

## Events & Announcements | May 5, 2010

*connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference*

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**Join Journey: A Conference-based Leadership Development program.** God calls all Christians into ministry. When God calls, a journey begins. Perhaps you are ready to deepen your response to God's call. Perhaps you are looking for mentors and companions along the way. Indiana-Michigan Conference invites you to join *Journey: A Conference-based Leadership Development Program*. This program is for congregational leaders, pastors who have not had specific training for ministry, or for those exploring a call to pastoral ministry. The deadline to apply for fall 2010 is August 1. For more information visit [www.journeyprogram.net](http://www.journeyprogram.net) or contact your pastor or your conference minister, Dan Miller, at [dan@im.mennonite.net](mailto:dan@im.mennonite.net) or at 574 534-4006 or 800 288-8486.

### **MEDA event – Peru: An Ancient Land Facing Modern Problems at Eighth Street Mennonite May 13.**

Mark your calendar for Thursday, May 13, to come network with others interested in connecting faith and work and to hear about how past and present events shape life in Peru. The evening begins at 6:30 p.m. at Eighth Street Mennonite Church (602 South Eighth Street, Goshen, Ind.).

Following a traditional Peruvian meal prepared by Susie Lambright, Dean Rhodes (Associate Professor of Spanish at Goshen College) will take us on a journey to Peru to look at both the historical and the current events that have brought the country to its current landscape. Dean's 2004 sabbatical included research in Peru to explore the migration from rural to urban settings. He found that, as with many urban centers, Peru's capital, Lima, faces problems caused by the rapid migration of job seekers to the city. RSVP by Monday, May 10, by calling 877 787-6332, by emailing [reservations@michianameda.org](mailto:reservations@michianameda.org), or by going to [www.michianameda.org](http://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.

**Andrew Lapp, concert pianist, will be performing on Sunday, June 6, 6 p.m.,** at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church, 63846 County Road 35, Goshen, Ind. Andrew is a twenty-year-old concert pianist and performer who also composes his own arrangements of sacred and popular music. He has accompanied the Sarasota Christian High School Touring Choir from sixth through twelfth grade. He is well known in the Sarasota community and we look forward to his visit here. The community is invited to attend this concert and a free will offering will be received. For more information call the church at 574 642-3165 or visit the web site [www.clintonframemc.us](http://www.clintonframemc.us) or visit Andrew's web site at [www.andrewlapp.com](http://www.andrewlapp.com) --Anita Yoder, Pastor of Worship & Music, Clinton Frame Mennonite

**Please consider becoming part of the Michiana Relief Sale Board,** as it is currently going through some board changes. Positions that are open include secretary, chairperson, publicity and a variety of grounds, parking and cleanup details. Please contact Dave Yoder, sale chairperson, at 574 536-4387 if you are interested in assisting in planning and coordinating this amazing event. --Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook, Regional Associates, MCC Great Lakes

**Volunteer help needed at CPT house in Chicago.** Your help is needed especially during the next two months at 2649 W 21 St, Chicago, Ill. Gather your church friends, friends and family to come and complete this work. There is work for all skill levels and those eager to help. Ways you can help:

- **Saturday, May 15, work day.** Bring your lunch and your expertise whether it is carpentry, electrical or just willingness to help such as painting, cleaning, ridding space of construction material.
- **Saturday, May 29,** we will be moving items into the first floor for training and staff offices. We not only need folks who are able to move items but many items have been stored in the garage and will need cleaning. If we have enough folks we will also continue work on the third floor.
- Are you **available during the week?** We welcome your help, as there are many tasks that require multiple hands.

Can we count on you? The transformation of the building is amazing. We thank all of you who have donated your time and skills. We hope that metropolitan Chicago CPTers and supporters will come

together for this effort to complete work on first, second and third floors. It is a great space from which to promote reconciliation and peace in troubled lands. I look forward to working with you to find times you and/or your group are able to come and help. Please call or e-mail me to arrange your time to come and help at 708 445-1998 (h) or 630 606-5670 (cell) or [jjc636@gmail.com](mailto:jjc636@gmail.com). --Joyce M. Cassel, CPT House Volunteer Coordinator

**The 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)** will be marked by an academic conference examining Mennonite identity and MCC, and how the two have shaped each other. The conference is called "A Table of Sharing: Mennonite Central Committee and the Expanding Networks of Mennonite Identity" and **is scheduled for June 13 and 14 at MCC's Welcoming Place in Akron, Penn.** "A Table of Sharing" will look at MCC's past and present and consider the future as participants examine the conference theme through multiple lenses. It will include presentations of papers by scholars and church leaders.

The opening session of the conference on June 13 will investigate MCC as a means for inter-Mennonite collaboration. The second session will look at how MCC has helped to shape and has been shaped by Mennonite and other Anabaptist communities in Canada and the United States. At an evening panel MCC partners and workers from Ethiopia, Lebanon, Haiti and India will share their reflections on MCC's ministry.

On June 14, participants will consider MCC's role as a key player in and catalyst for the creation and establishment of numerous other inter-Mennonite institutions and ventures which have helped to shape Mennonite identity. Speakers will also examine MCC's relationship to the broader world of humanitarian nongovernmental organizations.

The conference is free and open to the public, but interested persons are asked to register at [www.mcc.org/atableofsharing](http://www.mcc.org/atableofsharing) to help with planning. The first session begins at 1 p.m. on June 13, and the conference continues until 9 p.m. on June 14. To view a full conference program and to register for meals at the MCC Dining Hall (\$5 for breakfast; \$7 for lunch; and \$7 for dinner), visit the website. For information about lodging during the conference, contact the MCC Hosting Department at 717 859-1151 or 1 888 563-4676 or email: [hosting@us.mcc.org](mailto:hosting@us.mcc.org). Space at MCC facilities is limited. Additional lodging information for the Akron area can be found at [www.padutchcountry.com/lodging/index.asp](http://www.padutchcountry.com/lodging/index.asp)

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