

#MennoCon19 Equipping Seminars

Topics still needed as of Dec. 1, 2018

Your proposals on these topics are still needed! Other topics are still welcome. Please fill out the Equipping Seminar Proposal Form linked at the bottom of [this web page](#). Please submit your proposal by **January 8, 2019**.

Missing seminar topics for youth

- Sports
- Dating/relationships
- Leadership development
- Anxiety/depression
- Teen suicide (maybe include something for sponsors as well)
- Technology & mental health
- Prayer practices/Spirituality
 - o Who is God?
 - o How do I relate to God?
- Identity
 - o Deeply loved; open to God's love
 - o Who am I; Whose am I
 - o Include something specifically for guys and something specifically for girls
- How science and faith interact
- Getting along with parents
- Issues specific to youth of color
 - o how faith sustains and guides us
 - o how faith guides our activism
- Conflict resolution – model for dialogue with those who think differently
- Choosing a Mennonite college, seminars from MCUSA higher educational institutions

Missing seminar topics for youth sponsors

- Teen suicide
- How to work with iGeneration
- How to have conversations with those we disagree with
- Practical skills like organization/structure, planning/scheduling, leading Bible study, determining priorities

Find the seminar proposal form at convention.mennoniteusa.org/worship-equipping-seminars

Missing seminar topics for young adults

- Witnessing through friendships
- Big Questions:
 - o Is there a God?
 - o Can I believe in the Bible?
- What should I do with my life? Could use tools like personality inventories
- Vision Board – vision for your life & what to strive toward
- Leadership Development
 - o there are many topics and approaches on this topic
 - o could be VBLP leaders & content
- Bring current leaders and emerging leaders together for a conversation
 - o How to avoid tokenism of young adults on committees
 - o conference ministers could be tapped for this interaction
- Social Media – how to use it to be a voice and when not to use it
- Community versus theology as reasons for staying in the church
- create a space for the big questions of faith and doubt
- Conflict resolution

Missing intergenerational seminar topics

- seminars that intentionally take advantage of the intergenerational opportunity
 - o Panels with multiple generations represented
 - o A diversity of presenters is important
- Equipping to be congregational leaders
 - o Elders
 - o Church council, council chair
 - o Bible study leaders
 - o Adult Sunday School teachers
 - o chairing/facilitating meetings
- Family conflict
- Christian spiritual practices