

2017 Allegheny Region Conference Sessions – May 20-21, 2017

“ONE Mission...Being Disciples”

The 2017 Allegheny Region Conference Sessions will take place Saturday May 20 thru Sunday May 21, 2017. Saturday Sessions will take place at the Mount Pleasant Christian Ministries Center in Mt. Pleasant, PA. Sunday we will gather together for a Region wide worship service at the Southmoreland High School auditorium (seating capacity of 1,000), which is approximately 4 miles away from the Mount Pleasant Christian Ministries Center. The service will include credentialing our licentiates, message from our guest speaker, Pastor Brad Brisco, and closing with communion.

Once again, we will be providing childcare services for children from birth through age 6 (Saturday only) by certified workers from the Mt. Pleasant Church of God. Please make sure you indicate this need on the registration form.

Meet our Speaker Pastor Brad Brisco



Brad is currently the National Director of Bi-vocational Church Planting for the North American Mission Board. He holds a doctorate in the area of missional ecclesiology; his doctoral thesis was on assisting existing congregations in transitioning in a missional direction. He also serves on the National Leadership team for Forge America Mission Training Network. Brad is the co-author of *Missional Essentials*, a twelve-week small group study guide, *The Missional Quest: Becoming a Church of the Long Run*, and *Next Door As It Is In Heaven*.

He and his wife have three children and have been foster parents to more than fifty other kids. He blogs regularly at www.missionalchurchnetwork.com.

Cost to Attend the Sessions

We are still seeking to do all this with a donation system rather than charging a registration fee per person. In order to bring our sessions together, we are asking that every church donate \$200.00 to cover the meeting costs. If every church makes this contribution, we will not have to deplete other ministry resources. We do not wish to return to our fee based registration.

Churches and anyone wishing to make a donation to the 2017 ARC Sessions can send a check anytime between now and April 30th to the Allegheny Region Conference Office. You can also put your donation in the offering plate at any worship service during the sessions. The offering will go towards the cost of the sessions. Remember if you send a check to designate on the memo line of your check “2017 Conference Sessions”. You can also designate your donation on the church benevolence form. Just mark it “2017 Conference Sessions”.

How to Register

All persons planning on attending the Sessions (Pastoral Delegates, Adult Delegates, Youth Delegates, Pastoral Delegates at Large, Delegates at Large, and any Guests) must complete a Registration Form. This will be your official registration – you will not have to fill out anything at the welcome table, only get your name card. Please use a separate registration form for your spouse if they are planning to attend.

Pastors, please remember that attendance at the annual sessions both Saturday and Sunday is mandatory and according to the Allegheny Region Conference Constitution under ARTICLE XIV - ACCOUNTABILITY OF PASTORS Section 14.04 “Any pastor not responding to his/her name at roll call for two (2) consecutive Annual Sessions shall forfeit his/her relationship with this body unless compelled to be absent by sickness, death or circumstances beyond one's control.” Therefore, even though attendance at the sessions is mandatory you still need to register so an accurate count will be had for planning purposes.

Registration deadline is March 31, 2017.

THERE WILL BE NO REGISTRATIONS ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE – No exceptions.

Registered Delegate Information

The information for all registered delegates will be available on the ARC website www.alleghenycggc.org as soon as it is all ready but no later than April 15th. For anyone not having access to the Internet they can contact the ARC Office and we will send the information to them. None of this information will be available at the sessions.

Clarification of Delegates

Pastoral Delegate: All ministers (senior and associate) holding a Life Ordination Certificate or Annual License Certificate from the Allegheny Region shall be members with full voting privileges during the term of their certificate, unless otherwise restricted by this Constitution.

Adult Delegate: Each church is entitled to two (2) adult delegates. All adult delegates shall be at least 21 years of age and be regularly elected from active members in good standing in their church. They shall be full voting members of the Regional session.

Youth Delegate: Each church is entitled to one (1) youth delegate. Youth delegates shall be in 10th grade up to age 21 inclusive, unmarried and active members in good standing in their church. They shall be full voting members of the Regional session.

Delegate-at-Large: Delegates-at-Large shall consist of the ARC President, Vice President, Clerk, Treasurer, Members at Large, Regional Director, Associate Minister, retired pastors, all lay persons elected and appointed to serve on Commissions, the Regional CGWM President, and CGYA appointed representative. Delegates-at-large shall not be counted against the number of delegates a church is entitled to as prescribed above. They shall be full voting members of the Regional Session.

Guest: A guest is anyone attending the ARC Sessions who does not fit into any of the above categories. A guest would be someone such as a pastor's spouse, representatives from General Conference, Winebrenner Seminary, University of Findlay, visitors, etc. Guests do not have any voting privileges.

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Saturday, May 20, 2017

- 8:00 - 9:00 A.M. - Registration
- 9:00 A.M. - Worship & Ordinance with Speaker, Pastor Phil Scott
- 10-10:45 A.M. - Business Session
- 10:45 – 11:00 A.M. - Break
- 11:00 – 12:00 - Business
- 12:00 – 1:30 P.M. - Catered Lunch in the Ministries Center
- 1:30 – 3:00 P.M. - Business
- 3:00 – 3:15 P.M. - Break
- 3:15 – 5:00 P.M. - Business
- 5:00 – 6:30 P.M. - Catered Dinner in the Ministries Center
- 6:30 – 8:00 P.M. - Worship Service with Speaker, Pastor Brad Brisco

Sunday – May 21, 2017:

- 9:30 -10:30 A.M. - Arrival and Pre-worship
- 10:30 -12:00 Noon - Conference wide Worship Service with Speaker, Pastor Brad Brisco, Credentialing Service, and Ordinance Service