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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.

Celebrating Seasons of our Lives Women's Retreat

Celebrating the Season's of our Lives: Paths of Purpose and Presence with speaker Terri J. Plank Brenneman will be held October 12-14, 2012 at Amigo Centre. Autumn to Winter, Spring to Summer, nature's seasons represent changes we experience in life physically, emotionally and spiritually. Through each calendar year, stage of life, encounter with transitions (either expected or unforeseen), we meet challenges and opportunities that sometimes draw us close and sometimes move us away. God offers us possibilities for renewal and regeneration, for gestation and birth, for letting go and taking control, for all to be made beautiful in its time. Come explore and celebrate the wonders and lessons we can learn from the cycle of the seasons of our lives. For more information visit Amigo Centre's website.

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)

10th Annual Bike Michiana

Join other bicycle enthusiasts of all skill levels for an enjoyable experience of pedaling the beautiful lake and farmland region of southern Michigan and northern Indiana. You will be supporting the mission and service of Mennonite Central Committee. Terrain is rolling and flat. Fellowship and worship included. For more information and to register, visit [amigo centre's website.](#)

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.

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