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2018 Regional Delegate Meetings

Greetings Conference Delegates!

Please mark your calendar and plan to attend the 2018 delegate meeting in your region. Like last year, three meetings:

- February 24 (southern meeting) at [Mara Christian Church of America, Indianapolis](#)
- March 3 (northern meeting) at [Ninth Street Community Church, Saginaw, MI](#)
- March 10 (central meeting) at [Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, IN](#)

By now, you should have received an invitation, through Eventbrite, with information on each of the three you have not done so by now, please make sure to register if you plan to attend one of the meetings. To delegate meeting, click [here](#).

- The registration deadline for the southern region meeting is Saturday, February 17.
- The deadline to register for the northern region meeting is Saturday, February 24.
- The deadline to register for the central region meeting is Saturday, March 3.

We ask that you make every effort to attend the meeting in your region. Click below to know which region congregation is listed.

[2018 Northern Southern and Central Regions Delegate Groupings](#)

Staff opening

Indiana-Michigan is looking for an administrative coordinator. [Click here for the job posting](#). (If using Microsoft Word must save the file and open in Adobe Reader.) Please direct interested parties to the conference office for description.

Benches Available

East Goshen has 22, 12 ft. long benches that are offered to any congregation in the IMMC. They are a donation toward their Bread of Life Food Pantry. Some have pads. If anyone has an interest in these benches please call the East Goshen church office at (574/533-7161).

Credentialing

At its December meeting the Ministry Credentialing Team affirmed licensing for Leandra Lange and Tantra graduates of the Journey program, and leaders at New Foundation United in Christ Fellowship, Elkhart, licensed April 8, 2018.

Ministry Credentialing Team meets next on February 22.

Connecting

Dan attended the memorial service for Brent Eash on February 10 at Prairie Street Mennonite Church. I Heidi and the family as they grieve this loss. Brent was a long-time leader and supporter of IMMC. Over served on the former Executive Committee, as moderator/chair of Missional Leadership Team, as pasto congregational coach, as regional pastor, as mentor.

The conference office is getting rid of several pieces of furniture: desks, shelves, chairs, filing cabinets, table. If you are potentially interested please contact the office. Remaining furniture will be donated at the February.

In mid-January Dan traveled to Indianapolis to meet with several pastors there; and to Petoskey for the Michigan Pastor/Spouse Retreat.

Four individuals and their mentors from IMMC attended the Journey Weekend Learning Event on February AMBS. Amos and Esther Muhagachi joined David Miller to provide input for the weekend.

Celebrating

Vanessa Kelleybrew, Office Manager, found a position in her field of study. (Sadly this means she has cut time in the conference office, but we are glad for you to find a position that excites her.) Join us in prayer makes this adjustment.

Cindy Steiner and Nedra Gnagey have agreed to tend work in the office during this interim time! Thank immediate availability!

Financial Report

January continues to be a good month. Thank you all again for your generosity. Giving continues to be January by \$1,439.00. Year to date the giving is \$9,392 above budget. Expenses were \$4,912 below budget month. They are \$7,373 below budget for the year to date.

-Jim Norton, bookkeeper

Musical Tickets: Bethany Christian High School will perform the musical, *Working (2012)*, on Thursday 1-4, 2018. This musical is about ordinary people and their jobs: the trucker, the teacher, the delivery boy many others get a voice and a song. While Stephen Schwartz created the show, there are musical cont many artists, including James Taylor and Lin Manuel-Miranda, making the music style varied and vibran for adults and \$7 for students. Tickets may be purchased online beginning Feb. 12 at bethanycs.net/tick Performances are at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, Friday, and Saturday and 3 p.m. Sunday.

Requesting Submissions for the April issue of The Mennonite

Greetings,

The Mennonite, Inc. welcomes your original submissions and contributions for our April 2018 print maga corresponding online content focusing on **Technology**. Submissions are due by February 17 to Editor@TheMennonite.org. You can read a full description of the April 2018 theme here: <https://themeni2018-technology/>

Thank you!

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Request from Dove's Nest

[Dove's Nest](#) is approaching its 10-year anniversary in 2019. Dove's Nest: Faith Communities Keeping C Youth Safe is a nonprofit organization that grew out of concerned individuals in Mennonite Church USA

Dove's Nest is launching an impact study to assess the impact of our work over the past decade with cl to Mennonite Church USA and beyond.

Through [this survey](#), we also hope to determine the needs of churches in the area of child protection. TI help us inform how we continue to serve churches and remain in touch with the growing and changing r safety in faith communities.

- We are requesting that you might consider answering a few questions for us.
- We want to hear from all churches, including those that don't yet have a child protection policy.
- You are not required to provide the name of your church if you prefer to respond anonymously.
- We invite one respondent from your church to complete this 10–12 minute survey.
- We will be happy to share a brief report of our findings with you too.

Click here to take survey: <https://tinyurl.com/yc3zg9kp>

If you'd like to respond to this survey in Spanish through email or phone, please contact sara.shenkmor

Si usted preferiría responder a esta encuesta en español por email o teléfono, que por favor se ponga en contacto con sara.shenkmoreno@emu.edu.

Thank you for your consideration!

Anna Groff

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