

Dear delegates, families, and friends,

The Twin Cities Mennonite churches extend to you a warm invitation to the 2021 Central Plains Annual Meeting. While we are not able to meet in-person, we still want to include some Twin Cities flavor as we plan our online meeting this year. Our worship times will be representative of our Twin Cities Mennonite congregations and we'll give you some ideas about what it is we do up here.

If you were able to be here, June in Minneapolis-Saint Paul is the best! You could visit one of our amazing museums, stroll along the Mississippi or bike around the chain of lakes, explore one of our zoos, take in a theater production or outdoor concert.

- The Sponsoring Twin Cities Central Plains congregations:
 - Emmanuel Mennonite
 - Faith Mennonite
 - Hmong Mennonite
 - Hmong Community Mennonite
 - Third Way

Some of the **FREE local activities** you might enjoy:

- Minneapolis Institute of Art <https://new.artsmia.org>
- Walker sculpture garden <https://walkerart.org/visit/garden>
- Como zoo and conservatory <https://comozooconservatory.org>
- Minnehaha falls and park
https://www.minneapolisparcs.org/parks_destinations/parks_lakes/minnehaha_regional_park/

A selection of other **museums**:

- Children's museum <https://mcm.org>
- Science Museum <https://www.smm.org>
- Bell Museum of Natural History <http://bellmuseum.umn.edu>
- Minnesota History Center <http://www.mnhs.org/historycenter>
- Museum of Russian Art <http://www.tmora.org>
- Fort Snelling Historical Site <http://www.mnhs.org/fortsnelling>

Theaters; among the most popular:

- Guthrie <https://www.guthrietheater.org>
- Jungle <https://www.jungletheater.org>
- Theater in the Round <http://www.theatreintheround.org>
- Mixed Blood <https://mixedblood.com>
- Penumbra <https://penumbratheatre.org>
- History Theater <https://www.historytheatre.com>

There are lots of fun things to do around here! If you are ever in the Cities, come check out one of our churches and maybe even connect with someone who has a favorite food spot. We'd love to have you visit!