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Delegates: We need your help!

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference announces “A Weekend Away” on October 28-30. We are looking for 30 pastoral couples to attend this gathering at Farmstead Inn of Shipshewana, Indiana. But many pastors feel guilty for missing a Sunday morning. We are asking for your help in advocating for your pastor(s) to attend. The weekend begins with an optional 1pm theater presentation of *Josiah for President*. Saturday includes three educational sessions, lunch at the Blue Gate Restaurant and time to wander around Shipshewana. Sunday concludes following a time of worship. Will you encourage your pastor to attend, and help congregational leaders find other options for that Sunday morning? Encourage your pastor to take “A Weekend Away” on October 28-30. Why would they want to miss it?

Connecting

Dan preached at North Leo Mennonite on July 17 and spoke with the adults during Sunday school about the *Renewing a Vision* document.

Dan attended the farewell celebration for Russell Jensen at Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship on August 14.

Celebrating

Staff celebrate summer vacation times.

We give thanks for the Missional Leadership Team retreat on Aug 5-6.

We rejoice as several search committees complete their process and a new pastor is installed.

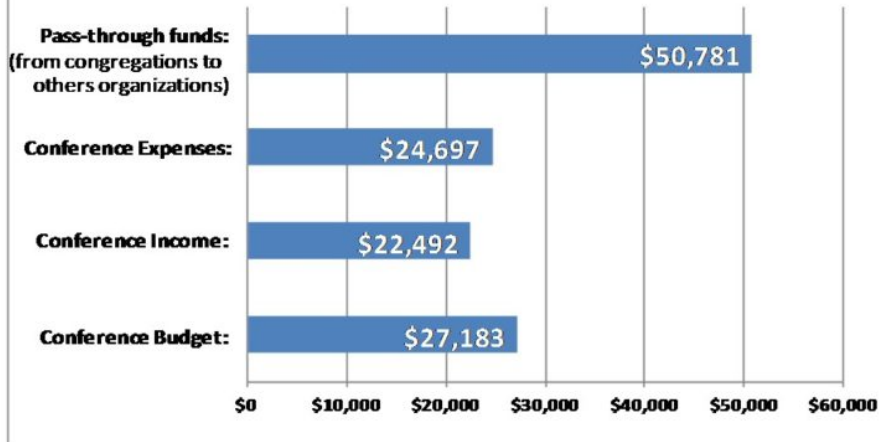
Credentialing and Leadership

Pray for Journey participants as they gather September 9-11 for the Weekend Learning Event, with input on Christian formation by Gilberto Flores.

Financial Report

Our income traditionally drops during the summer months and yet we divide our income and expenses evenly over the months. For the month of July our expenses were \$2,205 more than our income and yet \$3,403 less than our budget expenses. Our income was \$4,691 less than our budgeted income for the month. Your continued support both in your prayers and financially are important as we continue to serve the churches of the Indiana-Michigan Conference.

Thank you.



Michigan Pastors Leadership Summit

The Michigan Pastors will gather together at New Hope Community Church of Midland on September 8, 2016 from 9:30am-2:15pm. For questions regarding the gathering, please contact regional pastor, John Powell, at johnp11@comcast.net or 734-904-9488.

The Bible and Israel Palestine

Want to know more about the Bible and justice for Israel/Palestine? Pastors Ruben Chupp and Nelson Kraybill invite you to a study/discussion on this book: Walter Brueggemann, *Chosen? Reading the Bible amid the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict* (Westminster John Knox, 2015, 108pp). Open to all, this group will meet at North Main Street Mennonite Church (504 North Main, Nappanee, IN 46550) at **9:30-11am on Saturday, August 20**. Read the book in advance or simply come and hear a summary to join the discussion. For more information contact Ruben Chupp (574-773-4558; ruben@northmain.org) or Nelson Kraybill (574-293-0377; nelsonkraybill@gmail.com).

Hymnals Available

Topeka Mennonite has 50 hymnals (older red and newer blue ones) available to any congregation that would like them. If you are interested, contact DeWayne Bontrager: (hm) 260-593-2263 or (c) 260-463-6784.

Amigo Centre

- Join us September 16-18, 2016 for **MCC Bike Michiana**. Enjoy a weekend of riding, fellowship and raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee. Come join the bikers in riding between 70-100 miles over two days pedaling the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. Fellowship and worship included! If you are not a biker, consider donating on behalf of someone who is participating or become a sponsor. This year the project is raising funds for **Palestine and Israel Project**. Brochures and additional information available online or call for details. <http://www.amigocentre.org/mcc-bike-michiana.html>
- Amigo Centre has three **Scrapbooking, Crafting and Quilting Retreats** remaining for this year. September 23-25, November 11-13, and December 2-4. We provide the opportunity to balance your productivity with time to rest, restore and refresh your body and soul. Registration is now available online. Check our web page or call for details. <http://www.amigocentre.org>
- Ladies mark your calendar for the annual fall retreat, October 7-9 at Amigo Centre. The theme is, "Side by Side: Walking by Faith in the Midst of the Jungle". The speaker is Jane Ross Richer. This year we are once again encouraging young girls (grade 3 and above) to join us for a fun-filled weekend! Worship will be led by Emily Hostetler from Yellow Creek Mennonite Church. Packets of brochures were mailed to churches and participants who came last year. Information and registration available at: <http://www.amigocentre.org/in-mi-mennonite-womens-fall-retreat.html>
- Plan now to join us for all or part of **Celebrate Amigo**, October 14-16, 2016. As always, we will have a silent and live auction to raise funds for needed

Watch for more details to come.

Attention Pastors! Do you need some time away from your busy life? Come walk our trails, go canoeing or sit by a fire. Our rates are \$30 for the first night and \$25 each additional night. Meals can be added if we have guest groups. We only need a couple of days notice, Give us a call at [\(269\) 651-2811](tel:2696512811) or shoot us an email at info@amigocentre.org to make your reservation.

Save the date! **2017 WINTER YOUTH RETREATS**

January 6-8 Jr High Week 1

January 13-15 Sr High Week

February 17-19 Jr High Week 2

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.

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