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## **AMBS Church Leadership Center**

### **Webinar—What's Mennonite about the Missional Church?**

Thursday, March 8, 2012; 2:00–3:30 p.m. EST

Presenter Lois Barrett will engage questions such as: What is drawing Mennonites and other Christians to see Western culture as a mission field? How can Mennonites and other Christians learn from each other about what it means to be missional? [Early registration deadline March 4.](#)

### **Webinar—A New Frontier: Doing Theology as Thriving Rural Communities**

Wednesday, March 21, 2012; 2:00–3:30 p.m. EDT

Presenter David Boshart. Congregations that thrive see the tasks of church development and mission as a matter of applied theology. This webinar will explore how rural communities can become thriving centers for mission by reflecting on six major opportunities for developing a relevant witness that can bridge earth and heaven. [Early registration deadline: March 17.](#)

### **Workshop—Pastors and Business Leaders: Partners in Leadership and Ministry?**

Saturday, March 24, 2012 in Mt. Eaton, Ohio

As followers of Christ, both business leaders and pastors want to work for God's purposes in the world. This workshop will explore how business leaders and pastors can connect meaningfully with each other and jointly contribute to "God-activity" both inside and outside the congregation. [Early registration deadline: March 10.](#)

## **Considering Christian Education?**

Next week Bethany Christian Schools will host a Visit Day on Monday, March 12 and a public information meeting regarding Indiana's School Choice Scholarship program (vouchers) on Thursday, March 15 at 7

p.m. On Monday students in grades 3-11 can shadow a Bethany student, 7:45 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Parents are invited to a time of coffee and conversation from 7:45-8:15 a.m. followed by optional tours. Register for the Visit Day online at [bethanycs.net/admissions/visit](http://bethanycs.net/admissions/visit). For information on either event call admissions at (574) 534-2567.

### **Damascus Road Anti-Racism Analysis Training**

March 30 - April 1, 2012

Goshen College (Goshen, Ind.)

The purpose of this two-and-a-half day workshop is to lay the foundation for the long-term work of dismantling racism. It is designed to equip participants with the theological, analytical, organizing and communication skills they will need to begin the process of antiracist transformation in their own institutions. The training, co-sponsored by MCC Great Lakes and Goshen College, helps articulate the Biblical call to anti-racist action and presents a common language for talking about racism. For more information and to register, contact [GreatLakesOffice@mcc.org](mailto:GreatLakesOffice@mcc.org) or (574) 534-4133.

### **Funk Fest 2012: Immigration and the church**

Saturday, March 10, 2012; 8:30 a.m.– 3:30 p.m.

Prairie Street Mennonite Church

1316 Prairie St, Elkhart, IN 46516; (574) 293-0377

This will be a community celebration on the theme “We're Neighbors Now/Somos Vecinos Ahora.” The event will feature biblical and contemporary stories, music, worship, food, and conversation—highlighting what churches are doing or can do to receive and walk alongside people new to this country. Resource people include Saulo Padilla of Mennonite Central Committee, guests from North Goshen and Prairie Street church members. There is no registration fee. You can buy lunch at the event for \$5 or bring your own lunch. Funk Fest takes its name from John Funk (1835-1930), founder of Prairie Street church whose missional vision led him to assist thousands of immigrants coming through Elkhart, Ind. in the 1870s.

### **Goshen College Theatre Youth Group Invite**

Wednesday, March 28, 2012; 7:30 p.m.

As in past years the Goshen College Theater Department is extending an invitation to area church youth groups to attend a midweek brush-up performance of our mainstage production. The date for the brush-up for *Twelfth Night* by William Shakespeare is March 28<sup>th</sup>. The performance will begin at 7:30. Please add this to your Youth Group schedules as you see fit. If you are interested in RSVPing for the spring mainstage brush-up of *Twelfth Night* please contact Sandy Slabaugh, Theater Department Administrative Assistant, at [sandys@goshen.edu](mailto:sandys@goshen.edu) or (574) 535-7283. If you have further questions about the production before deciding, please contact Doug Liechty Caskey, Theater Department Chair, at [douglc@goshen.edu](mailto:douglc@goshen.edu) or (574) 535-7393.

### **Growing in Oneness of Spirit: Lutheran-Mennonite Celebration**

Tuesday, April 10, 2012; 4:30 p.m.

Area Mennonites and Lutherans are invited to gather for a tree dedication April 10, 4:30 pm to celebrate more than ten years of dialogue and an historic reconciliation between these two church communions. This short service will take place at the new Mennonite Church USA offices, 3145 Benham Avenue (just

north of Mishawaka Road), Elkhart, Ind. The public is also invited to a 7:00 pm lecture that day by Lutheran Professor Kathryn Johnson on the theme “Grace and Gratitude: Reconciliation among Mennonites and Lutherans” in the Chapel of the Sermon on the Mount on the campus of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary next door to the Mennonite Church offices. Professor Johnson recently completed five years of service as the assistant general secretary for ecumenical affairs at the Lutheran World Federation.

### **Hacienda Day benefit**

Monday, March 12, 2012

A Hacienda Day will be held Monday, March 12, to benefit Bethany Christian Schools. Hacienda will donate 20% of purchases for food, gift certificates, and carry-outs all that day with presentation of a token. Tokens may NOT be distributed inside or outside the restaurant that day. Tokens are available from your local congregation.

### **Job Opening: MCC Connections**

The Board of MCC Connections is seeking to fill the position of Director, an employee of and responsible to this board. MCC Connections is a well established thrift shop and MCC Material Resource Center in Kidron, Ohio. Thrift Shop sales exceed \$700,000 per year and the director will work with more than 250 volunteers. A successful candidate will have a strong history demonstrating the ability to manage staff and volunteers as well as above average accounting skills. This full-time, salaried position includes a flexible benefit package. A complete job description is available upon request. Interested persons should send a resume to Tom Smucker, 7794 Egypt Rd, Sterling, OH 44276 or [mktsmuck@sssnet.com](mailto:mktsmuck@sssnet.com). Call Tom at (330) 944-0034 if you have questions.

### **"Presenting Bible Stories to Children" seminar with writer/actor John Bromels**

Saturday, March 17, 2012; 9:00 a.m.–2:00 p.m.

Howard Miami Mennonite Church (Kokomo, Ind.)

Children's Sunday School Teacher seminar with writer/actor John Bromels on Saturday, March 17th from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers and youth ministers of all denominations are invited to participate in this creative and fun workshop designed to help them bring the Bible to life for young people. Registration is open now. For more information and to register, contact the Howard Miami Mennonite Church office at (765) 395-7509.

### **Ultimate Allegiance: a Kingdom Leadership Advancement event**

Friday, March 16, 2012; 7 p.m.

Dr. Gregory Boyd, author and senior pastor of Woodland Hills Church in Minnesota will be the featured speaker for an event organized and sponsored by Kingdom Leadership Advancement, a ministry of the Northwest Ohio Mennonite Ministers Fellowship. Dr. Boyd will speak on the topic “Ultimate Allegiance — Stars and Stripes Or By His Stripes?” The presentation will take place at 7 p.m. March 16 at the Wauseon High School Auditorium, 840 Parkview Street, Wauseon, Ohio. Tickets are \$10 and are available online at [www.shalomworks.org](http://www.shalomworks.org) or by calling Carolyn Short at (419) 583-9398. Also, [download the flier](#) for the event.

### **Sister Care seminar**

Friday, May 4 & Saturday, May 5, 2012; 7:00–9:00 p.m. & 9:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.

College Mennonite Church (Goshen, Ind.)

Hosted by Indiana-Michigan and Central District Mennonite Women  
Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda present Sister Care. It validates women's gifts of caring and equips them to respond more effectively and confidently to the needs of others in their lives and in the congregation. Sister Care seminars meet women where they are, help them identify and learn from God's healing grace in their lives, and equip them to participate in the transforming work of Jesus. Registration fee is \$40. Register by April 20 (add \$5 to registration fee after April 20). Payment may be made at seminar. For more information, or to register, contact: Rebecca Sommers (574) 537-8068, [sommersmr7@maplenet.net](mailto:sommersmr7@maplenet.net); Jeannette Bechtel (574) 202-3924, [tjbechtel@maplenet.net](mailto:tjbechtel@maplenet.net). Gwen Hernley (574) 862-3144, [receptionist@yellowcreekmc.org](mailto:receptionist@yellowcreekmc.org).

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