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## IN-MI Mennonite Women – Fall Retreat<sup>+</sup>

Ladies, the annual fall retreat for IN-MI Mennonite Women is coming up October 11-13, 2013 at Amigo Centre. Jackie Wyse-Rhodes will speak about Naomi, Ruth and Orpah: *Exploring women’s stories of survival, adventure and faithfulness*. Kristin Kauffman will lead worship. The registration deadline is September 21, after which a \$10 late fee will be assessed. For more information, contact Amigo Centre at 269-651-2811 or visit [www.amigocentre.org/in-mi-mennonite-womens-fall-retreat.html](http://www.amigocentre.org/in-mi-mennonite-womens-fall-retreat.html). View a brochure and registration form [here](#).

## Free *Circle of Grace* curriculum

*Circle of Grace* is a Christian safe environment curriculum that helps to form and educate children and youth about the value of positive relationship with God and others. A generous donation has enabled Dove’s Nest to provide Mennonite Church USA congregations with a free copy of this child abuse prevention curriculum. *Circle of Grace* contains 1-4 age-appropriate lessons that can be incorporated anytime during the year. To receive your free copy, visit [www.dovesnest.net/mcusa](http://www.dovesnest.net/mcusa).

## “Trusting in God (even on Friday the 13th)” at Waterford

Waterford Mennonite Church invites you to join us for an intercultural evening of proverbs and storytelling around the theme of trusting in God. This event will be held at 7 pm at the church building (65975 SR 15,

Goshen) on Friday, September 13. Our time will feature the sharing of common West African proverbs and stories from our visiting guests from Benin Bible Institute—Theophane Boko and Orobiyi Gansa. Also sharing from a North American perspective will be Wilmer Hollinger and Lorraine Reinford. Discussion will follow exploring our intercultural learnings about this biblical theme, as well as learnings about our respective cultures.

## Landscaping volunteers needed

The Mennonite offices in Elkhart (home to Mennonite Education Agency, MennoMedia, Mennonite Church USA Executive Board, Mennonite Mission Network, *The Mennonite*, and ADNet) are looking for volunteers to help maintain our landscaping. We especially need help planting flowers, pulling weeds, etc. No experience or special tools are required and we would be very grateful for your help. If you can assist us or if you have questions, please contact Kathryn Rodgers at 574-523-3041 or [KathrynR@MennoniteUSA.org](mailto:KathrynR@MennoniteUSA.org).

## AMBS Church Leadership Center

### Seminary Virtual Fair

On September 18, AMBS will join a virtual fair with other seminaries and theological schools across North America. If you know someone with questions about seminary study, encourage her or him to participate. It's a great way to learn about AMBS from home, office, or coffee shop—at no cost. Participants can chat online (by text or video) with students, professors and admissions staff. Also, group chats are a way to find out what others want to know and what they are learning. Encourage someone with gifts for ministry to register now at [seminary.careereco.net](http://seminary.careereco.net).

### Webinar: Planting Peace Churches

Shalom. That's shorthand for what God intends for the world. Catch a vision for planting peace churches. Consider different church planting models. Hear stories of successes and challenges. Learn about initiatives within Mennonite Church USA and beyond. This webinar will be led by Mauricio Chenlo, Jaime Lázaro, André Gingerich Stoner on Tuesday, September 10, 2:00-3:30 pm EDT. [Get details and register by September 5.](#)

## Menno-Hof is celebrating 25 years!

You're invited to the 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Dinner on October 3, 6:30 pm, at the Shipshewana Event Center. Guest speaker Donald B. Kraybill, Ph.D., Elizabethtown (Pa.) College, has authored or co-authored nine books on Amish life. Dr. Kraybill and Dr. Steven Nolt will be available for a book signing before and after the dinner with their latest book, *The Amish*. Make your reservations for a table or individual tickets by September 19 by calling 260-768-4117 or emailing [info@mennohof.org](mailto:info@mennohof.org).

## Turnaround Church Bootcamp

Turnaround Church Bootcamp will be held October 26-27, 2013 in Northbrook, IL. Led by Jim Griffith, the founder of Griffith Coaching Network and nationally-known author and church coach. Come and learn new ways to understand your community, reach out on mission, and grow true hospitality. Pastors must register with at least one lay person, and registration is only \$125 per person for this two-day event. To register or receive more information, visit <http://www.umcnic.org/turnaround>, email [jsiaba@umcnic.org](mailto:jsiaba@umcnic.org), or call (312) 346-9766, ext. 724. Register today!

## Damascus Road Antiracism Analysis Training

Have you been confused by the George Zimmerman trial? Have you had a conversation about "race" and found that you kept talking past each other? You are not alone, and the Damascus Road Antiracism Analysis Training, presented by Roots of Justice, can help you and your church or organization have more productive

conversations about race and racism. The training will be held on Nov. 8-10, 2013, in Goshen, Ind. For more information, visit <http://rootsofjusticetraining.org/indiana2013/>.

## **MCC Relief Sale – themed gift baskets needed**

The MCC Relief Sale Silent Auction committee is requesting donations of *themed gift baskets* to include in this year's sale, September 27-28. Some themes from last year included gourmet popcorn, baby baskets, specialty foods, games, etc. The possibilities are endless! We ask that all baskets contain new items only and carry a value of at least \$25. These were very popular at last year's sale and make a great project for small groups, families, or other church groups to assemble. Volunteers are also needed during the sale to assist with online bidding and technical support. If you have a gift basket to donate or are willing to volunteer, please contact Stacey Farran at [Stacey.Farran@comcast.net](mailto:Stacey.Farran@comcast.net). The deadline for gift baskets is September 17.

## **Goshen College**

### **Afternoon Sabbatical: Protecting our Children – A Broad Perspective**

On September 10 at 1 pm, Candy Yoder, president/CEO of CAPS (Child and Parent Services), will explore the topic of child maltreatment through a variety of lenses including economic, neuroscientific and medical. Proven strategies for preventing child abuse and neglect will be presented, and local examples and resources will be shared. This afternoon sabbatical will be held in the Music Center's Sauder Concert Hall.

### **Organ Recital**

An organ recital by Carrie Groenewold will be held Sunday, September 15, at 4 pm in Rieth Recital Hall of the Goshen College Music Center. Organist and choir director at First Presbyterian Church of Lawrence, Kan., Ms. Groenewold will perform works by J.S. Bach, Sweelinck, Mendelssohn, Reincken, and Francisco Correa de Arauxo. Admission is \$10 with tickets available in advance at the GC Welcome Center (574-533-7566) or at the door before the concert.

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