**2023 Summer Assembly**

**Thursday, July 13**

 9:00a Workshop

Intercultural Development Inventory

Harriet Tubman house tour with Aldine Musser

10:30a Workshop

Youth Faith Formation with Moriah Hurst

 2:00p Workshop

Does One Size Truly Fit All? Exploring Leadership Styles with Diverse Communities of Faith with Bishop Leslie Francisco

Harriet Tubman house tour with Aldine Musser

3:30p Workshop

Walking Life's Journey: End of life planning with Teresa Boshart Yoder

 6:00p   Appreciation Dinner for pastors and credentialed leaders (invitations by mail)

             RSVP by July 1.

**Friday, July 14**

8:00a  Registration

 8:30    Session I

Worship

Reflection

VMM Story

Story from Trinidad and Tobago

10:00   Break

10:20   Session I continued

Story from Jamacia

Denominational Minister Sharing

Moderator’s Report

Approval of Minutes

Finance Report

MC USA Delegates Report Back

Denominational Affinity Working Group

Youth Visioning

Conference Council Self-Reflection

12:00p Lunch

  1:15    Session II

Dissolution of New Song Anabaptist Fellowship and Fellowship of Christ

VMM Story

Presentation of Resolutions

Discussion

Report Back

 3:15     Break

 3:35    Session II continues

 5:00   Dismissal

**7:00p   Community Worship Service**

**Saturday, July 15**

 8:30a Session III

Worship

Reflection

Racial Justice Report

Gifts Discernment Nomination

Ballots for Resolutions and Nomination

10:15   Break

10:45  Session III continues

Ballot Results

Worship

12:30p Dismissal

## Workshop Descriptions

Thursday, July 13, 2023

in conjunction with the 2023 VMC Summer Assembly

(updated June 14, 2023)

**9am Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) with Caleb Schrock-Hurst. Cost $75.**
The Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) is a rigorously-tested sociological tool that measures an individual's ability to navigate many types of cultural difference and then equips participants to improve that ability. This group training introduces the core concepts of healthy intercultural communication and will be followed throughout the fall with a one-on-one session discussing individuals intercultural giftings and growth points. A $75 fee covers this group training, a personalized assessment and results, and a one-on-one conversation with Caleb (this fee will happily be waived by the Racial Justice Task Force upon request if it is at all burdensome).  (Park View Mennonite Church, room: Fireside)

**9am & 2pm Harriet Tubman Museum tour with Aldine Musser.**
The museum provides a timeline on Harriet Tubman’s work and insight into the local slave safe house. “Freedom Trail” markers outside provide information on “The Hideout”, “The Auction Block”, and Slave Patrols” (Meet at the museum at 2065 Reservoir St, Harrisonburg)

**10:30am Youth Faith Formation - What to Do about the Kids? Reimagining Faith Formation with Moriah Hurst.**

Sunday school before the pandemic was hard, and then we have faced the last few years. What is working — or not — for your congregation now? What do you dream of for the children of the church? Come be part of a conversation about dreaming into new ways of doing faith formation with youth and children. Bring stories of and ideas for how your church or conference is approaching this. (Park View Mennonite Church, room: TBA)

**2pm Does One Size Truly Fit All? Exploring Leadership Styles for Diverse Communities of Faith  with Bishop Leslie Francisco, III**In our ever-evolving, pluralistic society, we encounter a multitude of diversities, competencies, personalities, and cultural biases. As leaders, it is our responsibility to listen, discern, guide, and facilitate consensus within groups. In this workshop, we will delve into different leadership styles, and examine which suits the communities we serve or answer the question, “Does one style fit all?” Join us as we explore the dynamic relationship between leadership and emerging communities aiming to foster productivity and effectiveness in our diverse society.  (Park View Mennonite Church, room: Fireside)

 **Walking life's journey: End of life planning with Teresa Boshart Yoder
3:30pm Park View Mennonite Church, Fireside Room**

No one enjoys thinking about death and dying, especially by themselves. Yet, this is a sacred transition that each of us will make. In this workshop, we will talk about resources that will help you and your congregation to begin these necessary conversations.  (Park View Mennonite Church, room: Fireside)