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Annual Sessions

Preparing to gather

As you engage in practices of prayer, fasting and generosity, remember the underlying theme of “Joy.” Come with joy and expectation to be transformed, equipped and encouraged as disciples.

Delegate materials: The report book is available on the conference website.

Because Worshipful Work sessions are being kept shorter this year we held three conference calls for those who wanted more information before voting. __ people participated.

Connecting

Dan attended the May 24 funeral service for Margaret Hershberger, wife of former regional pastor Virgil Hershberger, Fairview, MI. Several others from around conference were also there to celebrate Margaret’s ministry and offer support to Virgil.

Dan met with Michael Danner, George O’Reilly and Lois Kaufmann for the semi-annual mid-states conference ministers retreat day. This was Lois’ last retreat with the group as she is retiring from her role with Central District later this summer.

Celebrating

We anticipate celebrating and connecting with many of you at Annual Sessions, June 16-18!

Staff met May 16 for our semi-annual staff planning day. We usually meet at Amigo, so this was the first time John and Mary had been to the office. It was good to be together, face-to-face, because it happens so rarely.

Credentialing and Leadership

Doug Kaufman, conference pastor for leadership transitions, will license Wilma Cender on Sunday, June 12, as part of the Ministry Team at Valparaiso Mennonite Church, Valparaiso, IN.

Dan Miller, conference pastor, will meet with the Mara Christian Church in Indianapolis on June 11-12, as they participate with the other Mara congregations to commission a new pastor that will relate to all four congregations.

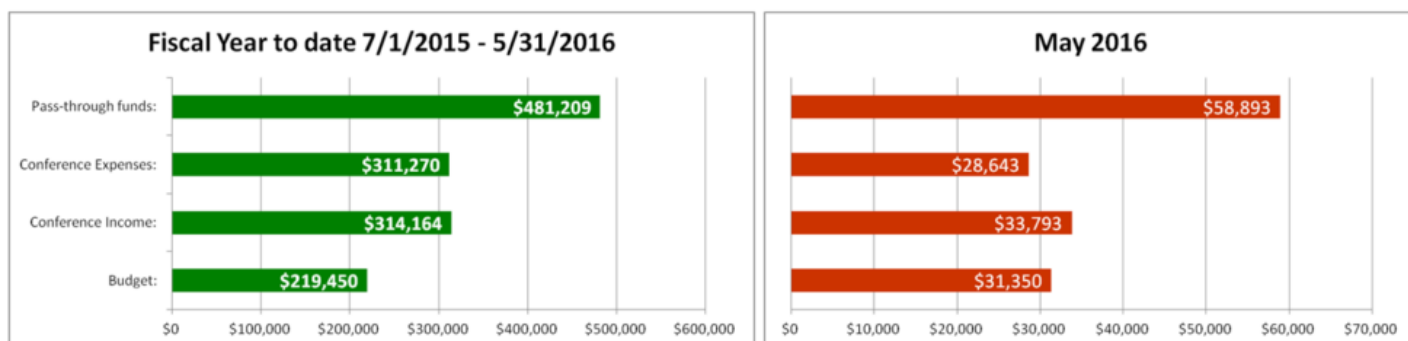
On Sunday July 10 Mike Brudney will be ordained as pastor of Lake Bethel Mennonite Church, LaGrange, IN.

On Sunday July 24 Velma Swartz will be ordained as pastor of senior ministries at Waterford Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN.

We are very much looking forward to the fall resourcing day on November 12, 2016! Watch for more details and how you can connect.

Financial Report

Thank you for your generous support during the month of May. Our income above expenses for the month was \$5,151 and for the year to date it is \$2,894. Thank you for standing with us during this uncertain time. We are truly blessed as we experience the work of the Spirit that is "new every morning" and trust that is also true with you.



Amigo Centre

Summer Camp Summer camp registration is now available online or you may mail in your forms. This summer our theme is "**One Body: Many Members**" based on I Corinthians 12:12-13. See your church bulletin board for our poster and brochures or visit our Web site for dates and registration information. Help create some wonderful memories for those special children in your life. Call or register online! 269-651-2811 or program@amigocentre.org or www.amigocentre.org

Attention all Jr High groups! Know Jesus is July 29-31, 2016, on the campus of Goshen College. This Junior High event happens every other year – so plan now to attend. This year our speaker is T Mounsithiraj and music will be led by Nathan Grieser and friends. Due to technical difficulties with online registration, the **Early registration** price though June 15 – pay \$139.50 per person. **Full cost of \$150** will be effective June 16. **Registration deadline** is July 15. Information is in the mail and available online. You may also contact Amigo at program@amigocentre.org.

Looking for a place to hold a **retreat or family gathering** this year? Amigo Centre has the following openings:

Month of June – West Shore Lodge is available

October 21-23 – all facilities are available

November 24-27 – Thanksgiving weekend – Retreat Center 13 rooms are available as well as all of West Shore Lodge.

Dec. 9-11 – all facilities are available

Dec. 16-18 – all of West Shore Lodge is available

Dec. 19-25 – all of West Shore Lodge and the Retreat Center lower level are available

Contact info@amigocentre.org or call 269-651-2811 for information.

Bethany Christian Schools

Custodial Opening: Bethany Christian Schools invites applications for the position of evening custodian beginning August 2016. The successful applicant will have the aptitude to work independently, perform minor repairs on equipment, and supervise student cleaning crews during the summer. The position is approximately three-quarters time and eligible for partial benefits. Applications are being accepted until the position has been filled. For information about the position and an application form, visit www.bethanycs.net/jobs or contact Head of School Tim Lehman at tlehman@bethanycs.net.

Offices for Rent

The conference has two furnished offices available for sub-lease. In addition to bathroom and staff lounge areas, the sub-lease can include wireless internet, phone/voicemail, and copier. If interested, contact the office at 574-534-4006.

Office Closings

The Conference office will be closed on Monday, June 20 following annual sessions. Regular office hours will resume on Tuesday, June 21.

The Conference office will also be closed on Tuesday, June 28 for a staff archiving day. Regular office hours will resume on Wednesday, June 29.

weLink connects IN-MI Conference congregations to each other, to the conference organizations Amigo Centre, Bethany Christian Schools and to the wider church. It is published on the second Wednesday of each month. *weLink* issues are archived on the conference website at im.mennonite.net/welink-archive/.

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