

# WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE

## E-MEMO

**June 14, 2011**

*A weekly communication for:*

*WDC Churches and Pastors*

*WDC Executive Board, Commission, Committee and Task Force members*

*Any content may be used in bulletins and newsletters and forwarded to congregational leaders and members.*

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(This replaces the monthly WDC Memo.)*

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### **Pastoral Ordinations**

Mike Hiebert will be ordained at Goessel Mennonite Church on Sunday, June 19 at 10:30 a.m.

Christina Litwiller will be ordained at Salina Mennonite Church on Sunday, June 26 at 10:00 a.m.

### **Pastoral Openings**

*(Congregational Information Forms can be viewed at: [www.mennowdc.org](http://www.mennowdc.org), Conference Life - Pastoral Openings)*

Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, KS - Youth Pastor (full-time)

*(Search Committees preparing Congregational Information Forms)*

Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, KS

First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS

First Mennonite Church, Clinton, OK

### **Pastoral News/Transitions**

Hallie Cable, Youth Pastor at Kingman Mennonite Church, has resigned effective this summer.

Tim Kliewer, retired WDC pastor, died May 12 in a boating accident. A memorial service was held on May 29 at the Hillsboro (KS) Mennonite Brethren Church.

Corey Miller, will end as Pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS on July 24. His future plans are to serve the Western Union Mennonite Church in Parnell, Iowa.

Ray Reimer will be the Transition Pastor at Zion Mennonite Church, Elbing, KS, beginning July 1.

Randy Smith will be the Transition Pastor at First Mennonite Church, Halstead, KS, beginning July 24.

### **WDC Announcements**

1. Get a Jumpstart at WDC Assembly! Christian Educators – check out the options for resourcing on July 30: *Embracing and Welcoming Children* and *How We Taught the “Kids Can” Club* are two excellent offerings designed with you in mind. These workshops serve as the “Jumpstart” for this year. Grab your teaching buddies and sign up – even if you are not attending the whole WDC Assembly.

2. Splash Down! The new Camp Mennoscah pool is up and running--we are so terribly excited and happy and thrilled and overjoyed! (Bet you couldn't guess.) It's great to have campers and guests using this great new pool. We hope all of you have a chance to visit with your family or church group or as a camper and make your own splash in the pool. There are still funds that need to be raised to pay for those last square feet of pool, so give us a call about how to help out. We also need a few more donations of \$2000 or more to meet our pool Challenge Grant. Contact us at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information. Come make a splash with us!

3. For congregational bulletins (June 19 and 26): African Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) invites you to a gathering with Pastor Benjamin Mubenga, leader of one of the three principle Mennonite denominations in Congo, on Thursday, June 30, 6:30 p.m., at First Mennonite Church of Newton, KS. This will be an information-sharing event in advance of celebrating 2012 as the centennial year of the Mennonite presence in Congo. Please come and enjoy the opportunity for fellowship and learning.

4. (Please use this announcement in your June 19 and 26 bulletins.) On Sunday, June 29 at 7 pm, the West Zion Concert Series continues with a concert at West Zion Mennonite Church, 101 S. Washington Ave., Moundridge, KS. Featured performers include Daniel Loganbill, baritone vocalist; Roseann Penner Kaufman, organist; Jill Wiebe, concert harpist; and the Sunflower Trio, made up of Matthew Schloneger, tenor vocalist; Rebecca Schloneger, violin; and Kenneth Rodgers, keyboard. During the concert a free-will offering will be received and immediately after the concert there will be a time of refreshments and fellowship.

5. “The Parish Paper” offers more than three dozen “Free Resources”—each of which provides practical, how-to-do-it methods that assist committees and staff members in accomplishing particular congregational ministries, such as financial stewardship, worship, attracting new worship attendees, church school, etc. Download these documents from the “Free Resources” section of the [www.TheParishPaper.com](http://www.TheParishPaper.com) website.

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