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## News from IMMC

***Practicing Our Hope: Annual Sessions 2019*** takes place June 13-15 at Amigo Centre. Hear stories from Michigan congregations about how they are experiencing God in their communities. Attend worship and listen to engaging sermons.

Early-Bird registration is closed but if you haven't registered yet, it's not too late! Check out the website (<https://im.mennonite.net/events/annual-sessions/>) for more information.

### CELEBRATING

We celebrate the hard work our leadership teams are doing to prepare for Annual Sessions. Specifically, we give thanks to the Missional Leadership Team who are this year's planners.

We pray for safe travels as Dan and his wife, Nadine while they are on vacation through May 13<sup>th</sup>.

### CONNECTING

**Webinars on May 23, 29, and June 4<sup>th</sup>:** You should have received an email containing delegate materials. Because of the sabbatical this year from delegate meetings, this will be the first viewing of a draft spending plan and bylaw changes. Be sure to attend one of the webinars for information about the worshipful work agenda. Questions? Contact the conference office.

Dan thankful for the opportunity to preach at Ninth Street Mennonite in Saginaw, MI on April 28th. Our prayers and support continue for the congregants at Ninth Street as they grieve the loss of Bill Scott.

On April 29<sup>th</sup>, a group for retiring pastors met for the last time this year at IMMC offices. Our deepest thanks go out to John Hershberger for leading this group.

Dan will travel to Michigan on May 16<sup>th</sup> to meet with Michigan pastors and church leaders for the Spring Michigan Leaders Summit.

Sharon connected with 6 congregations and 14 potential candidates. There are currently 5 active searches in process.

### **CREDENTIALING**

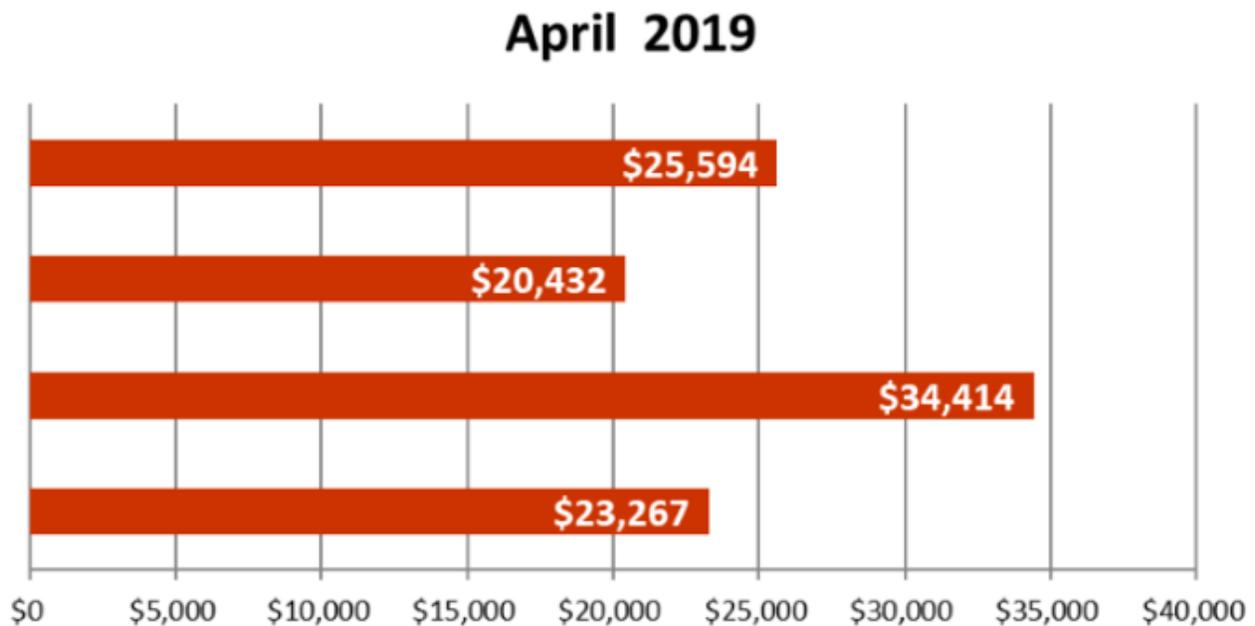
For those still needing Healthy Boundaries 101 training before the end of the year, it will be available at [MennoCon19](#) for a greatly reduced price of \$30. It will be available in Spanish and English.

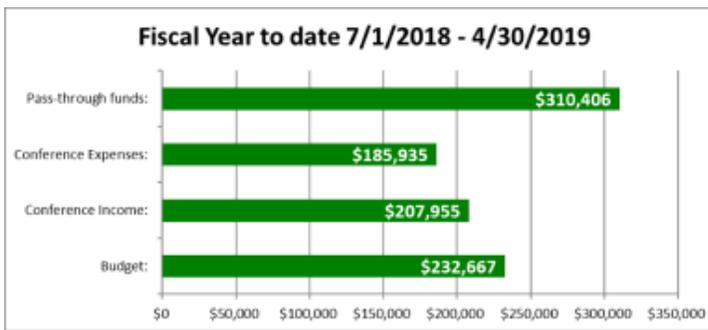
Pastor Gathering at Amigo Centre, November 11-13, 2019. Watch for more details.

Brian Bither was ordained at Shalom Mennonite Church on April 7 by Dan Miller.

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## **Financial Report**





Thank you for your generous support of Conference. For the month of April many of you made your contributions which put us \$11,147 above budget for the month even though we are \$24,712 below the projected income for the year to date. Our expenses for the month were \$2,835 below income and \$22,020 below expenses for the year to date.

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## Updates from Bethany Christian Schools

**Job Opening:** Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, is seeking a Marketing and Communication Manager to help develop school messaging and carry out integrated strategies that reinforce the schools mission, vision, and values. Strategic thinking, excellent writing skills, and the ability to create engaging content for current and emergent social media are required. For more information and to apply, see [bethanycs.net/jobs](http://bethanycs.net/jobs).

**Bright Time Summer Camp**, June 3-7, has more than 60 athletic, fine arts, science, and all kinds of fun camps for rising grades 1-8. Camps are \$35-40. Additionally, Shine On Campcare provides a place for children for before, between, and after their camps. View camp listings and register online at [bethanycs.net/BrightTime](http://bethanycs.net/BrightTime). Online registration closes May 21.

**Spring Concerts:** Bethany Christian Schools grades 4-8 music students will present spring concerts on Tuesday and Thursday, May 14 and 16, in the school chapel. Grade 6-8 choral groups will perform on Tuesday beginning at 7 p.m.; grade 4-8 instrumental groups will perform on Thursday with beginning band/orchestra at 6:30 and middle school band/orchestra groups at 7:30. There is no admission charge and all are welcome to attend.

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**weLink** connects IN-MI Conference congregations to each other, to the conference organizations Amigo Centre, Bethany Christian Schools and to the wider church. It is published on the second Wednesday of each month. *weLink* issues are archived on the conference website at [im.mennonite.net/welink-archive/](http://im.mennonite.net/welink-archive/).

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