a COVID/post-COVID world?" - David Fitch

3:15-4:15 - Workshops

Sunday, June 20

10:00 am - Conference Wide Worship Service (with communion) - David Fitch - speaker