

Mennonite Creation Care Network Creation Care Council Agenda: April 20 to 21, 2018

Present : Jennifer Halteman Schrock, Lillie Koerner Eisenbeis, Joanne Moyer, David Hockman-Wert, Haroldo Nunes, Marlisa Yoder Bontrager, Luke Gascho, Lawrence Jennings, Jim Smith

Absent: Mike Currie

Friday:

10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

- *Devotional (Haraldo)*
- *Sharing, round one:* Where have your creation care energies focused in the past few months?
- *Sharing, round two:* Introducing our contexts. Find a way to take us to where you're coming from.
- *Discussion:* What does our increased council diversity mean for MCCN? How can we make the most of it?

12:30 to 1:25 p.m. Lunch

1:25 p.m. Field Trip: Green Wave E-Waste Recycling Drive at Goshen College
Finding a responsible way to recycle electronic waste can be difficult. This program is new to Goshen. We'll visit the first drive, see how they're doing and talk to the organizer.

2:40 p.m. Canada Report

Budget Report

3:00 p.m. Building relationships between MCCN and the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions

3:15 p.m. Zoom with Doug Graber Neufeld, Director of CSCS

4:15 p.m. Zoom with Scott Barge, an institutional researcher at EMU regarding the Six Americas survey.

5 p.m. Talk with Doug Kaufman, director of pastoral ecology for CSCS

6:30 p.m. Supper: Share with outgoing council member, Greg Bowman and his wife, Ellen; say goodbye to Marlisa.

Saturday

- 8:30 a.m.** **Devotional:** Questions Jesus asked (Jennifer)
- Discuss: What questions haven't we (MCCN) asked yet? What questions might have transformative power for us?*
- 9:00 a.m.** Meet David Leaman-Miller and hear about the Sustainability Alumni Network, started by alumni of Mennonite colleges.
- 9:45 a.m.** **Staff report:**
A. Ad campaigns
B. Quarterly initiatives
- 10:15 a.m.** break
- 10:30 a.m.** **Sharpening our focus:** How do we balance faith formation, simple lifestyle responses, activism? What have we emphasized so far and how do we want to speak going forward, particularly through quarterly practices? Can we do all three well? Joanne will lead this discussion.¹
- 11:30 a.m.** **Mini-sprint #1:** How can we encourage [care of rivers](#) in our own contexts this summer?
- noon** Lunch
- 1:00 p.m.** Finish work on river practices.
- 1:45** **Mini-sprint #2:** Selecting and fleshing out a two-year cycle of practices for the next two years.
- 2:45 p.m.** Break
- 3:00** Work in small groups on the focal points we have selected and report back.
- 4:30 p.m.** Other agenda that has emerged or run over. Set dates for next meetings.
- 5:15 p.m.** Council self-evaluation and review of this meeting. Looking ahead as we scatter.
- 5:45 p.m.** Dinner out together

¹ She will refer to two articles which she has made available to us: "Advocacy Campaigns" by Cox-Pezulo and "Ethics-Based Environmentalism in Practice" by Smith and Pulver. Attached.