

# REFLECT

2024 ASSEMBLY EDITION

## Walking Humbly with God, Together

CELEBRATION WORSHIP SERVICE

Nearly 350 people gathered for Mosaic Mennonite Conference's Assembly on November 2, 2024. The annual Assembly opened with worship, which included energetic singing led by a worship team from seven Mosaic congregations.

Keynote speaker Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards preached on reclaiming humility as a marker of Christian identity, which he defines as "a way of life rooted in submission to God and demonstrated in actions that foster mutuality rather than competition."

The time of worship included a prayer in three languages for Mosaic's discernment around relating to MC USA, and for discernment in the upcoming U.S. elections, and a prayer for the thousands of employees, volunteers, and people impacted within the Mosaic Conference-Related Ministries (CRMs).

The day included two delegate sessions, ample opportunities for fellowship, and shared meals. An exhibit hall was also available, featuring CRM representatives and agencies.

"Humility has a trajectory. It starts out as submission to God, and then moves out like a projectile to influence others."

- REV. DR. DENNIS EDWARDS ASSEMBLY KEYNOTE SPEAKER









Thirteen new Mosaic leaders (newly credentialed or transferring credentials) were anointed and then offered anointing for all who wished to receive it.



"Our time spent drumming is us being Mosaic. When we drum, we are having fun together, soaking in scripture, listening to one another and our different rhythms, and making a beautiful song for God."

- ANGELA MOYER WALTER
MOSAIC CONFERENCE MODERATOR



#### MORNING DELEGATE SESSION

Following worship was the morning session, where 170 delegates committed to a <u>table covenant</u>, engaged in relationship building, and reflected on what from worship would inform their work for the day. Communion was shared in the table groups, and the three new Mosaic member congregations and one new CRM were welcomed: Ark of Christ (Westminster, CA), Bethel Worship and Teaching Center (Levittown, PA), Resplandece Mennonite (Pembroke Pines, FL and Barranquilla, Colombia) and The Worm Project (Lansdale, PA).



#### AFTERNOON DELEGATE SESSION

In the afternoon delegate session, Mosaic Conference's Associate Executive Minister Marta Castillo and Leadership Minister for Intercultural Transformation Danilo Sanchez shared about Mosaic's Strategic Plan for 2025-2027, which is the primary outcome of a two-year strategic planning process led by Mosaic's Pathway Steering Team, and the Vibrant Mosaic Program. Delegates offered verbal and written engagement with the plan within their table groups.

Delegates were then asked to vote on the ballot, which read: "To affirm, with gratitude, the work and recommendation of the Pathway Steering Team to establish a robust partnership with Mennonite Church USA, and to bring recommended bylaw amendments for delegate discernment at the 2025 Mosaic Conference Assembly." The vote passed with 71% affirmation, which means that Mosaic Conference leadership will be working toward defining a relationship of partnership with MC USA.

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## OTHER ASSEMBLY WEEKEND HIGHLIGHTS

Beyond the main event, the weekend included a brunch at the Dock campus of CRM Living Branches (Lansdale, PA) with Rev. Dr. Dennis Edwards for CRM and BIPOC leaders, the annual Nations and Generations gathering for BIPOC leaders at the CRM Mennonite Heritage Center (Harleysville, PA), and Sunday pulpit swaps and visits by Mosaic leaders.

#### LEADERSHIP BRUNCH AT LIVING BRANCHES



RENEWING NATIONS AND GENERATIONS AT THE MENNONITE HERITAGE CENTER

