

University Mennonite Church
Agenda for Congregational Meeting
Sunday, February 20, 2022
Zoom meeting, following 10 am Worship
Agenda

1. Church Around the Table (CATT)
Entertain questions about the recommendation from the Elders, which is stated below.
2. Update from Creation Care Committee regarding renewable energy for our building.
3. Update about the upcoming MCUSA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, May 27-30, 2022, in Kansas City, Missouri. Please see information below.
4. Budget Update
5. Update from State College Interfaith Group (SCI) - Afghan resettlement project
6. Report on Kate's successful application for program: Ecumenical Center for Clergy Spiritual Renewal, a two year program based in Wisconsin.
7. COVID precautions - next steps

Recommendation:

The Elders Team, Laura Litwiller, Meredith Wideman, and Doug Yoder, with Pastor Kate Heinzl, recommend Church Around the Table (CATT) services continue as follows:

1. A CATT block will consist of 4 - 6 services, with one service per month.
2. Leadership will plan to have 1 - 2 CATT blocks per year.
3. All regular attenders will be assigned to a group and invited to attend.
4. Groups will remain the same within each block and will be shuffled for the next block.
5. Host and Facilitator roles will continue with worship materials provided.

Delegate for MCUSA assembly

MCUSA is holding a special delegate assembly this May in Kansas City, dealing primarily with the issue surrounding Mennonite Church USA Polity and the Role of the Membership Guidelines of Mennonite Church USA. The lack of clarity of how the guidelines are to be used has caused harm to individuals and confusion regarding how pastor's and congregations are to live out their calling, specifically around the understanding of same-sex marriage.

Important votes regarding retiring these guidelines as well as a resolution to work toward repentance and transformation will be brought before the delegate assembly in May. Due to our size, UMC is allowed to have 1 delegate (Joyce Hall is going as a representative of CLC, from AMC) present to vote. Kate is prepared to go unless someone else feels called to go represent our congregation. Whoever represents UMC should be well educated on the proposal. MCUSA has been hosting a series of webinars to educate us on the proposal and how we work with polity as a denomination.

If you'd like to represent UMC as our voting delegate, please speak with Kate or someone on Leadership Team.