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A Children's Disaster Service volunteer workshop will be held March 18-19 at Goshen City Church of the Brethren, 205 N 5th St, Goshen, Ind (registration form attached).

The Children's Disaster Service volunteer workshop will train you to understand and respond to children who have experienced a disaster. Designed for people who have a heart and passion for children, this workshop helps them recognize and understand the fears and other emotions children experience during and following a disaster, and how child-led play and various art mediums can start the healing process in children. Participants will experience a simulated shelter, sleeping on cots and eating simple meals. Once the training is completed, a participant has the opportunity to become a certified Children's Disaster Service volunteer by providing two personal references and a criminal and sexual offender background check; The information learned at this workshop can be beneficial to anyone working with children.

Although many volunteers are motivated by faith, CDS workshops are open to anyone over 18 years of age. Children's Disaster Services has been meeting the needs of children since 1980, and is a Church of the Brethren Disaster Ministry.

A \$45 registration fee before Feb. 25 (\$55 after Feb. 25) covers materials and trainer costs. Meals and overnight accommodations are provided by the host organization. Contact local coordinators John Sternberg at 574-612-2130 or Betty Kurtz at 574-533-1884 with any questions.

Rich Preheim lecture at Goshen College on Jan. 25. Rich Preheim, director of the Historical Committee of Mennonite Church USA, will present a public lecture on "The Fellowship of Kindred Minds? Sunday Mornings in Indiana-Michigan Conference," on Tuesday, Jan. 25. The lecture and discussion will take place at Goshen College, Newcomer Center, Room 17, at 7 p.m. The lecture is presented in conjunction with a new exhibit, "Going to Church," which will open in the Good Library Gallery on Sunday, Jan. 23, with a reception from 6 to 8 p.m. Both are free and open to the public. The presentation is cosponsored by the Mennonite Historical Society and the Mennonite-Amish Museum Committee.

Ten Thousand Villages of Goshen is seeking volunteers to work two or more shifts per month as sales clerks. A two-part orientation session will be held at the store on Jan. 18 and 25 at 7 p.m. Please contact the store to sign up for these sessions: 574-533-8491 or goshen@tenthousandvillages.com. Volunteers are asked to be interested in fair trade, at least 18 years old, able to be on feet for 3-4 hours, comfortable with basic computer use and enjoy meeting new people.

Sponsors needed for *Shaping Families* radio program. Third Way Media has been producing the *Shaping Families* radio program since January 2010, but to date we do not have enough sponsors to cover costs for airing the program in the Goshen/Elkhart area. WFRN has indicated interest in airing the program at a cost of \$30/program but sponsors are needed. Programs are 14:30 in length with a 30-second sponsor tag available at the end of each program. If your business or congregation would like to support a positive message encouraging families in your community, while advertising your services, please consider sponsoring *Shaping Families*. Call 800-999-3534 or e-mail SheriH@ThirdWayMedia.org. –Sheri Hartzler, interim co-director & program manager, Third Way Media

From AMBS Church Leadership Center:

Webinars: Hear, in real time, a speaker present his or her thoughts on a given topic. [Join our webinars](#) by computer with reliable, high-speed internet access.

- **Lent planning-Becoming human: Called and shaped by Jesus**
Marlene Kropf and Rosanna McFadden, presenters
Thursday, Feb. 3, 7:30-8:45 p.m., EST
- **Ministering to young people in a technological culture**

Andy Brubacher Kaethler, presenter
Tuesday, March 3, 2:00-3:30 p.m., EST

- **Unmarried couples living together**
Irma Fast Dueck, presenter
Thursday, March 24, 2:00-3:30 p.m., EDT

Spring lecturers:

Two guests will bring their experience and scholarship to the community in February and March:

Peace and Justice Guest, Marcia Riggs, Ph.D., Feb. 22-24

Theological Lectureship, with James Charlesworth, Ph.D., March 30-31

Feb. 1 deadline for scholarship applications:

If you know someone considering study at AMBS next fall, please encourage them to apply for one of our **full-tuition scholarships**. The application deadline is February 1. Refer prospective students to the scholarship application information and **additional information about financial aid** on our Web site.

Practical help for becoming a biblical, prayerful, playful peacemaker. *Seasoned with Peace: Winter* is a book of daily devotions, January to March, with biblical and practical ideas for living Jesus' invitation to peacemaking. More than 60 people contributed prayers, comic strips, recipes, devotions and crafts so that the sale of this book can support Mennonite Church USA Peace and Justice Support Network. See www.seasonedwithpeace.com for more information. The book can be ordered from this website or through Amazon. Spring will be available in early March. We are currently hoping for contributions to Summer.

Upcoming workshop sponsored by the Center for Congregations (limited to Indiana congregations, funded by Lilly Endowment Inc.):

Congregational Management: Personnel, Facilities and Finances with John Wimberly is 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Eastern time) Wednesday, Feb. 2, 2011, at Geist Christian Church, 8550 Mud Creek Road, Indianapolis; 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. (Central time) Thursday, Feb. 3, 2011, at Christ Presbyterian Church, 7416 E. 109th Ave., Winfield in Lake County. In this workshop for clergy and laity, participants will learn about managing congregational systems, with a focus on personnel, facilities and finances. Workshop facilitator John Wimberly speaks to the importance of being mindful of the details and skills required to manage the day-to-day and season-to-season business matters of congregational life. Leaders from all faith traditions and management levels will benefit from hearing Wimberly discuss the distinction between management and administration, draw on examples from a variety of congregations, and share insights about how we can be more faithful and productive stewards of the gifts bestowed on our congregations. John Wimberly Jr. has been a pastor in the Washington, D.C., metropolitan area since 1976. With a PhD in theology and an MBA, he has a unique combination of theological and business skills developed over 36 years of parish ministry. In addition to preaching and counseling, Wimberly is a speaker and author and works hands-on to empower the most vulnerable citizens of the nation's capital and to support those who serve them.

- 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 Wimberly's book *The Business of the Church*.
- For details and online registration, visit www.centerforcongregations.org

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