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connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

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Community Hymnsing: Hymns and Prayers for Lent led by Alan and Eleanor Kreider will be held Sunday, Feb. 21, at 4 p.m. in Rieth Recital Hall of the Goshen (Ind.) College Music Center. An organ prelude by GC organ professor Christine Thogersen begins the time of reflection at 3:45 p.m. All are invited to come and join in this time of worship and singing together.

The 19th Annual Mennonite Youth Choir Festival will be held at Goshen (Ind.) College March 6–7. This festival brings together young people from Indiana, Michigan and Ohio to make music together and praise God through singing. After rehearsing on Saturday, the participants (grades 3-8) will present a worship concert at 2 p.m. on Sunday (prelude begins at 1:30 p.m.). Guest director Susan Naus Dengler, Minister of Music and Arts at College Mennonite (Goshen, Ind.), where she directs children and youth choirs, has taught voice in the public school system and at Goshen College. She also has many published choral pieces, some of which were written in collaboration with her husband and composer, Lee Dengler. See: www.youthchoir.mennonite.net/Festival_2010/Letter

“Beyond Borders” immigration conference at Bluffton University/Lima Mennonite March 19–21. The conference sponsored by Bluffton (Ohio) University, with Ohio Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes as co-sponsors. Keynote speaker is M. Daniel Carroll Rodas, professor of Old Testament at Denver Seminary and adjunct professor at El Seminario Teológico Centroamericano in Guatemala City, Guatemala. His keynote address on Friday night is free and open to the public.

The weekend will be filled with workshops, discussions, videos and a cultural event Saturday evening, ending with a bilingual worship service at Lima Mennonite Church on Sunday morning. Baldemar Velasquez, President of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, is also an invited Keynote speaker.

For a full listing of workshops and to download a registration form go to <http://www.bluffton.edu/academiclife/civictHEME/beyondborders/>. The cost for Saturday sessions and meals is \$50 (\$20 for students and those with low incomes). **Please register by Feb. 28** to aid in planning for food and meeting spaces.

Explore seminary study at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) on Saturday, March 13. A visit to campus (Elkhart, Ind.) is the best way for someone who is curious about seminary study to explore whether it's the right step. Participants can sit in on classes, attend a chapel service and meet faculty and students. Encourage someone you know to attend. Visit the web site for an online [Open House invitation](#).

Minister to persons with disabilities through MDC Goldenrod. Make quilts or furniture to sell at MDC Goldenrod's Annual Benefit Auction to be held Aug. 27–28. Money from the auction provides housing, training and health care for persons with disabilities. Call Nedra Gnagey with questions or to let her know what you plan to make for the auction at 574 533-9720, ext. 5.

AMBS Library serves church leaders and community. The AMBS Library (Elkhart, Ind.) welcomes church leaders to quiet study spaces and a rich collection of ministry-related resources. Any local resident may register as a "Community Borrower" to check out materials and access e-books and e-journals.

The Library has extensive holdings in biblical studies, theology, church history and preaching and pastoral theology. The Library's Curriculum Center has sample Sunday school materials from a variety of publishers and children's Bible storybooks.readers. See more on the [Community Borrower page](#).

AMBS Bookstore special membership offer for pastors. Mennonite Cooperative Bookstore at AMBS invites local pastors to become members. With a membership:

- You get access to the best local source for theological books, Bibles, commentaries and other resources for ministry.
- You get a 10% limited-time discount on purchases.
- You may place special orders and receive them at cost plus \$1. The bookstore will order any title you want.

The Mennonite Cooperative Bookstore is located just inside the tower entrance of the library building, 3003 Benham Avenue, Elkhart, Ind. See more about the bookstore, inventory and hours on the [bookstore Web page](#).

Attached is the file ***Children's Book & DVD Suggestions for Gather 'Round Curriculum Spring – 2010, Quarter 3***. This is forwarded by Kathy Weaver Wenger, Conference Resource Advocates Coordinator for Mennonite Church USA.

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