Online workshops: early morning

*These are hybrid workshops on the Assembly Hub. Registrants can participate live at the scheduled time or view after.*

**Wednesday, 6 July 2022**
**06:00–07:30 Central Java / 23:00–00:30 UTC**

Seeing power as God sees it: Herod and the child
This workshop examines the upside-down portrait of power in the story of Herod and the child in Matthew 2:1-23. Participants reflect on the significance of this upside-down portrait of power for Christians living in the present-day world of 2022. Bring your Bible and join the discussion!

**Workshop leader:**
Dorothy Jean Weaver (USA)

**Languages:** English, Español

When strong Christian leaders collide
Spirit-filled Christian leadership is not conflict-free. Paul’s five-fold ministry gifts in Ephesians 4:1-16 provides a framework for unity and diversity in leadership and teaches us how to work well together for the fullness and maturity of the Body of Christ.

**Workshop leader:**
Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg (USA)

**Languages:** English

MTAL: service and comprehensive health in the face of the new normal / 
*MTAL, servicio y salud integral ante la nueva normalidad*
When the covid-19 pandemic surprised the world, we asked ourselves, when will we return to normality? With the inspiration of the Holy Spirit and with the help of technological tools, we traveled new paths. In this workshop, the panelists socialize this journey of knowledge and experiences of MTAL in perspective of service and comprehensive health. / 

**Workshop leader:**
Movimiento de Mujeres Anabautistas haciendo Teología desde América Latina/Movement of Anabaptist Women Doing Theology from Latin America)

**Languages:** English, Español

Encuentros con los rostros de Cristo y comunión en el anabautismo latinoamericano
La Teología Anabautista tiene algo que decir, primeramente, hacia las iglesias menonitas, luego hacia las iglesias evangélicas y por último hacia el cristianismo.

**Workshop leader:**
Jonathan Minchala, Peter Wigginton (USA), María Elena Arango Libreros (Colombia), Milena Rincón (Colombia), Víctor Rey (Chile/Ecuador), Luis María Almán (Argentina), Alberto Guerrero Pérez

**Languages:** Español

Sexual misconduct by pastors
The church’s strength and witness are deeply damaged by pastoral sexual misconduct – and yet it happens. We look at how to create clear standards about expectations and how to investigate complaints about sexual misconduct by church leaders. We look at healing in a church context where there has been sexual misconduct by the pastor.

**Workshop leader:**
Arlí Klassen (Canada)

**Languages:** English, Español
Let’s make a difference with what we have!
The workshop has three aims: To create interest in seeing the potential within an individual Mennonite youth. To acknowledge the significance and the impact their gifts can bring to the community. Encourage youth to use their skills to enhance the church.

**Workshop leader:**
Pratik Bagh (India)

**What time are these sessions for me?**

Scan here:
The Bible, the land and the Middle East conflict
This workshop offers an overview of New Testament perspectives on the people of God and their relationship to the “promised land” in which they live. We then consider together how these New Testament perspectives might shape our present-day responses to the Israeli/Palestinian conflict. Please bring your Bible!
**Workshop leader:**
Dorothy Jean Weaver (USA)
**Languages:** English, Español

Muslim nonviolence?!
Common associations of Islam with violence create barriers of fear that are hard to overcome. Anabaptists might believe they have an exclusive grasp on nonviolent theology and practice. The case study of the Muridiyya, a transnational Sufi Muslim religious order originally from Senegal, presents an alternative perspective on nonviolence. Encountering another faith tradition committed to nonviolence holds up a mirror for Anabaptists, prompting new questions about following Jesus in peacemaking and calling for deeper engagement with the religious other.
**Workshop leader:**
Jonathan Bornman (USA)
**Languages:** English, Español

Evangelicals and power: what does Anabaptism say?
The leaders of evangelical churches have experimented with and penetrated into politics and have formed alliances with right-wing political parties characterized by militarist, neoliberal and homophobic policies as well as human rights violations. Faced with this situation, what is the role we should play as Anabaptists?
**Workshop leader:**
Peter Stucky (USA/Colombia), César Moya (Colombia)
**Languages:** English, Español

Creation care that makes a difference
Humanity’s impact on the environment demonstrates the need for a change of direction. Yet so often steps toward “creation care” seem overwhelmingly large or too small to make a difference. This workshop will examine ways followers of Jesus as individuals and organizations can live into a more sustainable future.
**Workshop leader:**
Tim Wiebe-Neufeld (Canada)
**Languages:** English

**Diálogos Anabautistas: “Como construimos espacios de discernimiento en tiempos de fundamentalismos religiosos y políticos”**
Toda comunidad saludable debe dialogar abiertamente sobre temas controversiales, como forma de encarnar la fe en Jesús y poder seguir juntos, superando las barreras y desafíos que el mundo nos plantea hoy y tener esperanza y vencer el miedo.
**Workshop leader:**
María Elena Arango Libreros (Colombia), Luis María Almán Bornes (Argentina), Víctor Rey Bautista (Chile)
**Languages:** Español
Bringing voices together: songs from around the world
The new *Voices Together* hymnal features songs and worship resources from many eras, written around the world, and representing various styles. What techniques can song leaders use to effectively lead songs from many places? How can resources from both *Voices Together* and the MWC song books facilitate intercultural relationships? Get to know the new hymnal and learn about songs from around the world in this workshop.

**Workshop leader:**
Anneli Loepp Thiessen (Canada), Benjamin Bergey (USA)

**Languages:** English

Called to be holy: Integrating ministry into our daily lives
Learn to equip members of the church to minister in their daily lives. Learn how the pastor and church building no longer function as the center of ministry but the place where others are taught how to do ministry where they live, work and play.

**Workshop leader:**
Jessica Schrock-Ringenberg (USA)

**Languages:** English
The Lord calls devoted, transformational leaders

Our worldview as leaders is being changed from managing organizations into leading transformation and reconciliation in a changing world. Called to follow Jesus and his word, loving people, using right principles and motivations, understanding giftings and culture, we obey Holy Spirit’s daily guidance, leading and preparing passionate people for action.

**Workshop leader:**
Paul Gerhard Dück (Brazil)

**Languages:** English, Español

Restorative Justice, crimes and addictions / Justicia Restaurativa, delitos y adicciones

Sharing the experience of 11 years of work of Fundación La Salida in restoration of addicts. Service proposals, offering as an alternative the task of the Church as a healing community, to the Criminal Justice in Patagonia Argentina.

**Workshop leader:**
Pastor Osvaldo Monroy (Argentina)

**Languages:** Español, Indonesian

Waters for the Earth / Aguas para la tierra

As administrators of everything that exists on earth as in Genesis 1:26, we have the obligation to protect life and contribute to its recovery. This is a presentation of the patented discovery hydromechanical machine, ecological water pump, that provides the needs of the earth. A Colombian Mennonite contribution to the droughts of our planet.

**Workshop leader:**
J. Milton Franco D. and Jamilton Franco Trujillo (Colombia)

**Languages:** English, Español

Creation care and MWC: responding as a global church

How should Mennonite World Conference respond to climate and other environmental crises which are impacting communities globally? This workshop presents learnings and stories that come from the recent creation care survey. Creation Care Task Force members will lead a conversation on how MWC should respond to these creation care crises.

**Workshop leader:**
Doug Graber Neufeld (USA)

**Languages:** English

LACA churches as places of refuge and care with migrants

We share examples and testimonies of churches across the LACA region integrating migrants into their community and providing care and hope. We will discuss the roots of migration, the call of the church to share in migrants' journeys and resources for biblical reflections in congregations.

**Workshop leader:**
César Flores (Honduras), Lizette Miranda (Honduras), Bonnie Klassen (Canada/Colombia)

**Languages:** Español
MCC alumni of young adult programs
A program gathering for Assembly participants who served in one of MCC's young adult programs including IVEP, SALT, YAMEN, Seed, Summerbridge and Summer Service, or who hosted a young adult from one of these programs.

Workshop leader:
Andrea Geiser Leaman (USA), Chris Landes (USA)

Languages:
English

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Scan here:
Saturday, 9 July 2022
06:00–07:30 Central Java / 23:00–00:30 UTC

Anabaptist Mennonite Scholars Network: Scholarship across barriers
This workshop presents the Anabaptist Mennonite Scholars Network (AMSN) as a resource for MWC members doing advanced academic research in theology, religious studies, history, sociology, anthropology and other disciplines. After an introduction to the AMSN, a panel of international scholars discuss their research and how it connects with regional and global Mennonite churches.

Workshop leader:
Kyle Gingerich Hiebert (Canada), Jamie Pitts (USA)
Languages: English, Indonesian

Atonement and how it impacts ethics
Why did Jesus die? And how does our answer to this question change us and how we live? Explore all the biblical metaphors Jesus and Paul used to explain the cross and discover the potential problems when we embrace only one or two metaphors.

Workshop leader:
Michele Hershberger (USA)
Languages: English, Español

Alone with God: the challenge
A solas con Dios – el desafío
It is a challenge that challenges you to deepen personal intimacy with God through twelve intentional weeks of daily prayer. It is inspired by the prayerful lifestyle of the Lord Jesus and grounded in the commandment of Matthew 6:6.

Workshop leader:
Pastor Fundador Samuel Moran (USA)
Languages: English, Español

Practical steps for creation care from the global church
A panel representing churches from around the world will share practical ways, from gardening to advocacy actions, that they are engaging in creation care. There will be time for questions and sharing between participants and workshop audience. This panel is part of a series of workshops from the Creation Care Task Force.

Workshop leader:
Anna Vogt (Canada), Español
Languages: English

Building peace through the use of music
Music making has always been a fundamental characteristic of the human race. Research has proven that music has the ability to reduce tensions, change one's mood and behaviour and set the stage for significant behavioural change. This seminar explores the use of music in community building, uncovering basic skills that can enhance social change.

Workshop leader:
Anthony Brown
Languages: English