

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE E-MEMO

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*A weekly communication for:
WDC Churches and Pastors*

WDC Executive Board, Commission, Committee and Task Force members

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WDC Budget: The end of April marks the end of Western District Conference's first quarter of the 2011 fiscal year. We ended the quarter with a 10% raise in undesignated contributions and a 44% raise in church plant contributions when compared to last year at this time. Our expenses were 22% of the annual budget which is just where we need to be for the end of April. The deficit was \$24,492 which is \$10,000 better than last year.

Vision 2012: The Vision 2012 financial campaign which began in 2006 is drawing to a close. The last phase of the campaign has been raising money for the Camp Mennoscah swimming pool. So far more than \$176,000 has been donated for the pool and this brings the total for the entire campaign to \$1,353,136. This has been a very successful financial campaign for Western District Conference. The money raised will ensure that the three critical priorities of the conference -- camping ministry, ministerial and congregational leadership and congregational resourcing services -- will be funded.

WDC Announcements

1. WDC Churches - Watch your mailbox - this week you will receive information about the WDC Annual Assembly, July 29-30 at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton, KS.

2. It's Party Time! Mark your calendars now for July 29-30, when persons from all WDC congregations will gather at Bethel College and Bethel College Mennonite church, for Western District Conference's annual assembly and fellowship. A Program Committee is putting the finishing touches on planning details, promising an inspirational and educational experience. Programs and activities will also be included for children: infants through junior high.

3. Camp Mennoscah - A Splash-worthy Celebration! We're celebrating Torrey's seven years as our maintenance coordinator and dedicating our new pool on June 5 at 3:30pm. We'll start with a short time thanking Torrey and then move to the pool for a ribbon-cutting and dedication. If the pool is finished (and we certainly hope it will be), we'll dive in for a wet and wild time—bring your swimsuit and sunscreen! We'll see you there!

4. Take three guesses! We'll give you three guesses about what Olivia's thinking about these days. You're right! Camp Mennoscah's new pool, summer camps, and lots of chocolate chip cookies! We've still got a few places at our summer youth camps, so grab a friend and your swimsuit (and maybe some bug spray) and come on out! Find the registration form at www.mennowdc.org/Camp.html. We'll almost guarantee you cookies—and it's definitely going to be rollicking good time.

Announcements – Mennonite Church USA

1. Attached are the prayer requests from the member schools of Mennonite Schools Council, and the colleges, universities, seminaries and educational programs of Mennonite Church USA for June. MEA also posts these prayer requests on its website. The prayer request for the day is displayed on our home page and the document is available at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS. **We encourage you to share *Prayers for Faith and Learning with others*.** The document is set up so it can be a bulletin insert or distributed in church mail boxes. Some churches choose specific prayer requests to include in their weekly bulletins. Congregations or individuals who are interested in a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning* (or other MEA publications) may subscribe online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe. **Thank you for the many ways you support Mennonite education!**

2. South Central Conference's annual assembly ('God's Family Festival') will be June 10-12 at Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston. The theme is "Investing in Hope: Planning Together for a Christ-Centered Future," The featured speaker is Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA. Ervin's sermons, all based on texts from Romans, will be as follows: Friday evening, 7:30 pm: Romans 8:18-28, "The Hope Nurtured by the Holy Spirit"; Saturday evening, 7:00 pm: Romans 15:1-7, "The Hope Encouraged by Scripture". Persons interested in attending any or all of the worship services are welcome, and may do so without pre-registration.

3. Peace and Justice Support Network Coordinating Minister: The PJSN seeks a three-quarter time Coordinating Minister to encourage, support and strengthen Jesus-centered peace and justice commitment and witness in congregations, area conferences and across Mennonite Church USA. This role requires strong visioning, communication, organizing and administrative responsibilities. This person needs to be able to build relationships and communicate effectively across the breadth of the church. Location is flexible. Ability to travel independently within the US is required. Starting date is summer or early fall 2011. PJSN works in partnership with Mennonite

Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA Executive Board. For more information including a detailed job description, visit our website at www.MennoniteMission.net and click on About Us / Staff Opportunities. Interested persons should send a letter of interest and resumé to Linda Krueger, Human Resources Coordinator, Mennonite Mission Network, Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515, or email staffrecruitment@Mennonitemission.net

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