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Conference Updates

Tanzanian Visitors!

Beginning this week IMMC receives guests from Tanzania. Three of seven people invited received their visas to come to the US. We are pleased to expect Bishop Kateti, Mr Songe and Mrs. Dorothy.

Opportunities to meet our guests are being planned around conference.

March 14 Delegate meeting at East Goshen Mennonite

March 15 Bishop Kateti preaches at Benton Mennonite, 9:30am
 Bishop Kateti preaches at Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship,
6pm

March 16 Dinner at Fellowship of Hope

March 21 Delegate meeting at New Hope Community Church of Midland

Celebrating

This month we celebrate...

* 25 people attended the first delegate meeting of 2020 at Parkview Mennonite in Kokomo. Those present expressed appreciation for activities of the day. THANK YOU to the Parkview congregation for hosting.

* the first IMMC Conference Sunday, held February 23. Several congregations already had plans for that day, so are planning an alternate date. Thanks to those who shared photos and reflections. Those can still be sent to Anna at the conference office.

* Installation service for Cyneatha Millsaps and Quinn Brenneke as co-pastors at Prairie Street Mennonite Church.

Connecting

* The day after IMMC's Tanzania guests depart for other locations, Dan and Brenda leave for Constituency Leaders Council in Kansas City, meeting March 26-28.

* Dan preached at Wildwood Mennonite, Engadine, MI on Conference Sunday. Anna shared at Belmont Neighborhood Fellowship in the evening.

* Bob Yoder and Dan Miller met with the mid-states leaders group (Ohio Illinois, Central District and IMMC) on March 2

* Dan and Sharon were present at Pastors and Leaders at AMBS the first week of March.

Credentialing and Leadership Development

In the past month...

*Search Guides met with search committees from 5 congregations.

*Sharon sent Congregational Information Forms to potential applicants for several congregations who are in active search processes.

*Sharon had contact with 16 potential applicants for open ministry positions.

Financial Updates

Bethany Christian Schools Update

Job Openings at Bethany

Persons interested in an open position should contact send a resume and letter of interest to head of school Tim Lehman at tclehman@bethanycs.net or by phone at 574 534-2567. Currently seeking an Advancement Assistant, Spanish Teacher, and PE/Health Teacher.

More information at bethanycs.net/employment-opportunities.

Updates from Amigo

Amigo Scrapbook, Crafting, and Sewing Retreats... Whether you scrapbook, sew, quilt or craft, Amigo invites you to join us for a relaxing weekend filled with good food and fellowship. Come alone or bring friends/family. We provide the space, lodging, food and just the right amount of focused input to allow you time to balance your productivity with time to rest, restore and refresh your body and soul. We currently have 60 people signed up for April – so sign up soon – only a few rooms left in the Retreat Center.

April 2-8 (weekend plus stay over Sun-Wednesday options or early Thursday arrival)

Call or register online! 269-651-2811 or mandy@amigocentre.org or www.amigocentre.org

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. **March 23-25, 2020, 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

NEW RETREAT

“Hearing and Seeing Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew” – will be held at Amigo Centre, **March 27-29, 2020**. Tim Lehman, retired minister, will be sharing based on his recently published book, “All Authority Has Been Given To Me.” Tim will highlight parts of his book and encourage us to rethink long-held assumptions. In a world of division, bitter partisan politics, and violence, where do we turn? What might truly heal us personally and communally? Imagine a world changed because of God's unconditional love channeled through you. The retreat begins Friday evening and concludes with Brunch on Sunday. Registration includes lodging or commuting rates. We look forward to a dynamic weekend of learning and growing in our understanding of God's unconditional love for all. If you would like a copy of his book at a reduced rate contact mandy@amigocentre.org or call 269-651-2811. Registration Deadline: March 16.

Amigo Centre Availability

Amigo still has openings in the Retreat Center and West Shore Lodge this spring! Whether a Full Church Retreat or Sunday School Class, Family Gathering or Friends Reunion, Youth Retreat or Personal Retreat, Amigo is the perfect location to relax, unplug, and unwind. Call 269-651-2811 or email emily@amigocentre.org for more information.

March 20-22, 2020

March 27-29, 2020

April 17-19, 2020

May 1-3, 2020

SAVE THE DATE! 22nd Annual Camper Scholarship Amigo Centre **Golf Scramble** will be **June 6**, 2020 at 8 am. Registration to come soon. If you're interested in joining and want registration information feel free to contact Amigo Centre at 269-651-2811 to have your name added to the list.

AMIGO SUMMER CAMP is coming! Think warm!! Camp runs June 14-July 24, 2020. 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 colton@amigocentre.org or www.amigocentre.org

Amigo Summer Camp job opportunities. We are looking for youth (particularly male – age 18 or older) that want to make a difference in the lives of children, while making new friends and earning a bit of money too! If you know of youth in your family or community that would be interested in summer employment at Amigo in 2020, contact colton@amigocentre.org or apply online. We are also looking for a few staff to help in maintenance, dining hall and housekeeping. If you know someone who would be a good fit for Amigo, please direct them our way!

Amigo Road Scholar Programs

If you are over 50 and looking for additional learning experiences, Amigo runs several Road Scholar (formerly Elderhostel) programs. Check out the programs online at www.roadscholar.org. These programs run from Sunday evening through Friday morning. You may commute or stay at Amigo. Most weeks we offer two programs running simultaneously for those who want to come with a friend or family member and have different interests. Come join the fun adventure of learning! Spring/Summer Dates:

May 10-15 **Program #20986 – Amish-Mennonite Quilt Series – Labor of Love: Friendship Baskets**
(Instructor: Sue Peacock-Juszczak)

June 14-19 **Program #22518 – Discover Your Family's Roots** Allen County Genealogy Center (Fort Wayne)

If you have questions, please contact Mandy at Amigo. mandy@amigocentre.org

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