



Mountain States
Mennonite Conference

*Pursuing God's dreams,
By the power of the Holy Spirit,
In the way of Jesus Christ.*

*Siguiendo el sueño de Dios,
Por el poder del Espíritu Santo,
A la manera de Jesu Cristo.*

July 2018

ZING!

PURSUING GOD'S DREAMS

How then shall we live?

**ANNUAL ASSEMBLY • TAOS, NEW MEXICO
AUGUST 3-5, 2018**

Mountain States Mennonite Conference will gather for annual assembly in Northern New Mexico for the third time since our conference formation. The first gathering was at Glorieta Retreat Center near Santa Fe in 2005, the second was at Ghost Ranch Retreat Center near Abiqu several years ago. This year we're meeting in Taos, at the Kachina Lodge—a 1960's-era throwback motel complex and convention venue in town—a few blocks from the famous Taos Plaza, numerous historic sites, galleries and shops, as well as a wide variety of restaurants and eating establishments.

There's lots to do in and around Taos and we hope you'll be able to take advantage of *some* of the sites and events that are taking place. The first ever Meow Wolf Music Festival will also be in full sway just a few blocks away from our motel, at Kit Carson Park.

But Taos is also the home to folks struggling to both survive and thrive in a community with deep historical wounds and differences. Taos Pueblo established over 900 years ago, claims to be the longest continuously inhabited community in North America. Hispanic settlers arrived in the 1500's and established a strong agrarian heritage that still orders

community life in nearby mountain hamlets. The arrival of the Anglo-Americans in the 1800's again shifted the balance of power, and now as the negative effects of modern consumer society have descended on this small isolated village, some new models of community-building and shared values have begun to emerge in response.

Come to Taos. Expect to look below the surface. See what God is doing in unexpected places, in social movements, in the lives of folks who are finding new ways of being— identified outside their own prejudices and assumptions—basically who the prophets and Jesus have called us to be. God is present in Taos, often moving outside the bounds of the church. Come. Learn. Unite. Be Renewed.

FINANCES...

Come if you can. Pay what you can. Pay more if you can.

By encouraging generosity in the past we have been able to include everyone who wants to participate in Assembly to do so often with some funds left over. This year, we are asking you to take care of your own accommodations, but we are again encouraging extra gifts to help cover the cost of meals, the Friday evening concert, sound system, and other assembly expenses. We are not asking for a registration fee, but want to make sure everyone is included, so there will be a number of opportunities to contribute throughout Assembly weekend.

You will be able to make your contribution by cash or check—and we'll have credit card reader available at the check-in table. You can also contribute online at any point from our website: <https://www.mountainstatesmc.org/donate/>

REGISTRATION

Registration may be done online through the Mountain States Conference website using a credit card. Jen Dudenhefer, conference administrator, can also help with your registration: administrator@MountainStatesMC.org or c/o Boulder Mennonite Church, 303-443-3889. We need you to register for all parts of the weekend you will take part in, even if you are only coming for the concert Friday night or for Sunday morning. Thank you for accommodating the planners on this. **Registration deadline is July 25, so please register as soon as possible.**

We look forward to seeing you in August!

WEEKEND SCHEDULE

THUR	Overnight	Young Adult Sleepover at TiLT			
FRI	1:00 – 5:00 PM	Prequel		Check-In	
	5:30 – 6:30 PM	Dinner			
	6:00 – 6:30 PM	Taos pueblo dancers			
	7:00 – 7:30 PM	Welcoming Ceremony/Roll Call			
	7:30 – 9:00 PM	Concert			
	9:00 PM	Snack potluck			
SAT	7:15 AM	Breakfast			
	8:30 – 9:30 AM	Opening worship			
		Delegate gathering 9:45 am – 12:45 pm	Tilt Open House 10 am – 12 pm	Pool time with lifeguard 10 am - Noon	Explore Taos on your own
	12:45 – 1:30 PM	Lunch			
		All Group Plenary 2:00 – 2:45 pm	Camp Kachina 2 – 5 pm	Pool time with lifeguard 2 – 5 pm	Explore Taos on your own
		Pitches for Breakout Sessions 2:45 – 3:10 pm			
		Break Out Session I 3:10 – 4:00 pm			
		Break Out Session II 4:10 – 5:00 pm			
	5:30 – 6:30 PM	Dinner			
	7:00 – 8:30 PM	"Are We in Trouble Yet?"			
8:30 PM	Snacks by Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp				
SUN	6:30 AM	Prayer Service at the Gorge			
	8:00 – 9:00 AM	Breakfast			
	9:30 – 11:00 AM	Worship			
	11:00 AM	Check out, lunch on your own			
	4:00 PM	Post-Assembly Camping Experience			

Worship	Activities	Children	Food	MSMC Business	Learning, Prayer, Discussions
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Camp Kachina

(Assembly time for Children)

- 10 am - noon - Pool time (during delegate session) with lifeguards, but parents should treat as hotel-environment pool and supervise young children as necessary.
- 2 pm – 5 pm, supervised time for children (through elementary age). There will be music, games, crafts and more pool time.

WORSHIP AND ACTIVITIES DESCRIPTIONS

Young Adult Slumber Party, Game Night with Rio Grande Plunge & Hike

When: Thursday afternoon – Friday noon, Aug 2- 3, TiLT

If enough young adults contact us at TiLT to say they are psyched for this to happen, and can pay a little bit, then this awesome pre-party will happen at the TiLT House the day before Assembly. If not, and no one contacts us, we TiLTers will have to have fun all by ourselves. Expect this informal Pre-Assembly event to include a slumber party, music jam session and game night followed by a morning hike n' plunge into the wild & scenic Rio Grande Gorge! To tell Todd you are totally into this event and want to come, contact him at toddwynward@gmail.com. Check out TiLT on FB and rewildingtheway.com and taostilt.org for more information about who we are and what we do.

Prequel - Pursuing God's Dreams: A Prophetic Imagination Roundtable

When: Friday, 1-5 pm, Convention Center

Dig into ancient scripture and help imagine God's dreams in our region today with a small group of others seeking a scripturally-grounded, spirit-empowered response to the crises and opportunities of our times. Part bible study, part brainstorming, part sacred communion and part social collaboration, this half day aims to provide that imaginative, fertile arena for the kind of conspiring kinship you've been aching for. Space is limited for this event. For more information and to register, contact Todd Wynward, MSMC Minister for Watershed Discipleship & Creation Care. toddwynward@gmail.com

"The Second Wind Endeavor" Concert

When: Friday, 8:00 pm, Convention Center

"To act in such a way as to bring about the renewal of energy or commitment; to prompt the rebirth of the gusto. We are a musical project powered by the brains and hearts and hands of we, and really, of you, too."

With Michel Virga on guitar and lead vocals, Evan Sanches on drums and cajon, Isaiah Kortright on bass and everything else, Rose Dragoo on viola and vocals, and Jesse Reist on banjo and cello. TSWE brings us together from far-flung locals and a wide variety of musical backgrounds to become a who that is greater than the sum of its parts. For now we are primarily founded on some amalgamation of folk, blues, old-time, funk, r&b, and rock and roll. But that's always evolving. Gotta be room to grow. Stay tuned. Imagination will save the world.



Morning Worship

When: Saturday, 8:30 am and Sunday, 9:30 am, Convention Center

Saturday - Gather with the MSMC community to welcome God's presence into our proceedings. Worship details will be available at assembly.

Sunday - Service with communion. Worship details will be available at assembly.

Snack Potluck

When: Friday, 9 pm

Bring (nut-free) snacks to share following the TSWE concert on Friday evening.

Delegate Gathering

When: Saturday, 9:45 am, Hopi Room

Mountain States Delegates will meet together to receive a final report from the credentialing review process, hear updates from the Conference Minister Team, moderator and committees, and process a budget proposal for FY 2019. We'll also assemble as the annual Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp delegate body.

TiLT Open House & Tool Shower

When: Saturday, 10 am - 12 pm, at TiLT

Come join a walkthrough and tour of the Taos Initiative for Life Together [TiLT], a Mennonite-inspired incubator for intentional life change in the heart of Taos. The TiLT House is a twelve room, seven-fireplace adobe hacienda built by hand in the 1930's. TiLT offers young people a year of service and formation, and strives to be a crucible for embodied, transformative, joy-filled discipleship in the face of climate change, poverty, individualism and secular cynicism. Come see the alcoves and maze-like hallways, learn about the fascinating life of the home's builder, learn more of TiLT's mission, meet our members, our chickens, our gardens and greenhouses, and enjoy our solar oven in action! Special events will be held every 20 minutes. To bless TiLT's inauguration, we will be holding a Tool Shower (TiLT's tool wish list coming soon) bring a tool or supply to bless our path toward skill-building and place-based self-reliance!

All Group Plenary - How The Spirit is Moving in Taos Through the Poor People's Campaign

When: Saturday, 2 pm, Convention Center

Far outside the normal boundaries of church, Spirit is moving in Taos—racial bridges are being crossed, place-based economic alliances are being built, and people of diverse cultures—long divided—are uniting in the common cause of justice for all to protect water, land, children, and communities. Come hear a diverse panel of local Taosenos share stories of unexpected communion, holy mischief, and creative resistance.

Pitches for Breakout Sessions

When: Saturday, 2:45 pm, Convention Center

Facilitators will have several minutes to “pitch” their presentations in a rapid round-robin fashion. If you haven't chosen your session(s), this will give you a chance to decide. We'll decide on meeting spaces based on interest. We're anticipating five or six sessions. We'll then offer two 45 minute slots for the sessions.

Breakout Sessions, 3:10 - 4:00 / 4:10 - 5:00 pm

Discussing the Benedict Option

"The Benedict Option is already the most discussed and most important religious book of the decade."

—David Brooks, *The New York Times*

In the Spring of 2017, Rod Dreher published his book *The Benedict Option: A Strategy for Christians in a Post-Christian Nation*. At the time of publishing it was widely reviewed and covered in places you wouldn't normally expect for a book of this nature. This breakout session is aimed at presenting the Benedict Option as a concept, both for why it's needed and it's goals. For those unfamiliar with it, we will consider what it might mean for Anabaptist communities of faith, and have a time of discussion on its merits for our churches in MSMC.

Soul Tending, A Journey Into the Heart of Sabbath

Anita Amstutz

We live in hungry times. There is economic uncertainty, fear, violence, division and social chaos. What is needed for times such as these is a heart full of courage and wisdom grounded in compassion and resilience. For this we can turn to one of the practices that for so many centuries nourished people of faith through incredibly difficult life circumstances and service. Traditionally it was a communal gathering time of rest, ritual and prayer. It is Sabbath keeping. In *Soul Tending*, Anita Amstutz offers field notes and road map from her own Sabbath keeping practice for the 21st century. Come, listen, engage and consider an option for your own life practice.

Creating new communities of faith. New ways of talking about “church planting”

Vern Rempel (and others)

In this moment of fretting and doubt about "the institutional church" (whatever that is!)— what if it's time to give ourselves to creating once again—as people have throughout history, wholehearted communities of love and faith? Community is not an artificial construct added onto human society. It is integral to life lived well, a place of meeting each other in voice, body, and breath, in order to invite love to spring to life among us. What if that community is church? Does our world not need the deep non-violence, healing, and repair of the Christian gospel of Christ's peace? Come chat with pastor Vern Rempel, who has recently given his days to this sort of community-shaping.

Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery: Connecting to your local story.

Susan Quass, director of the NM Conference of Churches and Ken Gingerich, MSMC Moderator

Albuquerque Mennonite Church joined with the New Mexico Conference of Churches this spring in an ecumenical lenten series that brought various protestant, Catholic and Indigenous People together in a five-week spiritual

learning experience. If you're interested in the topic and are looking for "handles" —or if you have experiences to share about how your congregation is engaging in learning about the Doctrine of Discovery, check in with Ken Gingerich and Susan Quass as they guide a free-ranging conversation.

Immigration Check-in

Zach Martinez (and others)

From Ft. Collins to Carlsbad and points in between, we are all grappling with the implications of stringent new immigration law enforcement. It's difficult to know which crisis will next shift our attention—from children being separated from parents upon their apprehension at the border, to the bewilderment and disorientation of newly released asylum seekers as they are discharged from detention. Connect with others who are working for immigration justice around our conference and find out more about the upcoming Immigration Roundtable scheduled for late Sept. in Denver and Ft. Collins.

Journey Forward

Sue Park Hur, MC USA denominational minister

The Journey Forward process grows out of the Future Church Summit in Orlando 2017. As we prepare for the next national convention in Kansas City congregations are being invited to renew commitments to common core values that were identified by diverse participants in Orlando. You can help your congregation's delegates prepare for Kansas City '19 by using in the "Pathways" study guide as a way to participate in the Journey Forward church wide renewal process—that will highlight how God is working in the lives of people and congregations across MC USA. Discover and name how we live out broader church values in our particular contexts.

This is a tentative list.

Watch for additional break-out options and possibilities at assembly.

"Are We in Trouble Yet?"

When: 7 pm, Convention Center

Creative Worship event. We will bring you some Q&A with our guest stars, The Troublemakers, with quick breaks brought to you by our vendor-guests.

Prayer Service

When: Sunday, 6:30 am at the gorge

Greet the day and meet others at the John Dunn bridge in the Rio Grande Gorge for a quiet prayer time, readings and meditation. Carpool from the Kachina portico at 6:15 am Return in time for breakfast

Saturday Evening Refreshments – RMMC Thank You

When: Saturday, 8:30 PM

Games, Puzzles

When: Friday and Saturday evenings after other organized events, Convention Center

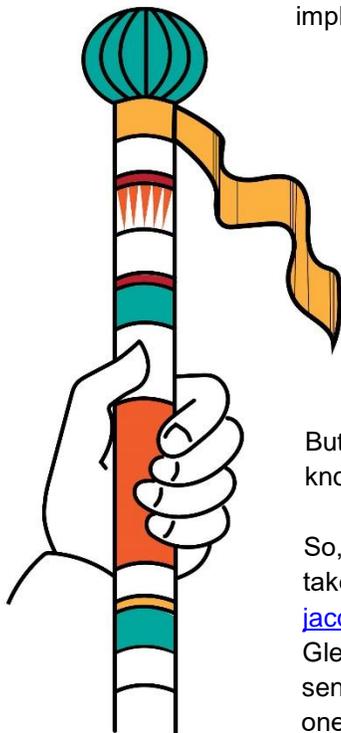
Feel free to bring some of your own favorites!

Rewilding Family Camp Taos, NM Aug 5-8 (starts 4pm Sunday after Assembly ends)

A multi-day nature immersion to bring out the deep wisdom and fierce joy of all ages

What kind of a better "good life" might Mennonites families embody in America today—one that's better for us AND our world? Come enjoy deep discussions while your children play! Highlights may include wildland camping, a river gorge plunge, field games, gorgeous hikes, sunrise meditation, campfire songs, and biblical analysis in nature, all designed to open wild new possibilities for families. Guided by Todd Wynward, for adventurous, active families with kids of all ages. Fee: \$70 for little ones; \$90 for folks aged 10+. This modest fee covers 8 meals, 3 nights lodging in plank cabins, site use, and 3 days of staff program facilitation. Space is limited! Registration deadline: July 15. Contact: toddwynward@gmail.com.

CALL FOR CONGREGATIONAL SELFIES AND DECORATED WALKING STAFFS



Our MSMC assembly theme this year is “Pursuing God’s dreams. How then shall we live?”. The implication is that we’re on a journey—together.

- Together we’re working out the details of life in the context of empire and the social abuses that accompany that kind of power concentration.
 - Together we’re taking the risks of including and protecting the most vulnerable people in our society.
 - Together we are trying to follow the road-map that Jesus outlined in his Sermon on the Mount.

It isn’t easy - In fact, it sometimes seems risky. We might even get into trouble (Matt. 5:12, The Message). And sometimes we just keep our heads low, so we can help protect folks who need to be “unseen”.

But just like many before us who have started out on a journey into an unknown future, we know we can lean on the One who has gone before us—and we can lean on each other.

So, as we recognize this point in our conference’s story, we’re asking each congregation to take a “group selfie” to share with the assembly (selfies should be sent to jacoblevideoproduction@gmail.com, Jacob Landis Eigsti, videographer and member of Glennon Heights Mennonite Church). All churches and/passion ministries are encouraged to send in selfies. They will be projected on a large screen during Call-In - and also bring at least one walking stick or staff that represents your congregation or ministry. There’s no limit.

On Friday evening, we’ll be welcomed in a ceremony led by local Taoseños followed by the church/passion ministry Call-In. We’ll invite you into a processional as we our bring our walking staffs to the front of the assembly room. Let your imaginations soar. Of course, we’re open to receive walking staffs all throughout the weekend. On Sunday morning you’ll be invited to take another congregation/passion ministry’s walking staff home with you as a reminder to hold each other in prayer during the upcoming year.

FAQ’s AND OTHER INFORMATION

Lodging @ two venues:

Traditional motel lodging at the Kachina Lodge and “creative” lodging at the TiLT compound.

Kachina Lodge (four blocks from Taos Plaza) has reserved a block of rooms for Mountain States assembly attendees and are giving us a group discount. If we book a minimum of 50 rooms we’ll be able to use the convention center free-of-charge. **To reserve your room, call 575-758-2275** (Ask for Cheryl Webster. Tell her you’re attending the Mennonite assembly). You are welcome to park your RV on site at no cost. Please let Cheryl know if you plan to do this. <https://www.kachinalodge.com/>

Kachina Activities – There is a large, shaded grass lawn with trees, so bring any yard games you’d like to enjoy and lawn chairs. There is also a pool. We will have lifeguards on duty 10am-noon and 2pm-5pm. Enjoy a ceremonius performance every evening at 7pm (6pm Friday) at the fire circle on the lawn by the Taos Pueblo Kachina dancers.

Creative Lodging @ TiLT —Shared Rooms & Camping Options

TiLT offers a youth-hostel environment: 3 shared bathrooms, 8 shared bedrooms, couches, foldaways, cots, hammocks, tents and more! Our 1930's funky hacienda includes common rooms, shared kitchen, big enclosed backyard, great mountain views, wifi, and lots of handmade adobe charm. No room alike. Choose your own adventure— a private room for you and a few friends? a family bunkbed? sleep on a couch? camp outside but come in for cappuccino and a shower? The options are up to you!

Space is limited. Lodging @ TiLT will be confirmed on a first come, first served basis—contact me early, and we'll negotiate a comfy space for you: toddwynward@gmail.com. Check out taostilt.org for more information. TiLT is 1.5 miles south of Kachina Lodge—a 6 min drive/10 min bike/20 min walk!

KACHINA CHECK-IN

Check-in is at 1 pm or after on your first day.

KACHINA CHECK-OUT

Check-out is at 12 pm, Sunday.

DELEGATES

The delegate session is on Saturday morning. Information about the content of the session will be emailed to delegates separately and posted on the website.

MEALS

Cost of meals (will be covered by your offerings and donations) but please indicate on the online [sign-up form](#) which meals you'll be eating, so the caterer can plan appropriately.

The menu is traditional New Mexican with some American options. Meals will be served buffet style with some vegetarian options.

Friday dinner (Suggested cost: \$18 Adult / \$12 Child)

Saturday breakfast (Suggested cost: \$10 Adult / \$8 Child)

Saturday lunch (Suggested cost: 15 Adult / 10 Child)

Saturday dinner (Suggested cost: \$18 Adult / \$12 Child)

Costs include gratuities, taxes and covers rental of the dining room for the delegate gathering and break-out groups.

Sunday Breakfast in the convention center is a fund-raiser for TiLT
Enjoy TiLT Granola, fruit, coffee, tea, etc. (Suggested donation \$8.00)

WHAT TO BRING

General Packing List:

Hiking shoes (if you plan on hiking)
Small pack and snacks for hiking
Comfortable shoes
Lip balm
Sunscreen
Bug spray
Rain coat or umbrella
Sun hat
Sunglasses
Water bottle
Travel coffee mug (your own mug will save resources)
Swim suit & Towel
Pillow (If you are picky about this sort of thing)
Snacks for personal use and to share on Friday evening
Camera
Toys for kids (especially outdoor toys like balls, bubbles, sand toys, etc...)
Yard Games
Lawn Chairs
Board Games and card games
Personal toiletries
Bedding and towels if needed for TiLT lodging
Musical Instruments

WORSHIP

We consider worship to be happening throughout the weekend as we are together. There are set times of coming together as a community for worship as outlined on the schedule. We envision our worship to be informal, fluid and full of life. In that way, we aim for the worship experience to be intergenerational and open to all ages.

BOOTHS

Booths will be set up for most of the day Saturday. Between scheduled activities, check out what others are doing around our conference and in Mennonite Church USA! Some of the booths you can expect to see:

- Anita Amstutz - book display
- Jeni Umble - MennoPIN
- Casa de Paz
- NM Conference of Churches
- Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp
- MCC
- MDS
- RAWTools
- TiLT



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES ON YOUR OWN

Taos Pueblo –

120 Veterans Highway, Taos NM, 87571

Monday – Saturday 8:00am – 4:30pm

Sunday – 8:30am – 4:30pm

Admission – Adults (\$16), Students 11+ (\$14), 10 and under free. Groups of 6 or more adults (\$14 each).

<http://taospueblo.com/home/>

Taos Pueblo is the only living Native American community designated both a World Heritage Site by UNESCO and a National Historic Landmark. The multi-story adobe buildings have been continuously inhabited for over 1,000 years. Tours begin at 9 am and run every 20 minutes on the hour. Tours are free, tips appreciated. The Pueblo is 3 miles northeast of Taos Plaza.

Earthship Biitecture

2 Earthship Way, Tres Piedras, New Mexico 87577

Open everyday from 9 am -5 pm

Self-guided tours: \$8.00 plus tax (Adults); \$6.00 plus tax (Students, teachers, current military and veterans, and seniors); Children 12 and under free. Guided tours, which must be scheduled at least 2 weeks in advance, are also available.

<https://www.earthshipglobal.com/visit-us/>

Earthships are defined by six basic design principles, all of which take advantage of the existing natural phenomena of the earth: Building with natural and repurposed materials, thermal/solar heating and cooling, solar and wind electricity, water harvesting, contained sewage treatment, and food production.



The Rio Grande Gorge Bridge



El Prado, NM 87529

Locally known as the "Gorge Bridge" and the "High Bridge", the Gorge Bridge is a steel deck arch bridge across the Rio Grande Gorge 10 miles northwest of Taos. It's the second highest bridge on the U.S. Highway System. It was called the "bridge to nowhere" while it was being built

because the funding did not exist to continue the road on the other side. At 650 feet (200 m) above the Rio Grande, it is the fifth highest bridge in the United States. The span is 1,280 feet; two 300-foot-long approach spans with a 600-foot-long main center span. In 1966 the American Institute of Steel Construction awarded the bridge "Most Beautiful Steel Bridge" in the "Long Span" category. The bridge has appeared in several films, including Natural Born Killers, Twins, She's Having a Baby, Wild Hogs, and Terminator Salvation.



Historic Taos Plaza

Considered the heart of Taos, it is the historic center of town. Once a Spanish fortified walled plaza with houses and businesses, it now has a park with shady trees, park benches, and a gazebo surrounded by retail businesses made of adobe. An anchor of the plaza is the Hotel La Fonda de Taos, which has a small museum of [D.H. Lawrence](#) paintings and a restaurant named Joseph's Table with hand-painted floral murals. There is metered parking within the plaza and shopping includes galleries of Native American art and jewelry and souvenir shops.

Twirl Toy Store

225 Camino de la Placita
Open daily 10 am – 6 pm
<http://www.twirltaos.org/>

The former home of Dennis Hopper, it is filled with bizarre décor and a wonderful free outdoor play area in back. There is a climbing structure, water play area, tree house, sandbox and much more. Visitors are welcome to enjoy this area for free at any time during opening hours. There is also a great indoor playroom where families can play, craft and build together 10am-5pm daily.

San Francisco de Asis Church

<https://www.san-francisco-de-asis.org/>

San Francisco de Asis Mission Church is a historic and architecturally significant church on the main plaza off Highway 68 in Ranchos de Taos, NM. It is a vibrant Roman Catholic parish in Ranchos de Taos, NM and has stood as a cornerstone of the surrounding faith community since its construction began, perhaps as early as 1772. The wonderful sculptural forms of the rear of the church are still lovingly made by the ancient stucco method. The church has inspired some of the greatest number of depictions of any building in the United States. It was the subject of several paintings by [Georgia O'Keeffe](#), and photographs by [Ansel Adams](#), [Paul Strand](#) and [Ned Scott](#). Georgia O'Keeffe described it as "one of the most beautiful buildings left in the United States by the early Spaniards." The Taos Chamber of Commerce states that the building is "one of the most photographed and painted churches in the world". The church was designated a [National Historic Landmark](#) in 1970.



Meow Wolf 'Taos Vortex' Music Festival

Located a few blocks from Kachina Lodge at Kit Carson Park in Taos. The two-day event features musical acts such as The Flaming Lips and Thievery Corporation along with performance art, installations, camping, and outdoor adventures including some with llamas. The event could impact easy access and parking in town.

<https://taos.org/events/meow-wolf-presents-taos-vortex/>

SAVE THE DATE...

Sept. 28, Aurora, Colo. • Sept. 29-30, Ft. Collins, Colo.

IMMIGRATION

Round Table



**If you would like to be added to the e-mail distribution list
send your contact info to barryb@mountainstatesmc.org**

This is a friendly reminder to hold the date for this event. It is shaping up in exciting ways, book-ended with worship reflection Friday and Saturday evenings! The main Round Table will involve presentations by people/groups in our conference about their efforts working at immigrant justice, with sharing about how this is a reflection of our faith. Others in the conference interested in hearing and learning are welcome. Here are the highlights:

- Friday, September 28, 6:00 reflection and prayer at ICE Detention Center, Aurora, with invitation to 7:00 potluck at Casa de Paz
- Saturday, September 29, morning RoundTable sharing
- Saturday, September 29, afternoon, follow up:
 - Legislative issues (Tammy Alexander, MCC Washington Office)
 - Legal issues (attorneys among us, participation to be confirmed)
 - Perspectives from south of the border (friends among us, participation to be confirmed)
 - What is happening in the Mennonite church more broadly (MCC representatives, specifics to be confirmed)
 - Discussion of next steps, how we should stay connected.
- Saturday, September 29, evening, worship and reflection
- Sunday, September 30, open for the leading of the spirit to organize a focused discussion group, attend a front range worship service, or get an early start for the journey home

Call for Submissions

The Mennonite, Inc., invites your original submissions for our September 2018 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on Pilgrimage. **Submissions are due to Editor@TheMennonite.org no later than July 27.** We welcome written reflections—personal stories, biblical or theological reflections, poetry and more (800-1200 words), as well as original photography, multimedia products (including, but not limited to, original song or music recordings, music playlists, videos and vlogs) and artwork on the theme.



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