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El Centro Church: Immigrant Justice and Church Planting

Join Daniela (Danny) Lazaro of Colorado Springs at the Mennonite Church USA offices on **Tuesday, January 15, at 3:30 pm**. Danny will share about El Centro, a church and ministry she and her family started with immigrants in Colorado Springs – many of them undocumented. The Lazaro family, natives of Peru, emigrated to the United States when Danny was a child. Since then they have focused their creative ministry in immigrant communities in Los Angeles and now Colorado Springs, including offering salsa dances and lessons to break through cultural boundaries! Due to their commitments to peacemaking and justice, they have recently joined Mennonite Church USA through Mountain States Mennonite Conference. Join us in the Community Room at 3:30pm to hear from Danny and engage in conversation. The program will officially close at 4:30, but you're welcome to stay for continued conversation. The Mennonite Church USA offices are located at 3145 Benham Avenue in Elkhart.

Phoenix Convention travel accommodations at Bethel College

Bethel College invites youth groups, families or anyone making a road trip to Mennonite Church USA Convention 2013 in Phoenix this summer to stop overnight on the campus in North Newton, Kan., coming,

going or both. The nights of June 30 and July 6 are available. Accommodations are in air-conditioned residence halls with two people to a room, linens provided, at a charge of \$10 per person per night. Bethel College Admissions will provide everyone with breakfast, and there are multiple restaurant options nearby if you need other meals. Reservations should be made by **May 1, 2013**, with Shirley Dietzel at 316-284-5202 (if calling after hours, leave a message telling when you'll be arriving and how many people need accommodations). No deposit required; payment may be made on arrival at Bethel. For driving directions, see the Bethel College website, www.bethelks.edu; put the address "300 East 27th Street, North Newton, KS 67117" into your favorite mapping program; or call 1-800-522-1887 during regular business hours.

2013 Celebrate MCC – Faith in Action⁺

You're invited to *2013 Celebrate MCC: Faith in Action* on February 22-23 at East Goshen Mennonite Church (17861 S.R. 4, Goshen, IN 46528). Join fellow Mennonite Central Committee supporters from across the Great Lakes region as we worship, fellowship and learn together. A full schedule of events and registration is available online at greatlakes.mcc.org/annualgathering or call the MCC Great Lakes Office at 574-534-4133.

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

Early registration deadlines

Don't miss the early registration discount for these upcoming events:

Lent Planner: Ashamed No More. [Register by January 4.](#)

Pastors Week 2013: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us. [Register by January 7.](#)

Leadership Clinics. [Register by January 7.](#)

For a complete listing of Church Leadership Center events, visit www.ambs.edu/churchleadershipcenter/calendar/10152/12/2013.

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.

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.

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/.

Goshen College

Community School of the Arts Recital: Spektral String Quartet

The Spektral Quartet, featuring former Goshen College and Community School of the Arts student and violinist J. Austin Wulliman, has established itself as one of Chicago's most intrepid and adroit ensembles. With a priority on evaporating the perceived boundary between traditional masterworks and the music of the present, Spektral concerts feature the likes of Beethoven and Mozart alongside Carter and Adés. January 18 at 7:30pm in the Music Center's Rieth Recital Hall. Cost: \$7 adults, \$5 seniors/students, free for GC students/faculty/staff with ID.

Community Conversation with Dr. Wilbert Smith

Wilbert Smith is an author and award-winning filmmaker who strives to capture the essence and power of the human spirit. His 2012 film, "Hole in the Head: A Life Revealed," chronicles the life of Vertus Hardiman, an Indiana native subjected as a child to radiation experiments that left him with severe physical deformities. The film raises hard-hitting questions about health care, race relations and forgiveness. Held in the Umble Center on **January 20 at 7pm**. Screenings of the documentary will be held January 13 at 7pm and January 20 at 4pm in the Administration building, Room 28

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Dr. Wilbert Smith will be the featured presenter for Goshen College's 2013 MLK Jr. Study Day, "Shalom: that we may be whole." The featured author is Dana Johnson. For a full schedule of events please visit <http://www.goshen.edu/mao/programs/mlk/>.

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