

Information on 2024 Pre-Conference Tours

Wednesday, October 2

Woodmont, Father Divine's Mansion, Gladwyne, PA

Woodmont is a National Historic Landmark, dedicated by Father Divine as the Mount of the House of the Lord and owned and operated by Palace Mission Inc. of the Peace Mission Movement. Father Divine (c. 1876 – September 10, 1965), also known as Reverend M. J. Divine, was an American spiritual leader from about 1907 until his death in 1965. He was also known as "the Messenger" early in his life. He founded the International Peace Mission movement, formed its doctrine and oversaw its growth from a small and predominantly black congregation into a multiracial and international church. Due to his ideology, many consider him to be a cult leader due to claiming to be God. He made numerous contributions toward his followers' economic independence and racial equality.

Cost: \$58* Lunch on your own.

Thursday, October 3

Young Center for Anabaptist and Pietist Studies, Elizabethtown, PA Lititz Museum, Lititz, PA

The Young Center, part of Elizabethtown College, houses a library and collections relating to the history of Anabaptism and Pietism in the United States. The visit to Lititz, founded in 1742 as a Moravian congregation, will include tours of the Mueller House and the Lititz Museum, which relates the history of the area.

Cost: \$66* Lunch on your own.

*We have arranged a small motorcoach for these tours, more comfortable than our usual vans, which is the reason for the higher than usual cost. However, if we do not get enough people to cover our costs of the coach, we will go back to a van, and will adjust the price accordingly and refund you any excess.