

JOB DESCRIPTION FOR FRANCONIA MENNONITE CONFERENCE ASSEMBLY DELEGATES

Accepting the role of serving as a Franconia Conference delegate means that you are committing to:

- 1. Ongoing communication:** Keep aware of what is happening within Franconia Mennonite Conference (FMC) between Conference Assembly sessions by reading *MennoLife* delegate mailings, and *Intersections* (the FMC periodical). Other possible sources of information are the FMC Web site (<http://www.FMC-online.org>) or by contacting FMC leaders, etc. Find effective ways to keep your congregation or Conference Related Organization (CRO) informed and facilitate two-way communication between your congregation or CRO and FMC.
- 2. Preparation for Conference Assemblies:** You will receive materials in preparation for Conference Assemblies. Become familiar with these materials and the matters that will be presented at Conference Assembly sessions for group consideration and action. When offered, plan to attend pre-Conference Assembly meetings (e.g., Delegate Cluster Meetings) that are held in preparation for the work of Conference Assemblies. Pray for God's Spirit to lead us all in being a faithful and worshipping community. Be in conversation with your congregation or CRO about pertinent issues.
- 3. Attendance at Conference Assemblies:** Attend and participate in all regular and special Conference Assembly sessions, including Assembly Scattered meetings (typically held in the fall in various locations) and Assembly Gathered meetings (generally the second weekend in November). During Conference Assembly sessions, join with other delegates in worship, conferring, and acting upon Conference Assembly agenda as a representative of your congregation or CRO. In a spirit of discernment, try to represent the perspectives of your congregation or CRO while remaining open to the Holy Spirit's direction in the meeting.
- 4. Post-Conference Assemblies:** After a Conference Assembly session, report and explain the conferring actions of the Conference Assembly to your congregation and encourage your congregation or CRO to support these actions.
- 5. Primary Congregational Delegate:** Unless a congregation arranges otherwise, the (lead) pastor will be regarded as the primary delegate for any congregation. The pastor is expected to enable the delegate(s) to function responsibly.
- 6. Mennonite Church USA General Assembly delegates:** Congregations are encouraged to invite Conference Assembly delegate(s) to serve as their representatives to the biannual denominational General Assembly.

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