

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Annual Gathering

A stylized sunburst graphic with numerous thin, light blue lines radiating outwards from the center. In the center of the sunburst, the words "Well-being for all" are written in a cursive, handwritten-style font. The word "Well" is in blue, "being" is in blue, "for" is in blue, and "all" is in blue. A large, stylized orange heart is positioned to the right of the word "all".

Well-being
for all

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WELCOME!

On behalf of the Annual Gathering Planning Committee and the Board of Directors of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF), we extend a warm welcome to Annual Gathering 2019! We are excited to return to Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, the birthplace of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship in 2011! We hope that your weekend is fruitful, inspirational, and uplifting!

About our Theme: “Well-being for All: Developing Resilience in Healthcare”

In the midst of providing healthcare in a world of suffering and pain, stress and trauma, injustice and climate change, Christian healthcare workers face many challenges and opportunities. How do we maintain our focus on caring, nourish our own spiritual lives, and provide encouragement and support to live out our faith in ways that witness to Christ’s healing and hope in the world? This is what we want to explore in our weekend together. We are delighted and honored that you have chosen to join us!

Planning Committee Members:

We extend a special thanks to members of the Annual Gathering Planning Committee for their work in putting together this weekend event.

Erika Babikow (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)

Clair Hochstetler (Cincinnati, Ohio)

Brianna Moyer (Lititz, Pennsylvania)

Lisa Sayre (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)

Kristopher Schmidt (Harrisonburg, VA)

Krista Townsend (Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania)

Timothy Burkholder, MHF Administrative Assistant (Goshen, Indiana)

Paul Leichty, MHF Executive Director (Williamsport, Pennsylvania)

MHF Staff, Board, and additional volunteers are also available to help make your weekend enjoyable and profitable.

Setting and Facilities

It is a privilege to share this time together in the beautiful natural environment of Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Please be aware that there are other groups on the grounds as well. Please consult the map for the locations of these facilities being used by MHF:

- **Dining Hall** – Registration check-in, Dining, Wi-Fi
- **Meetinghouse** – Plenary sessions, Workshop location, Wi-Fi
- **Motel** – Lodging. Adjoining Laurel Room – Workshop location, Wi-Fi
- **Guesthouse** – Lodging, Workshop location, Wi-Fi
- **Solarhouse** – Lodging, Workshop location, Wi-Fi

Registration and Check-in

Weekend registration and check-in will be in the Dining Room lobby starting on Friday afternoon from 3:00 p.m. until the beginning of the opening plenary session at 7:00 p.m. The registration table will also be staffed after the Friday plenary session and on Saturday morning starting around 7:30 a.m.

Please wear your name badge for all sessions and meals. It serves to identify you with our group and also facilitates networking and fellowship between sessions.

Communication

Landline phones at Laurelville are now limited due to the prevalence of cell phone usage. Phones are located in the Office Lobby, Meetinghouse, and Shenandoah (gym). These phones may be used for 800, credit card, local calls and on-grounds calls.

Cellular phone service is uneven on the grounds of Laurelville and depends largely on your carrier. You are requested to set your phones to off or vibrate only during plenary and workshop sessions.

Internet. Laurelville provides wifi internet connections in strategic locations throughout the main retreat center area. Please note the buildings MHF is using above. There is no wifi in the Motel/Laurel Room. During plenary sessions in the Meetinghouse, we ask that you limit or abstain from using the wifi so that we have plenty of bandwidth to stream and record our sessions for further use.

Urgent messages to MHF Staff through the weekend can be sent to the following cell phones: Paul Leichty: 574-238-1853. Tim Burkholder: 574-361-3446

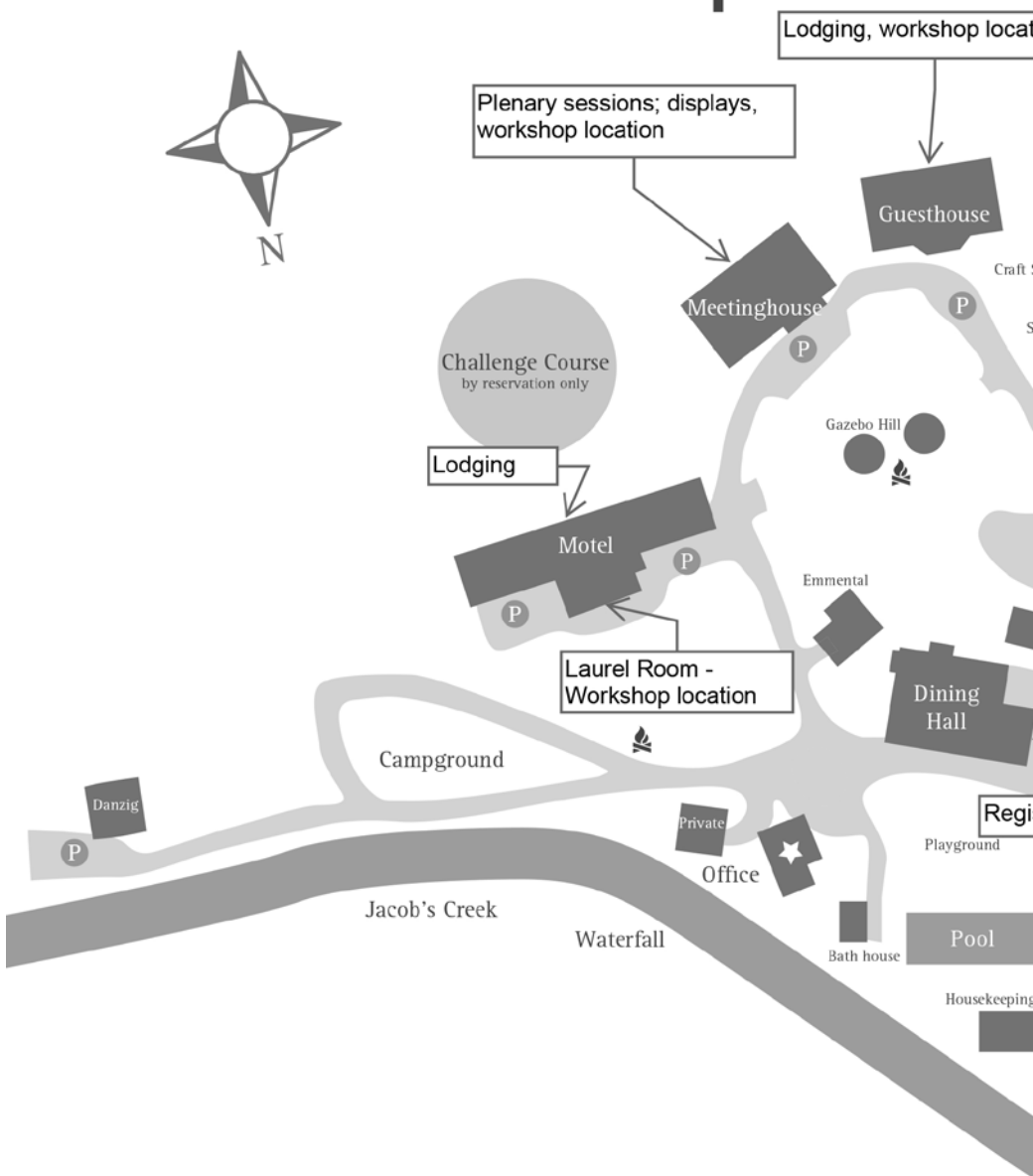
Contact information in case of emergency:

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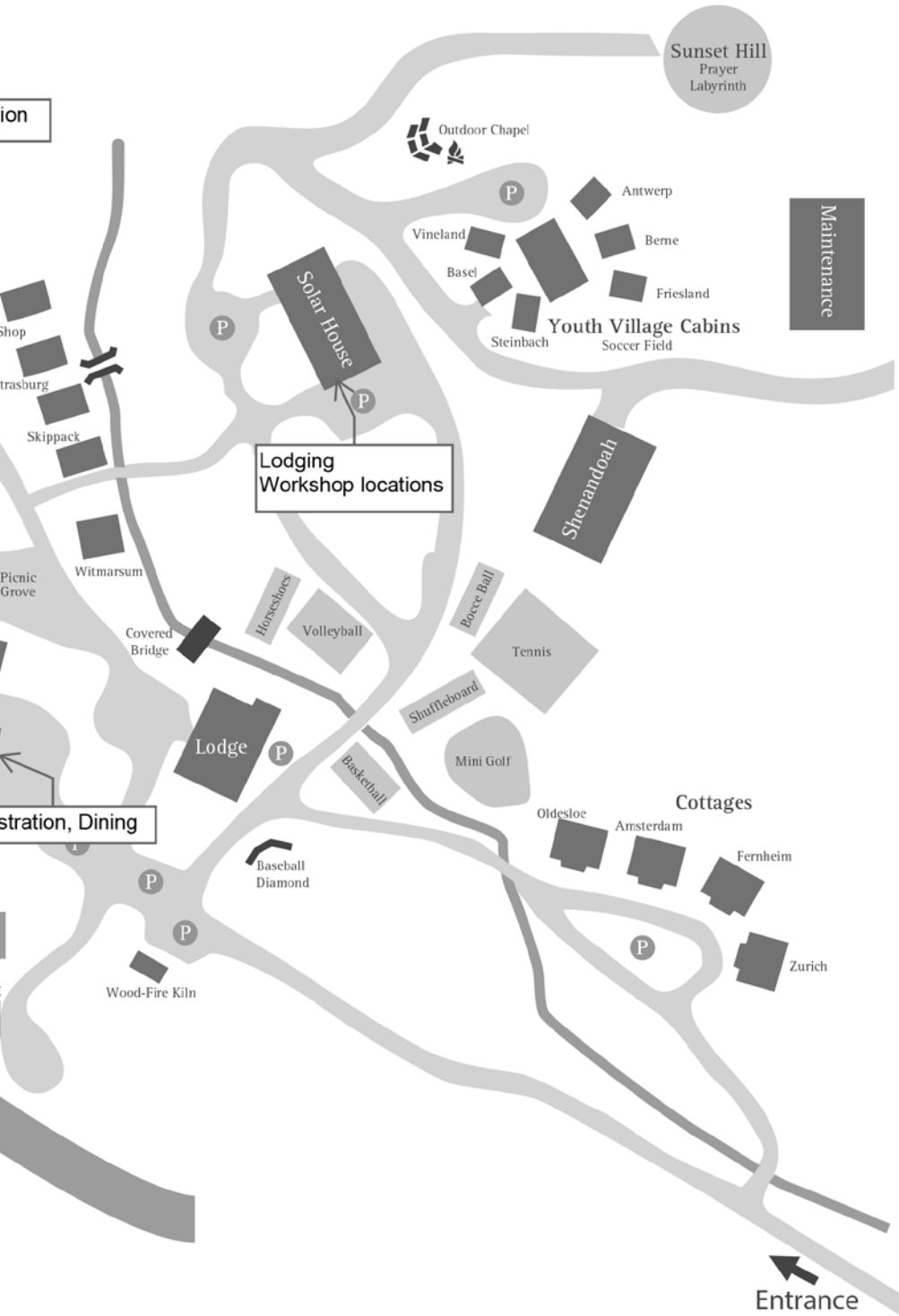
Guest Services phone: 724-331-5468

Laurelville does not provide medical services, but staff will assist in calling emergency services, or you may call 911 directly. (From a Laurelville phone, you must dial “9” prior to “911.”) Please notify Laurelville staff immediately if you have called for medical services so they can assist in directing emergency personnel to the building.

Grounds Map



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Sunset Hill
Prayer
Labyrinth

Outdoor Chapel

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Antwerp

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Friesland

Vineland

Basel

Steinbach

Youth Village Cabins
Soccer Field

Maintenance

Solar House

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Lodging
Workshop locations

Shop

Strasburg

Skipack

Picnic
Grove

Witmarsum

Covered
Bridge

Horseshoes

Volleyball

Baseball

Tennis

Shuffleboard

Mini Golf

Basketball

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Amsterdam

Fernheim

Zurich

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Entrance

Meals and Snacks

All meals will be served in the main Laurelville Dining Hall opposite the Office and Pool area. Please enter through the lobby area. Your name badge serves as verification.

The cost of snacks is covered by registration fees. This includes evenings after the plenary sessions as well as Saturday beverage service between sessions. Snacks and beverages are permitted in the common areas of Laurelville facilities, but not in sleeping rooms. Orange and red drinks are not permitted in any facilities. For guests in the Solarhouse and Guesthouse, Laurelville does not allow the preparation and serving of food in those buildings.

Meeting Rooms

All plenary sessions will be held in the Meetinghouse between the Motel and the Guesthouse. Workshop sessions will be held in the Meetinghouse, the Laurel Room (next to Motel), the Guesthouse, and upstairs and downstairs in the Solarhouse.

Display tables.

MHF is pleased to provide display tables for MHF members and related organizations who wish to reach out to the rest of Annual Gathering attendees. Tables will be located in the Meetinghouse, next to the area where plenary sessions are held. If additional table space is needed, the overflow will be in the common area of the Solarhouse. You are encouraged to visit these tables and engage in conversation with members and staff there.

Networking organizations

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship builds networks with several related organizations. The following is a partial list of organizations with which MHF works most closely:

- **Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS)** – sponsor of a plenary session and workshop. MHF is now a Strategic Partner of CSCS.
- **Global Anabaptist Health Network (GAHN)** – affiliated with Mennonite World Conference.
- **MHS (Mennonite Health Services)** – MHF is now a member of MHS Alliance, which consists of healthcare organizations affiliated with Mennonite Church USA and several other groups.
- **Mary Jean Yoder Memorial Endowment Fund.** MHF members serve on the Benefits Committee of this fund administered by Mennonite Mission Network.
- **Anabaptist Center for Healthcare Ethics (ACHE)** -- A cooperative association between MHF and other Mennonite agencies to promote study and resource sharing on Christian healthcare ethics. ACHE concluded active programming in 2007; remaining funds are administered by MHF.

Meal Conversation Groups

Meal conversation groups on various topics will be organized and tables designated at the Saturday noon and evening meals as interest warrants. Please let Tim Burkholder or whomever is at the registration table know by Friday evening if you would like to organize and lead a meal conversation group around a particular topic. Groups will be announced at the Saturday morning plenary session.

Podcast interviews

Have you heard? MHF has a new podcast series called MennoHealth Cast. Do you have an interesting story to tell about your journey as a Christian in a healthcare profession? Joann Hunsberger, a Board member from Baltimore, is the producer and host of MennoHealth Cast, and she would like to record interviews with interested attendees while you are at Annual Gathering. Express your interest by signing up at the registration table.

I am MHF

Begun at Annual Gathering 2018, the “I am MHF” campaign is a way of showing your support for MHF. Placards are available at the registration table. During the weekend, you are invited to write your name, your profession, and a phrase indicating your experience of MHF and/or what MHF offers you. Using your smart phone, take a picture of yourself holding this placard in front of you (selfie or have someone else do it). Upload the picture in one or more of these ways: (a) To mennohealth on Facebook, (b) on Twitter with hashtags #mennohealth and #iammhf, or (c) email IamMHF@mennohealth.org.

Children’s Program

Children, 0-12 years old, who are registered for the Children’s Program will have activities each day during plenary and workshop sessions on the Laurelville grounds. Parents will receive specific instructions upon check-in. Parents are responsible for their children at mealtimes and during the Saturday late afternoon free time.

Children’s Program Coordinator



MHF is glad to welcome **Kimmie Stradling** as the Children’s Program Coordinator for Annual Gathering 2019. Kimmie is the Program Director at Laurelville, having just moved to Pennsylvania from sunny California. She has been working with children for over ten years and has a passion to help children know, show, and grow in God’s love. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, traveling, and anything that allows her to be outside. Kimmie will bring in additional assistants from Laurelville’s summer staff as needed. MHF is grateful to Laurelville for providing Children’s Program staffing for Annual Gathering 2019!

Worship and Music



Each plenary session will begin with worship, including plenty of singing. **Angie and Jim Clemens** will lead worship and music. **Angie Clemens** teaches elementary general music in Rockingham County (Virginia) Public Schools and is a frequent song leader at Community Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg. **Jim Clemens** composes a wide range of music, including instrumental solos, choral anthems, and musical theater scores. He also works as a music engraver and as an accompanist for ensembles and soloists.

Closing Worship Service

The closing worship service on Sunday morning will include communion and a special offering. The offering this year will go into MHF’s general fund to ensure that Student Elective Term and Steven Roth Memorial Grants are fully funded for this fiscal year.

SCHEDULE

FRIDAY

3:00 p.m.	Registration opens
5:15 – 6:30 p.m.	Supper
7:00 p.m.	Worship/Plenary Session – Meetinghouse Who is under your carbon footprint? Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube
8:30 p.m.	Snacks and Fellowship

Saturday

7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Worship/Plenary session – Meetinghouse Resilient Healthcare: A Matter of Trust James. Gingerich, MD
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:30-11:30 a.m.	Workshop Session 1
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch
1:00 – 2:00 p.m.	Workshop Session 2
2:15 – 3:15 p.m.	Workshop Session 3
3:30 – 4:30 p.m.	Special Feature with Lightning Lucas – Meetinghouse
5:15 – 6:45 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Worship/Plenary Session – Meetinghouse Well-being for All: Responding to the Opioid Epidemic. John Boll, DO
8:30 p.m.	Ice cream social
9:00 p.m.	Hymnsing with Angie and Jim Clemens – Meetinghouse

Sunday

7:15 a.m. - 8:15 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Meet the Board – All current and prospective members invited
9:30 a.m.	Worship/Plenary session – Meetinghouse Addressing Moral Injury with Spiritual Strength. Clair Hochstetler, MDiv, Charlene Epp, MDiv, Susan Lanford, MDiv
11:30 p.m.	Room Checkout
11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	Lunch

Please contact the MHF office at any time with your ideas, comments, questions, and concerns:



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PLENARY SESSION PRESENTATIONS



Friday evening

Who is under your carbon footprint?

Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube, Harare, Zimbabwe

Have you thought about who is under your carbon footprint, and how that impacts your own choices? What is a healthy way to respond personally, and as a community to this global challenge? As the impacts of climate change become increasingly obvious, we need to hear from our sisters and brothers around the world who are feeling the greatest impact of climate change. This session will focus on firsthand accounts from the global south of the shifting climate and its effects on individual communities.



Saturday morning

Resilient Healthcare: A Matter of Trust.

James Nelson Gingerich, MD, Goshen, Indiana

Maple City Health Care Center is an experiment in affordable, high quality, integrated, community-based health care for a low-income, multi-cultural, immigrant neighborhood. The center's founding physician will describe the radical, counter-intuitive, upside-down culture of trust that is at the heart of the center's resilience and success. Patients, providers, and staff foster this culture of trust through (1) the assumption of abundance, (2) investing in relationships, and (3) dying to the fear of death.



Saturday evening

Well-being for All: Responding to the Opioid Epidemic.

John Boll, DO, FAAFP, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

The United States is in a crisis of suffering regarding both chronic pain and addiction. This impacts every level of our society whether by accidental overdoses and deaths, lost relationships, or burnout among families and medical providers. Chronic pain and addiction are characterized by separation from community and family, and in general, a lack of hope for the future. This session will focus on reframing this crisis of pain and addiction in terms relevant to biblical principles such that we can change the dialogue to one of hope.



Sunday morning

Addressing Moral Injury with Spiritual Strength

Clair Hochstetler, MDiv, Charlene Epp, MDiv, Susan Lanford, MDiv

This closing worship and plenary session will be a spiritual "symphony" in three movements:

- I. Listening/Learning from research regarding Moral Injury and its mitigation.
- II. Remembering/Responding to an incident in each of our own experience which had a profound moral/spiritual, psychological, or physical impact in our life, and
- III. Commitment/Communion as we share the Lord's Supper together.



WORKSHOP PRESENTATIONS

Resilient Healthcare: A Matter of Trust.

James Nelson Gingerich, MD.

This is a follow-up workshop to the Saturday morning plenary session. Participants will identify and share their own stories of abundance and resilience.

An Introduction to Art Psychotherapy: Offering Healing and Hope Through the Creative Process.

Carol Martin Johnson, RN, MA

Art therapists use the creative process to engage the mind, body, and spirit in ways that are distinct from verbal therapy alone. Art therapy can give form and shape to difficult feelings and experiences for which there may be no words. It can empower a person to gain understanding of the complex, the hidden, and the mysterious. This workshop will be an introduction to what art therapy is (and what it is not!). It will include an opportunity to participate in a group art making experience.

Plain Complexity: Serving the Old Order Amish and Mennonite Communities.

Janelle M. Zimmerman, RN, BA

Presented by a nurse and former horse-and-buggy Mennonite, this is a forum for healthcare professionals to explore the complexity, rewards, and challenges of serving the Plain community. The didactic portion of the workshop explores a research-based framework for understanding Plain community members' beliefs about health and healthcare and how these beliefs affect norms of decision-making around preventive, emergency, and rehabilitative healthcare. The interactive portion includes time for questions and for learning from each other, focusing on co-laboring with the community to reflect Kingdom principles on earth.

Shifting Climates: Rehumanizing the Conversation About Faith, Hope, and Climate Change.

Michaela Mast, Harrison Horst, & Sarah Longenecker

Three fellows of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) and producers of the series will share about their experience producing two seasons of the podcast, "Shifting Climates." The podcast aims to "rehumanize the conversation on climate change" by sharing stories from impacted communities. This conversation on climate change naturally intersects with a variety of health-related subfields, including the psychology of denial and justification; mental health, trauma and grieving; and community health and resilience.

Naturopathic Medicine and Integrative Oncology.

Michael Reece, ND

Naturopathic medicine blends centuries-old natural non-toxic therapies with current advances in the study of health and human systems, covering all aspects of family health. Naturopathic medicine attempts to find the underlying cause of the patient's condition rather than focusing solely on symptomatic treatment. Integrative oncology

provides patients with safe options for combining conventional cancer treatment with natural and supportive therapies.

Personal Resilience and Spiritual Care.

Clair Hochstetler, MDiv, Charlene Epp, MDiv, Susan Lanford, MDiv.

This workshop combines presentation and discussion by three Anabaptist, theologically oriented chaplains/pastoral care leaders with diverse backgrounds and skills. They will share personal models for managing or preventing stress and maintaining personal resilience with spiritual vitality. The reality is that a barrier to maintaining resilience in healthcare professions is the notion that “this is what I trained for; it doesn’t bother me; I don’t let it get to me.” But it always does. Thus, self-care is a commitment and a skill which every person, regardless of age or profession, needs in order to survive and thrive.

Healthcare, Healing, and the Mission of God: Transformation and Discipleship in our Professions.

Paul Leichty, MDiv, Grant Miller, MDiv, Indigo Miller, RN, MPH
Presenters will reflect on the role of healthcare in the reconciling work of God and how participating in that work forms us as disciples and transforms us into the image of Christ. Workshop participants will help explore the role of the congregation, the workplace, and Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship in this process.

Training Community Leaders on Maternal and Child Health Services.

Rebekah Maldonado-Nofziger, BSN, RN, DNP
Rebekah will share from her doctoral project in Ethiopia, partially supported by a Student Elective Term grant. The project was designed to prevent maternal death by pairing Ethiopian Orthodox Church priests with Health Development Army workers at six rural health centers in the North Gondar zone. Each pair helped identify and meet with new pregnant mothers, and deliver education surrounding maternal health services, particularly Antenatal Care and skilled delivery. Rebekah will discuss the importance of partnerships between educational and faith-based institutions as well as in the communities being served to improve maternal and infant health outcomes.

STUDENT ESSAY PROJECT 2019



There is one winner in the 2019 Student Essay Project, held in conjunction with Annual Gathering 2019. The essay, entitled, “Well-being for All: Providing Care for the Undocumented” is included in your registration packet. It is written by **Carissa Harnish**, a medical student at Penn State College of Medicine who will graduate in

2020. She is planning on doing an internal medicine residency in the future. She is a member of Neffsville Mennonite Church in Lancaster, Pennsylvania and a 2015 graduate of Eastern Mennonite University. She lives with her husband in Hershey and enjoys eating tacos in her free time.

PRESENTER BIOS



John Boll, DO, FAAFP, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Dr. John Boll is Associate Director of the Williamsport Family Medicine Residency at UPMC Susquehanna Health. He practices full-spectrum family medicine in Williamsport, Pennsylvania where he also does outreach in the Amish and Plain communities. He is very interested in teaching medical students and residents to prepare them to work in underserved communities. He and his wife, Jennifer, have five children.



Charlene Epp, MDiv, Lakewood, Colorado

Charlene Epp serves as an Intermittent Chaplain at Denver Health Medical Center, covering all units when on duty for this level one trauma center. Prior to this role she ministered as a hospice chaplain and on a Palliative Care team in Portland, Oregon. She received her MDiv degree from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and is ordained in Mennonite Church USA. Charlene is also a Spiritual Director and a part-time Regional Conference Minister in Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Charlene is married to Duncan Smith and they are both active members at Glennon Heights Mennonite Church. She enjoys gardening, hiking, hosting guests, quilting, reading, and writing.



James Nelson Gingerich, MD, Goshen, Indiana

James lived in North Goshen during the time he attended Goshen College. He fell in love with the diversity and pluck of the people living in the neighborhood. James graduated from the Pritzker School of Medicine at the University of Chicago in 1985. After residency, James, his wife Barb, and two sons moved back to James's beloved neighborhood. James and Barb helped their neighbors create a health center in 1989. James's community leadership and work for Maple City Health Care Center earned the National Dorothy Richardson Neighborworks Award in 2006. In 2012, the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's LEAP project chose Maple City Health Care Center as one of thirty-one exemplary practices from throughout the nation. In addition to fostering healthy community, James enjoys beekeeping, sailing, weaving, Sacred Harp singing, and regular trips to hear the Chicago Symphony Orchestra.



Clair Hochstetler, MDiv, Cincinnati, Ohio

Clair Hochstetler was a Voluntary Service administrator and college admissions counselor before pastoring Church of the Brethren and Mennonite congregations. For the past 24 years he has been a professional chaplain in public hospitals and hospices in Goshen, Indiana; Canberra, Australia; and Cincinnati, Ohio. He and his wife Carole Anne moved to Cincinnati three and a half years ago after living/working seven years in Australia. He enjoys spending time with three grandchildren in Chicago. Clair maintains his balance in life by unicycling, balloon-twisting, clowning, playing harmonica, singing in community choirs, Lyft driving, and adventuring around the globe. He has been actively involved with Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship and is a member of the Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship Board.



Harrison Horst, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Harrison Horst is a co-host and producer of Shifting Climates, a podcast sponsored by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) in Harrisonburg, Virginia. A lifelong environmentalist, Harrison is coming to realize that looking at climate change through the lens of “community health” may be more appropriate or relevant than the commonly used lens of “planetary health.” Currently, Harrison enjoys freelancing for a local news blog, The Harrisonburg Citizen. He hopes to move to China and work as an English teacher at a university with Mennonite Partners in China. In the meantime, however, Harrison enjoys the bikeable pace of life in Harrisonburg, playing saxophone with the community jazz band, and coaching the local Bible quizzing team.



Carol Martin Johnson, MA, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Carol Martin Johnson is an Art Psychotherapist in private practice in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She is married to Tim Johnson who served as Interim Executive Director of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship, March through August 2017. They have made Philadelphia (the city they love!) their home for more than 25 years. She enjoys walking and biking around the city, building shelters for several neighborhood cats and is working on perfecting her kombucha skills (with the help of several neighborhood critics!).



Susan A. Lanford, Vancouver, Washington

Susan Lanford serves as Director of Mission Services/Healthcare Chaplain for the Columbia Network, PeaceHealth, providing oversight to the work of spiritual care, organizational and clinical ethics, mission integration, and leadership formation. Prior to this role, she worked in pastoral care and chaplaincy roles in Texas, Arkansas, and Tennessee. Susan has also been a free-lance writer, editor, and speaker for 30+ years in the areas of personal spirituality, finding and living one’s mission/purpose, holistic care, resiliency, and stress management. Susan is an ordained minister and endorsed chaplain with the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. She and her husband Randy are active members of Portland Mennonite Church and enjoy their three adult children and spouses along with six beautiful grandchildren.



Paul D. Leichty, MDiv, Williamsport, Pennsylvania

Paul Leichty has been Executive Director of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) since September 2011. Paul has also served as a pastor, church musician, computer support person, disabilities advocate, and administrator/organizer of a number of church-related ministries. In addition to responsibilities at MHF, Paul is Executive Director of Congregational Accessibility Network. He is an active member and elder at Agape Fellowship of the Mennonite Church in Williamsport, Pennsylvania where he lives with his wife, Twila Charles Leichty.



Sarah Longenecker, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Sarah Longenecker is a podcast producer, photographer, and web-designer for Shifting Climates, a project sponsored by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Though Sarah's degree is in photography, much of her college education centered around environmental sustainability. Sarah's interest in climate communication was sparked by a conservation photography course and a semester long program in environmental ethics and environmental justice. When she's not working, Sarah spends much of her time reading up on pop culture, collecting compost, and sharing meals with friends.



Michaela Mast, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Michaela Mast is co-host and producer of Shifting Climates, a podcast sponsored by the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) in Harrisonburg, VA. Though her bachelor's degree is in psychology, Michaela's deepest interests lie at the intersection of disciplines: psychology, neuroscience, theology, and creative art—which has led to her passion for climate change communication. Michaela is also a competitive runner and a volunteer assistant for Eastern Mennonite University's Cross Country and Track & Field teams. She enjoys exploring the mountains bordering the Shenandoah Valley, seeking out good four-part-harmony, honing her novice pottery skills, and cooking a new ethnic dish.



Rebekah Maldonado-Nofziger, BSN, RN, DNP, Seattle, Washington

Rebekah Maldonado-Nofziger is a recent graduate from University of Washington with a Doctor of Nursing Practice in Population Health. She is a 2012 nursing graduate of Eastern Mennonite University. Following work in Seattle, Washington, she completed her nursing practicum in Gondar, Ethiopia as a fellow in the Strengthening Care Opportunities through Partnership in Ethiopia (SCOPE) program. Her project has involved building partnerships with Ethiopian Orthodox Priests and the Health Development Army as health educators to meet new pregnant women in their homes and talk about the importance of antenatal care and having their delivery at the health center with a skilled attendant. The hope is that this will assist in ultimately reducing the maternal and neonatal mortality rates in Ethiopia. She is currently seeking a career in public health either internationally or stateside.



Grant Miller, MDiv, Elkhart, Indiana

Grant Miller recently completed a Master of Divinity degree at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary with a focus in History, Theology, and Ethics and works as the Communications and Projects Manager at the Institute for the Study of Global Anabaptism. He currently lives in Elkhart, Indiana and is an active member of Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship in Goshen.



Indigo Miller, BSN, RN, MPH, Boston, Massachusetts

Indigo Miller is a registered nurse hailing from the slopes of the Colorado Rockies and finishing her Master of Public Health degree at Boston University. She received her BSN from Goshen College in 2013 and worked in her hometown of Colorado Springs for several years as a long-term care

nurse and postpartum hospital nurse. In 2016-17 she spent eight months of public health volunteering in Tanzania. Indigo has been drawn to studying and advocating for sexuality education and reproductive health and was a 2018 BU Maternal Child Health Practice Fellow working on a project assessing and evaluating the integration of reproductive services and substance use disorder treatment. She loves staying active with running, cycling, and yoga in Boston, while making an effort to explore this new New England wilderness. Indigo currently serves as Vice-President of the MHF Board and chair of the Development Committee.



Sibonokuhle Ncube, Harare, Zimbabwe

Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube is national coordinator of Compassionate Development Service, the relief and development agency of the Brethren in Christ Church of Zimbabwe. She has 18 years of experience in various development contexts, including programs in climate change management, climate finance governance and disaster preparedness. Sibo and her husband live with their three daughters in Harare, where she serves as Deaconess at the Lobhengula Brethren in Christ Church. Her presentation at Annual Gathering is made possible through the cooperation of the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions, (CSCS).



Michael Reece, ND, Ephrata, Pennsylvania

Michael Reece is a naturopathic doctor from Ephrata, Pennsylvania. He received his ND degree from the John Bastyr College of Naturopathic Medicine (now known as Bastyr University) in 1983, and has practiced in Pennsylvania since graduation. He is a member of numerous associations of Naturopathic Physicians having served as President of the Pennsylvania Association of Naturopathic Physicians for 11 years, and four years on the Board of Directors of the American Association of Naturopathic Physicians. He has worked since 1999 to help pass licensing legislation in Pennsylvania and in November 2016 saw the passage of a registration bill for naturopathic doctors in Pennsylvania. His hobbies include playing drums and keyboards with various musical groups.



Janelle M. Zimmerman, RN, BA, Reinholds, Pennsylvania

Janelle Zimmerman works in pediatric home care and does health coaching as a ministry. She grew up in an Old Order Mennonite community in rural Wisconsin, and moved to Pennsylvania in 2011 to attend nursing school. The inevitable culture clash led to an exploration of sociological concepts in an attempt to make sense of her experience. Since 2012, she has been presenting to academic and professional audiences about various aspects of Amish and Mennonite culture. Her hobbies include guitar playing, reading, and continuing education. She loves and serves Jesus together with an eclectic group of believers in a house fellowship.

Next year's Annual Gathering

Please continue to check your email and the MHF website for developing news on Annual Gathering 2020.



The mission of Menonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) is to be an interdisciplinary community of Anabaptist health professionals which seeks to nurture the integration of faith and practice, to provide opportunities for dialogue on health related issues, and to address specific needs through education, advocacy, and service.



Mentoring

- Networking
- Regional Gatherings



Support

- Annual Gatherings
- Email contacts
- Social Media



Education

- Workshops
- Webinars
- Podcasts



Service

- Student Elective Term
- Steven Roth Grants
- Service/Employment announcements