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Third Way Media is encouraging congregations and individuals to join in a worldwide prayer for peace day on Sept. 21, the U.N. International Day of Peace. It is organized through Odyssey Networks, a Third Way Media partner in funding and producing media projects. Find a link on the home page at www.thirdway.com or go to www.AMillionMinutesForPeace.org to sign the pledge. We invite you to share what you or others are doing in homes, neighborhoods, cities and the world to work toward peace on Third Way Café's Facebook page. –*Sheri Hartzler, Third Way Media*

Relief sale setup assistance needed Sept. 20-24. The Michiana Mennonite Relief Sale grounds committee is requesting assistance in setting up and tearing down at the Elkhart County fairgrounds during the week of Sept. 20 - 24. If you or a group from your congregation would be available to help, please contact Laverne Miller at 574-825-7051 (home) or 574-536-1928 (cell) for information and availability. Thanks! –*Les & Gwen Gustafson-Zook, regional associates for MCC Great Lakes*

Open house to explore seminary study at AMBS Oct. 12 and Nov. 13. The AMBS admissions team is planning two open house events this fall--perfect times for someone to explore seminary study. Encourage someone you know to visit campus, meet professors and students and get answers to questions.

- Evening Open House: Tues., Oct. 12, 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
- Day-time Open House: Sat., Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.

The seminary will provide meals and lodging. A subsidy for travel costs is available upon request. For information, contact the admissions office by **e-mail** or toll-free at 1-800-964-2627.

5th annual celebration of the Feast of St. Marcellus, Oct. 28-29, 2010, in South Bend, Ind.

This event, organized by local Mennonites and Catholics, commemorates the life and witness of St. Marcellus, an early church peacemaker and martyr. Activities include a pilgrimage, re-enactment of the story of Marcellus, testimonies from contemporary peacemakers and a key note talk with Bill Cavanaugh on "The Eucharist: Peacemaking and Daily Discipleship." More details at www.cpnv.net or on attached flier. Contact center.for.peace.and.nonviolence@gmail.com for more information about this St. Marcellus Day celebration. –*André Gingerich Stoner, Kern Road Mennonite Church*

Day of prayer for ADNet on Oct. 30. Your prayers and your financial contributions are both important! Actually, we would appreciate your prayers for the future of ADNet, starting now and leading up to that day when the ADNet Board gathers for its one annual "in-person" meeting. The Board's work will revolve around a 10-point "Financial Sustainability Plan" adopted at its Aug. 17 conference call meeting. For more information, contact Paul Leichthy, ADNet Executive Director, at adnet@adnetonline.org.

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

Exploring the Longevity Revolution: Ministry with Older Adults with Richard Gentzler is 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 21, 2010, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 3425 Crescent Ave, Fort Wayne, Ind.; Fri., Oct. 22, at Pleasant View Lutheran Church, 801 W. 73rd St., Indianapolis, Ind. Gentzler discusses the myths and realities of aging in today's culture. In addition, workshop participants will identify spiritual needs of older

adults and examine steps for developing comprehensive ministry by, with, and for these aging congregants. The workshop also includes information about various ministry models for older adults. Gentzler is the director of the Center on Aging and Older Adult Ministries of the General Board of Discipleship of The United Methodist Church.

- The cost is \$30 a person (or \$25 a person for congregational teams of three or more).
- The fee includes lunch and a copy of Gentzler's book *Aging and Ministry in the 21st Century: An Inquiry Approach*.
- For details or online registration, visit www.centerforcongregations.org

Servant Leadership for Change with Ritch Hochstetler and Erin Kempf is 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Wed., Nov. 17, 2010, in northeast Indiana (specific location information will be available soon). Congregations are invited to explore leadership, growth and change at this unique and exciting workshop. Participants will learn the language and philosophy of servant leadership and discuss the values of servant leadership and what they mean in congregational life. This workshop provides an opportunity to engage in experiential activities and teaching initiatives for growth and change and to develop plans to increase the practice of servant leadership in your congregation. Facilitating this event are Ritch Hochstetler, president of uLEAD, and Erin Kempf, program director at uLEAD, a nonprofit training organization offering experiences for leadership, growth and change.

- The cost is \$30 a person (or \$25 a person for congregational teams of three or more).
- The fee includes lunch, parking and a copy of the book *Lead Like Jesus* by Ken Blanchard.
- For details or online registration, visit www.centerforcongregations.org

Congregational Leadership: Applying Systems Thinking for Effective Direction with Israel Galindo is 9 a.m.- 4 p.m. Wed., Dec. 1, 2010, at Fort Wayne Baptist Church, 2323 Fairfield Ave., Fort Wayne, Ind.; Thurs., Dec. 2, at St. John United Church of Christ (co-hosted by New Revelation Christian Church), 11000 E. Washington St., Indianapolis, Ind. Grounded in Family Systems Theory, Israel Galindo will challenge congregational leaders to consider a different perspective in thinking about the nature of congregational leadership. All things being equal, how can a leader be effective, successful, and promote congregational health? For more than fifteen years, Galindo has taught about leadership in a seminary context, served as consultant to hundreds of individuals and congregations, and has been on the faculty of the Leadership in Ministry Workshops, a continuing education program for clergy leadership.

- The cost is \$30 a person (or \$25 a person for teams of three or more).
- The fee covers lunch and workshop materials, including a copy of Galindo's latest book, *Perspectives on Congregational Leadership: Applying Systems Thinking for Effective Leadership*.
- For details or online registration, visit www.centerforcongregations.org

Free printer cartridge available to church office. The conference office has a Quill high-yield toner cartridge (order #XQ141A) for use in HP Laser Jet 4000/4050 Series and Brother HL 2460/2460N printers. This was bought as a replacement to keep on hand before we changed printers and has not been opened. Let us know if you can use it by calling 574-534-4006 or 800-288-8486 or e-mail imoffice@im.mennonite.net.

MCC's SWAP (Sharing With Appalachian People) program has an opening for location coordinator(s) to plan and direct all aspects of the SWAP ministry in Hindman, Ky. A married couple is preferred, but can be co-shared by two single adults as well. Because of the SWAP partnership with the Hindman United Methodist Church, this position includes involvement and worshipping with this church. In the SWAP "off-season," this position may be developed in various ways depending on the gifts and interests of the applicants. This is a 3 to 5 year term, effective Feb. 1, 2011. All MCC workers are expected to exhibit a commitment to a personal Christian faith and discipleship; active church membership; and nonviolent peacemaking. Contact Tim Croyle, HR Director for MCC US in the Great Lakes office at 574-534-4133, e-mail tcroyle@mcc.org, view the full job description

Resources available from MCC:

- **Behind the camouflage: A primer on military enlistment for youth pastors, mentors and counselors.** This online resource equips youth pastors and counselors in peace churches and ecumenical settings to give good counsel, both practical and spiritual, to youth who are considering military enlistment.
>> <http://co.mcc.org/us/co/>

- **Penny Power posters**

It's Penny Power time -- time to inspire the people around you to donate their coins to MCC.

Promote your Penny Power fundraiser with posters, stickers and can wrappers.

Order a colorful Penny Power poster, written in English or Spanish. Customize your posters to match a Penny Power theme of water, food or peace by ordering an "mcc and me" sticker to place in the center of the poster. Posters and stickers are free (plus shipping).

>> <http://bit.ly/afYbw2>

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