July 2018 YRD Line Questions

This month, the Board of Directors wants to know:

- 1. If you were at the Annual Meeting and Conference and attended any of the workshops, please let us know which one(s) you enjoyed and why?
- 2. What would prevent you from attending next year's AMC? (June 22-25, 2019 in Cleveland, Ohio)

Answers

- 1. I am sure it was a great meeting, but I had to make some choices on which to attend due to the Boston Seminar and The Symposium in October.
- 2. I have Cleveland, Ohio marked on my calendar for next year and am looking forward to attending. This meeting will also be closer to home and more centrally located. *Linda Hauschild, FCC Elkader, IA*
- Yes, 2 us attended the meeting in San Diego. We attended 6 workshops: Add and Bless, Revitalization, West Coast Congregationalist, Sole Hope Shoe party project, Whats working at my Church and What does a healthy church really look like. We enjoyed all of them. Lots of information.
- Next year I hope to attend and hopefully someone else also. The only thing
 preventing us from attending would be family commitments and maybe pricing. But
 many of us in Warren, Maine hope to attend the 2020 meeting in Portland!

 Marcia Cifaldo, 2nd Congregational Church, Warren, Maine
- 1. No one attended this year's meeting.
- 2. My church does not have spare funds to pay for fees, travel, and hotel expenses. Mary Foster, Pilgrim CC Bloomfield Hills, MI

It was great meeting you and all the other fine folks at the conference - my first.
 As to the workshops, they were all great but two helped me the most:
 Bill Wilson's Healthy Church - it made me realize how insular my church has become. We do not reach out as he suggested and hope to fill the pews by some magic.

The workshop with the **three churches representing small**, **medium**, **and large**. Regardless of size we all seem to have the same issues. When I spoke with our church members after the conference I offered up some of the practices explained during this workshop.

2. Next Year

I guess what would keep me from attending next year is the cost. The costs incurred for this meeting came as a surprise to my church leaders.

Thanks again for a remarkable experience.

Jerry Zwaga Community Congregational Christian Church of Citrus Springs, FL