



Our vision...
*pursuing God's dreams,
by the power of the Holy Spirit,
in the way of Jesus Christ*

Mennonite Church USA Agencies and Schools

The featured Mennonite agency this year is Mennonite Publishing Network. Representing Mennonite Publishing Network will be Cynthia Linscheid and our own Conference Resource Advocate Carol Holsopple Froese.

Other Mennonite agencies and schools will be represented by:

Bethel College - John Sheriff

Hesston College - Dallas Stutzman

Mennonite Education Agency - Tim Burkholder

Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership - Nancy Kauffman

Mennonite Mission Network - Glenn Balzer

Mennonite Mutual Aid - Rhoda Blough

Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp - Corbin Graber

Please visit these representatives and others in the display area in the Community Center.

We are interested in how you experience Annual Assembly and have asked Betsy Headrick McCrae to be a listening presence. Please see Betsy if you would like to provide feedback about any aspect of this Annual Assembly.



MANY PATHS, HIGHER GROUND

Created by Nathan Zehr

Worship Service

Saturday, August 8, 2009
7:00 PM

First Mennonite Church of Denver

“We Serve Together”

Saturday, August 8, 2009

Transition Music

We Gather Together

Opening Songs

I'm pressing on the upward way – STJ 96

(Children may go to their Peace Seminar)

Come, come ye saints – HWB 425

Musical Meditation – FMC Singer/Songwriter Group

Call to Worship

Higher Ground Earth Ritual

Passing the Peace

Song – *Lean on me*

The Spirit's Peace

Song – *Longing for light* – STJ 54

Confession and Affirmation (from Jeremiah 6:16 NRSV)

One: We walk many paths. We stand at many crossroads.

Left: We look left.

Right: We look right.

One: We look at what paths we have followed and what paths bend ahead.

All: We ask for the ancient paths and seek where the good way lies.

Chime

One: We confess that we stand and look and ask, and yet we stay standing. We stiffen our necks after turning left and right. We dig in our heels after discovering the paths we have followed and the paths that bend ahead.

Chime

One: We stand at the crossroads, looking and asking, and still we say

All: “We will not walk in it.”

Chime

One: God of grace, release our heels. Soften our necks. May we ask for the ancient paths, where the good way lies, and may we walk in it.

All: And we shall find rest for our souls.

One: And you will find rest for your souls.

Hear These Words

Testimony – Glenwood Springs Mennonite Church

Song of Response – *Halle, halle, hallelujah!* – STJ 17

Bible Reading

Introduction – Vern Rempel

Interview with John Ventura, Lois Hjelmstad,
Arliiss Swartzendruber

Song – *You are salt for the earth* – HWB 226 (v.1)

Meditation – Phil Abeyta

Signs of Christ's Way

Toward Higher Ground Ritual of Response: “*What brings me greatest joy in service to community and the world?*”

Offering

Announcements

Go to Serve and Love

Song – *Jesus, Rock of ages* – HWB 515

Benediction – Phil Abeyta