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Hesston College and Waterford Mennonite Church present ***Common Threads: Anabaptist and African American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope*** at Waterford Mennonite Church, 65975 State Road 15, Goshen, Ind., 7 p.m., Friday, April 30.

Common Threads is an exploration of the way Anabaptist religious persecution and African American racial suffering have intersected. Both groups suffered at the hands of legitimate governments and both found hope in the midst of pain and humiliation. Hesston College faculty members Tony Brown (professional baritone and artist in residence) and John Sharp (storyteller and author) will give voice to Anabaptist martyrs and African American slaves by singing their hymns and telling their stories. A free-will offering will be taken and a reception will follow.

The Depot MCC Thrift Shops in Goshen, Ind., is seeking a full-time general manager.

Applicants must have commitment to personal Christian faith and discipleship, active church membership, excellent organization skills, supervisory skills, communication skills, ability to work with volunteers and computer skills. Responsibilities include organization and general oversight of the Thrift Shops (Clothing, Furniture and Variety), incoming donations and processing, repairing merchandise, warehouse areas, outgoing merchandise, recycling and volunteers. It also includes sales, banking and the recordkeeping of the shops. Experience in retailing helpful; working knowledge of Excel and QuickBooks is also helpful.

Applications will be accepted until April 28, 2010. Send a resume and cover letter to: Search Committee, c/o Arline Bontrager, 1261 Camden Court, Goshen IN 46526; or e-mail to abontrager2@aol.com

The Mennonite Central Committee Appalachia program seeks summer staff to assist with the Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program. Meals Coordinators and Job Site Coordinators are needed to facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups, as they work on housing repair for low-income persons. Summer staff should be at least 19 years of age, and they receive food, lodging and a stipend for their service. For more information go to swap.mcc.org/swap/internships or call Coletta at 606 633-5065.

Money, Ministry and Me – EMS online course May 3-June 23. Eastern Mennonite Seminary is offering an online course for anyone who works with church finances. Beryl Jantzi will teach "Money, Ministry and Me," May 3-June 23, 2010. Jantzi is stewardship education director with Mennonite Mutual Aid/Harrisonburg.

This course involves an exploration of stewardship education resources alongside an exploration of financial tools and services needed in today's world. It is designed to serve the needs of pastors and other church leaders in the congregation. Initial attention will focus on the personal stewardship practice of class participants. An exploration of biblical and spiritual perspectives will prepare the way for each participant to develop a five year stewardship education plan for themselves as leaders as well as their respective congregations. [Read more about the class](#)

Registrations for "Money, Ministry and Me" will be accepted until the course is filled or through Apr. 30. More information is available online at www.emu.edu/seminary/distancelearning. –Jim Bishop, Public Information Officer, EMU

***Narrative: Rediscovering the Sacred* May 14-16 at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center (Mt. Pleasant, Penn.)** Collaborate with dramatists, storytellers and others with a passion for the Biblical narrative for a weekend with **Ted & Co. TheaterWorks**, the innovative, creative ministry of Ted Swartz. You'll develop skills and gain experience working within Scriptural texts to communicate their profound meaning to others through drama and presentation in a playful, joy-filled setting. Discounts are available

for groups and students. For more information or to register visit www.laurelville.org/narrative.html or call 800 839-1021.

Workshop on online pornography at AMBS June 3. *Online pornography: Ending up someplace we didn't intend to go* will be held June 3 at AMBS. This is a workshop for pastors who work with people who use pornography. Reflect theologically on the issue and its effects on congregational dynamics, and consider pastoral responses and available resources. Two presenters will share: Keith Graber Miller, Ph.D., professor of Bible, religion and philosophy, Goshen College, Goshen, Ind.; and Mary Lehman Yoder, M.Div., Assembly Mennonite Church, Goshen, Ind. This event is part of Extreme Situations in the Congregation: A Pastoral Care Continuing Education Series: .4CEU, \$75 before May 20, 2010; \$65 for three or more from one congregation before May 20. You may register online at www.ambs.edu/workshops

Peace among the Peoples Conference at AMBS July 28-31. You have an opportunity to join other peace activists, clergy and educators at a working conference to reflect on the future of the ecumenical peace movement in North America and beyond. Speakers for the sessions will include Vincent Harding, Stanley Hauerwas, Brian McLaren and Rita Nakashima Brock. The Institute of Mennonite Studies is planning this conference for people who are working at the peace agenda of their denominations. Visit www.peace2010.net for brochure and downloadable registration form.

Service Adventure positions available for young adults. Not sure what you're going to do next year? Interested in exploring service? Service Adventure still has some positions available for young adults (ages 17-20) who are interested in serving for 10 months at community-based organizations in places like Colorado Springs, Colorado, Albany, Oregon and Anchorage, Alaska. Live in community with a unit leader and work, worship and have fun together. For more information, visit service.mennonitemission.net or call Diana at 866 866-2872, ext. 23064.

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary will celebrate the inauguration of Sara Wenger Shenk, Ed.D., as president on Sunday, Oct. 24. The afternoon service will be in the Elkhart, Ind., area. While the details are still being determined, we invite you to mark your calendar for this day and plan to join us. We look forward to your presence at the worship service, and your prayers for Dr. Wenger Shenk and the seminary in this time of transition.

Please share this message with others and visit www.ambs.edu/wenger-shenk for more details as they become available.

A PDF file with this message is provided on the Web page linked above, so you can post it for your reference and share the information with others. --*Mary E. Klassen, Director of Communications, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary*

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