

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

Greetings from the central and southern area Mennonite churches (CAMFell)! We are very pleased to have the privilege of hosting Annual Sessions once again in Indianapolis, from June 14 to 16, 2018. As we continue to “make our way by walking” together, we have decided to put special emphasis on the six spiritual practices mentioned in *Renewing a Vision*, trusting that they will bend us ever more toward Christ.



Romans 12 speaks of the need for transformation in order for the Christian community to reflect the character and will of God. Transformation involves both human willingness to offer ourselves for Divine purposes and God’s gift of renewal. In that light, the theme **“Offering ourselves to God’s renewing”** will guide our work, worship, conversations and actions this year. The six spiritual practices proposed

in *Renewing a Vision* involve both our minds and our bodies. They are contemplative and active! Our planning team has decided to structure our time together in Indianapolis around these practices by creating concrete opportunities to do all six. We invite you to consider joining us as we...

- (1) worship God together in four services of corporate worship,
- (2) fast for a 24-hour period alongside others in our conference and gathering during meal times to pray,
- (3) come together to study the Bible on Thursday under the guidance of respected Anabaptist teachers,
- (4) give and/or receive hospitality on Friday at Emmanuel Living Christian Church with our newest Chin Burmese congregation,
- (5) engage in a guided dialogue over Scripture passages with people from Indianapolis who do not hold a Mennonite/Anabaptist faith, **and/or**
- (6) join in the work of peacemaking by partnering with local organizations that work for peace and justice.

Some of these practices are familiar and comfortable, while others will stretch us to grow in new ways. None of them are mandatory, but we invite you to prayerfully consider participating in each of them. Your participation and voice is also valued in our Worshipful Work sessions. Please register by clicking [here](#) and filling out the registration form. Early-bird registration is \$60 and ends May 1. You may continue to register from May 2 - June 7 for \$90. After June 7, you may only register on-site for \$100.

Following Romans 12, we believe that it is when we offer our bodies – our whole selves – to God that the Holy Spirit is most able to transform us and make us agents of God’s will. In this hope, we invite you to join us for Annual Sessions this summer as we seek God’s renewal together.

Sincerely,

The CAMFell Churches of Central and Southern Indiana