

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

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10

(Workshops are optional)7:30am Doors open8:30am 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 Sermon on the Mount: The Musical

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

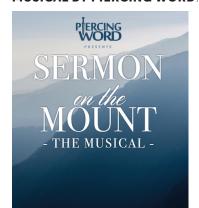
Learn effective communication strategies from MDS volunteers that will improve your unit's relationship with Church Contact Persons (CCPs) and board members that can lead to greater involvement with MDS.

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

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 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.



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

REGISTRATION OPTIONS:

- 1. Online at mds.org/annual-celebration
- 2. Phone 800-241-8111 (to request a registration form)
- 3. Mail this form to:

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