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Reaching Millennials

Is your congregation seeking to attract more people in their teens through their thirties? Are you interested in cultivating the leadership of your congregation to include people in the Millennial generation? At this luncheon workshop, organizational and training leader Jennifer Fisher shares research to help congregations better understand and reach this large and upcoming generation. Millennials are strong in numbers, potential and passion to give and lead. Discover ways to connect with people in this powerful demographic. The workshop will be in Roselawn (northwest Indiana) on February 6 at 11am, and is open to Indiana congregations. For more information, visit www.centerforcongregations.org/workshops/.

Leading Healthy Congregations Seminar

The *Leading Healthy Congregations* seminar, sponsored by CenterPoint Counseling at Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis, is designed to promote mature response to the challenges and opportunities of ministry in a congregational setting. Bowen Family Systems Theory provides the platform for an in-depth

exploration of each participant's capacity for clarity, connection and self-regulation as the primary qualities of an effective leader. Teams made up of clergy and lay leaders are invited to participate in twelve seminars over a two-year period that will forge a common understanding of how best to promote health and vitality within the congregations they serve. This program is led by Rev. Dr. David A. Chaddock and Rev. Robert L. Hunter, who have extensive experience working with pastors, priests, rabbis and congregations. The seminar begins January 10, 2013. For more information, contact CenterPoint Counseling at 317-252-5518 or jmurphy@centerpointcounseling.org.

Strengthening Your Small Congregation

If you are a pastor or lay leader of a small congregation, mark your calendars for April 13, 2013 and plan to spend a day with leaders who know what it's like to do church in a congregation of 25, 50, or 75, and who believe that small churches are key to what God is doing in the world!

- Benefit from the experience of congregational consultant and former American Baptist pastor Margaret Marcuson on *Leaders that Last: Sustaining Yourself in Small Church Ministry*.
- Choose from breakout sessions on discerning the future of your congregation, worship and music, Sunday school & Christian formation, leadership structures, community outreach, and sustainable finances, all geared to the strengths and challenges of the small congregation.
- Network with small congregations in your geographical area for resource sharing and support.

This event is co-sponsored by the Indiana-Michigan Conference. Indiana-Michigan pastors can apply for a registration scholarship, and two or three registrants from the same congregation will get a registration discount. This event will be held from 8:45am to 4:00pm at Camp Mack (Church of the Brethren camp in Milford IN). For more information, contact Brenda Meyer at brenda@bentonchurch.org.

AMBS Church Leadership Center

Pastors Week 2013—Not just for pastors!

Have you considered bringing a business person from your congregation to Pastors Week 2013, focused on The Immeasurable Dimensions of Jubilee? This event could be a great way to begin talking with entrepreneurs from your congregation about how you can become more effective partners in extending God's reign. Why not tap them on the shoulder and bring them along! We offer discounts to pastor-businessperson pairs. Dates: January 28, 7 p.m.-January 31, 12:45 p.m. Register by January 7. More info at www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Pastors-Week.cfm.

Lent Planner: Ashamed No More

Worship planners and leaders observing Lent will find the Lent planner a helpful day for experiencing the faith formation potential of this season. Using the Mennonite Church Lent theme, Ashamed No More, this planner introduces leaders to lectionary-based resources, and fosters ideas for scripture presentations, children's time, prayer, music and visual elements. Worship resources published in Leader magazine provide a foundation for exploration. Participants should bring a copy of the magazine or order one when registering. Date: Saturday, January 19. Register by January 7. More info at <http://www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Lent-planner.cfm>.

Leadership Clinics: Monday, January 28

Congregational Finances and the Role of the Pastor

Feeding the Spiritual Hungers of Contemporary Christians

Planting Peace Churches

For details, visit <http://www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/Leadership-Clinics.cfm>.

AMBS Open House for prospective students

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (Elkhart, Ind.) will hold an Open House on March 16. This will be an opportunity for people interested in seminary study to meet faculty, sit in on classes, and learn about financial aid. To register, go to www.ambs.edu/admissions/visit-ambs.cfm or contact the AMBS admissions office at admissions@ambs.edu or 800.964.2627.

“Seasons of Light” Christmas concert

Vesper Chorale and Musical Arts of Indiana is coming to the Goshen Theater on December 22 at 8pm for a special "Seasons of Light" Christmas concert. It will feature music from Latin America, including *Navidad Nuestra*, a telling of the Christmas story with folk melodies from the mountains of Peru and Argentina. Vesper Chorale began at Kern Road Mennonite Church (South Bend, Ind.) in 1992. Founded and directed by a member of Kern Road Mennonite, Wishart Bell, the Chorale has now evolved into Musical Arts of Indiana. Musical Arts includes the Vesper Chamber Orchestra, the Children's Choir of Michiana, and Consortia in addition to the original Chorale. Tickets are \$15 for adults, \$12 for seniors, and \$8 for students, and are available by calling 574-291-0924 Or 574-255-7889, Or At The Door.

Menno-Hof winter series

Menno-Hof has again planned a winter series of events for the months of January thru April 2013 titled “Coffee, Cookies and Community.” For information about dates, titles and presenters, view the flier by clicking [here](#) or visit the Menno-Hof website <http://mennohof.org/>.

Opening for Appalachia Program Coordinator

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes is seeking applicants for the role of Appalachia Program Coordinator. Responsibilities include the overall direction and supervision of MCC's work in the Appalachian region in eastern Kentucky and West Virginia. The Appalachian program currently includes approximately 13 service workers in a variety of service assignments related to affordable home repairs, reading and community development. This position also includes giving overall direction to the Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) program, a year-round program working at home repair. This is a 1.5 FTE position, and is ideally suited for a married couple. Contact Darlene Dintaman with any questions: drd@mcc.org or 574-534-4133.

Cross Country Coach Needed

Bethany Christian High School is looking for a cross country coach for Fall 2013. For more information, contact Benji Hurst, athletic director, at bjhurst@bethanycs.net or 574-534-2567.

Cotton Patch Gospel performance at First Mennonite, Berne

Phil Kaufmann will be performing his one man show, *Cotton Patch Gospel*, on Sunday, January 27, 2013 at 3:00 pm at First Mennonite, Berne, IN. A portion of donations from the show will support MCC partners doing food security work. This is a fun program, and presented in a unique and engaging way. More information is online at www.cpgfoodproject.org.

2013 Celebrate MCC – Faith in Action

Please save the dates and plan to attend our two-day celebration on Feb. 22 & 23, 2013 at East Goshen Mennonite Church. More info and a full schedule of events at <http://greatlakes.mcc.org/annualgathering>.

Goshen College

Job opening: Women's Soccer Head Coach

Goshen College seeks a dynamic leader for the position of Women's Soccer Head Coach. This 12-month, half-time position is responsible for organizing and planning the day-to-day coaching requirements of a successful NAIA soccer program. Must possess a Bachelor's degree and coaching experience at the college or high school level. Elite level playing experience may be considered in place of coaching experience. Strong communication, networking and recruiting skills required. For further details and to apply, see the position announcement at www.goshen.edu/employment.

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