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*Connecting the congregations of Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference*

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Calling all children who like to sing! **Children's choir auditions will be held at the Goshen College Music Center on Mon. and Tues., Aug. 23 and 24.** Rejoice choir for grades 3-5 is led by Rosemary Rupp and Shout for Joy choir for grades 6-8 is led by Sandy Hill. Both choirs meet weekly on Thursday evenings and perform once each semester in Sauder Concert Hall. Tuition is \$60 per semester with financial aid available. Call 574-535-7361 to learn more or to schedule an audition time. —*Debra Kauffman, associate director, Goshen College Music Center*

**2010-11 Women Creating Community retreat series.** There are several openings remaining for the 2010-11 Women Creating Community retreat series at A Quiet Place Prayer Center near Milford, Ind. Women Creating Community is a gathering of women for a monthly day of reflection, prayer, solitude and fellowship. Marlene Kropf will lead "Voyages of the Soul" and Karla Minter will lead "Seven Sacred Pauses: Living Mindfully Through the Hours of the Day." The group will meet 9 a.m.–3 p.m. one Wednesday a month from Sept. 2010 through May 2011, excluding January. Cost for the eight sessions is \$300 (\$37.50 per month, including a hot lunch). Registration deadline is Aug. 25. For more information, contact Norma Miller at 574-536-5672 or [milfam@npcc.net](mailto:milfam@npcc.net). —*Karla Minter*

**Worship Arts Training at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Mt. Pleasant, Pa., Sept 24-26.** Explore various elements of worship and learn how to tie all of them together, so that worship reflects both God's oneness and diversity more faithfully. Groups of four or more save \$35 per person. Visit [www.Laurelville.org/worship\\_arts\\_training.html](http://www.Laurelville.org/worship_arts_training.html) or call 800-839-1021 to sign up today. —*Brian Paff, director of communications, Laurelville Mennonite Church Center*

**Volunteer labor needed for stage three renovations to Chicago CPT house.** Thank you to many volunteers who have helped with the renovations of the Christian Peacemaker Teams building. The building is looking great. We have now completed stages one and two and are moving into stage three. There is an extensive list of jobs and levels of work that need to be done. Do you have a day or two to come or could you come regularly one day a week? Can you gather a group to join you to work? We need your help. E-mail me or call with your availability. We look forward to organizing work for you to do. The first training is currently occurring. Peace work is spreading through our local community and through out the world from this spot in Chicago. —*Joyce M. Cassel, CPT House volunteer coordinator, [jjc636@gmail.com](mailto:jjc636@gmail.com) or 630-606-5670*

**3-D Jesus: The Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series for 2010 is coming to Hesston College, Hesston, Kan., Oct. 29-31, 2010** (announcement attached). Please join us at Hesston College as we discern the whole story of Jesus—his life, death, resurrection and ongoing work and presence in the church and the world. Join us as we not only discover the 3-D Jesus but hopefully encounter him, to be changed as congregations and as individuals. Speakers are Steve Dintaman, Meghan Good, Kevass Harding, John Murray, Marion Bontrager and Michele Hershberger. Together they will help participants explore the whole picture of Jesus, through plenary sessions, drama, teaching vignettes, and small and large group discussions. Persons may register for the conference online at [www.hesston.edu/AVDS](http://www.hesston.edu/AVDS) or by calling Elaine Schmidt at 620-327-8290. —*Michele Hershberger, chair of the Bible and ministry division, Hesston College*

***Work and Hope: Finding Christ in the Church* ([www.emu.edu/blog/work-and-hope](http://www.emu.edu/blog/work-and-hope)) is a blog and e-zine dedicated to the experiences and perspectives of young Anabaptists in**

**their twenties and thirties.** The blog was created by two Eastern Mennonite University alumni, Jeremy Yoder and Laura Lehman Amstutz, to provide a forum for young adults who are committed to staying in the institutional church but want to discuss what that means. Their blog and quarterly online magazine will attempt to bring together various young adult perspectives about the church.

Yoder came up with the motto "Work and Hope" from the inscription to *The Martyrs Mirror*, which speaks about the perseverance and faithfulness inherent in the Anabaptist tradition. He writes that "Finding Christ in the Church" signals the ambivalence many young persons feel about denomination and church structures. "Ultimately, we believe that our work here is a sign of hope for the church."

The first issue of the magazine was launched July 20 and focused on the theme, "Why am I [still] Mennonite." They intend to put out an "issue" every quarter that will feature a range of perspectives by young Anabaptists on a particular topic. The next issue will come out in October asking the question "What is Church?" If you are interested in writing for future issues of Work and Hope, you may contact the editors at [workandhope at emu.edu](http://workandhope.at.emu.edu)

**Stay connected to MCC Great Lakes through quarterly e-newsletter.** MCC Great Lakes now offers a quarterly e-newsletter, with news and information delivered right to your e-mail inbox. In our mission to care for creation, we hope this will be an efficient way to keep you informed about MCC in our area. Sign up on our website at [www.greatlakes.mcc.org](http://www.greatlakes.mcc.org)

**Urgent opening: MCC is looking for a fourth member of the Mobile Meat Canner.** Canner operators travel to 33 different locations in the United States and Canada, canning meat, which is then sent around the world to hungry people. Cannery operators need to be male, at least 20 years old, able to lift 75 pounds and willing to get a CDL. Come serve in this exciting way. Meet new people, and take advantage of experiences you'll never forget. For interest or more information please contact John Hillegass at [jrh@mcc.org](mailto:jrh@mcc.org) or 717- 859-1151. –Jennifer Steiner, MCC Great Lakes communications coordinator

**Resources available from Mennonite Central Committee.** DVDs are now \$10 (U.S.) and are also available for loan from MCC offices:

- *Sharing God's Love and Compassion:* This video highlights the connections and relationships between people in Canada and the United States who support MCC and MCC's partners throughout the world.  
[http://secure.mcc.org/mccstore/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=628](http://secure.mcc.org/mccstore/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=628)
- *Disaster to Decentralization: Haiti's Long-term Recovery:* This 17-minute DVD, with English, French and Spanish subtitles, features the voices of Haitians as they explore solutions to the struggles that led to the massive devastation of the Jan. 12 earthquake:  
[http://secure.mcc.org/mccstore/index.php?main\\_page=product\\_info&products\\_id=636](http://secure.mcc.org/mccstore/index.php?main_page=product_info&products_id=636)

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