

Events & Announcements | March 3, 2010

connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference

- Michiana MEDA event at Karen's Café on March 11
- Bethel College (Kan.) announces search for new president
- Upcoming workshops sponsored by the Center for Congregations (limited to Indiana congregations)
- Thank you for contributions from MCC Great Lakes

Michiana Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) event at Karen's Café on March 11. Mark your calendar for Thursday, March 11, to come hear local businesspeople speak about the economic realities that entrepreneurs currently face. Shelley Moore, board president of ASSETS Elkhart County (www.assetsindiana.org), and Tyler Springer of Springer Designs (www.springerdesigninc.com) will share stories of entrepreneurship and its advantages and challenges at 6:30 p.m. at Karen's Cafe (formerly the Checkerberry Inn, 62535 CR 27) in Goshen, Ind. **RSVP by Monday, March 8**, by calling 877 787-6332, by emailing reservations@michianameda.org or by going to www.michianameda.org. You will receive a confirmation with your reservation. Meal and program costs are \$20 for non-members, \$15 for members and \$5 for students. Please indicate any special dietary needs with your reservation.

Bethel College (Kan.) announces search for new president. The Board of Directors of **Bethel College** in Kansas announces the **search for a new President** and invites expressions of interest in this unique opportunity for leadership at the oldest Mennonite undergraduate liberal arts institution of higher education. [Read more.](#)

Two upcoming workshops sponsored by the Center for Congregations (limited to Indiana congregations, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.):

Dynamics of Worship with Deborah Kapp, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., April 21, 2010, at First Baptist Church, 8600 N. College Ave., Indianapolis, Ind.; April 22, at Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church, 1701 Capitol Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind. In this workshop Kapp will discuss the ordering of worship and its impact, approaches to changing worship and preaching strategies that form and nurture a congregation's vocation. She explores how the sociological concept of frames can help us better understand the social and human dynamics of worship. By understanding our frames, we can learn how to reframe worship to give fuller and richer expression to our faith.

- \$30 a person (\$25 a person for congregational teams of three or more)
- Fees include lunch and a copy of Kapp's book, *Worship Frames*
- For details or on-line registration, visit www.centerforcongregations.org

Diversity and Congregations with Gerardo Marti and Kevin Dougherty, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m., May 12, 2010, at Fort Wayne Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.; May 13, at North United Methodist Church, 3808 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis, Ind. Participants are invited to look at diversity and multi-cultural movements in congregations. The presenters will discuss how congregations are challenging themselves to understand and welcome diversity. Attendees will also explore hospitality, in terms of what it means to love the stranger.

- \$30 a person (\$25 a person for congregational teams of three or more)
- Fees include lunch and a copy of Marti's book, *A Mosaic of Believers: Diversity and Innovation in a Multiethnic Church*
- For details or on-line registration, visit www.centerforcongregations.org

MCC Great Lakes is extremely grateful to each of you who have contributed to MCC in the past few months. Thanks to your generous support, nearly \$11 million has been raised for immediate and long-term relief and development efforts following the earthquake in Haiti. In addition, response to the January bulletin announcement raised \$30,705 toward the total Goshen meat canning budget of \$122,000.

We offer a sincere "thank you" for entrusting your resources and prayer support to MCC. We appreciate your support as we continue to work locally and around the world in the name of Christ. –*Jennifer Steiner, Communications Coordinator, MCC Great Lakes*

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