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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!

Audition for Children's Choir

Calling all children who like to sing! Children's choir auditions will be held at the Goshen College Music Center on Monday and Tuesday, Aug. 20 and 21. Rejoice choir for grades 3-5 is led by Kristin Kauffman, and Shout for Joy choir for grades 6-8 is led by Sandy Hill. Both choirs meet weekly on Thursday evenings, and perform in various settings, including Sauder Concert Hall. Tuition is \$65 per semester, with financial aid available. Call 535-7361 to learn more or to schedule an audition time.

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.

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.](#)

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Service Worker Openings

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) U.S. has Service Worker (voluntary service) opportunities at its office in Akron, PA. MCC covers all expenses for Service Workers, including travel to assignment, housing, food and household expenses, a monthly allowance and 100% medical benefits. A service term is a great way for a recent graduate to get job experience and a great way for those of any age to learn about and contribute to MCC's work around the world in disaster response, community development, and justice and peace building. Current and upcoming positions include: MCC Receptionist – 1 or 2 year term – available immediately; Records and Library Worker - 1 year term – available immediately; IT Technician - 1 year term - available immediately; Hosting Dept. Administrative Assistant/Unit Leader - 2 year term - available October or November. For more information contact Emily Stednick, MCC Human Resources at eas@mcc.org or (559) 301-3403.

Service Opportunity

At the end of August, MCC US will be moving boxes of archival material from Goshen to its

offices in Akron, PA. Volunteers are needed to help carry and load boxes onto trucks for the transfer. Work times are Tuesday, August 28, 10:30 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m.; and Wednesday, August 29, 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you can help, please call the MCC Great Lakes office at 574-534-4133 or email rom@mcc.org giving your name and phone number.

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.

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