**WDC Annual Assembly Workshops, August 5, 2017**

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| **Workshop Title** | **Presenter** | **1:30-2:20** | **2:30-3:20** | **3:30-4:20** |
| *Managing Cultural Transitions* | Glen Guyton | X |  |  |
| *Responding after the Future Church Summit* | Glen Guyton |  | X | X |
| *A People of Two Kingdoms II* | James Juhnke |  | X |  |
| *Genealogy, Tracing Your Historical and Spiritual Roots* | Annette Albrecht |  | X |  |
| *Exploring Race and Ethnicity in Western District History* | John D. Thiesen | X |  | X |
| *Everence Financial Planning and Stewardship* | Hayden Goerzen |  |  | X |
| *The Upside Down King Bible Study* | Carol Duerksen | X |  | X |
| *Examining Best Approaches to Church Planting in Our 21st Century World* | Lee Suderman &Marv Zehr | X |  |  |
| *Jesus, the Immigrant on the Border* | Anna Alicia Hinojosa |  | X | X |
| *The Art of the St. John’s Bible*  | Margaret Watkins |  | X |  |
| *Christian, Jewish and Muslim Relationships in our Troubling Times* | Amy Moore | X |  |  |

***Managing Cultural Transitions*** *and* ***Responding after the Future Church Summit***

**Glen Alexander Guyton** is the Chief Operating Officer for Mennonite Church USA and Director of Convention Planning.

**Managing Cultural Transitions:** Education is the entire process, both formal and informal, by which a culture transmits itself across the generations. There is an intentionality to successfully managing cultural transitions within organizations. Leaders must be aware of the informal and institutional factors that impact organizational cultural and the culture’s effect on organizational goals.

**Responding after the Future Church Summit:** The outcomes of the Future Church Summit will need to be carried forward in multiple layers to give them life beyond the Orlando convention. The summit at Orlando was the first step in an ongoing process that will continue through the next biennium. Denominational leaders and institutions—including all the churchwide agencies, Executive Board and staff — will use the vision generated at the summit to reshape denominational priorities and restructure their work.

**A People of Two Kingdoms II**

**Jim Juhnke** taught at Bethel College and is a historian. His books on Mennonite history include works on Kansas Mennonites, on General Conference Mennonite overseas missions, and two biographies of Kansas Mennonite leaders. He also wrote *The Missing Peace,* a history of main themes in American history from a peacemaker’s point of view.

Jim Juhnke’s workshop will draw from his most recent book, *A People of Two Kingdoms II:  Stories of Kansas Mennonites in Politics* (Bethel College, 2016). He will describe the motivations and work of politically active Mennonites. What difference did they make? Should Mennonites be involved in politics today?

***Genealogy, Tracing Your Historical and Spiritual Roots***

**Annette Albrecht** - Her church music career included organist positions in Methodist, Catholic, and Presbyterian churches in the Dallas area. She is recently retired and enjoys pursuing her hobby of genealogy.

Most of us are descendants of immigrants. The stories of our ancestors include the search for a place to live in peace and pursue religious freedom. The focus of this workshop will be on building a family tree and telling those stories. Online genealogy resources including those specific to Mennonite heritage will be explored and highlighted.

**Exploring Race and Ethnicity in Western District History**

**John D. Thiesen** is an archivist at and representing the Mennonite Library & Archives. The library and archives house the WDC historical files as well as the files of many WDC congregations.

John will present stories and ponder questions on the topic of racial interactions that go back before the start of the Western District Conference. You will hear stories about these themes from the WDC history and be asked some open questions. Much is yet to be discovered so bring your curiosity.

***Everence Financial Planning and Stewardship***

**Hayden Goerzen, CFP**® is an Everence Financial Advisor in Hesston, KS. He works to serve families, churches, businesses, and organizations with their charitable, investment, insurance and financial services needs.

Becoming an effective steward of your financial resources is a lifelong and multifaceted journey. At Everence, we can create a complete strategy that will help you align your life mission with your financial decisions, help you feel confident about your financial situation, and empower you to give your time and resources to the causes and organizations you care about. Come to this seminar to learn about how you can more effectively integrate your faith and values with decisions about finances through Everence’s financial planning process. Learn how you can get involved and how pastors can especially benefit from a special offer from Everence.

***The Upside Down King Bible Study***

**Carol Duerksen writes and teaches faith formation curriculum.**

***The Upside Down King*** is **an original rock and roots musical about the life of Jesus, with music by Doug and Jude Krehbiel, and script by Carol Duerksen and Doug Krehbiel. The musical was presented a number of times in 2008 and at the MCUSA convention in Columbus in 2009. Using the musical and the Gospel of Luke, Carol Duerksen has now created a Faith Formation Bible study for high school youth and adults. The 12 sessions will be available online by mid-August, and this seminar will give participants a sneak peek at the curriculum.**

**Examining Best Approaches to Church Planting in Our 21st Century World**

**Lee Suderman** is a retired Western District pastor and a member of the WDC Church Planting Commission. **Rev. Marv Zehr** is well known as a former WDC Conference Minister and is the current chairman of the WDC Church Planting Commission.

An interactive workshop for: reviewing and learning from the historic church planting work of WDC since its inception in 1892; re-assessing traditional and newer approaches appropriate for our conference in today’s changing environment; visioning together and examining our level of commitment to a strengthened future of strategic church starts.

***Jesus, the Immigrant on the Border***

**Ana Alicia Hinojosa** is the Immigration Education Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee - Central States Region.

Immigration has become the hot topic in our nation this year with laws changing, immigrants being persecuted by law enforcement agencies, and many injustices occurring on a daily basis. How do we respond as a church? What can we do to help our brothers and sisters? Let's explore how we can work together through the resources that Mennonite Central Committee has for us as a church to help. Jesus himself was an immigrant; let's walk through scripture to see how similar it is to immigrants today. Resources such as "Know your Rights" seminars, sanctuary, advocacy to government officials, reaching out local media, and ways to support through detention center visitations.

**Art of the Saint John's Bible**

**Margaret Watkins** is an ordained pastor in the Presbyterian Church (USA), and currently serves as the Parish Associate for Congregational Care at Preston Hollow Presbyterian Church in Dallas.

In 1998, Saint John’s Abbey and University in Minnesota commissioned renowned calligrapher Donald Jackson to produce the first completely handwritten and illuminated Bible to have been commissioned by a Benedictine Abbey since the invention of the printing press. While the art itself is faithfully rendered using ancient techniques, the subject matter of the illuminations highlights facets of our contemporary lives including views from the Hubble telescope, the DNA double-helix, and Egyptian artifacts. The creators of the Saint John's Bible "seek to ignite the spiritual imagination of believers throughout the world by commissioning a work of art that illuminates the Word of God for a new millennium." The final words were penned in May, 2011; the cost was 8 million dollars. Join us to view and reflect upon this Art of the Word.

**Christian, Jewish and Muslim Relationships in our Troubling Times**

**Amy Moore** is pastor at John Calvin Presbyterian Church, Dallas Texas.

In our increasingly diverse culture, fear of others can drive our attitudes and behaviors. This workshop will involve developing curiosity that can help build bridges in our communities rather than perpetuate hiding behind our defenses.