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Announcing a gathering for
Indiana-Michigan
Mennonite Conference
pastors! Come for one
event, or better yet come
for all three. We are
holding three consecutive
events with a goal to make
it easier to access all three:

- Healthy Boundaries
- Pastor Retreat
- Pastor Summit

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**Pastor Gathering at
Amigo Centre**



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Pastor Gathering at Amigo Centre – November 11-13, 2019

Healthy Boundaries

Nov. 11, 8:30am-5pm

Using training material from FaithTrust Institute, instructors will lead an all-day workshop November 11th on healthy boundaries for pastors and leaders. This workshop is especially for pastors and leaders who have never attended a boundaries workshop, or who want a re-fresher course on boundaries.

As part of the 2015 Kansas City Statement on Sexual Abuse, MC USA has committed to provide training in professional and sexual ethics for credentialed leaders.

FaithTrust Institute has been providing this training for over 40 years and is the standard for sexual ethics. This day long workshop will focus on Healthy Boundaries 101--The Fundamentals. Topics include defining boundaries, power and vulnerability, dating, friendships, receiving gifts, and self-care. Ministry Credentialing Team expects that all credentialed leaders will attend a healthy boundary workshop every 3 years.

Cost: \$75 per person, before October 7

Includes lunch and a workbook

Pastor Retreat

Nov. 11, 7:30pm – Nov. 13, 8:30am

The Leadership Enhancement Team invites all pastors and other credentialed leaders for a retreat at Amigo Center. The retreat will be guided by Linda Lehman Thomas, co-director at Pathways Retreat and will begin Monday evening with prayer leading into the great silence through the night. Tuesday the retreat will focus on our sacred wounds, underlying stories and the transformation of those wounds into gifts, for ourselves and for the world. Expect ample time for reflection, walking, and other forms of renewal.

Linda Lehman Thomas is a spiritual director and a minister/trainer of Gestalt Pastoral Care (GPC), a contemplative, awareness-based form of spiritual care integrated with gestalt therapy. She understands her ministry as one of accompaniment, particularly accompanying people who find themselves in places of pain or difficulty and are seeking God's presence.

Tuesday Night Entertainment

Funk and Co. Billy Funk has been studying and performing Improv comedy in Chicago for the last 5 years. Billy recently moved back to the Elkhart Indiana area with his wife Alita Yoder and has begun an M.Div. at AMBS. You can catch Billy at the Comedy Club House in Chicago where he performs regularly with the house team "Conscious Pontius."

Cost: Before October 7

\$30 per person, triple room

\$40 per person, double room

\$75 for a single room

Includes 2 nights lodging and meals

Pastor Summit

Nov. 13, 9am-4:30pm

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IMMC) is living into *Renewing a Vision*. What are you learning about leadership as we live into this Conference vision? Missional Leadership Team (MLT) is asking for the experience, wisdom and leadership of all pastors in congregational assignments.

We will again utilize Open Space process. Open Space attempts to capture the energy and connection of a good coffee break. Participants identify and prioritize the agenda and then create next steps.

The Spiritual transformation we desire for our congregations and ourselves happens through a rhythm of:

action and reflection,
scattering and gathering,
listening and speaking.

We all need companions who know and care whether we succeed.

Watch for an invitation to pastors, following the September 20-21 retreat with Conference leadership teams.

Cost: No charge

Includes lunch and snack

Pastors coming from a distance may stay overnight Tuesday or Wednesday if needed.