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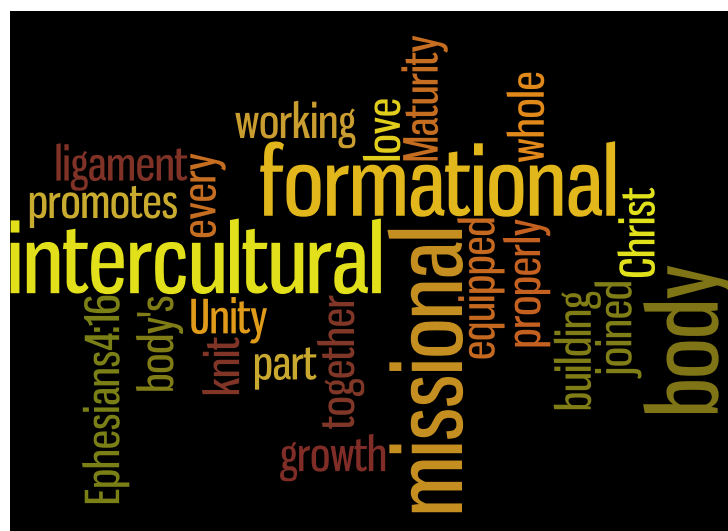
Welcome to Conference Assembly 2011 featuring the theme ***Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ.***

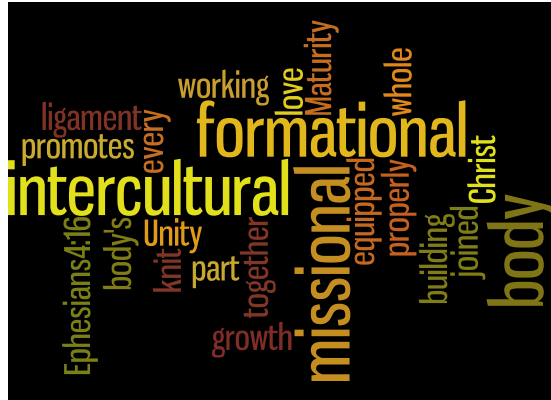
This year the Friday evening worship service and portions of Saturday will be held with our brothers and sisters from the Eastern District of the Mennonite Church USA and we look forward to this opportunity of doing Kingdom work together. There are many ways that Franconia Conference and Eastern District are working together in unity and this Assembly highlights what has already been happening in our two conferences.

We sense a strong desire within Franconia Conference congregations to be Transformational, Intercultural and Missional. The ways that these priorities are realized will depend on each congregation's context and together we affirm our calling to be light and salt to the world around us.

We look forward to this year's Assembly and the privilege of joining together to do the work of Conference.

John Goshow, Conference Moderator





Unity & Maturity in the Body of Christ
Ephesians 4:16

Franconia Mennonite Conference
Eastern District Conference

November 11 & 12

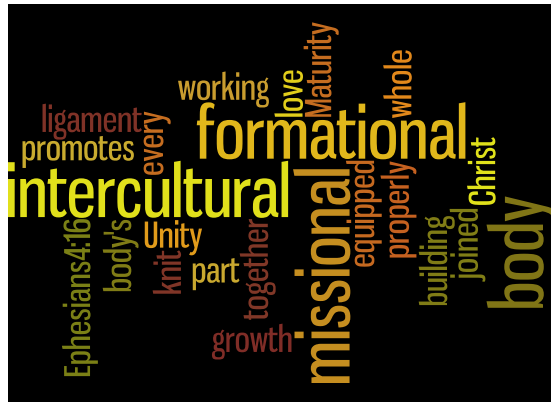
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You are receiving this mailing due to your status as a:

- Delegate (including active credentialed leaders, congregational and lay deacon/elder delegates, conference related ministry delegates)
- Franconia Conference board or committees member
- Conference Related Ministries board chair or CEO
- Church Council Chair
- Retired minister

Please note the following enclosed information:

- How to access the Online Docket
- Schedule of Conference Assembly Events
- Translation information
- Information on Child Care



ACCESSING the ONLINE DOCKET

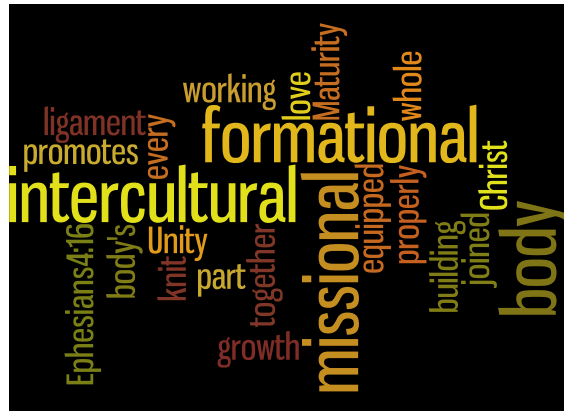
You can access all the information you need for Conference Assembly at www.franconiaconference.org. You will be notified via email when the docket is posted online in mid October. Please follow the directions below:

1. Visit www.assembly.franconiaconference.org
Or go to www.franconiaconference.org and click on the “Assembly 2011” tab.
2. Here, you are able to:
 - ✓ View the full online docket
 - ✓ Print off material to bring with you to assembly
 - ✓ Read reports from Conference Related Ministries
 - ✓ Read reports from Churchwide Organizations
 - ✓ Get directions to Penn View Christian School
3. You will also **receive email updates** when new information has been posted online. New information will be posted periodically as assembly gets closer!

Take special care to **print** off the sections that will be valuable to have with you at conference assembly.

Please email office@franconiaconference.org if you have any difficulty accessing the online information!

If you do not have Internet access and are unable to get a copy of the materials from your church office, you may request that a hard copy be mailed to you by calling 267-932-6050, ext 110.



TRANSLATION INFORMATION

Interpretation will be offered again at conference assembly in Indonesian, Spanish, and Vietnamese. Translation of a several assembly documents will also be available at franconiaconference.org. Please email office@franconiaconference.org to request assistance in accessing translated materials.

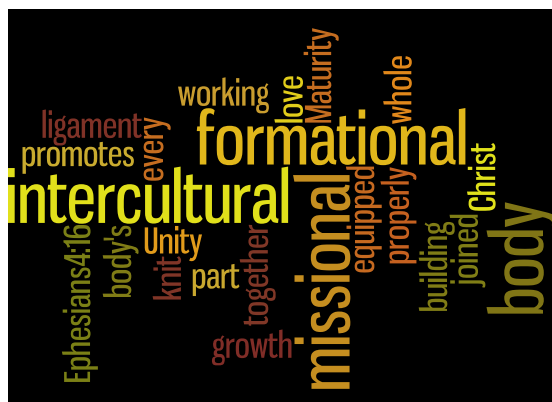
Penterjemahan ke dalam bahasa Indonesia, Spanyol, and Vietnam akan disediakan lagi pada sidang konferensi. Penterjemahan untuk beberapa dokumen sidang juga akan tersedia di www.franconiaconference.org. Untuk mengakses materi yang sudah diterjemahkan, harap kirimkan email ke office@franconiaconference.org.

Habr  interpretaci n disponible en la Asamblea de la Conferencia en indonesio, espa ol y vietnam s. La traducci n de varios documentos de la asamblea tambi n estar  disponible en franconiaconference.org. Para pedir asistencia para el acceso a los materiales traducidos por favor env e un correo electr nico a office@franconiaconference.org.

T ại Hội Đồng sắp tới cũng sẽ c  thông dịch bằng nhữn ng tiếng Nam Dương, Tây Ban Nha v  Việt. Cũng sẽ c  v i t i liệu hội đ ng tr n mạng <franconiaconference.org> Xin vui lòng gửi email office@franconiaconference.org nếu bạn cần sự giúp đỡ để đọc t i liệu n  y.

Preliminary Schedule – Continued

- 10:30 a.m. Break
- 11:00 a.m. Business Session
Franconia Mennonite Conference delegates meet in Cafeteria
Eastern District delegates meet in LGI, room #222
- 12:30 p.m. Lunch
Cafeteria
- 1:30 p.m. United Afternoon Session
Penn View Cafeteria
Franconia Mennonite Conference delegates
Eastern District delegates
Recognizing newly credentialed leaders
Worship
- 3:00 p.m. Dismissal



CHILD CARE

As a service to delegate families, children's activities will be offered for children ages 3 – 8. Child care will be available Friday evening 6:45 – 9:00 p.m. and Saturday 8:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.. Registration before assembly is required. Please bring a bag lunch for your child if they will be attending all day Saturday. In order to make accommodations for your child, please email office@franconiaconference.org by November 3 with your name and the names and ages of the children requiring care. Space is limited so email today!

TWO URGENT ITEMS FOR DELEGATES' ATTENTION!

Attention

Important delegate information will be sent to you via email. In order to receive this crucial material you must subscribe to the Franconia Mennonite Conference emailing list. We cannot sign you up. A request to subscribe will be sent to you within the next few days. It is a legitimate request from our office and is not spam. office@franconiaconference.org will be the sender. To sign up, simply follow the link in the email.

Failure to subscribe will result in lack of communication.

Hard copy documents will only be sent to those who do not have access to internet.

Conference Assembly Scattered meetings

Franconia Conference will hold Conference Assembly Scattered meetings to prepare delegates for more meaningful interaction at our November gathering. In these meetings, we will review your calling and role as a delegate. There will also be some brief but important conversation about proposed changes to the Franconia Conference bylaws.

Please make it a priority to attend one of the following meetings:

Tuesday, October 4, 7-9: Swamp Mennonite Church

Sunday, October 9, 7-9: Perkiomenville Mennonite Church (live video streaming available)

Tuesday, October 11, 7-9: Perkasio Mennonite Church

Wednesday, October 19, 7-9: Philadelphia Praise Center (live video streaming available)

If you are unable to attend in person, we request that you please join one of the meetings by live video streaming or view the video afterwards at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/franconia-mennonite-conference>.