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**Theme Verse: Isaiah 54:2,3a**

“Enlarge the place of your tent, stretch your tent curtains wide,  
do not hold back; lengthen your cords, strengthen your stakes.  
For you will spread out to the right and to the left...”

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The Celebration of Church planning team developed a virtual event for CCL 2021 due to the Pandemic. **ALL attendees** will need to go to the LMC website: [www.lmcchurches.org](http://www.lmcchurches.org) to access the links and join the event.

El equipo de planificación de Celebration of Church desarrolló un evento virtual para CCL 2021 debido a Covid-19. **Todos los asistentes** tendrán que ir al sitio web de LMC: [www.lmcchurches.org](http://www.lmcchurches.org) para acceder a los enlaces y unirse al evento.

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# Celebration of Church Life

## Schedule

### March 20, 2021

Time	Live Event Stream	Classrooms	Seminar Times
8:30 am	Instructions		
8:45	Instructions		
8:55	Worship Set 1		
9 am	Welcome – c/o Moderator Keith Weaver		
9:05	Worship Set 2		
9:10	Introductions of Host & Co-host		
9:15	Plenary Speaker – Moderator Keith Weaver		
9:45		Seminars 1 & 2	9:45 – 10:30
9:50	Dwelling in the Word – Acts 1:1-14		
10:05 – 10:20	BREAK		
10:20	Worship Set 3		
10:25	Second Plenary Speaker – President Desalyn from MKC		
11:00	Offering		
11:05	Children's Puppet Show		
11:22		Seminars 3 & 4; Youth scavenger hunt	11:22 – 12:05
12 noon	LUNCH BREAK		
12:30	Worship Set 4	Seminars 5 & 6	12:30 -1:15
12:35	LMC Updates		
1:20	Worship Set 5	Seminars 7 & 8	1:20 – 2:05
1:22	Interviews and Evaluations		
2:06	Concluding Remarks and Benediction		
2:15	Worship Set 6		

# **Information and Announcements**

Please visit the LMC website at: [www.lmcchurches.org](http://www.lmcchurches.org) to begin your virtual Celebration of Church Life experience. The Livestream will include worship, plenary speakers, and a puppet show. Information, announcements, virtual table displays, interviews, and other content will also be available throughout the day.

Por favor, vaya al sitio web de LMC en: [www.lmcchurches.org](http://www.lmcchurches.org) para comenzar su experiencia virtual de Celebración de la Vida de la Iglesia. El Livestream incluirá adoración, oradores plenarios, el espectáculo de títeres. La información, los anuncios, las pantallas de tablas virtuales, las entrevistas y otros contenidos estarán disponibles durante todo el día.

## **Classroom 1**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86296550704>

Meeting ID: 862 9655 0704

Passcode: 789997

## **Classroom 2**

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83337054457?pwd=Q1dWRDI3WWJRWUlyRWFKT0hYaGxLQT09>

Meeting ID: 833 3705 4457

Passcode: 018866

## **Translation Options**

Much of the content has been translated into Spanish and two of the seminars are being offered only in Spanish.

**resource partner organization reports** – <https://lmcchurches.org/resources/downloadable-resources/> or Click [HERE](#).

**Thank you for using the #LMC in all your posts on social media.**

## **Useful Links**

LMC website <https://lmcchurches.org/>

LMC YouTube Channel <https://www.youtube.com/user/2160LMC>

LMC Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/LMCchurches/>

# **LMC Working Groups**

## **Conference Executive Council**

Moderator: L. Keith Weaver

Assistant Moderator: Al Motley

Secretary: Adalberto Santiago

Treasurer: Daryl Weaver

Bishop Members-at-Large: Rodney Martin, Joe Miller, Hyacinth Stevens

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L. Keith Weaver, Moderator

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## **LMC Working Groups cont.**

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# CCL Seminar Information

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Time	Classroom 1	Classroom 2
09:45	#1 - God's Gift of Imaginative Prayer, Laurie Mellinger	#2 - Profetas de Revolucion: Historia del Anabautismo, Samuel Lopez, Seminario en Español
11:22	#3 - Praying with Color, Kristina Denlinger	#4 - Sharing with the new EMM President, Marvin Lorenzana
11:22	Youth Scavenger Hunt, Youth planning team - Click <a href="#">HERE</a> for the zoom link. Meeting ID: 835 8735 7886 Passcode: 079671	
12:30	#5 - Lectio Divina: Praying with Scripture, Yvonne Garber and Myron Miller	#6 - Teologia Anabaptista: de la palabra al hecho, Adalberto Santiago, Seminario en Español
01:20	#7 - Prophetic Prayer, Troy & Michelle Landis	#8 - Renewed: Woven and Connected by God's Love, Hyacinth Stevens 



# Dwelling in the Word Text

## Acts 1:1-14 NIV

<sup>1</sup>In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach <sup>2</sup>until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering, he presented himself to them and gave many winning proofs that he was alive. I have appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>On one occasion, while he was eating with them, I gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. <sup>5</sup>For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

<sup>6</sup>Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

<sup>7</sup>I said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

<sup>9</sup>After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

<sup>10</sup>They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. <sup>11</sup>"Men of Galilee," they said, "why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives, a Sabbath day's walk from the city. <sup>13</sup>When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James.

<sup>14</sup>They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.

## Vivienda en el texto de la palabra

### Hechos 1:1-14 NIV

1 En mi antiguo libro, Teófilo, escribí acerca de todo lo que Jesús comenzó a hacer y a enseñar <sup>2</sup>hasta el día en que fue llevado al cielo, después de dar instrucciones por medio del Espíritu Santo a los apóstoles que había elegido. <sup>3</sup>Después de su sufrimiento, se presentó a ellos y les dio muchas pruebas convincentes de que estaba vivo. Se les apareció durante un período de cuarenta días y habló sobre el reino de Dios. <sup>4</sup>En una ocasión, mientras comía con ellos, les dio este mandamiento: "No salgan de Jerusalén, sino que esperen el don que mi Padre prometió, del que me han oído hablar. <sup>5</sup>Porque Juan bautizó con agua, pero en unos días serás bautizado con el Espíritu Santo."

<sup>6</sup>Entonces se reunieron a su alrededor y le preguntaron: "Señor, ¿vas a restaurar el reino a Israel en este momento?"

<sup>7</sup>Les dijo: "No les corresponde a vosotros conocer los tiempos o fechas que el Padre ha fijado por su propia autoridad. <sup>8</sup>Pero recibirás poder cuando el Espíritu Santo venga sobre vosotros; y ustedes serán mis testigos en Jerusalén, y en toda Judea y Samaria, y hasta los confines de la tierra."

<sup>9</sup>Después de que él dijo esto, fue llevado ante sus propios ojos, y una nube lo escondió de su vista.

<sup>10</sup>Miraban atentamente hacia el cielo mientras iba, cuando de repente dos hombres vestidos de blanco estaban a su lado. <sup>11</sup>"Hombres de Galilea", dijeron, "¿por qué están aquí mirando al cielo? Este mismo Jesús, que ha sido llevado de ustedes al cielo, volverá de la misma manera que lo han visto entrar en el cielo."

<sup>12</sup>Entonces los apóstoles regresaron a Jerusalén desde la colina llamada el Monte de los Olivos, un día sabático



de la ciudad. 13 Cuando llegaron, subieron a la habitación donde se alojaban. Los presentes eran Pedro, Juan, Santiago y Andrés; Felipe y Tomás, Bartolomé y Mateo; James hijo de Alphaeus y Simón el Zealot, y Judas hijo de James.

14 Todos se unieron constantemente en oración, junto con las mujeres y María madre de Jesús, y con sus hermanos.

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## LMC InfoGraphic

Number of Congregations - 246  
% Racial/Ethnic Congregations - 50%  
% Multiethnic Congregations - 4%  
2020-21 STEP Enrollment - 29 students  
STEP Instructors - 17  
SEED Enrollment - 8  
New Congregations Received Within the Last Three Years - 65  
Church Plants Last 10 years - 44  
Church Planting Networks - 5 Established, 3 Emerging Networks  
Education Scholarship Programs - 4  
*Shalom News* – Distributed to 271 Congregations and Individuals  
Number of States with LMC Congregations - 13  
Number of Countries - 5  
Global Fraternal Relationships - 21  
*resource partner organizations* - 21  
LMC Staff - 10  
Bishops - 28  
Active Credentialed Leaders - 451  
2021 LMC Budget - \$972,067



## **New Member Churches 2019-2020**

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>District</b>	<b>Pastor or Leader</b>
<b>ALDEN MENNONITE CHURCH (ALDEN, NY )</b>	Great Lakes East District	Bradley Baer
<b>ARTHUR MENNONITE CHURCH (ARTHUR, IL)</b>	Great Lakes West District	Glen Rhodes
<b>VISHVA JYOTI CHURCH (AKRON, OH)</b>	Great Lakes East District	Tika Gerung
<b>FIRST MENNONITE CHURCH OF MIDDLEBURY(MIDDLEBURY, IN)</b>	Great Lakes West District	Philip Yoder
<b>GORTNER UNION CHURCH (OAKLAND, MD)</b>	Western Maryland District	John Martin
<b>ASSEMBLE DE LA GRACE (IMMOKALEE, FL)</b>	Florida District	Laurent Louis
<b>IGLESIA CRISTIANA EBENEZER (APOPKA, FL)</b>	Florida District	Eligio and Juanita Nunez
<b>IGLESIA E. M. NUEVA VIDA (SARASOTA, FL)</b>	Florida District	Ambrosio Encarnacion
<b>IGLESIA ARCA DE SALVACION (FORT MYERS, FL)</b>	Florida District	Marcial Domingo Armando & Celita Pacheco
<b>NEWTOWN GOSPEL CHAPEL (SARASOTA, FL)</b>	Florida District	Al Singleton
<b>PRINCE OF PEACE (NORTH MIAMI, FL)</b>	Florida District	Hilaire Louis Jean
<b>SARASOTA COMMUNITY CHURCH (SARASOTA, FL)</b>	Florida District	Roger Shenk
<b>UNITY PENTECOSTAL (HOMESTEAD, FL)</b>	Florida District	Peres Desir
<b>UNITY PENTECOSTAL (MIAMI, FL)</b>	Florida District	Ducois Forestal
<b>COMMUNITY CHURCH OF MANHEIM (MANHEIM, PA)</b>	Manheim District	Joel Harnly
<b>IGLESIA FARO DIVINO (SANTO DOMINGO)</b>	NYC District	Adriano Alcantara
<b>IGLESIA FARO DIVINO LA CUABA (SANTO DOMINGO)</b>	NYC District	Carlos Buret Montas

<b>IGLESIA VALLE DE JESUS (SANTO DOMINGO)</b>	NYC District	Amel Cuestas
<b>EIGHT ADDITIONAL-FARO DIVINO CONGREGATIONS (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)</b>	NYC District	
<b>TEMPLO MENONITA EMMANUEL (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Beatriz Mendez Vidal Sadai Millian
<b>JESÚS EL SALVADOR (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Jorge Luis Canet Suarez Mariela Sotolongo Castro
<b>IGLESIA EBEN-EZER (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Ermilio Ramírez Quintana
<b>BETHEL (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Benito Antonio García Ramos
<b>HERMANDAD MENONITA DE HOLGUÍN (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Dayamí Rodríguez Ortiz
<b>MONTE DE SION (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Héctor González Fuentes Bárbara Rondán Díaz
<b>MINISTERIOS PENIEL INTERNACIONAL (EPHRATA, PA)</b>	Weaverland/NE	Reginaldo Hill & Celia Cardoza Hill

## **LMC Church Plants 2019-2020**

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Pastor or Leader</b>
<b>TEMPLO PENIEL (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Yeri Romero, Lobaina
<b>MISIÓN DE LA HERMANDAD MENONITA DE HOLGUÍN (CUBA)</b>	Shalom Council (CIES)	Luis Michel Silva Fernández Yanisleidys Vega Mansresa
<b>SHALOM CHURCH (PRINCETON, FL)</b>	Florida District	
<b>THE GATHERING TREE (KEY WEST, FL)</b>	Florida District	Michael Zehr & Jeff Smith
<b>EPHRATA BIBLE CHAPEL (EPHRATA, PA)</b>	Martindale	Brock Sensenig, Lynn Zimmerman
<b>GARIFUNA CHURCH (TAMPA, FL)</b>	NYC District	Selvin Peppersburg
<b>JEHOVAH LIGHT OF HOPE (ATLANTA, GA)</b>	NYC District	Deo Arouz
<b>VALLEY OF JESUS (BRONX, NY)</b>	NYC District	Linda Rodriguez
<b>EBENEZER BRONX/EBENEZER BRONX 2 (BRONX, NY)</b>	NYC District	Ana and Julio Damasco
<b>NEW CHURCH BROOKLYN (BROOKLYN, NY)</b>	NYC District	
<b>3-FARO DIVINA (DOMINICAN REPUBLIC)</b>	NYC District	
<b>CHRIST PEACE CHURCH (ALEXANDRIA, VA)</b>	Washington Baltimore District	Beza Marna
<b>HEAVENLY SUNSHINE (SILVER SPRINGS, MD)</b>	Washington-Baltimore District	Dawit Dagne
<b>REVIVE FAITH (ANNAPOLIS, MD)</b>	Washington-Baltimore District	Caleb & Melissa Kaye
<b>WAYLIFE COMMUNITY (MOUNTAIN TOP, PA )</b>	Weaverland/NE	Michael & Lori Deckman
<b>HARBOR FELLOWSHIP (LANCASTER, PA)</b>	West End Network	Chad & Monica Neufeld
<b>TRINITY FELLOWSHIP (LANCASTER, PA)</b>	West End Network	Krishana Suchau

## resource partner organizations



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# Virtual Table Display List

We are pleased to be able to share with you an annual report provided by the following resource partner organizations. Click [HERE](#) to review the reports.

Camp Deerpark, Inc  
Cove Valley Camp  
Eastern Mennonite Missions  
Everence Credit Union-Lancaster  
Friendship Community  
Garden Spot Village  
Landis Communities  
Mennonite Children's Choir  
Mount Clare Christian School  
New Person Ministries  
Rosedale Bible College  
The Potter's House/Transition to Community

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## LMC 411

### **Acronyms:**

- BB Board of Bishops
- CC Credentialing Commission
- CEC Conference Executive Council
- CCL Celebration of Church Life
- EMM Eastern Mennonite Missions
- LEG Leadership Education Grant
- LMC Anabaptist fellowship of over 200 churches in 13 states
- LMHS Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society
- LMS Lancaster Mennonite School
- MCC Mennonite Central Committee
- MWC Mennonite World Conference
- SOC STEP Oversight Commission
- SSA STEP Study Award
- STEP Study & Training for Effective Pastoral ministry
- TCP The Corinthian Plan
- UEG Urban Education Grant
- WEG Women's Education Grant

**Board of Bishops:** consists of all bishops/ overseers/supervisors from the districts in LMC. The Board of Bishops meets regularly for resourcing, sharing, and giving overall spiritual leadership to LMC. All CEC members are invited to Bishop Board meetings.

**Celebration of Church Life:** an annual gathering for LMC churches usually held at the end of March. All LMC members are invited to this event that includes worship, resourcing, displays, and more.



**Child Abuse and Criminal Background Checks:** All children's ministry workers, paid or volunteer, must complete a Child Abuse History, Criminal Background Check and possibly the FBI Check in order to perform children's ministry in their congregation.

**Church Revitalization:** resourcing for congregations that have a readiness and openness to a process of renewal and revitalization. There are a number of resources available to assist leadership teams or district leaders in the discernment of suitable resources for their journey of revitalization.

**Conference Executive Council:** The governing body of LMC made up of Bishops and Pastors. CEC meets every other month to tend to governance business.

**Conference Minister:** an oversight ministry at the conference level. Assists bishops with the search process, serves as a pastor to overseers, assists with linking pastors and congregations, and other significant roles. Leads the Credentialing Commission.

**Confession of Faith:** a statement of beliefs that guide and anchor Christian belief and practice within LMC and provide guidelines for interpretation of Scripture. Congregations within LMC are asked to affirm and adopt either the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective (1995) or Mennonite Confession of Faith (1963).

**Core Values:** shared values around which LMC congregations unite that reflect a missional Anabaptist identity. With Jesus Christ as the center of our faith and life, the core values examine a way of seeing the world through God's reign, a way of reading Scripture through Jesus, and a way of living the Christian life as disciples. Curriculum packages are available for study and reflection.

**Corinthian Plan:** a health care plan available to LMC pastors and other church leaders, operated by Mennonite Church USA.

**Credentialing Commission:** a commission appointed by the Board of Bishops to interview all candidates for leadership roles in LMC congregations or other assignments. When approved, the commission provides a valid certificate and ministry card. The commission meets monthly.

**Discovery:** an eight-week discipleship course to deepen one's spirituality and the ability to hear God speaking to the Christian.

**Districts:** all congregations in LMC are geographically divided into one of 28 districts, each led by a bishop. The district leaders of the congregations meet together on a regular basis. A number of bishops oversee more than one district.

**Email Announcements:** an every-other-week email of information from the conference office to credentialed leaders and congregations. To receive this, contact the LMC office.

**EMM:** Eastern Mennonite Missions sends missionaries around the globe. This is the mission arm of LMC.

**Explore the Core:** A 13-session curriculum to explore LMC Anabaptist values, available in two versions.

**Finance Committee:** appointed by the Conference Executive Council (CEC) to review the annual Financial Plan, prepare an offering schedule, suggest ways to increase congregational and individual giving, and make recommendations on fiscal matters. The fiscal-financial year for LMC is February 1 - January 31.

**Flourish:** a missional community movement that exists to birth, resource, and multiply clusters of Christ-followers where we live, work, and play. Through "huddles" discipleship and coaching promotes the development of new communities.

**Global Delegate:** delegate to the international church bodies with which LMC maintains global relationships in Asia, Africa, Europe, and Central and South America.

**Human Sexuality Resources:** a packet that lists suggested resources to help congregations navigate an increasingly complex, highly sexualized world.

**Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society:** The Historical Society archives LMC records, offers a library, museum and bookstore and includes the Mennonite Information Center and Tabernacle.

**Landis Communities:** A group of related organizations for adults, with facilities located in south central PA.

**Leadership Assembly Resourcing:** held twice a year usually on the third Friday of May and September. All licensed or ordained persons are encouraged to attend these gatherings but anyone is welcome to participate.

**Leadership Assistance Program:** available to all credentialed leaders and their family members through the services of Philhaven/Wellspan to help them resolve personal problems that may affect performance in their employment situations and with their personal well-being.

**Leadership Development:** resources for credentialed and lay leaders that are God-honoring, Spirit-directed, and congregation-centered are offered to call, cultivate, and support leaders to grow in competency and character as life-long learners. Leaders and congregations develop a lifestyle of learning, growth, and change.

**Leadership Education Grants:** scholarship funds to support credentialed and emerging leaders with tuition costs and/or educational materials for leadership education and training. The amount will be based on availability of funds, need, number of applicants, and references from church leaders.

**LMC:** a fellowship of about more than 240 congregations, conference agencies, and 19 resource partner organizations. Congregations are located in 13 states and emerging church plants flourishing in a variety of locations. Worship occurs in many different languages.

**LMC Legacy Foundation:** a new charitable foundation to assist LMC to continue a vision to nurture mental health, broadly construed, with resilience and innovation. The foundation accepts grant requests for funding that relate to mental health needs in local communities of LMC congregations.

**LMC Office:** 2160 Lincoln Highway East, #5, Lancaster, Pa. 17602. The office is open Monday - Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.. Everyone is welcome to stop by the office to enjoy coffee, use the prayer room or find a quiet space to work.

**Mennonite World Conference:** Global Fellowship of Anabaptist and Mennonite groups from around the world. LMC has been a member since 2018.

**Mission Statement:** A Spirit-led movement to make disciples of Jesus, mobilize every member as a missionary, and multiply faith communities locally and beyond!

**Missional Identity:** more than a tag-line or logo, a missional identity attempts to uncover the essence of an organization. Through a process of assessment, discovery, and adoption, the identity claim that emerged for LMC was, "We are people of Christ's peace." LMC applies the identity to actions and ministries throughout the conference.

**Offering Schedule:** suggested designated giving guide for all congregations, especially those that use a designated offering schedule.

**Quizzing:** young people get together, study the Bible, learn scripture and answer questions in fun, friendly inter-conference competition. It is also a good opportunity to meet new friends and people from other churches.

**Shalom Evangelical Church Council: (CIES)** a group of Evangelical churches united in a Council to proclaim Jesus as Savior and Lord with headquarters in New Holland, PA. The

churches are located in the states of Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Oregon and in the countries of Mexico, Nicaragua and Costa Rica.

**Shalom News:** published four times per year, the magazine covers the LMC Fellowship of Churches with stories from congregations and leaders.

**Sowing Shalom:** nine self-contained sessions, exploring the core value of peace. The DVD-based curriculum and *Leader's Guide* provides tools to facilitate the conversation.

**STEP:** a three-year training program for people who are discerning, considering or are already ministering in congregational leadership and want to gain practical ministry training. The program is a joint effort between LMC, who administers the program, and EMU, who grants academic credit. STEP combines formation, pastoral topics, and pastoral skills in very practical ways.

**STEP Study Award:** A scholarship program available to all LMC STEP students.

**Urban Education Grants:** grants given for tuition assistance to urban students or students of color with a recommendation from their pastors and with the approval of the Grant Committee. Money is made available for these grants through the generous support of LMC churches.

**Website:** [www.lmcchurches.org](http://www.lmcchurches.org) -- Access to the church directory, congregational openings, regular blog posts, conference announcements, and general information.

**Women's Education Grant:** A scholarship program that supports training of women for ministry.

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## **Mennonite World Fellowship Sunday**

The date for World Fellowship Sunday was set to commemorate the first known Anabaptist rebaptisms in Zurich Switzerland, January 21, 1525. **LMC staff is suggesting that each congregation set aside one Sunday to commemorate the day.**

Here are three suggested options for participation:

- Consider congregational pulpit announcements, bulletin notices, and a special offering to MWC. Please identify the offering to MWC as coming from an LMC congregation.
- Designate time in the worship service to highlight the Global Anabaptist Church and take a special offering to support the work of MWC. Please identify the offering to MWC as coming from an LMC congregation.
- Special service using the worship resources provided by MWC and developed by leaders in the United States and Canada. Consider lifting a special offering to MWC. Please identify the offering to MWC as coming from an LMC congregation.

Pastors are asked to facilitate this commemoration in order to build the new relational connection with MWC. The financial support will help LMC meet the funding commitment to MWC as a requirement for our membership.

The LMC office forwarded a package of materials to pastors and bishops earlier this year. Worship planners and worship teams should ask for that packet or request another from the LMC office.

# SAVE THE DATES

## LMC Spring Leadership Assembly

Date: Friday, April 30, 2021

Location: Camp Hebron, 957 Camp Hebron Road, Halifax PA

Time: 8:30 am - 3:30 pm

Theme: *Soul Care*

Plenary speaker: Eldon Fry

Come and enjoy time in the lovely Camp Hebron setting near Peters Mountain. Enjoy food, fellowship, and seminars as the Spirit refreshes and renews your soul. Everyone is invited to this assembly. **Registration is required** and can be accessed on the LMC website at <https://lmcchurches.org/leadership-assembly-resourcing/>

You are welcome to attend in person or virtually.  
*Childcare will not be provided.*

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## Special Advance Notice Celebration of Church Life 2022: June 10-12, 2022

Join us at the beautiful Camp Hebron in Halifax PA. Nestled along the Appalachian Trail just north of Harrisburg, the camp has 340 acres of wooded sanctuary.

Bring the entire family for a weekend filled with resourcing, games, food, networking and Spirit-inspired worship.

Lodging, meals and cost information will be available soon.

