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AMBS Church Leadership Center

We launch our new [Preaching Seminar](#) this fall with “Preaching Again for the First Time: Refreshing Your Preaching Ministry.” [Get details and register here.](#)

Marlene Kropf, AMBS professor of spiritual formation and worship, returns from retirement to lead the [Spiritual Guidance Seminar](#). [Get details and apply here](#) before August 15!

Camp Friedenswald Positions available

Guest Hosts

Camp Friedenswald seeks an individual, couple or family to fill voluntary service positions as guest hosts. Position requires an outgoing and hospitable personality and good communication skills. Must be available two weekends a month plus an additional week during each summer month. Housing and some meals provided. A commitment of at least one year is preferred.

Guest Group Coordinator

Camp Friedenswald seeks an individual to fill a voluntary service position as guest group coordinator. Position requires an outgoing and hospitable personality and good communication skills. Responsibilities include reservations, camp store and volunteer coordination. Stipend, housing and some meals provided. A commitment of at least one year is preferred.

Jubilee Rummage Sale

Jubilee House is hosting a rummage sale to raise funds for the house! Join us on Saturday, July 28th from 8-3. We are looking for any items you would like to donate to the sale, volunteers to set up, tear down, take money and sell treasures. Set up will begin at 6:30 am, the day of the sale. If you want to bring items over on Friday evening, July 27th, contact Nick Simons at (574) 361-0009.

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Mediation Skills Training Institute

Conflict is normal and inevitable – whether in the home, school, community, church or workplace. Leaders in all walks of life often have a responsibility to help others work through their conflicts. The Mediation Skills Training Institute presented by the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center (LMPC) is designed to equip church leaders with the skills necessary to deal

effectively with interpersonal, congregational, and other forms of group conflict. The five-day institute also includes a component on congregational mediation and consultation, placed within the context of family systems theory. [View more information.](#)

Clergy Clinic

The Clergy Clinic meets three times per year for three successive days each time, thus providing nine full days of reflection on the concepts of family emotional process. The format follows the basic themes articulated in Edwin Friedman's *Generation to Generation*, with reflection on the minister's three interlocking families: the minister's own personal family, the parishioner family, and the congregation as a family. [View more information.](#)

Here I Stand: Leading the change through self-differentiation

With increasing levels of anxiety being experienced throughout society, churches are reporting higher rates of burnout and turnover among leaders, increased blaming and victim-thinking among members, abrupt movement into and out of ministry, more destructive conflict, sudden withdrawal and departure of members from the life of the church. In addressing these trends, church leaders have learned that short-term solutions and quick-fixes do little to address the multi-generational patterns which characterize the functioning of congregations and other church organizations. [View more information.](#)

Modeling Modesty Fashion Show

The Modeling Modesty Fashion Show will be Saturday, August 11, at 2 P.M. at Wildwood Mennonite Church, Engadine, Mich. The fashion show is the final project for our Modeling Modesty Program. The goal of the Modeling Modesty Program is to "Help young women to develop the concept and skills of modesty." The fashion show is a whole-congregation event. The young women will model clothing from [Maurices](#) and [Goodwill](#). All women and girls are invited to attend. We welcome your prayer support.

Peace and Plenty Quilt Class

Peace & Plenty Quilt Class at Menno-Hof, July 28 and Aug. 18, 8:30 a.m.– 4 p.m.: This class is for all skill levels and will be instructed by Carol Honderich, a local Mennonite. Class fee of \$40 includes group and individual instruction, quilt pattern and a typical Amish church lunch on-site. In addition, you will learn about the history of Amish quilts as you sew. Class is limited to 8 participants so call now to register: (260) 768-4117. Visit www.mennohof.org for more information.

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