

ANNUAL GATHERING & ANNUAL MEETING of Prairie to Pine Region
3:00 PM, May 28 – 3:30 PM, May 30, 2020
Steinbach, Manitoba

Planning is now well underway for Prairie to Pine's second Regional Gathering and Annual Meeting! The Planning team and Executive are working hard to organize a regional meeting that is much more than a business meeting. We look forward to inspiring worship times, important conversations, and lots of connecting opportunities.

IMPORTANT: As you make your plans to attend, if you want to stay in Steinbach for the 3 days, **BOOK YOUR ACCOMODATIONS ASAP.** See the Link [here](#) for the **updated Accommodation options:** Several of the motels on the attached list are only holding the block of rooms they've set aside for P2P until March 31. Billets are available, and that option also needs to be pre-booked.

Where & when

- Pat Porter Centre, Steinbach, Manitoba
- 3:00 PM Thursday, May 28 until 3:30 PM, Saturday, May 30, 2020

Who is expected and encouraged to attend?

- It is hoped that every Community of Faith will have lay representatives at this annual gathering.
- ALL ministry personnel are voting members and so are strongly encouraged to attend.
- The Registration packages for Adults and Youth/Tacs and Pre-Tacs will be available soon.
- Once again, childcare is not provided on site; instead families are encouraged to take advantage of the childcare expenses allowance of \$30.00/day, and make their own child care arrangements.

What to expect at the May 28 – 30 Annual Gathering?

The format will be changed up considerably this year. The Executive and the Planning committee have heard that many of you are wanting:

- More time to connect with old and new friends,
- More time to get to know each other and build stronger relationships,
- More time to talk about what it means to be a faithful church at this time in our shared history,
- More time to build healthy intercultural and indigenous relationships, and

- Less time on listening to routine reports and business.

So what might that look like?

- An Intentional effort to be inclusive and respectful of all types of diversity
- Perhaps one block of time, perhaps a half day - for the business including:
 - Considering proposals & key reports and updates
 - Electing commissioners for General Council 44 in Calgary, July 2021.
- Retirement Banquet on Friday evening
- Closing Worship Service Saturday afternoon, perhaps including Ordination, Commissioning, and / or Recognition.
- Great food, worship and music, a super fun M & S fundraiser led by the youth, and lots more...