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Conference Updates

Office move and new mailing address

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference will be moving to different office space at East Goshen Mennonite Church. Exact dates for the move depend on when remodeling work can be completed. The new mailing address is PO Box 702, Goshen, IN 46527. Please begin using this mailing address.

Annual Sessions is in the rearview mirror

The CAMFell planners organized an amazing time of worship and learning for Annual Sessions 2018! Many described a sense of joy and an awareness of God's presence as the list of Shared Spiritual Practices shaped the agenda in Indianapolis. Thank you! Thank you!

Delegate sessions began with Bible study. In following sessions, delegates approved all proposals brought to them. (Some items require bylaw changes, which should come to delegates next summer.) Paula and Dan shared about the trip to Tanzania to explore relationship with Shirati Diocese.

Sermon recordings are available on the Annual Sessions page on the website.

Plan now to attend next year, when Annual Sessions 2019 will return to Amigo Centre on June 13-15. Missional Leadership Team (MLT) will host an event of worship and resourcing.

Connecting

Paula Killough and Dan Miller travelled to Tanzania for two weeks at the invitation of Bishop Chris Kateti, to explore the possibility of relationship between IMMC and Shirati Diocese. They talked with diocesan staff, provided input on 4 days – pastors and wives, youth leaders, women and evangelism departments – preached and met many wonderful people in Shirati. Paula and Dan are open to sharing about the trip with congregations if desired. They are seeking counsel from experienced staff at Mennonite Mission Network for how to think about this and frame a process for considering a conference relationship. Missional Leadership Team will discuss this at their fall retreat.

Bob Yoder and Shannon Dycus represented IMMC at the spring meeting of Constituency Leaders Council, a semi-annual meeting of conference and Mennonite Church USA leaders. Dan Miller was not able to attend due to illness.

Dan Miller on Sabbatical August – October

Missional Leadership Team (MLT) approved Dan's sabbatical plan for this fall. He will take a class and talk with others about leadership development. He will also plan a week-long retreat, and possibly some travels east and west. Two part-time people will cover during Dan's absence. Sharon Yoder will cover the search and credentialing work. Tim Burkholder will cover the office and administrative work.

We invite prayers for Dan, Sharon and Tim.

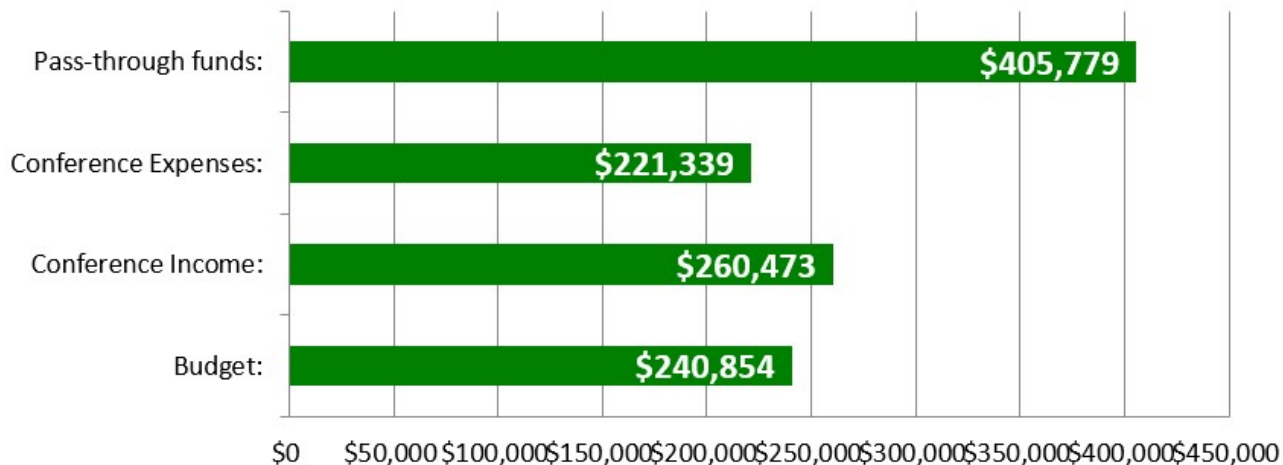
Credentialing

At its May 26 meeting Ministry Credentialing Team (MCT) heard a report from Dan about the trip he and Paula took to Tanzania to explore relationships with Shirati Diocese. Dan reported on North Leo's decision to leave conference, though it is waiting to set a date until they decide where to affiliate; and an upcoming vote at Yellow Creek Mennonite to affiliate with LMC (formerly Lancaster Conference). While Dan is on sabbatical, there will be several installation and ordination services. Sharon Yoder and Tim Burkholder will cover in Dan's absence. Conversation continued on a document to orient new pastors to IMMC culture. MCT received an invitation to think about another boundaries seminar as part for the November Pastor Gathering.

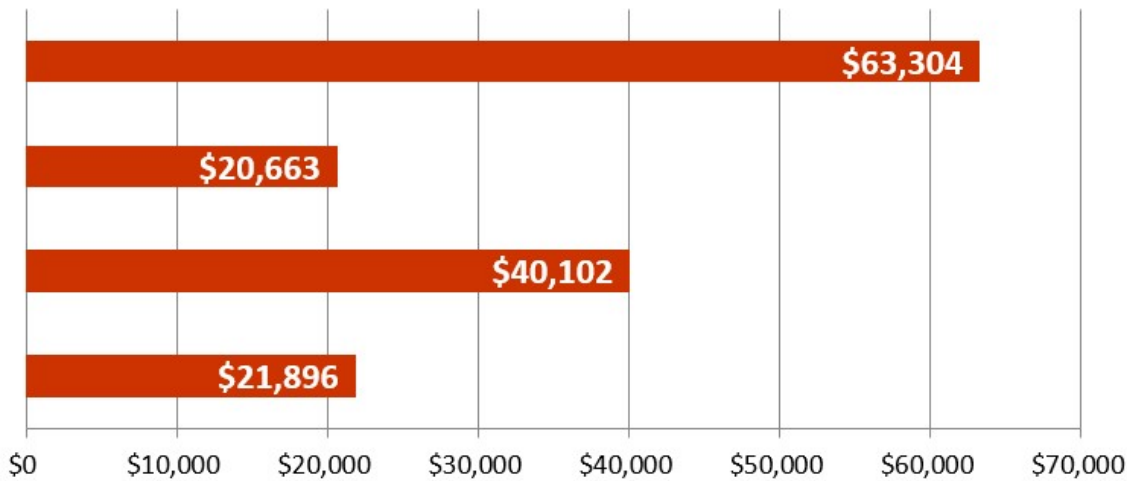
Financial Report

Giving for May was \$18,206 above budget for the month. Your generous giving puts us ahead of budget by \$39,134 for the year to date. Expenses for May were \$1,233 below budget for the month and \$19,515 below budget for the year to date.

Fiscal Year to date 7/1/2017 - 6/30/2018



May-18



Celebration at Kern Road Mennonite Church

Please come join us in celebrating the 30th Anniversary of Dave and Janice Sutter's ministry at Kern Road Mennonite Church! There will be a hog roast, singing, games, & festivities.

We will be celebrating at the church, **18211 Kern Road, South Bend, IN, on Saturday, August 18 from 4-8 pm**. Food will be served from 4-6 pm. For more information or to **RSVP** to the event, you can view the Evite here: <http://evite.me/6vaVe73Eqs>.

Amigo Center Happenings

- Every two years, "**Know Jesus**" is held on the campus of [Goshen College](#). Junior High youth (just completed grades 6-8) and their sponsors gather for an opportunity to grow in their relationship with Jesus while having a fun and exciting weekend of fellowship with their peers. This year's speaker is Dustin Galyon, basketball coach and inspirational speaker from Hesston College. Mark your calendar and send your youth and sponsors! Registration is open online and packets have been sent. If you have youth, but no sponsors, contact us for additional options for the youth to attend this year.
- **Summer Camp** is here! There are camps running through July 27, 2018. Some weeks fill earlier, so sign up soon to hold your spot. Amigo Centre summer camp registration is available online. Help create some wonderful memories for those special children in your life. Call or register online! 269-651-2811 or dave@amigocentre.org or www.amigocentre.org
- **Summer Camp job opportunities**. We are looking for youth that want to make a difference in the lives of children while making new friends! Even though summer camp has started this year we could still use a few additional summer staff for 2018 and we're starting the process for hiring staff for 2019 too. If you are interested in summer employment at Amigo in 2018 or 2019, contact Dave@amigocentre.org or apply online. If you know someone who would be a good fit for Amigo, please direct them our way!
- **Dates and spaces we have available: West Shore Lodge:** Aug 10-12, Sept 7-9, Oct 5-7, Nov 23-25 (Thanksgiving) **Retreat Center:** Oct 5-7 (13 rooms available & meeting space) Dec 7-9, Dec 21-23.

- Transitional ministry offers a unique gift in a congregation's life. Whether a change in pastor comes because of conflict, retirement, shrinking numbers and weariness, or questions of congregational viability, transitional ministry walks alongside a congregation while it answers questions of mission, courage and transformation. **November 12-15, 2018, Amigo Centre hosts a Transitional Ministry Training retreat** for individuals interested in pursuing this type of ministry. Visit tmt.amigocentre.org for additional information, or contact Amigo Centre at [269.651.2811](tel:269.651.2811) or mandy@amigocentre.org
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New Conference Office Address

The IMMC office is changing locations! Please send all mail to our new address: **PO Box 702 Goshen, IN 46527.**

Pastoral Prayer

Hello fellow pastors! A number of pastors, both local to Goshen and at a distance, have begun to pray together on Wednesday mornings at 8:00 am using the Anabaptist Prayer Book. If you would like more information on this gathering, please email Ben Bouwman at ben.whmc@gmail.com You can join in person or via EZTalks video conferencing.

Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath

Anita Amstutz, a Mennonite minister and the author of *Soul Tending: Journey into the Heart of Sabbath*, will be at Pathways Retreat Center in Goshen, IN on Wed. June 20th from 7-8:30pm. Anita will be discussing her own struggle with balancing work and rest and she will lead attendees in a contemplative Solstice evening. Information about this event can be found [HERE](#).

Employment opportunity at Belmont MC

The Church Administrator position is open at Belmont Mennonite Church and they are currently seeking applicants. For more information about the position, please click [HERE](#).

All interested parties should contact Eldon Heatwole, Eldonheatwole@hotmail.com

Who Cares about Climate Change?

**Pastoral Responses to Denial and Despair
September 17 to 19 at Camp Friedenswald, Cassopolis, MI**

Monday, 5 p.m. through Wednesday, 1 p.m.

This retreat explores the effects of climate change on brothers and sisters worldwide, our own locales, and ourselves. Denial and despair help us manage our feelings of guilt and helplessness in the face of this large and complex reality. How does the Gospel of Jesus Christ give us hope? Engage in peer-to-peer exchanges with fellow pastors on environmental stewardship. Listen for God's guidance as we face the issues of our time and seek to become change agents. Leaders are Doug Kaufman, pastor of Benton Mennonite Church, and Amy Huser, Sustainability and Outdoor Education Director for Camp Friedenswald.

The retreat is free to Mennonite pastors including meals and lodging. Others pay \$225.

[Register here by August 31](#)

Questions? Contact Doug Kaufman: ddkaufman@goshen.edu

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