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Congregational Meeting, August 19

Waterford's annual late summer congregational meeting will be held via Zoom on Wednesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.

Many of us have experienced Zoom meetings during these last months so I will not go into great detail explaining how it works. Perhaps it is your new favorite way of seeing and talking with each other. But likely not. I, for one, am grateful that we can meet this way. Zoom has the capacity to include as many persons as wish to join the meeting. Since this meeting will be held in the evening, we hope that it will be a good time for you to take an hour or so to connect with Waterford Leadership. You can even relax with a snack as you participate.

The primary agenda items for the meeting are:

- Affirmation of the Gifts Discernment ballot
- Affirming Waterford as a sponsoring congregation of the Anabaptist Disabilities Network Resolution at the MCUSA Assembly summer 2021

The ADN Resolution is accompanied by two other documents.

- Appendix 1 – Congregational Assessment Survey Form. This is a 14-page document which is designed to be used by congregations to assist them in assessing and increasing accessibility.
- Appendix 2 – These two pages of supplemental information define accessibility, give the history of the resolution and name the five congregations that have worked in collaboration with Mennonite Health Services and endorsed this resolution to bring to Mennonite Church USA in 2021.

The links to these documents can be found in the

WMC announcements section of the Life Beyond Waterford email.

Although there will be a brief budget update as well, we anticipate giving more time for budget update and discussion in a congregational meeting later this fall.

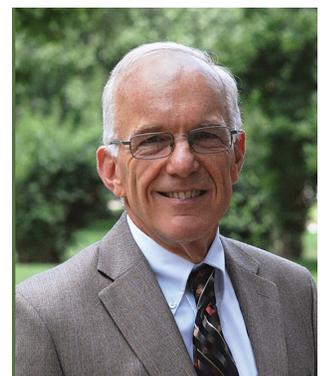
Jason Herrmann will be our Zoom technical host as in our last congregational meeting. You may recall the instant polling feature which allows members to vote electronically and to have our vote results right away.

Those of you not having email will receive the meeting documents by regular mail. There will also be an absentee voting option for those expecting to not participate in the Zoom meeting. Absentee ballots must be signed and received by the church office (electronically or by regular mail) by Monday, August 17. A Zoom invitation link will be emailed out to the congregation the Monday before the meeting.

—Rachel Stoltzfus, on behalf of Ministry Leadership Council and Pastoral Team

In the News

Luke Gascho has been named as the recipient of Eastern Mennonite University's 2020 Alum of the Year Award for his lifetime of practicing and teaching creation care and sustainability. He will be honored during EMU's October 16-18 Homecoming celebrations. Read the full article at <https://emu.edu/now/news/2020/alum-of-the-year-luke-gascho-74/>.



Congratulations Luke!



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MCC School Kits

Notebooks and pencils are treasures for families who struggle to afford basic school supplies. School kits often are requested after disasters and help bring normalcy to children whose families have been forced to flee their homes.

79,557 school kits were shipped last year to Jordan, Lebanon, South Sudan, Syria, Ukraine, and the U.S.

Contents (NEW items only)

- 4 spiral or perforated-pages notebooks (8.5 in x 10.5 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 new unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, good quality; must indicate 30 cm; inch markings optional)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large eraser
- 2 new black or blue ballpoint pens
- 1 small **all metal** pencil sharpener, one or two holes. (Plastic case pencil sharpeners are not accepted because these are poor quality and do not last as long.)

All metal sharpeners can be found online at Amazon.com or Bazic.com or in the art supply section of retail stores like Staples. **If you cannot find all metal sharpeners** please pack the kits without them and we will add the sharpeners.

Pick up a bag for school kits on the table between the front doors of the church during office hours or make your own bag by checking the website for MCC noted above. If you cannot find the metal pencil sharpeners, MCC volunteers will add them when they check the bags.

You can take the filled bags to the Depot or take them back to the church and they will be taken to the Depot for you.



School kit bags and the list of needed supplies await pickup on the table in the church breezeway.

Change of Address

Henry Mast has been moved to Courtyard Healthcare. His new address is:

Henry Mast
c/o Courtyard Healthcare
2400 College Ave
Goshen, IN 46528

Rejoice! subscription renewal

In the past, Waterford has provided *Purpose* and *Rejoice!* periodicals for those individuals interested in receiving them. As of August 2020, MennoMedia has ceased production of *Purpose*. In order to make more funds available for other congregational nurturing activities, we are suggesting that individuals make a donation; however, please do not allow the cost to keep you from requesting this periodical if you enjoy using it. The suggested donation is \$32 for the year.

If you are interested in receiving *Rejoice!* complete the subscription form and return it with your donation to the church office **by September 15, 2020** or call or email the office to indicate this.

You will not receive *Rejoice!* unless you let us know you wish to do so.