

Information Sheet

CPMC Annual Meeting 2024

“How Can We Know the Way?”

Registration - You may 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 2024” to access the registration forms and supporting documents and to pay by credit card. Full-time registration costs \$185 through May 30, and \$225 May 31-June 10. One-day registration costs \$90.

NO REGISTRATIONS will be accepted after June 10. (Paper registrations must be postmarked by June 10.)

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.

Meals –

Please have your evening meal on Thursday prior to your arrival for the Opening Worship.

Following Opening Worship, everyone is invited to stay for a social. Our thanks to Everence, who is graciously sponsoring this event. 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 wonderful evening of fellowship and delicious food served at Crooked Creek Christian Camp. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. Plan to attend and let us know you will be joining the fun by marking “Yes, I’m coming...” on the *Adult Registration Form*.

Breakfasts are on your own.

If you have dietary restrictions, please note them on the *Adult Registration Form*.

Youth age 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; all other youth should register as Youth Guests. All youth should register for the workshop of their choice on both Friday and Saturday.

Bible - As part of our Covenant of Spiritual Practices for CPMC, we are committed to prayerfully study the Bible together. Please bring your Bible (paper copy or electronic) to Annual Meeting so you can participate in the Bible studies that are part of Annual Meeting.

Children's Activities will be offered off-site at the Wayland Mennonite Church (104 W. 2nd St., Wayland, IA) on Friday and Saturday from 8:00 am – 5:00 pm for children thru grade 8 in the 2023-24 school year. Please see the *Children's Activities Registration Form* to register children for the activities designed especially for them! More details will be sent directly to the parents of children registered for Children's Activities.

Lodging – Several hotels have been blocked for Annual Meeting attendees. If you prefer a home stay, contact the coordinator listed on the *Lodging Information* sheet. An RV Campground is also listed. Everyone is responsible to make their own lodging arrangements.

Workbooks. In an effort to reduce costs and save a few trees, all Annual Meeting reports will be available at our website after May 15, 2024. ***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.

Dress in layers for your comfort. All areas of Sugar Creek Mennonite Church are air conditioned.

Pre-meeting opportunity! Crowded Closet Thrift Shop in Iowa City offers a shop tour and service option for interested persons. If you would like to experience service or explore our MCC thrift shop on Thursday afternoon, prior to coming out to Sugar Creek for Opening Worship, please sign up on the Registration form. Everyone is welcome for thrift shopping! [Visit crowdedcloset.org to learn more about Crowded Closet Thrift Shop.](https://www.crowdedcloset.org) Registration for volunteer projects will be limited to 10 persons. Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is an MCC Thrift store supporting the mission of MCC. This opportunity is sponsored by the Outreach & Service Committee of CPMC.

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