



## THE JOY OF SERVING

*At the work of your hands, I sing for joy. Psalm 92:4*

## JOIN US for the 2023 MDS Annual Celebration!

**Be inspired and encouraged as you hear stories  
of MDS service across the U.S. and Canada!**

February 10-11, 2023 in Lancaster County, Pennsylvania

Location: The Worship Center, 2384 New Holland Pike, Lancaster, PA

The entire event is free and open to all.  
If you plan to attend, please register by January 31, 2023



## REGISTER TODAY!

Online: [mds.org/annual-celebration](https://mds.org/annual-celebration)

Phone: **800.241.8111** (to request a registration form)

## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

(Workshops are optional)

7:30am	Doors open
8:30am	Devotions
8:45am	Workshop 1: Youth Service
10:30am	Workshop 2: Unit Communication
12:00pm	Lunch
1:00pm	Region Meetings
2:30pm	Workshop 3: Unit Equipping
4:00pm	Listener Feedback

### FRIDAY PM Annual Celebration service

5:00pm	Doors open
6:00pm	Dinner
7:00pm	Welcome Songs of Joy by Mennonite Children's Choir of Lancaster Stories from the Field Servin' It Up
7:55pm	<i>Sermon on the Mount: The Musical</i> by Piercing Word Ministries
8:45pm	Closing Remarks
9:00pm	Fellowship and Ice Cream

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11

9:00am	Welcome Singing Together Stories of Joy from Region 1 (East Coast) Stories of Joy from Region 2 (Midwest)
10:00am	Break Stories of Joy from Region 3 (Plains States) Stories of Joy from Region 4 (West Coast)
11:00am	Singing Together
11:15am	Stories of Joy from MDS Canada Board of Directors Update 2024 Annual Celebration Invitation Closing Prayer
12:00pm	Lunch
2:00pm	Tour of the MDS Office and Warehouse

## WORKSHOPS

### Workshop 1: Youth Service

Hear stories of how youth and young adults are engaging with MDS. Brainstorm with your MDS teammates about creative ways to bring youth and young adults into your units' service opportunities.

### Workshop 2: Unit Communication

Learn effective communication strategies from MDS volunteers that will improve your unit's relationship with Church Contact Persons (CCPs) and board members that can lead to greater involvement with MDS.

### Workshop 3: Unit Equipping

Come and hear an introduction to the newly created series of resources geared to providing unit and region leaders tools and skills to strengthen their ability to fulfill the MDS mission.

## HIGHLIGHTS

### MUSICAL BY PIERCING WORD:



Witness the most famous sermon by Jesus set to original music in a word-for-word performance of Matthew 5-7 called *The Sermon on the Mount: The Musical*.



### SPECIAL MUSIC BY:



### Mennonite Children's Choir OF LANCASTER

Join us as we hear a choir of over 100 youth from grades 2-12 sing songs of joy.

## ACCOMMODATIONS

The following hotels are close to the Worship Center. MDS will provide shuttle transportation to the Worship Center from these hotels.

### **Hampton Inn Lancaster**

545 Greenfield Rd  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.299.1200

\$149 per night before taxes – rate expires January 9, 2023.

Breakfast included in room rate.

Group code: "MND." Block is from February 7-12.

### **Courtyard Lancaster**

1931 Hospitality Dr  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.393.3600

Breakfast available but not included in room rate.

\$149 per night before taxes – rate expires January 9, 2023.

Group code: "MDSO." Block is from February 9-12.

### **Eden Resort & Suites**

222 Eden Rd  
Lancaster, PA 17601  
717.569.6444 (select option 1)

\$170 per night before taxes – rate expires December 26, 2022.

Breakfast available but not included in room rate.

Group code: "Mennonite Disaster Service." Block is from February 8-12.

### **The Country Inn of Lancaster**

2133 East Lincoln Highway  
Lancaster, PA 17602  
717.393.3413

\$99 per night before taxes – rate expires January 26, 2023.

Breakfast included in room rate.

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## LOCAL TRANSPORTATION AND SHUTTLES

The closest airports to the Worship Center is the Lancaster Airport (LNS), Harrisburg International Airport (MDT), and Philadelphia International Airport (PHL). There are several ways to travel from these airports to your hotel. You can use Uber, Lyft, or car rental companies such as Enterprise, Budget, and Alamo. The Amtrak is also available from PHL to Lancaster. If you book with American Airlines with LNS as your destination, American Airlines provides a chartered bus from PHL to LNS at various times throughout the day. Check [aa.com/landline](http://aa.com/landline) for more details.

Please indicate on the registration form if you require shuttle transportation from your hotel to the Worship Center on Friday and Saturday.

# JOY

**REGISTRATION FORM 2023 MDS ANNUAL CELEBRATION****NOTE:**

Although registration is not required for attendance, we kindly ask that you register by January 31, 2023 to help us prepare for meals and other logistics.

This event is free and open to all, including meals! However, if you would like to donate to the cost of the event, you are welcome to mail a check (payable to Mennonite Disaster Service) to MDS, Attn: Brian Pipkin. Donations are tax-deductible. Please put "2023 Annual Celebration" in the memo line of your check.

**WORKSHOPS**

Indicate your workshop choices:

☐ Workshop #1 (Youth Service)

Number of registrants: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Workshop #2 (Unit Communication)

Number of registrants: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ Workshop #3 (Unit Equipping)

Number of registrants: \_\_\_\_\_

**REGISTERED NAME(S)**

Please print name as preferred on name tag.

Registrant 1. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 1. First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2. Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Registrant 2. First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State/Prov \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal code \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**MEALS****Friday :**

12:00 noon ☐ Lunch / Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

6:00pm ☐ Dinner / Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday:**

12:00pm ☐ Lunch / Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

**TOUR** (MDS Office and Warehouse)**Saturday:**

2:00pm ☐ Number of people \_\_\_\_\_

**TRANSPORTATION**

Do you require shuttle transportation from your hotel to the Worship Center on Friday and Saturday?

☐ Yes ☐ No

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**3. Mail** this form to:

MDS 2023 Annual Celebration  
583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543



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