



Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

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*“Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things;
there is need of only one thing.”* (Luke 10:41)

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To the Delegates of IN-MI Mennonite Conference,

We invite you to a day of worship and discernment for our life together. Clearly the ground has shifted since delegates approved the Listening and Redesign Team's proposal in 2007. We are at a crucial time of testing ideas about staffing configuration and about how to pay for that staffing.

The Executive Committee is calling delegates and others to join in experimenting with a new way of gathering together. Instead of holding the traditional seven cluster meetings, we will have two regional meetings—one in Saginaw, Mich., and one in Indianapolis, Ind.

- so that delegates can hear a greater diversity of perspectives on items that will have conference-wide impact, and
- to use conference resources more effectively.

We believe your presence at these meetings will be very important--that each voice makes a difference. We desire a breadth of wisdom, so encourage all members of your congregational leadership to attend. We also encourage you to include young adults in your delegation.

Documents related to both topics are on the web site. Please make copies for all non-delegates from your congregation who will be attending this meeting.

We recognize that many of you will be driving much farther and spending more time and money to travel than in previous years. We encourage you to consider your travel as an opportunity for hospitality. Welcome each other into the fellowship of carpooling. Enter your hosts' welcome with gladness and thanksgiving. We appreciate the gift of time and effort you make when we meet!

Among all the things that we'll be talking about during our time together, we don't want to miss Jesus. To this end we are organizing the day so our worship and conversations are interwoven. Join us in holding this meeting before God.

Grace and peace to you,

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Lead Conference Minister

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Moderator

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