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IMMC seeks Administrative Coordinator

Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference (IMMC) has an employment opportunity for an Administrative Coordinator at .80 FTE. Applicants must have a belief in Christ's transforming power for all people, an appreciation for the local church as an expression of God's reign, and an understanding of administration as pastoral care. The qualified candidate is proficient in using oral and written communication, writing and editing publications, and preferably bi-lingual. They are competent with planning and managing multiple projects and meeting deadlines, and using technology in its various and changing forms (MS Office, MS Access, WordPress and social media, etc.). They will relate with diverse cultures with strong intercultural competence, managing and making decisions consistent with IMMC's stated mission and vision. Underrepresented groups are strongly encouraged to apply. Contact imoffice@im.mennonite.net or call 574-534-4006 for a job description. To apply, send resume to sharon@im.mennonite.net.

Celebrating

* how God's Spirit touched us with blessed worship and meaningful connections during our virtual and in-person Annual Sessions June 18-19. Being together at Amigo Centre on Saturday was a healing balm for many of us after so many months of limited personal contacts.

* your commitment to *Growing our Intercultural Witness* and the ways we could begin living into that through some new practices at Annual Sessions this year.

* that Piedra Viva Mennonite Church was welcomed as a new member congregation of IMMC at Annual Sessions! Bendiciones a todos de la iglesia Viva Piedras!

* the effective ministry and leadership of Dan Miller at IMMC over the past 12 years.

* God's call to Joanne Gallardo and Sharon Yoder, their yes, and your affirmation for them to serve as co-ministers for IMMC in this next season.

Connecting

* A variety of congregational delegates and participants from IMMC congregations joined MennoCon21. Included in those were Sharon (participating virtually) and IMMC moderator Brenda Meyer (attending in-person in Cincinnati).

* The monthly staff lunch gathering on June 23 provided a nice break during our annual archiving day. We took time over lunch to celebrate Anna Board and Dan Miller and their ministry with IMMC in these past years.

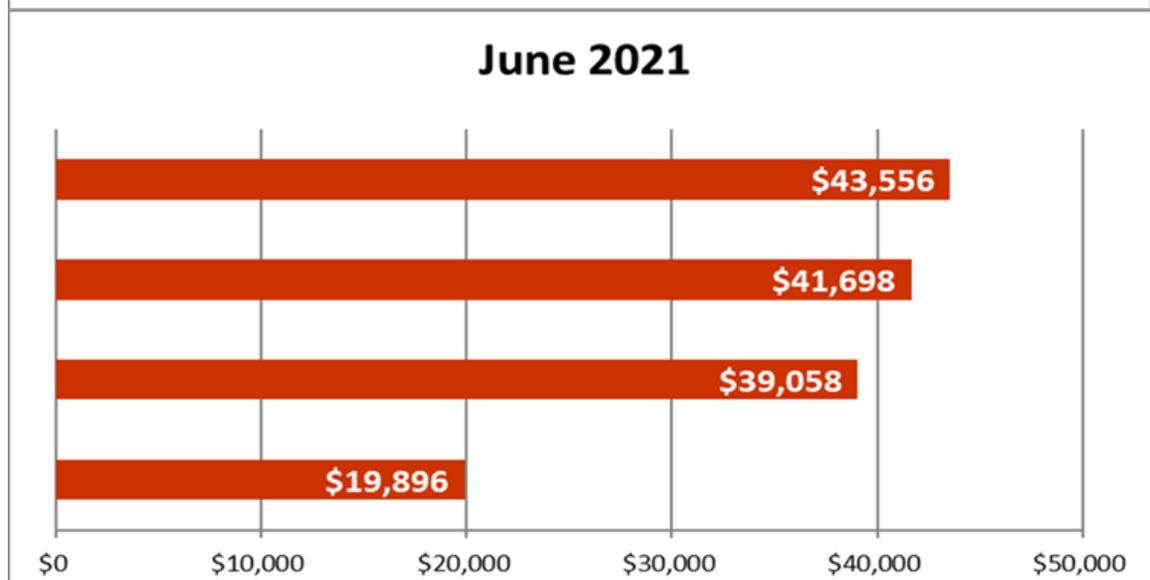
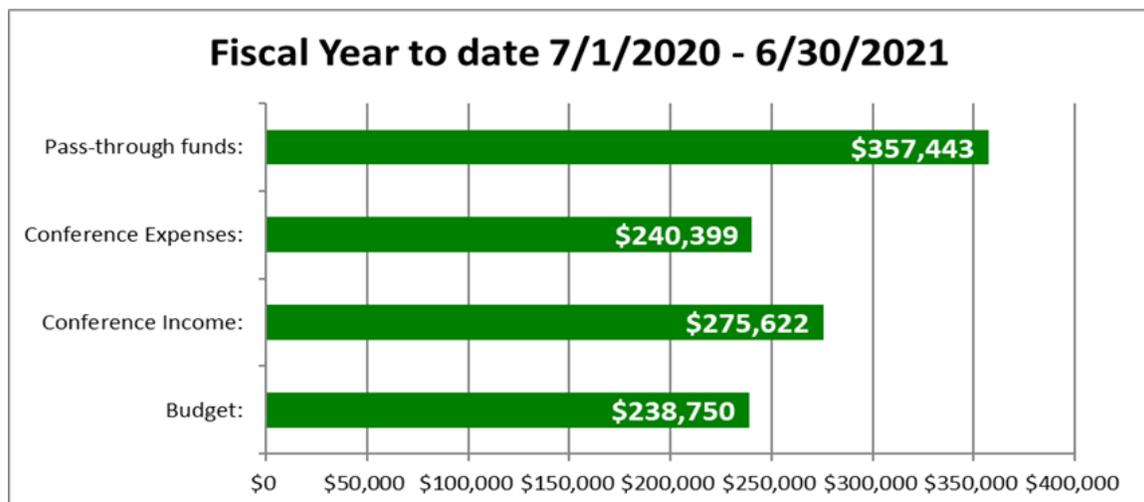
* Sharon met with transitional and interim pastors via Zoom on Tuesday morning June 8.

Credentialing and Leadership Development

* Craig Oury, who had served for 15 years as pastor of Mt. Zion Mennonite Church in Maryland, will join Brian Bither on the pastoral team at Shalom Mennonite in Indianapolis on July 19.

* Congregational coaches have recently begun serving congregations: Marty Lehman at Waterford Mennonite in Goshen and Robert Schloneger at First Mennonite in Indianapolis.

Financial Update



Thank you for your generosity! We received \$19,162 more than expected for June. Also for the year we received an additional \$36,872 of income that should have been listed in the previous year which was mainly the money received from

the Payroll Protection Program and some from contributions that were for the previous year. Due to the fact of a good balance we were able to purchase some much needed supplies and AC. -Jim Norton, Bookkeeper

Kern Road Mennonite Church Job Opening

Kern Road Mennonite Church is seeking a .75 (to begin) FTE Church Office Administration and Communications Liaison. This newly designed position includes opportunities to work with diverse members of a mission-driven and fun-loving congregation and their Pastors and Staff. An individual passionate about Christian community and making a difference in the world that is both personable and tech-savvy would be an excellent fit. Please contact krmc@krmc.net or call 574-291-0924 for a role description and to receive an application. Target hire date is July 30.

“Life and Legacy of John F. Funk” Video

Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, Indiana is celebrating the congregation’s 150th anniversary. As a part of the celebration, former congregational pastor and *President Emeritus* of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, J. Nelson Kraybill, has written and produced a video on the congregation’s founder, John F. Funk. A long-time publisher and pastor in Elkhart, Funk established or inspired multiple church institutions that shaped Mennonite communities in North America and subsequently elsewhere in the world. Mennonite historian John Ruth praises the “judicious interpretation and excellent visuals” of this 30-minute video, and says it warrants repeated viewings.

The Prairie Street congregation invites you to view this video and share the following link through any channels that will reach persons interested in Elkhart County history or Mennonite Church history:

<https://praiestreetmc.org/new-video-on-elkhart-innovator-john-f-funk/>

Updates from Amigo Centre

- Amigo Centre is looking for their next Executive Director. Qualified applicants will have a passion for transformative faith experiences, demonstrate leadership gifts and love working with people. Amigo Centre is a Mennonite camp and retreat center located in Sturgis MI, about 50 minutes from Goshen IN. Letters of interest and resumes can be sent to amigosearch@amigocentre.org. A job description can be found at amigocentre.org/employment.
- Looking for a fun family get-away this summer, but not too far away? Amigo is hosting two weeks of **Family Camp**, July 18-22 and July 25-29. Call 269-651-2811 to sign up. Contact colton@amigocentre.org for more information.
- **Amigo Park** is taking reservations for summer 2021 (to mid-October). Call or email to inquire about availability. Phone: 269-651-2734 or email: amigopark@amigocentre.org
- We continue to celebrate **50 years of Outdoor Environmental Education** at Amigo. Check our website for additional details for ways you can come celebrate with us this summer!
 - July 23, 4-6 pm, "Food in Foil"
 - July 22 & 23, Full Moon Campfire

<https://www.amigocentre.org/oe-50th-anniversary-calendar-of-events.html>

- **Amigo Bike Michiana** scheduled for **October 8-10, 2021**. Our speaker will be Dr. Sibonokuhle Ncube, *founding Executive Director/National Coordinator of the Brethren in Christ Compassionate and Development Services in Zimbabwe, currently studying at AMBS. In fall of 2018, Dr. Ncube was part of a Global South Voice Speaking Tour of the Great Lakes region, co-sponsored by MCC and the Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions.* Here's a story about our project: <https://mcc.org/stories/addressing-conflict-caused-limited-resource> Visit our web site for registration and additional information.
- Transitional ministry has a unique place in the mission of the church. While "interim pastors" have provided preaching and pastoral care for many years, "transitional ministry" involves training to lead congregations through a process of preparation for entering a new chapter of leadership. October 18-20, 2021, Amigo Centre will host a Transitional Ministry Training retreat for individuals interested in pursuing this type of ministry. Visit <http://tmt.amigocentre.org/> for additional information, or contact Amigo Centre at 269.651.2811.
- **Save the Date: Amigo Women and Girls Retreat** is scheduled for March 18-20, 2021. Speaker is Leandrea Lange from New Foundation United in

Christ Fellowship, Elkhart, Indiana. Additional information will be coming soon.

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