



Expectations for Convention Attendees

As planners, we want convention to be safe and enjoyable for all of our attendees, and we are counting on everyone who comes to convention to help make this possible. While we may not always agree with one another, we should always treat each other with respect. In order to make convention as positive an experience as possible for everyone, here are some of our expectations for **all convention attendees**:

- Convention attendees should not engage in language or behavior that threatens the safety or personhood of another convention attendee or community member. This includes racist speech, hate speech, threats, sexual harassment, or any behavior that could be understood as threatening. We will not tolerate hate speech or harassment based on sexual or gender identity or directed specifically at LGBTQ participants. If you are a victim of language or behaviors like this, please come to the convention office immediately to report the offender.
- Blocking of hallways, fire exits, and points of egress is prohibited at all times. Gatherings that in any way violate fire code regulations will be dispersed.
- No literature (fliers, brochures, handouts, books, etc.) may be passed out beyond the exhibit hall area. Seminar and workshop leaders can distribute handouts as necessary during their sessions.
- No promotional materials may be hung on convention center walls without the written approval of Mennonite Church USA convention planning staff. This includes posters, postcards, pictures, etc.
- Disagreements should be resolved peacefully. Should conversations become heated, trained mediators will be available onsite who will help to facilitate. In any and all disagreements, we ask that you treat your conversation partners with the respect they deserve as a beloved child of God.
- Respect the instructions of convention planning staff and volunteers onsite. We are there to serve you and to help make convention a good experience for everyone in attendance. If you have a disagreement or complaint about the behavior of staff or a volunteer, please come to the convention planning office to report it.