



TO: WDC Assembly 2022 Registrants

The Assembly weekend will soon be here, just a few more days until we gather together at Camp Copass, Denton, TX or virtually! The Assembly theme, “United in Purpose, Together in Love” will focus around Hebrews 10.19-25.

[Camp Copass](#): 8200 East McKinney Street, Denton, Texas 76208

Link to WDC Assembly website: <https://mennowdc.org/2022-wdc-annual-assembly/>

Please take note, that when you enter Western District Conference (Mennonite Church USA) Annual Assembly at Camp Copass, you will be entering an area where photography, video and audio recording may occur. Link to full notice: <https://mennowdc.org/notice-regarding-audio-video-recording-and-or-photography-of-worship-events-2/>

### **COVID PROTOCOLS**

Please take a rapid Covid test before you join us. All people are strongly encouraged to wear a face mask when inside buildings. Camp Copass encourages all to wear masks in the cafeteria until you are seated.

### **SCHEDULE**

Friday, July 29

- 8:30 am—Vans load, Bethel College Stadium lot, North Newton, KS
- 9:00 am--Vans leave from Bethel College Stadium lot, North Newton, KS
- 3:00 pm—Vans arrive at Camp Copass, Denton, TX
- 3:30 pm—Check-In/Registration, Tally Lobby
- 5:30 pm—Visit Exhibitors, Tie Comforters, Recreation, Tally Lobby & Main Floor Rm

- 7:00 pm—Supper, Cafeteria
- 8:00 pm--Worship, Tally Main Floor Rm, Heidi Regier Kreider, keynote speaker (*On-site or YouTube Live\**), followed by snack (sponsored by MCC) & recreation
- 8:00 pm—Childcare during worship, Tally Conference Rm 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor

#### Saturday, July 30

- 7:00 am--Morning Prayer, meet at 3 Crosses by the lake
- 8:00 am--Breakfast, Cafeteria
- 9:00 am—Menno Jeopardy! Tally Main Floor Rm, for youth & adults
- 9:00-12:00 Childcare available, Tally Conference Rm 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 10:00 am-12:00 pm – Delegate Session/Work of WDC, Tally Main Floor Rm (*Registered delegates will receive a Zoom link on July 28*) Best device to use is computer or tablet
- 10:00 - Youth--Introduction, games, fellowship and recreation on campus, Tally Conference Rm 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor
- 12:00—Lunch, Cafeteria
- 1:00-2:30 pm—Delegate Session/Work of WDC, Tally Main Floor Rm
- 1:00-4:00 Youth--Faith input and Service project, group games
- 1:00-5:00 pm—Childcare available, Tally Conference Rm 2<sup>nd</sup> floor
- 2:30-3:00--Break
- 3:00-5:00 pm – Workshops, see list below (*On-site and virtual/online options\**)
- 4:00—Swimming, Swimming Pool, Adults & Youth, Children may swim with parent/guardian present
- 5:00 pm—Free Time
- 5:30 pm—Supper, Cafeteria
- 6:30-8:30—Recreation & Snack for all ages (See active options at <https://mennowdc.org/2022-assembly-recreation/>; quiet options in Tally Main Floor Rm (Snack sponsored by Everence)
- 7:30-8:30 pm Pastors' Time Apart, Tally Main Floor Rm 1A (pastors only, please)
- 8:30-9:30 pm—Service Projects for all ages, Tally Main Floor Rm & Lobby

#### Sunday, July 31

- 7:00 am—Morning Prayer, meet at 3 Crosses by the lake
- 8:00 am—Breakfast, Cafeteria
- 9:30 am—Childcare, Tally Conference Rm 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor
- 9:30 am—Worship, Tally Main Floor Rm, Dianne Garcia, keynote speaker (*On-site or YouTube Live\**)
- 10:45 am—Load Vans, In front of Tally
- 11:00 am—Vans leave for North Newton, KS
- 6:00 pm—Vans arrive at Bethel College Stadium lot, North Newton, KS

\* Connecting Virtually: **Zoom links for workshops are below.** (Delegates will receive the Zoom link for the delegate session in a separate email.)

Worship is available to all on YouTube Live:

Friday, July 29 at 8pm: <https://youtu.be/eYMN4jwi8LY>

Sunday, July 31 at 9:30am: <https://youtu.be/TNWeSUWLUjc>

In-person workshops will all be in Tally Main Floor Rm (sections 1A, 1B, 1C with dividers)

## **WORKSHOPS - Saturday, July 30**

### **Virtual**

**3:00 pm Healthy Boundaries: What Your Pastor Is Learning and Why You Need to Know** – Rachel Epp Miller, no interpretation

“Healthy Boundaries: What Your Pastor Is Learning and Why You Need to Know” is a brief overview of some of the key topics that all credentialed ministers discuss in Healthy Boundaries training. They are also important topics to talk about in your congregation, including talking about expectations together, power and vulnerability are contextual, and boundaries in relationships. Rachel Epp Miller will host this virtual workshop.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81705898970?pwd=QUw4MERYNDdsTGdQd3hJeVRnUDhqQT09>

Meeting ID: 817 0589 8970 Passcode: 933710

**4:00 pm This Is My Body / This Is My Blood: Encountering Jesus at the Communion Table** - Host: Derek King - In English only

Brad Roth serves as the pastor of West Zion Mennonite Church in Moundridge, Kansas and is the author of the book: *The Hunger Inside: How the Meal Jesus Gave Transforms Lives* (Paraclete 2022). He blogs at [DoxologyProject.com](http://DoxologyProject.com)

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85410979759?pwd=OVVPbDNESzdhZlhZQ2FYUVRKcFhkZz09>

Meeting ID: 854 1097 9759 Passcode: 343721

**4:00 pm Esto Es Mi Cuerpo / Esta Es Mi Sangre: Encontrando a Jesús en la Mesa de Comunión** - Host: Graciela Tijerina, [In Spanish only](#)

Brad Roth sirve como el pastor de West Zion Mennonite Church en Moundridge, Kansas y es el autor del libro explorando el significado de la Santa Cena: *The Hunger Inside: How the Meal Jesus Gave Transforms Lives* (Paraclete 2022).

Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83947615047?pwd=aXF6d3M4UmFxVmtLbXdBdkVjcUdJQT09>

Meeting ID: 839 4761 5047 Passcode: 403445

**In-Person**

**1) 3:00 New Doors to the Church** – Tim Amor and Sandra Montez Martinez, Church Planting Commission

How do people become a part of our faith communities? What might make it easier for them to participate, and what might be keeping them away? In *New Doors to the Church*, Pastor Tim Amor and Associate Conference Minister Sandra Montes-Martinez will guide our conversation around these questions, exploring the new ways people engage church communities in our modern, post-COVID times. While sharing experiences from the new Summit Street Church replant, we will look at some practical things that we can prayerfully do to make it easier to engage with seekers and invite others to follow Jesus alongside us.

Location: Tally Main Floor Rm, 1C

**2) 3:00 Following Jesus Together Across Barriers** – Tonya Ramer Wenger & Heidi Regier Kreider – Interpretation Available

“Following Jesus Together Across Barriers” was the theme of Indonesia 2022, the 17th annual assembly of Mennonite World Conference held July 5-10 in Salatiga, Indonesia. This workshop will offer a taste of both the in-person and virtual experience of the event. Pastor Tonya Ramer Wenger attended MWC in Indonesia with her family. Conference Minister Heidi Regier Kreider attended virtually. Together they will reflect on what they discovered and learned, and will invite conversation around the theme.

Location: Tally Main Floor Rm, 1B

**3) 3:00 You Are What You Worship: Guns and Other Idols of Our Age.** – Peter Goerzen -Interpretation Available

God created humans as creatures who worship, driven by loves, longings, loyalties, and where we look for security. This workshop will consider how, in the understanding of biblical writers, we are transformed into the image of who or what we worship. We'll look at examples of various kinds of idols and the fruits they bear, like swords and guns, nations and flags, leaders and heroes, games and spectacles, money, and more.

Location: Tally Main Floor Rm, 1A

**1) 4:00 The Power of Story** -Mitch Stutzman – Interpretation Available

It can be hard to talk about money. Our financial lives are something that our culture and our churches tend to keep personal and private. In matters related to stewardship and generosity it is important for us to be more open as communities to exploring our attitudes and beliefs toward money and that begins with unpacking our current understandings and where those came from. Join us for this session to explore tools for conversation and story telling as it relates to our stewardship walk. Discuss together what has shaped and formed your view of money through the use of a money autobiography.

Location: Tally Main Floor Rm, 1B

**2) 4:00 Hospitality to the Desperate: How Your Church Can Lovingly Become a Home For the Most Vulnerable** – John Garland - Interpretation Available

“Hospitality to the Desperate: How Your Church Can Lovingly Become a Home For the Most Vulnerable” is an introduction to how San Antonio Mennonite Church has hosted Asylum Seekers from all over the world, and how other churches have approached hospitality. Then there will be a brief workshop on how your Church can practice hospitality for the most injured and vulnerable. What are the practical and legal implications? What are the logistical considerations? What are the challenges and opportunities a faith community will face? Even if immigrants are not the population you will host, you will bring home a timeline, action plan, and spiritual discipline based on one of the miracle stories of Jesus that resonates through all communities of hospitality.

Location: Tally Main Floor Rm, 1A

**3) 4:00 The Good-Enough Pastor** – Michael Danner - Interpretation Available

Pastors are tired, volunteers are difficult to find, and congregations are often divided by conflict and politics. In the midst of these challenges, this workshop explores our expectations of leaders, and how God's presence is discerned through practicing trust, grace, a clear sense of purpose and healthy emotional awareness.

Location: Tally Main Floor Rm, 1C

**VAN RIDER INFORMATION:**

- Park in Bethel College Stadium Parking Lot
- Vans load 8:30-9:00 am Friday, July 29 in Bethel College Stadium Parking Lot
- Vans leave at 9:00 am Friday, July 29 from Bethel College Stadium Parking Lot
- Bring a sack lunch or buy food from travel center convenience store during fuel/restroom stop
- Vans load 10:30-11 am Sunday, July 31 in front of Tally Conference Center
- Vans leave Camp Copass Sunday, July 31, 11 am
- Vans will stop for fast food for lunch
- Vans return to Bethel College Stadium Parking Lot about 6 pm
- Face masks strongly encouraged in vans

## **ANNUAL ASSEMBLY LODGING INFORMATION:**

Due to a large number of registrants requesting a hotel room, we have reserved additional rooms in offsite hotels. Lodging room assignments will be based off of need and when you registered. Another email will be sent prior to Assembly letting you know where you will be staying if you registered for a hotel room. Thank you for working with us as we are excited to have so many Assembly attendees!

### Tally Retreat Center – Main Annual Assembly Location.

- Linens provided for queen beds & bath
- Provide your own toiletries
- Roll-Away Bed available
- Free wifi provided

### Off-Site Hotel Room

- Linens provided for queen beds & bath
- Toiletries provided
- Wifi available
- A van shuttle will be provided.

### Angel Conference Center

- Linens provided for full beds & bath
- Provide your own toiletries
- Roll-Away Bed available
- Free wifi provided

### Love Bunk House (for youth and adults)

- 4 separate air-conditioned rooms (1 for women, 1 for men, 1 for girls & sponsors, 1 for boys & sponsors)
- Each room contains 24 bunk beds (12 sets of bunks)
- Each room contains 2 bathroom stalls, 2 showers, 2 sinks
- You must provide your own bedding, towels, and toiletries

### RV Park onsite at Camp Copass

- Each space includes water, sewer, electricity

## **MINI SERVICE PROJECTS:**

### Tying Comforters for MCC

- No experience necessary
- You're welcome to bring your favorite thimble & needles
- Thread, comforters, frames & training provided

### MCC Hygiene Kits

Please consider bringing some of the following. We'll put kits together in bags.

- 1 adult-size toothbrush (in manufacturer's packaging)
- 1 large bar bath soap (leave in wrapper)
- 1 nail clipper (good quality)

- 1 hand towel (medium weight, dark or bright colors; approx. 16 in x 26 in)
- 1 wide-toothed comb (6–8 in)

San Antonio Mennonite Church Refugee Assistance:

Please consider bringing some of the following. We'll sort and bag them.

- Adult Underwear (any size)
- Children's Underwear (any size)
- Adult Socks (any size)
- Children's Socks (any size)
- Motel-Sized Toiletries (shampoo, small bars of soap, hand sanitizer, toothpaste, toothbrush)

-To save on plastic waste and to keep you hydrated, please bring a water bottle or mug along with you to camp. Water will be provided.

-Parents bringing youth or kids, be sure to bring along your signed parental consent form to camp check-in for each youth if you haven't turned one in already.