

Greetings from Mountain Lake, Minnesota!

We are excited to host this year's Annual Meeting of Central Plains Mennonite Conference on June 25-28, 2026! We anticipate learning and growing together as communities of grace, joy, and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Most of the conference activities will take place at Bethel Mennonite Church (301 9th Street N), in the center of our town. This includes worship services, delegate sessions, meals, and most workshops. Children's activities will take place across the street at Center Point Church (810 3rd Ave). Both facilities are air-conditioned and handicap accessible. Spanish and Lao interpretation will be provided for worship services and delegate sessions.

The Annual Meeting information packet contains more information about the weekend, including a tentative schedule, list of workshops, children's activities, housing options, and more.

Prior to the opening worship service on Thursday, conference participants are invited to partake in the monthly community meal prepared by Bethel Mennonite Church and served in the fellowship hall from 5:30 to 6:30pm. **You must sign up for this Thursday supper option on your registration if you plan to attend!**

We hope to spend Friday evening, including our evening meal, at the Mountain Lake Heritage Village (www.heritagevillagemountainlake.com). On Saturday evening, those who are interested may sign up to visit the Jeffers Petroglyphs (www.mnhs.org/jefferspetroglyphs), the site of some 5,000 sacred rock carvings made by the ancestors of today's Native Americans (a 20-minute drive away).

Some workshops will also take us out into our community, and you may want to do some exploring on your own. The attached map shows some points of interest, as do the websites below:

- **Care and Share Shop:** MCC Thrift, Ten Thousand Villages, and Sweet Fields coffee shop, located at 218 10th Street N (a away block from Bethel Mennonite Church)
- **Mountain Lake walking/bike trail:** <https://mountainlakemn.com/visitors/walking-bike-trail>
- **Mountain County Park/Historic Site:** <https://www.mnhs.org/mnopedia/search/index/place/mountain-county-park-and-historic-site>
- **Lawcon Park Disc Golf:** <https://mountainlakemn.com/visitors/disc-golf/>
- **Golf Course:** <https://mountainlakemn.com/business/mountain-lake-golf-course/>
- **City of Mountain Lake:** <https://mountainlakemn.com/>

As you prepare to attend this year's Annual Meeting, please be in prayer for God's presence and guidance to be felt deeply by all who gather. May we together grow in holistic witness to God's reconciling mission in our conference, communities, and the world.

In peace,

Mountain Lake area churches:

Bethel Mennonite

First Mennonite

Lao Christian Fellowship