

Discipleship Hour at Akron Mennonite Church invites participants to experience spiritual formation, nurture and growth as we are called, equipped and sent by God.

Called: What does it mean to say “yes’ to Jesus and to keep saying yes in today’s world?

“He went up to the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him.”

Mark 3:15

Equipped: How have you been gifted for ministry in the Body of Christ and how can those gifts be identified, affirmed, developed and utilized?

“Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed.” 1 Peter 1:13

Sent: Where is God at work in the world and how can we join in that mission and witness?

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” John 20:21

How do new offerings form?

The DH Oversight Committee encourages members of the congregation to discover areas of interest and passion that might attract others to consider. It is important to try to find two or three others that might like to explore the topic with you.

Do you have an idea for a Discipleship Hour Offering? Use the form on the back of this page to capture your idea. The DH Oversight Committee will then review the idea with the following in mind:

- Consistency with AMC’s Mission Statement and Anabaptist values
- Balance of topics within a certain timeframe
- Balance of offerings for both visitors and members

The following considerations are important to group success:

- Providing a safe place for group members to participate
- Understanding that the expectation for commitment is high
- Group environment should provide a template for leaders to see that some base expectations are met during the hour
 - Checking in
 - Prayer
 - Scriptural base (or reference points)
 - Listening
 - Accountability (i.e. group covenant)
 - Movement to action
 - Attendance

Discipleship Hour may have different types of activities or components that can vary and can be largely self-determined by each group, in consultation with the Oversight Committee.

Examples include: Bible study, book study, ministry team* projects, service initiatives, sharing and support, faith exploration, membership classes, prayer groups, action/reflection, spiritual disciplines, church history, Anabaptist-Mennonite theology, music and faith, gifts discernment. The components should be consistent with AMC’s Mission and Vision statement and in harmony with the three-fold function of Discipleship Hour.

*Ministry Teams are driven by the visions and gifts of the members of AMC. They are free-forming arising out of the intersection of the life of the community and the call of the Holy Spirit. The Ministry Team structure is facilitated and supported by the Gifts and Vision Committee.

Name _____

Phone number _____

DH Offering Idea (be sure and include type of activity-i.e., book study, discussion group, etc.) _____

Participants: (focus group, visitors, age range, etc) _____

Space Requirements anticipated:

Suggestions for Leaders:

Other information (list equipment needed, books, etc.)

Please put the form in the Wiegner's mail box at church or you can email it to the church office.

The DH Oversight committee will respond to you as soon as possible.

Develop a Discipleship Hour Offering

Akron Mennonite Church will be fully engaged in God's mission in a broken world, as we are called, equipped and sent by the Holy Spirit to follow Christ in life. Shaped by the gifts and vision of our members, we will keep Christ at the Center of our lives as we reach out to neighbors near and far and witness to the world around us through an Anabaptist- Mennonite expression of faith. AMC Mission Statement



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