

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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Pastoral Openings

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

Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, KS - Lead Pastor

Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, KS - Youth Pastor

First Mennonite Church of Christian, Moundridge, KS - Pastor

(Search Committees preparing Congregational Information Forms)

First Mennonite Church, Clinton, OK

News/Transitions

Mike Bogard began a one-year term on August 15 as 1/2 time Interim Associate Pastor at Faith Mennonite Church, Newton, KS.

Metro Mennonite Church (Oklahoma City, OK) and Iglesia Cristiana Sembradores de Buenas Nuevas (Hutchins, TX), were certified as new church plants by the WDC Executive Board on July 29.

Iglesia Menonita Casa Betania, a church plant in Newton, KS since 2008, was accepted by delegate vote as a member congregation of Western District Conference at the Annual Assembly on July 30.

Caleb Regehr has begun as 1/2 time Interim Youth Worker serving three congregations: Buhler, Hoffnungsau and Inman Mennonite churches.

June Thomsen will be the Interim Pastor at Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS, beginning September 1.

David Whitermore, retired pastor, died on July 7 at the Pleasant View Home in Inman, KS.

Bob Yates resigned, effective July 31, as Youth Pastor at Buhler, Hoffnungsau and Inman Mennonite churches.

WDC Announcements

Attn: Pastors! A Pastors' Day Apart is being planned for Tuesday, September 20, 8:30 am to 1:00 pm at the West Zion Mennonite Church, Moundridge, KS. It will focus on the theme of "Feedback Loops and Fruitful Reviews". Keith Harder, review consultant and pastor coach, will give the keynote presentation on "Self-Evaluation, Self-Supervision, and Self-Management." The Day is being planned by the Pastoral Review Consultants to encourage pastors to be self-initiating in creating and utilizing both informal and formal feedback loops to sharpen their awareness of context and to engage in more fruitful ministry. Cost: \$25. Watch for registration information - coming to pastors soon.

Looking for Midweek Children's materials: check out this list prepared by Central Plains Mennonite Conference. I couldn't say it better!

<http://centralplains.mennonite.net:/CMC/Curriculum%20for%20midweek%20kids%20clubs.pdf> --Marlene Bogard, WDC Conference Resource Library Director

Save \$\$ - Get 25% off any five copies of ANY resource from MennoMedia. Here's some suggestions: <http://www.faithandliferesources.org/Studyshef/>

Worship Resources for the 10th Anniversary of 911:

<http://peace.mennolink.org/resources/sept112006/index.html>

You inspire me! We have been so inspired by what has been done at Camp Mennoscah's spring Scrapbooking Retreat that we are offering a Fall Scrapbooking Retreat. Hours of uninterrupted (or as uninterrupted as you like) cropping, lots of fellowship, and a really great time is what we are offering you the weekend of September 30-October 2. Check out the brochure at www.mennowdc.org or contact us at campmno@mennowdc.org for more information. We're feeling really scrappy!

Hi ho, hi ho, it's off to work we go! The summer staffers were characters from Snow White this summer for river play and we're taking a page from their book. We're going to hi ho and heave ho through Work & Play Camp, September 18-22! Tasks and activities for all abilities and skills will be available--and if we run out, we'll just have to play more! Contact Camp Mennoscah at [620-297-3290](tel:620-297-3290) for more information and keep your eyes peeled for the upcoming brochure. All ages are invited.

First Mennonite Church, McPherson, KS invites everyone to a German Supper (Verenika with Ham Gravy, Sausage, Sauerkraut, Fried Potatoes, Cherry Moos) on Saturday September 10, 5:00 to 7:00PM.

Bethel Mennonite Church, Inman, KS, invites everyone to hear the Liberty Quartet (www.libertyquartet.com) on Saturday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. A love offering will be received. Questions - call [620-585-6964](tel:620-585-6964). Liberty Quartet exists to glorify God, present the Gospel of Jesus to those who are in need of a Savior, and to encourage the Saints, through Southern Gospel Music.

MC USA Announcements

Mennonite Church USA seeks a full-time Convention Planning Coordinator to be a part of its Convention Planning team. Responsibilities include coordinating events and activities related to the biennial Mennonite Church USA Convention. For more information visit

<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/NationalOffices/Jobs/tabid/533/Default.aspx>

Dr. Walter Brueggemann will be presenting lectures in Wichita titled "Loving the World in Transformational Ways" and "The Evangelical Food Fight" September 23-24, 2011. Dr. Brueggemann, one of the world's leading authorities on the Old Testament, sees "the Bible (as) essentially an open, artistic, imaginative narrative of God's staggering care for the world." He challenges the church to "live faithfully in a world that is increasingly multicultural as it is increasingly xenophobic." Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary-Great Plains Extension is sponsoring coffee and book signing at 9 a.m. on September 24. The week-end events will be held at University Congregational Church, 9209 E. 29th Street North, Wichita. For more information call the church at [316-634-0430](tel:316-634-0430); cyndi@uccchurch.org. Registration brochures are available at AMBS-Great Plains office, 2505 N. Main Street, N. Newton, Kansas. (Please use attached brochure and poster to publicize this event.)

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