

Anabaptism in Diversity

Glenn Kauffman, Capital Christian Fellowship

Anabaptism is a way of following Jesus that can be costly and sacrificial. At times that sacrifice is our cultural comfort and assumptions.

Another Look at Swearing Oaths

William Higgins, New Providence Mennonite

The refusal to swear oaths has had a prominent place in Anabaptist/Mennonite confessions of faith through the years. We will take a fresh look at what the Scriptures have to say about this topic and how this fits with traditional Mennonite faith and practice.

Church on the Other Side Network

Omar Guzman, Church on the Other Side

Open to COTOS network leaders only.

Discipline: A practice necessary for a fruitful journey in faith.

Yonathan Guiti, Evangelical Garifuna Church of Manhattan

This seminar will outline two spiritual disciplines that benefit our walk: discipline of the Word and discipline of the community (church).

Get Involved in Your Community

Randy Carr, Beaver Dam Mennonite

Does your community know who you are? Learn how Beaverdam Mennonite Church is getting involved with their community, focusing on improving the well-being of the local residents. Explore the challenges and rewards that come from getting to know who your neighbors truly are.

God’s Leading Ladies

Hyacinth Stevens, King of Glory

This interactive workshop will compare and contrast various biblical women and women today in diverse leadership roles responding to God’s call. The objective of this workshop is for women to reflect, engage and be further equipped as they respond to God’s call in the church and community.

Healing and Transformation of the Wounded Heart

Patricia Wright, Upward Call/River of Hope

The path towards healing from sexual abuse and the church’s role in the healing journey.

I’ll Bring Healing and Restoration – Jeremiah 33:6

Adalberto Santiago, Shalom Council

How to get out of a crisis in a congregation that has been plagued by sexual abuse and take a proactive action in the direction of health and restoration.

Interactive Learning Stations for Children

Ken Sensenig, facilitator, MCC and other agencies

Discover how you and your family can be part of the church at work all around the world. This will be a fun time to use your hands to experience the big world God loves.

Is it insensitive to share your faith?

Akeia Haddox-Rossiter and Andrew Mashas, Capital Christian Fellowship and EMM

God commissions us to share and invite others to faith in Jesus. But sometimes its awkward and may even feel insensitive, especially if our friends and neighbors don’t share our same faith. But our churches will not grow and stay healthy if we are not making more disciples to carry on the gospel story. Learn how to share your faith with others by telling the story of how God has worked in your life, and how you can invite others to do the same.

Making Space for God’s New Thing

Jeremy Miller, Rosedale Bible College

One marker of nearly every movement of God among His people is an increasing sense of dependency on Him. We have difficulty perceiving God’s movement and seeing his streams appearing in our lives unless/until we understand and perceive firstly that we are in a wasteland.

Missional Living in an aging community

Larry Guengerich, Landis Communities

In the next two decades, the numbers of people reaching the age of 80 will rise dramatically. At the same time, due to smaller family size and wider geographic dispersion of families, many who are aging are doing so with far fewer folks on whom they can call when they need support. How might congregations be part of rising to meet this challenge?

Offering Hope to those with Mental Illness

Emily Keener, No Longer Alone Ministries

Mental illness has been described as the “No Casserole” illness. How can churches offer hope to those in our midst who experience mental illness?

Planting and Nurturing a Sending Culture in Your Church

Jim Weick, Bethlehem Community Fellowship

In order for those we send to make a difference, they must already *be different* themselves. There are things that any church, any size can (and must) do to raise up radical, contagious followers of Jesus, who are eager to “go into all the world and make disciples”.

Progressive Discipleship in the Beatitudes

Mark Perri, Immanuel Community

A manual for spiritual formation in Christ.

The Timely Tactics of a Third Way

Joshua Jefferson, facilitator, Sunnyside Mennonite Church

How can we make personal and political change without compromise or cowardice? Conscientious objectors share their captivating stories about political pressure and alternative service. Also, get some practical resources for peacemaking in the 21st century.



# Celebration of Church Life



Friday, March 15, 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 16, 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Petra Church

565 Airport Rd

New Holland, PA 17557

# Breaking New Ground



## LMC Celebration of Church Life

### Friday Evening, March 15

7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Prayer

*L. Keith Weaver, LMC Moderator*

Introduction to Theme of the Weekend

Gathering Worship

*Slate Hill worship team*

Special Music

*Karen choir from Habecker Mennonite Church*

Offering

*To help cover weekend expenses*

Plenary Speaker

*Marvin Lorenzana, Mennonite Mission Network*

Sending worship

Announcements and Dismissal

Ice Cream and Fellowship

### Saturday, March 16

9:00 a.m.

8:00 a.m. Prayer walk *(optional)*

*Marcia Mylin*

9:00 a.m. Welcome and Prayer

*L. Keith Weaver, LMC Moderator*

Gathering Worship

*Lissed Zayas and worship team from El Buen Pastor*

Plenary Speaker

*Marvin Lorenzana, Mennonite Mission Network*

Break

Conference Updates and Introduction of

New Congregations

11:00 a.m. Seminars #1

12:15 p.m. State of the Conference/

Conversation with the Moderator and Lunch #1

1:30 p.m. State of the Conference/

Conversation with the Moderator and Lunch #2

2:45 p.m. Seminars #2

4:00 p.m. Sending Worship and Prayer

**Registration for Celebration of Church Life:** To assist with logistical planning, please register at [ccl-2019.eventbrite.com](https://ccl-2019.eventbrite.com) or call 717.293.5246 ext. 100. Translation and interpretation will be available Friday evening and Saturday morning. Please contact Marcia Mylin ([mmysin@lmchurches.org](mailto:mmysin@lmchurches.org)) for more information.

### Saturday Seminar 1

11:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

#### A Better Love Story

Joshua & Monica Jefferson, Sunnyside Mennonite Church

What does it look like when God writes your love story? Joshua and Monica Jefferson share some letters written to their future spouses (each other) and some stories about God's design for relational wholeness.

#### Confession of Faith in Context

Brinton Rutherford, LMC Staff

The Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective is a rich document. The seminar will briefly place this document in the context of other Anabaptist confessions, engage the history of the document, explore the organization of the material, summarize the content, and describe ways an individual or a congregation might engage the material. Students will receive a one page summary of the Confession.

#### Current Spiritual Trends Affecting the Church

Steve Weaver, Strasburg Mennonite

This seminar with an apostolic and prophetic bent will explore what Holy Spirit is doing in the Church. In response, we will discuss what postures from our spiritual stream best serve us as we look toward the mid-century.

#### Engaging the Global Church

Tom Eshelman, Groffdale Mennonite

LMC is blessed with fraternal church relationships around the globe. This seminar will be a place for sharing stories and testimonies of the ways God is breathing life into LMC through cross cultural church to church relationships.

#### Holding the Rope

Bruce O'Neill, Blainsport Mennonite

Encouraging congregations to rise to the occasion of lifting missionaries in prayer and practical ways to do it.

#### Partnerships in a Growing Community

Deke Rider, Camp Hebron

Engaging the conversation of what it means to partner with other organizations to grow disciples and impact lives.

#### Revitalization: Is it really possible for a shrinking church?

Robert Brody, New Danville Mennonite

Many churches are dealing with flat or declining attendance. Church planting and multiplication is important, but is it possible to turn existing, struggling churches around and build them into thriving communities? Come and explore some radical possibilities.

#### Run for God Story

Beth Roberts, New Danville Mennonite

Beth Roberts explains how a Couch-to-5K program allowed a group of people to connect with God and each other all while getting them moving and improving their health. Learn how to implement a similar program in your church.

#### STEAM: engineering and God's design

Michael and Erin Lichty, Weaverland

God has created us to be creative. In this seminar children will look at some of God's amazing designs, engineering in the Bible and become creators themselves!

#### The Church as a Context for Ministering to Couples and Families

Dr. Jim Johnson, Upward Call/River of Hope

This seminar will pinpoint the church's role in bringing health and healing to couples and families through counseling and enrichment.

#### On God's Highway

Conrad Kanagy, Elizabethtown Mennonite

Over the past several years, Elizabethtown Mennonite Church has experienced restoration and realignment by the Holy Spirit that has resulted in the emergence of new leaders, a breaking out of spiritual gifts, new structures for ministry and mission, and more. Leaders and members will share their experience of God's Spirit at work in this season.

#### The Family of God as a Place of Healing and Hope for those Struggling with Addiction

Lanny Millette and Samuel Mwangi, The Potter's House

The opioid epidemic and subsequent increase in drug and alcohol related problems has impacted our congregations in both subtle and overt ways. If we are truly to be places of healing and hope we must understand the issues and needs of both the addict and their support system. We will provide both relevant information and ideas for being streams of living water in this modern "wasteland".

#### The Story of Michael & Margareth Sattler

William Higgins, New Providence Mennonite

We will review the life and work of this important early Anabaptist couple.

#### What Happens When we put our Hands Together in Prayer?

Felixa Kunkle, Millersville Mennonite

The Bible tell us that the Lord will pour out His Spirit on all ages, including our children (Acts 2:17). Children have a great capacity to pray and intercede in different ways. Praying can be something that the children can also enjoy as it is taught. Let's put our hands together in prayer!

#### Why Send, not Release

Omar Guzman, Church on the Other Side

This seminar will discuss ways that our churches have been affected as we have lost the connection between the leaders, planters and multipliers.

#### Why We Should Be Conscientious Objectors

Andrew Mashas, Eastern Mennonite Missions

Are more Mennonite youth joining the military? Hear stories and learn why we are called to a different way.