

WESTERN DISTRICT CONFERENCE E-MEMO

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WDC Churches and Pastors

WDC Executive Board, Commission, Committee and Task Force members

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Pastoral Openings

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Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, KS - Youth Pastor

First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS - Pastor

(Search Committees preparing Congregational Information Forms)

Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, KS - Senior Pastor

First Mennonite Church, Clinton, OK

Pastoral News/Transitions

Heinz Janzen, retired pastor, died on June 15 in North Newton, KS. In addition to several pastorates, he served as General Secretary of the General Conference Mennonite Church from 1969-80 and Coordinator of Mennonite Men from 1990-98.

Blanche Spaulding, former librarian of the Western District Loan Library from 1963 to 1988, died on June 25 in North Newton, KS. A memorial service will be held July 14, 11 a.m. at Bethel College Mennonite Church.

WDC Announcements

1. The opening worship on July 29 at the WDC Annual Assembly at Bethel College Mennonite Church will feature Sara Wenger Shenk, President of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, who will speak on the theme, "Make No Excuses, Simply Come to the Banquet" (No Pongan Excusas: Simplemente ven al Banquete), based on Luke 14:15-24. Come and be encouraged by a challenging message, and enjoy the fellowship of old friends and new friends. At 9 pm, Sister Church Partnerships will have

conversations and there will be gatherings for alumni of Bethel College and Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary - Great Plains.

2. I dare you! Show this special WDC Assembly promo in your worship service this Sunday, during sharing and announcements time. It will add a light moment, and hopefully some encouragement to Make No Excuses, but Simply Come to the Banquet! A link on the WDC website (www.mennowdc.org) homepage will take you to: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50cgtOvFf-Y>. This dare comes to you from Assembly Planning Director Marlene Bogard.

3. Furniture needed! Camp Mennoscah is so popular that we need to use the Bluestem house for staff during our Senior High Camp week beginning July 31. Unfortunately for the staff, there's no furniture in the Bluestem house. So, we're looking for beds, dressers, end tables, and living room furniture. We wouldn't turn down a lamp or two either, that's for sure. Contact Camp Mennoscah at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) if you have furniture in good or new condition that you would like to donate.

4. Hey, all you young adults! We're having a Young Adult Retreat on August 6-7 at Camp Mennoscah. This will be a time for you to "retreat" from the world and to spend some time fellowshiping with creation and other young adults. It'll be a little bit of everything from music to worship to Borrow the Balls. Got questions? Contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org or [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290). It'll be a Whopping Good Time!

5. Christopher Shaw, organist at Bethel College Mennonite Church, North Newton and active performer and accompanist in the Wichita metro area, will present a recital at the Bethel College Mennonite Church on August 7, 2011 at 3:30 p.m. The recital is the third in a series celebrating the 50th anniversary of its 22 rank Moeller pipe organ. Christopher will perform solo organ works by J.S. Bach, Couperin, Bruhns, Alain and Vierne. Bethel College Instructor of Theatre, Megan Upton-Tyner, will join Shaw in performing *A Sweet for Mother Goose*, a piece for narrator and organ by George Akerley. A free-will offering will be received to cover expenses and to ensure the future of the organ. A reception will follow the recital.

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