

Doors that Open to Mission

Luke 10:8-11

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PSMC Winter Assembly:
Pasadena Mennonite Church
Friday Evening, 2/05/2010

Songs – Nanini;
Circle Us,
Jesus, help us live in peace,
O Healing River

1. Welcome: Board Member, Denver Locke (Family Mennonite Church, SCA) He has enjoyed serving on the PSMC board and working on behalf of the SCA churches and the conference. His term on the conference board will end this June.

Introductions:

- a. Steve Wiebe Johnson & Hannah Hienzekeher – Mennonite Mission Network – will talk about the changing work challenge of mission and how we are working with different mission agencies
- b. Barb Ewy (PSMC Resource Advocate) will be at the Mennonite Publishing Network resource/book table between sessions. Barb serves as the link between PSMC and MCUSA with regard to resources (both worship and educational), being alert to PSMC needs/concerns and taking it back to the MCUSA/MPN, in addition to making resources available to the churches in the conference
- c. Ken Hawkley AMBS : Hopes to bring the new president (starting in Oct) to an assembly soon: a table with various items

2. Moderator Tyler Zabriskie reviewed agenda (Fri. evening and Sat.).

- a. We are fortunate to have Jonathan Larson as our Keynote speaker.
- b. We will recognize 2 new churches relating to & joining with PSMC, and install Jeannette Buller Slater as Lead Elder and Stan Friesen as Interim Conference Minister.
- c. There will be a presentation regarding reorganizational progress from Board's perspective and responses from three pastors reflecting their perception of how we are doing/how things are going.

3. Conference Minister Stan Friesen...

- a. reported on the formation of a Conference Mission Team. It will meet from time to time in various locations and be comprised of those with a vision for mission, and anyone interested may attend the gatherings. The team's purpose is to ask, "What is God asking of us as a conference?", "How are we a priestly people?", "How do we carry out our mission hopes and dreams?" We have gone through many difficult times, but we continue to take up the work God has given to us.
- b. He read the scripture passage: 1 Peter 2: 4 to 10 and introduced Keynote speaker Jonathan Larson who grew up as a missionary child in India. Jonathan Loves Africa (Botswana); his wife continues to work with those who suffer with AIDS. He is a storyteller and singer.

4. Jonathan Larson: Keynote Assembly Speaker:

Jonathan's home conference looks much like ours: inspiring and embracing. He shared stories and songs around the theme of what it means to be a "priestly people". a. Began with a story about a couple downsizing their belongings and made donation to the mission store: The man felt he needed some clothes and couldn't find any that he felt fit him just right. He encountered some clothes at the thrift store and was very pleased to find that they fit quite well. Sometimes we give something away and then we find it again and it seems to be just what we needed.

b. The Congo has been home of terrible atrocity that has gone unnoticed by the world for the last 5 to 6 years. He described conditions and witnessing and being with those dying with AIDS has made him not want to fight about the things he used to fight about. Now it's about the work that God needs him to do.

c. Discussed the meaning of "priesthood" and how the notion of Priesthood was hard for him to sidle up to but in the dictionary, there is a verb: to priest someone; ordain. Think about this as the verbal, active form. The priest belongs to a cast of class of religious specialist. One is born into it, learns how to perform the tasks. A clear delineation of a group of people set apart for a purpose. Takes a notion and destroys it's meaning. The scripture passage confers the priesthood on every believer. The function no longer belongs only to a caste, but this is a new, radical understanding that we all are in the "priesthood" of believers. It is really that the laity has been abolished, not the need for priests.

d. All God's people have a gift; a life giving moment. Our work in the church is to make sure that this moment is not blocked or inhibited in any way. Jesus is here with us.

5. The Ethics seminar well attended today.

6. West Coast MCC Director (Sheri) introduced MCC staff with Immigration Offices who will be leading workshop tomorrow & board members.

a. Michael gave update on situation in Haiti. Thanks for generosity. MCC began working in Haiti in 1958 and continues relationships with them. After the earthquake, MCC staff immediately began distributing food. Canned meat. Water filters. They purchased food locally to stimulate economy. Two teams were sent to support staff. A team of engineers was sent to assess the integrity of the buildings that are still standing. Expect a long term process (i.e., 5 years of program since Tsunami): relief kits, blankets/com/clean sheets, prayers: now that the dust has settled, pray for the Haitian people; that can begin to heal and that the MCC staff can heal as well and can continue to minister to them.

b. Mukarabe Makinto updated on troubles in Africa, especially Nigeria. She shared the tremendous problems of famine & lack of water as well as the problem of religious extremism. There are many serious political problems between Christians & Muslims.

c. Prayers for Nigeria and Haiti.

7. Welcomed 2 new congregations to PSMC (New Hope Hmong, Fresno; Wholicare Community Church, Pasadena (French))

8. Conference Administrator Joel Shenk expressed thanks to all for their participation and what they shared tonight and gave announcements.

The Assembly was dismissed following a song of sending and a benediction.

Saturday: 2/11/10

1. Official welcome by Joel.

2. Andrew, Rebecca, & Ben lead worship music.

3. Stan Friesen gave the invocation, dedicating our work to God's purposes, and giving thanks to Jonathan Larson.

4. Avie aMoeljono (Board member) read scripture: 1 Peter 21: 4 to 10

5. Keynote Address: Jonathan began with a proverb from South Africa, the gist is that when the great bull elephant crossed the river, he discovered, on the far side, that he was only just a calf. It is the nature of our minds to feel powerful and knowledgeable, but it is better for us to use deference or humility. Naaman: the weight of worldly clout outside the prophet's door: He went to the river and washed. When he had done so, his flesh became like that of a little child. We go to the river and wash and the weight of our former life is lifted and we become like children. Reviewed that last night we looked at priestliness: the scope or range of the priestliness. What is the content as well as the manner of this priestliness? To priest someone: we do not priest ourselves, we priest others. Being priestly can be a source of great trauma and confusion in the nature of this work. Absent from the New Testament is reference to priest. Menno Siemens was a priest, but fled the "priesthood". So what does it mean to be a priestly people? See Mark 6: 6b to 13. This passage has the potential of teaching us the nature of our priestliness. The priest usually waits for the people to come to him. The priest is fixed in the worship place. The festivals, etc, were celebrated at the worship place with the priest. There was no previous understanding or convention of a traveling priest. The 1st feature of a priest is his/her equipment: sandals... because it the nature of the mission to be on the move. A sandaled priest is one who is severed from the anchor that confines him/her within a sacred enclosure and saved apart from every one else. There used to be pilgrimages to sacred places to see the priest. Now the priests would make pilgrimages to the people. Sandals are the sign: Everyone should receive a pair of sandals when they are baptized... required as a living Bible that one will travel. Jesus went to unexpected and out of the way places. Jesus wanted to priest those people. Travels of the heart can more taxing than any physical journey. Think of things people have to leave behind: tossing stuff out of the wagon, finding the things they have to lose in order to make it to their destination. 2nd feature of priesthood: a naked priesthood. When we start out on the journey we are shod, we go naked into the journey with a staff and go without a belt, food... it is a journey of faith. We must carry the Holy Spirit only.

Story of an old man from Africa. When young he was ill, and no one could help him. By the time he was about 20, he ended up in the company of a healer and the healer told him to be a sandaled and naked messenger and he had not done so. He was told that he should go home and prepare to go on the journey. So he did for about 70 yrs. When the old man died, Jonathan was called to go to the funeral. Everyone came in white robes to bury the man (a sign of great love and respect). These were the people the man had gone to and stayed with

as a sandaled and naked messenger. He had no possessions, but had the love and spirit of God. We need to be poor and naked in that way.

S. Africa has suffered a terrible epidemic of HIV and AIDS. Pastoring in the midst of this, one day a young woman came and said she needed me to pray for her. Asking why, he was told that she had become estranged from the father of her children. He'd not kept promises, went to live a life of folly, then got sick and went to his parents; but when they heard how he'd become ill, they told him that he couldn't stay there. The woman said that once she had made promises to this man when "it was bright and shiny". She needed to go take care of him, knowing that there would be no one to help her. She came back after 3 or 4 weeks, asking that as his former wife shouldn't she be tested? Yes... HIV positive. Betrayed and given a sentence of disgrace and shame. She was a sandaled and naked priest.

A final story of the Nickel Mines: shooting in Amish school. It was gruesome.

The striking thing was that those parents put on sandals and in nakedness went to the wife of the man who had done this. A great journey of the heart to see if there was any way they could help her (offering healing, hope in their great loss, hurt). They were sandaled and naked priests. Being a priestly people means to be like this.

Stan thanked Jonathan for his sharing on being a priestly people and about going "naked" and with our sandals. We surely need God's grace to do that.

6. Conference Business:

a) Tyler Zabriskie & Lee Lever: Commissioned Interim Conference Minister Stanley Friesen: We are now seven months into a time of transition. In the beginning, Stan agreed to be a consultant. The search committee reviewed many candidates and decided that Stan was the one to continue for the next 18 months (to June 2011). He brings a unique set of gifts to this position (a very challenging situation). After prayer of installation, Stan expressed appreciation for working with Tyler and the Board.

b) Commissioned Jeannette Slater as lead elder. Jeannette said she is still trying to figure out how to be a conference elder, everyone and every church needs something different. She requests prayers as the program is developing and shared what has been helpful. Stan said that Jeannette has abundant sense of energy. A prayer followed for God's blessings on this ministry.

c) Lee Lever said that we are one of 21 conferences, all of who are struggling with the issue of homosexuality in some way. How do we keep our focus on the love we have in Christ and desire for mission and not let the issue of homosexuality take over and become the focus of our time together?

d) Pastor Femi welcomed Julius Masamba, pastor, and two elders (French speaking): "Welcome to PSMC may it be a blessing to you."

7. PSMC Board update:

a) Tyler reviewed what's been going on during this time of transition: Shane Hipps moved to Michigan; Trinity is in process of discernment. Be in prayer for our congregations that are in transitions of leadership (Trinity, Koinonea). This brings up lots of questions about what we are giving up and questions about what we are getting into: Who are we? What do we believe? Do I feel included? What are the rules? Do I know enough about what is happening and going on to be a part of it? Identity, safety, security. There are many

questions. There are lots of transitions in MCUSA leadership and other issues. Continue to remember our identity as a conference. Diversity has always been a constant in PSMC.

b) Heard at the workshop on mission: We can be a non racist organization if there is participation from the minority who give feedback and have power in decision making. It is God's mission, not ours. What is God already doing in our midst? MCC responds to emergency situations and don't ask (in relief and disaster service) for church/religious affiliation. MMN is one mission agency of MCUSA and MCC relates to Brethren in Christ, MB, MCUSA, & mission groups.

c) Three Pastors shared their sense of what is happening in PSMC. Pastor Pam reported on the horrible things happening in Nigeria to Christians there. He said Satan is working in the world to divide and wreak the church, and not to get side-tracked from mission by issues of homosexuality. Pastor Virgo pleaded not to talk about the issue of homosexuality anymore because it is too painful to talk about. He said we should put the issue to the side and keep doing God's work. Let each church serve their own people. Pastor Steve Penner asked that we not let the disagreement over sexuality become our legacy. We have more urgent work to do than to focus on this.

Workshops

12:30 Lunch Break

Song: "Amen, Amen"

8. Treasurer's report: Ben reviewed the balance sheet: the main thing is that our investment is holding very solid, more interesting is our spending, contributions.

a) Contributions are up 23% from last year. We had planned to have some deficits, but we do not at this time. Thanks to churches who are giving faithfully.

b) Comparisons of years' spending. The Assembly voted to accept budget and financial records. The last Assembly minutes, at Reedley Mennonite Church, were also approved after corrections.

9. Conference Mission Team Report: Steve Penner reported that in June we met for Mission/Visioning. Now the group is called the Conference Mission Team (CMT), a long known term in our conference. We as a people are at our best when we are busy, being the hands, feet, and voice of Christ, wherever that is taking place and whatever expression of ministry that happens to be, no matter the level, denomination, conference, church. Our conference goals are to 1) equip leaders, 2) build relationships, & 3) organize for mission. We may be best at #3, but also in building relationships that in turn organize for mission. After the initial June meeting in Reedley, CMT met in Oct, and Dec. & met on location: where mission is going on, so we can see firsthand. What can we do to strengthen projects already functioning?

a) Basileia Christian Fellowship/Roland. This is a living demo of what "holistic ministry" is. The Café is connected to the worship space. Prayers for employment training, construction, selling over internet: very entrepreneurial, in addition to outreach in many areas . It is a place of constant action. To see it, was wonderful. We had not been aware that something like this was going on in our conference. There are needs and we were informed as to how we could help.

b) Next meeting is planned for Feb. 26 in Hollywood with Mennonite Mission Network/DOOR service and learning center. Some of our youth are going to be going to DOOR and we'd like to develop a greater understanding of this as being our mission also in this urban center. Also, immigration, (MCC). We want to partner as much as we can with them into the future.

c) Our agencies are us: we want to use our agencies to minister through us. Congregations are the foundation... grassroots; strong communities of faith, eldering model of our conference can help us as we think about what it means to be missional. MMN/DOOR

d) So far we haven't thought of how we would relate to missions outside the states, but future discussions are sure to come. We function on a shoestring and we want to invite you to be part of it. There is a sense of excitement about what we are doing and it stands on the shoulders of what was established when our conference was formed.

e) We are not an exclusive group. Anyone is welcome and Steve is collecting emails of interested people. Focus areas: immigration, churches working together/joint church planting, peace and justice concerns. It is good to partner with churches and Mennonite church agencies.

10) Naomi Krause (Board member) presented the Assembly minutes from 6/09, Assembly at Reedley Mennonite Church. They were reviewed and approved as corrected

11) Final comments:

a) There is still much transition in the Conference:

b) Pray for the board. Stan Friesen, Joel Shenk, Jeannette Slater, Virgo Handojo.

c) Three elders reported on the names of the churches they are serving

d) Joel is finishing up at Fuller and discerning his and his wife Emily's next steps. Please pray for discernment.

e) Conference Minister, Elders, and Board were called to the front. Pastor Romero and Pastor Virgo prayed for God's blessing on our leaders.

f) Tyler explained that perspectives were heard from three pastors earlier today, but there had not been time for more speaking, individually. It would be helpful to the Board to know what your sense is of the organizational transition: where do you feel we are today as a conference and how best can we move forward together? Regarding the Assembly: How well did we plan it? How can we better serve you? Paper was passed out to all for their feedback and Naomi collected papers to be reviewed by the board.

12. Tyler opened the mic for impromptu sharing:

a) Regarding the issue of homosexuality, one sister admonished the leadership for allowing the use of scripture (the meeting in the book of Acts) as a way to allow unacceptable change in the church teaching. "Homosexuality is an abomination, hateful to God, and a sin that can not be tolerated." She asked for clarification on the Board's position and commitment.

b) Another sister shared that the God she knows "is loving, caring, wonderful, and would never create a person that was an abomination or offensive to God Himself. If we are to be followers of Christ we need to be accepting and loving as God is."

c) Regarding the organizational transition, another said there is cautious excitement. The transition is going well. Thanks to all for the hard work.

13. Tyler thanked everyone for their attendance and participation; and again to Jonathon Larson for a message with history and faith journey sharing. The Assembly was dismissed and immediately following was a presentation from members of Hesston College called "Songs of Sorrow and Stories from American Slavery and Anabaptist Persecution."

14. Hesston College Music and Video Presentation of Songs of Sorrow and Stories from American Slavery and Anabaptist Persecution.

15. The next PSMC Assembly will be June 18 & 19, in Phoenix, Arizona. Please plan to attend.

Respectfully submitted,

Melinda Hasegawa
N.CA Rep, Assembly Note Taker

INTERIM CONFERENCE MINISTER ANNUAL REPORT
PSMC June 18-19, 2010
Phoenix, Arizona

This has been a year of expanding duties and expectations for me as I served the PSMC during the past year. This has been a year of transition while the conference has been searching for a Conference Minister. I was initially asked to serve in a “consultant” role for two to three months, which was expanded to an additional six months, on a half time basis, to allow for a search process to take place. In December the PSMC Executive Committee requested me to serve in the capacity of Interim Conference Minister on a three quarter time basis for 18 months, until June 2011.

As one who has come to the PSMC as basically an outsider this has been an intense time of building many new and personal relationships which have grown into meaningful friendships, first with the PSMC executive and Board, then with Elders, the PLC and the Conference Mission team. I have been graciously taken into confidence and trust by pastors and congregations for which I am deeply grateful. It has been a gift of joy to have been privileged to serve congregations of diverse ethnic and cultural-linguistic heritages and with differing theological backgrounds in our conference, who are drawn to the Anabaptist vision of the Church. Sometimes I wonder what is the “glue” that holds the diverse congregations of our Conference together?

My task as CM would have been ineffective and perhaps impossible had it not been for the unusual strong support and back up from Tyler Zabriskie our Moderator, and Joel Shenk’s logistic support as Administrator in the Pasadena office. I have leaned heavily on them and they have given generously from their time often at the expense of their family responsibilities and sacrifice to their jobs and work. We as a PSMC owe a great debt of gratitude for their services over the years, but especially this past year. We will miss their gifts of spiritual insight, dedication and sacrifice. We send them to the new tasks to which the Lord of the Harvest has called them with joy, grateful for the ways our lives and witness have been enriched during the time we have been partners in the Gospel here in the PSMC.

During this year we have been working our way as a conference through two potentially disruptive and divisive issues. The most immediate was the transition and search for a new Conference Minister. Thanks to the hospitality of Los Angeles Faith Chapel and Pastors Chuwang and Grace Pam, in October, the PSMC celebrated the gifts and the ministry which Bishop Jeff Wright had among us and the special encouragement he had given in his ministry to our African immigrant congregations. The celebration of Jeff’s ministry opened the door for a more affirming search process. The CM transition has not been easy or comfortable for some of our congregations and pastors, nevertheless at the end of a year and half we remain together as a Conference and are discovering ways to affirm and support one another. The search for a Conference Minister who can invite and draw together congregations with the diversity of our PSMC is a challenge we face in the year ahead.

The second challenge has a longer history and has proved more difficult to resolve in the PSMC, MC USA, Christian denominations and in the American political arena. The issues center

around the questions defining marriage and human sexuality. Proposition 8 in the Spring of 2009 brought renewed focus to the existing tensions among our congregations by its political and emotional rhetoric in the larger society and larger Christian community. The "Open Letter" which circulated in the larger North American Mennonite community was responded to by a letter addressed to PSMC, MC USA and Mennonite World Conference from our PSMC immigrant congregations, (The Council of Anabaptist Immigrant Churches) calling for clarification and unequivocal affirmation of the membership guidelines in the By Laws of MC USA. In February of 2010 just prior to the Winter Assembly in Pasadena the PSMC Board was able to convene a conversation moderated by David Augsburg between leading Indonesian and African immigrant pastors, pastors in our conference who had signed the "Open Letter", and members of the PSMC Board. This was an intense day of personal exchange and coming to understand one another who come to the issues of marriage and human sexuality from widely divergent cultural assumptions, personal histories, and perhaps most seriously differing ways to read and understand scripture. The great significance of that day was that there was enough trust that the conversation, which is one of the first of its kind in our conference, actually took place. And secondly, that we met and talked face to face as fellow members of the body of Christ, who are committed to radical discipleship, and obedience to the scriptures. The PSMC Board by its action has affirmed the position taken by MC USA in the Membership Guidelines of the By Laws, and at the same time called upon our congregations to follow the document "Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love" as the model and standard for addressing the controversial issues that would divide and alienate us from one another in the Body of Christ.

One of the outcomes from our "Pastoral Conversation" prior to the Winter Assembly was the realization that our pastors in the PSMC do not know each other on a very personal level and many are limited within the PSMC to small circle colleagues. This fact in itself makes divisive issues even more difficult to work through because our trust level of one another is not sufficient to provide a strong foundation for these conversations to move beyond our defensive postures. In order to address this issue we are planning for a two day Pastors retreat at Camp Keola. Camp Keola is our PSMC sponsored camp at beautiful Huntington Lake in the Sierra Mountains east of Reedley. We are hoping for confirmation of a week-end from Mid September to early October. This is intended as a spiritual retreat; a time for prayer, and to listen to each other in smaller groups share our spiritual pilgrimage or pastoral journey. The conference is committed to provide resources so that pastors whose churches cannot pay their way will be able to attend. Details for this Pastors' Retreat will be forth coming.

More recently our PSMC congregations are being challenged by another significant social and ethical issue which directly impacts the many immigrant members of our churches, and indirectly all of us who are their brothers and sisters in Christ. The immigration laws of this country are in serious disarray and in need of reform. In an attempt to address this need the Arizona state legislature has passed Bill 1070 which has raised concern for human rights and dignity, particularly of undocumented immigrants but of all immigrants especially those of color. The Conference Mission Team has targeted immigration issues and working with our immigrant congregations as one of its priorities. At the May 7 meeting of the CMT at Los Angeles Faith Chapel, Gloria James and Mukarabe Makinto from West Coast MCC presented the legal services that MCC is able to offer immigrants. Pastor Bryce Miller and Dr. Barry Hieb of Shalom Mennonite Fellowship in Tucson presented the ethical and moral issues their congregation faces

and will face with added intensity when the Bill 1070 is implemented. As with most social issues, not all of us see the issues from the same perspective or intensity. The CMT has put together a task force to present relevant information on immigrant issues to be placed before the June Assembly for our conference and congregations to weigh and to act upon.

In preparation for our Assembly we request that each person who plans to attend the Assembly commit themselves to read and take to heart the document “ Agreeing and Disagreeing in Love.” It is our intention to hold these guidelines as the standards of respect and consideration of one another during the discussions of the numerous serious issues that we will be called upon to address, discuss and discern together.

During the course of the past year it has been my privilege to work first with Pastor Ron Faus as the Lead Elder and since February to work with Jeannette Slater as Lead Elder. Currently we have about 15 Eldering Clusters. Eight of these clusters have effective leadership and seven have either weak or unassigned Elders. We appear to have some cultural expectations and assumptions that are not being addressed, since most of the Elder Clusters that at this point appear to be less operational serve our ethnic immigrant congregations. Jeannette and I are working to review the appointment of Elders and are planning to reorganize some of the clusters. Since one of the tasks of the Elder is to assist and be an advocate in the licensing and ordination process for pastors in the congregations in which they have oversight, we have requested Lee Lever, Denominational Minister in MC USA, for our region to conduct a training seminar of our Elders. This training is scheduled to take place just prior to our Assembly in Phoenix. We request that all our Elders make plans to attend this training with Lee Lever.

During this past year the following persons have been

1. licensed for ministry:

C.J. and Ude Chukwukelu	Emmanuel Faith Chapel, Las Vegas, NV
Jonah Yang,	New Hope Hmong Mennonite Church, Fresno, CA
Hal Schader	Trinity Mennoite Church, Phoenix AZ
Maribeth Troyer	licensed for special ministry at Trinity Menn. Church
Melissa Hofstetter,(in process)	Pasadena Mennonite Church, Pasadena, CA

2. Transfer of Ordination has been completed for:

Ron Faus,	Trinity Mennonite Church, Phoenix,AZ
Femi Fatunmbi,	Royal Dominion Family Chapel, Los Angeles, CA

3. Ordination Process Completed,

Cheryl Paulovich,	Chaplain, Glendale, AZ
Paul Meyer,	Life House Community, Surprise, AZ
Nehemiah Chigoji	First Mennonite Church, Upland, CA

4. Congregations in the Process of joining or exploring a relationship with PSMC

Basileia Center, El Monte, CA
Community of Faith Church, Dana Point, CA
Wholicare Missionary Community Church, Pasadena, CA

One of the great disappointments of the year has been the closure and sale of the Calvary Church in Inglewood, CA. At the October meeting of the PSMC Board in Pasadena a delegation from the Calvary Church reported that the congregation was in financial difficulty and that the lenders holding the mortgage on the Calvary Church property had foreclosed on the loan and the property was being put up for sale. The congregation held it's final service in the building at the end of December 2009. The property was sold to another African American congregation which is currently renovating the church. The Calvary congregation has dispersed, some have followed Pastor Alvin Isaacs to worship with another congregation in Inglewood, a few have been attending Royal Dominion Family Chapel where Pastor Femi Fatunmbi is pastor. The Calvary Mennonite Church was among the first Mennonite Churches to be planted in the African American community, started in the 1960's during the height of the civil rights movement and in the heart of an area of political unrest and tension. Though the building is gone, the ministry and witness of that congregation endures in the lives of the many persons who have been transformed, and the vision inspired by this congregation lives on in the many ministries of persons who have gone out into the larger community and world. Pastor Femi and I met with former members of the Calvary Church on April 10, along with Pastor Leroy and Irene Beckler, who negotiated the purchase of the church Building from the Brethren Church, and with former Pastor Art and Nancy Cash. The loss of this church property was a deep grief and disappointment to these pioneer pastors. We have agreed to find a time to celebrate the witness and ministry of the Calvary Church in collaboration with Mennonite Mission Network, since the Mennonite Board of Missions was instrumental in starting this historic ministry in the African American community of Los Angeles.

One of the big questions the PSMC faced in divesting itself from Shalom Ministries last year was to find a meaningful outreach and mission program. Under Steve Penner's and Juan Montes' leadership the Conference Mission Team has been vigorously reestablished. Meeting four times this year, the CMT has been well attended. Each time we have visited a significant congregational ministry in order first to learn what our congregations are doing in mission, and secondly to prayerfully support that ministry with ideas, suggestions, and action. Please read Steve Penner's fuller report of the CMT.

The other significant task which CAL and Shalom Ministries provided for PSMC were the Anabaptist history and theology and urban ministry course offerings through Hesston College for the training and credentialing of our pastors. I have had several conversations with both Tim Burkholder of Mennonite Educational Agency and Tim Lichthi of Hesston College regarding the possible options for theological training for many of our bi-vocational pastors who are unable to attend Hesston College or AMBS. One option may be for Hesston College professors to come to PSMC and conduct short intensive classes which would also qualify for academic credit toward a college degree program.

Dr. Thomas Oduro, (the Principal of Good News Bible College and Seminary in Accra, Ghana) visited with our West African congregations in Los Angeles two years ago. Conversation turned to partnering with Good News Seminary, (which is affiliated with Mennonite Mission Network) in preparing our immigrant pastors in that cross cultural African environment, perhaps with a one year exchange while the student is enrolled in the Hesston College program.

Tim Lichti has been meeting with CJ and Ude our bi-vocational pastors in Las Vegas, exploring the possibility of enrolling in Hesston College's pastoral training program. Not many of our pastors are able to leave their work to attend a two to three year program. We must look for additional and appropriate options for our pastors.

The year ahead of us is filled with fresh challenges and unexpected turns in the road. I look forward to partnering with Brian as our new Moderator and the new members of the PSMC Board.

The word of the LORD to Joshua in Joshua 1:9 come to my mind as we stand before the challenges of the new year with new leadership:

“BE strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed , for the LORD you God is with you wherever you go.”

Stan Friesen
Interim Conference Minister

Elder Report

At the Winter Assembly, Jeannette Slater was commissioned as Lead Elder for the Cluster Elder team. Since then she has been working with Stan Friesen to assess what is working and what is not working with the system we have in place. In some cases elders have been very active, staying in touch with the pastors in their cluster, working with leaders who are moving toward credentialling with PSMC, and assisting churches in pastoral transition. In other cases we have seen less activity and we also have some districts that have yet to appoint an elder. So we recognize that this isn't a perfect system and there is still work to be done to have it run more smoothly.

Some areas we are working on include:

- 1) Getting current contact information for all elders
- 2) Clarifying with the elders and with the pastors the expectations of the elder role
- 3) Clarifying the process for appointing new elders
- 4) Recruiting new elders for open districts
- 5) Reactivating/encouraging present elders where needed
- 6) Planning a workshop for elders training on the credentialling process
- 7) Planning future training opportunities for elders
- 8) Working with PLC to follow up on the list of credentialled leaders in PSMC

Submitted by
Jeannette Slater
Lead Elder

**PSMC Gift Discernment Committee
Report to the PSMC Assembly
June 18-19, 2010
Trinity Mennonite Church
Glendale, Arizona**

The Gift Discernment Committee's role is to give leadership to discerning and inviting individuals to serve in various capacities around the PSMC. This includes serving on a range of boards and committees in the conference as well as representing our conference in other institutional settings within our denomination.

Our committee appreciates the fact that the PSMC board is taking an active role in providing overall direction and then assisting in our work.

During the past year the GDC has not met in person but has met via telephone conference on several occasions. Much of our work is handled through email correspondence and personal conversations.

One of our goals this past year was to strengthen the PSMC board. In the recent past the board has functioned with too many positions vacant. We are pleased to present a slate that bulks the board up to ten persons. Our by-laws allow for up to twelve persons to serve. We feel that we have ten committed persons who will serve us well.

We are very grateful for our new executive committee. Brian Fry will assume the role of moderator and Femi Fatunmbi will serve as assistant moderator. Karen Kreider Yoder will assume the secretary role. All of these people lead full, rich lives in their respective homes and communities but they are willing to serve our congregations and conference on the PSMC board. We owe them a debt of gratitude.

--submitted by Stephen Penner on behalf of the Gift Discernment Committee

**PSMC Gift Discernment Committee
Nominations for Affirmation
Presented to the PSMC Board and Assembly Delegates
June 18-19, 2010
Glendale, California**

PSMC board

Moderator

Brian Fry 2010-2012 (1)

Assistant Moderator

Femi Fatunmbi 2009-2011 (1)

Secretary

Karen Kreider Yoder 2010-2012 (1)

Southern California representative

Joyce Welch 2009-2011 (1)

Hyun Hur 2010-2012 (1)

Northern California representative

Naomi Krause 2010-2012 (2)

Arizona representative

Laura Glass-Hess 2010-2012 (1)

Pastoral Leadership Committee

Arizona member

Harry Nze 2010-2013 (1)

Northern California member

Pastor Romero 2009-2012 (1)

PSMC Retreat Ministries

Northern California member

Matt Friesen 2009-2012 (1)

West Coast MCC Board

Sunoko Lin 2010-2013 (2)

Jeanette Claassen 2010-2013 (2)

**PSMC Conference Mission Team
Report to the PSMC Board and Assembly
June 18-19, 2010
Trinity Mennonite Church
Glendale, Arizona**

The PSMC Conference Mission Team (CMT) was formed over a year ago by the PSMC board to carry forward, encourage, and strengthen the missional endeavors of our conference and congregations.

The CMT is officially blessed by the PSMC board though it has not been codified in our official conference documents. We have functioned in an ad hoc way. Everyone is welcome to attend our meetings and whoever is present comprises the CMT at that moment in time. In addition to individuals from our conference, the CMT has enjoyed strong support and participation from MMN, MC USA, and MCC.

The PSMC has three overarching goals. These are to equip leaders, to build relationships, and to organize for mission. The CMT is particularly concerned with the last goal, organizing for mission, though equipping leaders and fostering relationships are implicitly part of our task.

The PSMC board asked interim conference minister Stan Friesen, Juan Montes, and I to do some preliminary work to launch the CMT. We had our first meeting last June prior to the Assembly in Reedley. Subsequently the CMT has held meetings in October at the Center for World Mission in Pasadena, in December at the Basilea Christian Fellowship and Center in El Monte, in February at DOOR in Hollywood, and in May at LA Faith Chapel in Inglewood. We've had strong attendance at each gathering and vibrant conversations.

Early on the CMT determined that it would be important to observe and understand the mission and service oriented work that is already going on in our conference. Thus, in December we gave attention to the array of activities happening at the Basilea Center in El Monte. In February we got a first-hand look at the MMN sponsored DOOR program in Hollywood. In May we learned about ministry among the homeless stemming from the LA Faith Chapel congregation.

Early in the past year the CMT identified several areas of focus for our mission efforts in the PSMC. We thought these might guide our thinking over the next several years. These areas of focus are:

- a) Immigration concerns—because the immigrant theme is such a strong characteristic of our conference
- b) Joint church efforts—because we want to encourage collaboration between churches, the giving and receiving of counsel, strength, and wisdom
- c) Planting churches—because vital, new communities of faith is what the faithful church naturally does
- d) Peace and social justice ministries—because facilitating peacemaking, justice seeking, care for God's good earth, and advocacy are part of our Christian calling

The immigration concern has emerged at every meeting. It was particularly addressed at our May gathering in Inglewood which occurred soon after the Arizona law was signed. In the conversations we have engaged in as a CMT we have shared our experiences. Thus, we are in the early stages of actually doing "joint church efforts. Planting new churches has not been a major agenda item this past year but it will be a focus at our August meeting. Our gathering at DOOR Hollywood and our exposure to the

homeless ministry in Inglewood moved us into the realm of peace and social justice ministries. We have been heartened to see the many wonderful things that our happening within our conference.

Our discussions have also broadened to consider agenda beyond the borders of our country. At the last two meetings we have spent time discussing the suffering in Nigeria. We have people in our churches who come from Nigeria, who know the country intimately, and who are calling on the church to faithfully and helpfully respond. We have been grateful for the contributions and the collaboration of MMN and MCC in these discussions.

We acknowledge that we are just getting started. We respect and understand that this current incarnation of the CMT stands on the shoulders of all the good work that was done in the dozen years plus since our conference was formed. During those years numerous new churches were established, peace and justice ministries were developed, and immigration concerns were addressed.

But we are at a new place now and we hope that with only a cadre of willing volunteers we can work together to strengthen the ministries that already exist, and dream and give birth to new ones yet unimagined. We operate on a shoestring financially but we do have bucketfuls of good ideas, willing souls and energized hearts.

--submitted by Stephen Penner

--May 13, 2010

PSMC Pastoral Leadership Committee Report 2009-2010

The Pastoral Leadership Committee (PLC) is charged by the by-laws of PSMC to provide support to church-pastor relationship in whatever ways serve the best interests of all concerned. Specific ways the PLC does this include examining candidates for ministry credentials, providing opportunities for growth and improvement for those in ministry, and managing issues of discipline for those credentialed by the conference.

Tracking of Pastors/Ministers Credentials

In the past year the PLC has reviewed the credential files of all those currently in pastoral ministry in PSMC and created a spread sheet to allow the PLC to track the status of all pastors. This review alerted us to a number of pastors whose licenses for ministry have expired but who have not make progress toward ordination. We have begun the process of working with these pastors to move toward appropriate credential status. We have arranged for licensing and ordination interviews for a number of pastors and have passed on to the PSMC Board several requests for approval for ordination for those who have completed all the requirements.

Pastoral Ethics

On the Friday before the February PSMC Assembly, the PLC sponsored a workshop on Pastoral Ethics. In planning since 2007 (!), this training is required for all credentialed pastors in the conference. Additional offerings of a pastoral ethics workshop are being planned for those who were unable to attend the February event.

District Elder

The relationship of the PLC to the District Elder structure is still developing. During the past year we offered support to Ron Faus in his role as lead Elder, particularly in the work of seeking persons to fulfill District Elder roles.

Members of PLC

The by-laws state that the PLC should have 3 members, in addition to the chairperson, one from each of the three regions of the conference. During the past year, we have not had a representative from Arizona. In addition, following the February Assembly we lost the excellent and long-term contributions of Shari Hochstetler, and have not replaced her with another representative from Northern California. The lack of a full committee has made progress on credentialing slower than we would like. In addition, although the by-laws state that the PLC is responsible for granting and revoking credentials, the ministerial policy document moved those responsibilities to the Board. As a result, it is not always clear when responsibility for pastoral oversight resides with the PLC, with the Board, or with the Conference Minister.

We look forward to a full committee in the coming year and to working with Jeanette Slater as Lead Elder, and Stan Friesen, as Interim Conference Minister, to clear the backlog of credentialing issues, to clarify the role and function of the PLC and to create new opportunities for pastoral education in the PSMC.

Submitted by
Katherine Jameson Pitts
Secretary
Pastoral Leadership Committee

The Report of African Mennonite Mission Empowerment 2009 -2010

The African Mennonite Mission Empowerment is a constituency group within the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. It consists of African pastors which emigrated from Africa to the United States for the purpose of church planting, and carrying out missions locally and overseas. It has held three bi-annual mission congresses in Canada with the cooperation of the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Church in Eastern Canada.

During the PSMC Summer Assembly in June 2009 at the First Mennonite Church Reedley, AMME was officially recognized as a constituency group within the conference. These group of Immigrant pastors also requested PSMC Conference to write an official letter to Mennonite Church USA for national recognition of AMME as a constituency group. To this effect, an official letter was sent to the Executive Secretary of MC USA.

In response to the letter of request for recognition, the Intercultural Relation Directorate of MCUSA charged with the issue of racial/ethnic issues of the church conducted the First Generation of Immigrants Church Leaders Conference at Pasadena Mennonite Church, Pasadena, California. Various immigrant church leaders shared their stories of church planting and mission, and many of the agencies within MC USA were in attendance. It was a resourceful and well attended conference.

In 2010, the AMME joined other immigrant pastors and their congregations from Indonesia, the Philippines, China, and Korea to form the AICLC (Association of Immigrants Church Leadership Council). This council provides a united voice for the Immigrant Churches within PSMC. It also serves as relation building net work for our diverse conference.

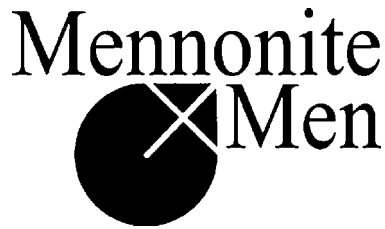
Also in 2010 the Intercultural Relation Directorate invited two of the leaders of AMME, namely Pastors Grace Pam of Los Angeles Faith Chapel and Femi Fatunmbi of Royal Dominion, to the Ethnic/Racial Reference Group meeting in Kansas City. The purpose of the group meeting is to promote unity and acceptance of one another in the church as equal partners. This group has held two meetings and made significant progress in asking the MC USA to set aside a day within the biannual convention to celebrate our diversity as a church. This recommendation has been approved by the executive leadership of the MCUSA for the 2011 convention in Pittsburgh.

The Ethnic/Racial reference group also requested the Mennonite Church Executive Leadership to set up a Racial Healing Committee to suggest ways of bringing healing to the church that has suffered from racial discrimination in time past. This recommendation has also been approved. The members of the Racial Healing Committee met with the Racial/Ethnic reference group members in March to discuss and strategize ways of accomplishing their mission.

Femi Fatunmbi

Executive Secretary

AMME



Mennonite Men Report
Pacific Southwest Annual Assembly
June 18-19, 2010

Mennonite Men, a constituency group of Mennonite Church USA, sponsors the JoinHands Mennonite Church Building program and works with issues related to men and men's ministry.

● **ACTIVITIES** during the past year have included the following:

1. Mennonite Men partnered with Mennonite Publishing Network in producing a new study JoinHands grant recipients during 2009 included: Salina Mennonite Church, Salina, KS, \$30,000; Luz del Evangelio, Dallas, TX, \$40,000; Living Water Community Church, Chicago, IL, \$40,000 and Mennonite Church Canada Witness is selecting an overseas congregation to receive a \$10,000 tithe grant.
2. North Clinton Mennonite Church, Wauseon, OH partnered with Mennonite Men by contributing \$12,000 from their Church Building tithe fund toward the Living Water Community Church, Chicago, IL JoinHands grant.

● **AFFIRMATIONS** made by Mennonite Men

1. During 2009 Mennonite Men celebrated 25 years of providing church building grants to young congregations acquiring their first church building through the JoinHands program. During that time 55 young congregations have received in excess of 1.5 million in grants. Persons having contributed to JoinHands for 10 or more years were recognized for their long-term commitment to church planting.
2. Affirmations for growth in Mennonite Church USA are made by Mennonite Men by helping new church plants, through church building grants, to acquire their first building.

● **CONCERNS FOR PRAYER AND SUPPORT**

1. The length of time churches must wait to receive a grant after being approved. Grants of \$380,000 have been approved for 11 congregations with 3 applications being processed.
2. Mennonite Men needs to continue to both encourage the formation of men's groups and provide Anabaptist study resources.

● **ACTION ITEMS**

1. Our involvement in Denominational Men's Ministry Network of North America makes possible the sharing of resources, ideas and common concerns related to ministry to men.
2. Jim Gingerich has retired as Mennonite Men Coordinator. Don Yoder, Harrisonburg, VA began as Coordinator June 1, 2010.
3. The Mennonite Men has funds available for **scholarships** for men & woman to further their education for Christian Service. Applications are available on the Conference Website, then submitted to Al Whaley, First Mennonite Church, Phoenix.

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Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference
Profit & Loss Budget Performance
May 2010

	<u>Jul '09 - May 10</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>	<u>Annual Budget</u>
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
404 · Congregational Contributions	77,865.10	77,000.00	101.12%	84,000.00
485 · Other Donations	1,618.25	0.00	100.0%	0.00
489 · Interest Income	14,696.70	13,750.00	106.89%	15,000.00
400 · Assembly Offering	0.00	1,826.00	0.0%	2,000.00
487 · Registration fees	<u>3,480.00</u>	<u>3,663.00</u>	<u>95.0%</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>
Total Income	97,660.05	96,239.00	101.48%	105,000.00
Expense				
599 · Ministry & Eldering				
620 · Conference Minister	18,750.00	25,000.00	75.0%	30,000.00
610 · Conference Minister Expense	4,265.05	4,587.00	92.98%	5,000.00
612 · Conf Minister Health Insurance	1,208.16	5,000.00	24.16%	6,000.00
629 · Transitional Consultant	13,750.00	15,000.00	91.67%	15,000.00
662 · Lead Elder Stipend	6,250.00	3,750.00	166.67%	3,750.00
663 · Elder Expenses	3,738.60	23,100.00	16.18%	25,200.00
666 · Elder Training & Resourcing	<u>0.00</u>	<u>2,288.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total 599 · Ministry & Eldering	47,961.81	78,725.00	60.92%	87,450.00
580 · First Fruits	0.00	2,750.00	0.0%	3,000.00
627 · Conference Board				
628 · Conference Board	1,230.35	3,663.00	33.59%	4,000.00
630 · Board Orientation	1,376.36	1,837.00	74.92%	2,000.00
639 · Search Expenses	<u>3,666.15</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 627 · Conference Board	6,272.86	5,500.00	114.05%	6,000.00
625 · CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION				
640 · Administrative Staff	11,000.00	11,000.00	100.0%	12,000.00
638 · Bookkeeping & Office Expenses	5,732.70	6,413.00	89.39%	7,000.00
632 · Office equipment	805.97	913.00	88.28%	1,000.00
634 · Office space	370.62	3,212.00	11.54%	3,500.00
637 · Office supplies	524.33	737.00	71.14%	800.00
626 · Insurance - Liability/Wrk Comp	71.89	2,200.00	3.27%	2,400.00
636 · Panorama	1,612.10	3,663.00	44.01%	4,000.00
642 · Website Maintenance	227.15	462.00	49.17%	500.00
646 · Assembly Expenses	1,058.62	3,663.00	28.9%	4,000.00
647 · Staff Travel	482.80	462.00	104.5%	500.00
649 · Korean Anabaptist Fellowship	1,403.02	0.00	100.0%	0.00
650 · Miscellaneous	<u>1,035.12</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 625 · CONFERENCE ADMINISTRATION	24,324.32	32,725.00	74.33%	35,700.00
654 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP				
656 · PLC Administration	2,601.88	1,100.00	236.54%	1,200.00
660 · Ministry Inquiry ProgramSupport	<u>0.00</u>	<u>913.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>	<u>1,000.00</u>
Total 654 · PASTORAL LEADERSHIP	2,601.88	2,013.00	129.25%	2,200.00
Total Expense	81,160.87	121,713.00	66.68%	134,350.00
Net Ordinary Income	16,499.18	-25,474.00	-64.77%	-29,350.00

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 May 2010

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Other Income/Expense				
Other Income				
710 · PASS THROUGH INCOME				
481 · Pass-thru Designated Giving	81,778.35	91,663.00	89.22%	100,000.00
520 · MMN UMD Grant	<u>4,433.31</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 710 · PASS THROUGH INCOME	86,211.66	91,663.00	94.05%	100,000.00
750 · INVESTMENT INCOME				
752 · Investment Interest/Dividend	17,866.01	0.00	100.0%	0.00
596 · Realized Gain/Loss	1,637.09	0.00	100.0%	0.00
594 · Unrealized Gain/Loss	<u>35,999.35</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 750 · INVESTMENT INCOME	55,502.45	0.00	100.0%	0.00
Total Other Income	141,714.11	91,663.00	154.6%	100,000.00
Other Expense				
571 · PASS THROUGH EXPENSE				
570 · Pass through Designated Expense	81,778.35	91,663.00	89.22%	100,000.00
692 · MMN-UMD Grant/Mission Visioning	<u>817.28</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 571 · PASS THROUGH EXPENSE	82,595.63	91,663.00	90.11%	100,000.00
590 · INVESTMENT EXPENSE				
591 · Distribution	12,602.85	0.00	100.0%	0.00
592 · Fees	<u>3,552.21</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 590 · INVESTMENT EXPENSE	16,155.06	0.00	100.0%	0.00
800 · RESTRICTED FUNDS RELEASED				
818 · Native Ministry Funds Disbursed	<u>184.00</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.0%</u>	<u>0.00</u>
Total 800 · RESTRICTED FUNDS RELEASED	184.00	0.00	100.0%	0.00
Total Other Expense	98,934.69	91,663.00	107.93%	100,000.00
Net Other Income	42,779.42	0.00	100.0%	0.00
Net Income	<u>59,278.60</u>	<u>-25,474.00</u>	<u>-232.7%</u>	<u>-29,350.00</u>

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference
Balance Sheet with Previous Year Comparison
As of May 31, 2010

	<u>May 31, 10</u>	<u>May 31, 09</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
104 · Checking Account	29,157.02	24,516.42	4,640.60	18.93%
105 · Savings Account				
114 · Savings - Unrestricted	50,960.65	43,668.99	7,291.66	16.7%
113 · Restricted - La Mesa del Senor	0.00	1,000.00	-1,000.00	-100.0%
115 · Restricted - Native American	20,040.81	20,154.00	-113.19	-0.56%
116 · Restricted - Interest	31,612.21	31,612.21	0.00	0.0%
117 · Restricted - Deposit Accounts	5,585.84	5,585.84	0.00	0.0%
118 · Restricted - S. Cal. VS Development	48,628.86	48,508.13	120.73	0.25%
119 · Restricted - Property Sales	<u>24,010.75</u>	<u>15,324.65</u>	<u>8,686.10</u>	<u>56.68%</u>
Total 105 · Savings Account	180,839.12	165,853.82	14,985.30	9.04%
107 · MMA Investment Account				
107.1 · MMA-Restricted Property Sales	281,774.07	246,619.29	35,154.78	14.26%
107.2 · MMA-Unrestricted Savings	<u>230,542.46</u>	<u>201,779.42</u>	<u>28,763.04</u>	<u>14.26%</u>
Total 107 · MMA Investment Account	<u>512,316.53</u>	<u>448,398.71</u>	<u>63,917.82</u>	<u>14.26%</u>
Total Checking/Savings	<u>722,312.67</u>	<u>638,768.95</u>	<u>83,543.72</u>	<u>13.08%</u>
Total Current Assets	<u>722,312.67</u>	<u>638,768.95</u>	<u>83,543.72</u>	<u>13.08%</u>
TOTAL ASSETS	<u><u>722,312.67</u></u>	<u><u>638,768.95</u></u>	<u><u>83,543.72</u></u>	<u><u>13.08%</u></u>
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Other Current Liabilities				
199 · Restricted Deposit Accounts				
200 · Res - Northern Cal. Consulting	140.00	140.00	0.00	0.0%
201 · Res - MWC Travel Fund	2,067.39	2,067.39	0.00	0.0%
203 · Res - N. Cal. Hispanic Ministry	717.00	717.00	0.00	0.0%
206 · Res - N. Cal. Church Plant	<u>2,661.45</u>	<u>2,661.45</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total 199 · Restricted Deposit Accounts	5,585.84	5,585.84	0.00	0.0%
210 · SCA VS Development	48,628.86	48,508.13	120.73	0.25%
211 · Payroll - Liabilities	<u>488.35</u>	<u>0.00</u>	<u>488.35</u>	<u>100.0%</u>
Total Other Current Liabilities	<u>54,703.05</u>	<u>54,093.97</u>	<u>609.08</u>	<u>1.13%</u>
Total Current Liabilities	<u>54,703.05</u>	<u>54,093.97</u>	<u>609.08</u>	<u>1.13%</u>

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	<u>May 31, 10</u>	<u>May 31, 09</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Total Liabilities	54,703.05	54,093.97	609.08	1.13%
Equity				
292 · Net assets beginning of year	645,127.64	645,127.64	0.00	0.0%
294 · Change in net assets	-36,796.62	0.00	-36,796.62	-100.0%
Net Income	<u>59,278.60</u>	<u>-60,452.66</u>	<u>119,731.26</u>	<u>-198.06%</u>
Total Equity	<u>667,609.62</u>	<u>584,674.98</u>	<u>82,934.64</u>	<u>14.19%</u>
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	<u><u>722,312.67</u></u>	<u><u>638,768.95</u></u>	<u><u>83,543.72</u></u>	<u><u>13.08%</u></u>

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference
MONTHLY PSMC GENERAL FUND GIVING - FY 09/10

For the period of July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010

	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	PSMC General Fund
* Abundant Life Miracle													\$0
* All Souls Christian				100					100				\$200
* Bethel Community		300						300					\$600
* Calvary Christian													\$0
* Christ Life Chapel										200			\$200
* Church for Others			150			150		150					\$450
* Emmanuel Faith Chapel													\$0
* Faith and Love Christian													\$0
Faith Mennonite of Downey			2,500										\$2,500
* Family Mennonite	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		\$1,100
* First Menn - Paso Robles							5,326						\$5,326
First Menn - Phoenix													\$0
First Menn - Reedley			2,625			2,625		2,000	2,625				\$9,875
First Menn - San Francisco					1,875		5,000						\$6,875
First Menn - Upland		100			100		100				100		\$400
* GKI Indonesia, Zion													\$0
* GKI, Pomona		200	100	50	50	50	50	50	50		50		\$650
* Great Commission													\$0
* Hmong Community				100				100	100		100		\$400
* ICCF Colton		100											\$100
* Iglesia Evangelica Bethel													\$0
* Iglesia Monte Sinai													\$0
* La Mesa del Senor						100							\$100
* Indonesian-JKI Maranatha					100	100							\$200
* Indonesian Worship Church													\$0
* JKI - Anugrah													\$0
* JKI - Hosana		100	100	100	200	200	100	100	100	100	100		\$1,200
* JKI - Imanuel						400							\$400
Koinonia Mennonite					2,432		1,295		605				\$4,332
* Labor for Christ Ministry													\$0
Life House Community	782			629			656				736		\$2,803
* Los Angeles Faith Chapel		200				400	100		200		100		\$1,000
Mennonite Community					1,250	2,500							\$3,750
* Messiah in the Now Ministry													\$0
* Miracle of Faith Mennonite	25	25	25	25	25		25	25	25	25	25		\$250
* Mountian View Mennonite		100	100	100		300	100	100		200	100		\$1,100
Pasadena Mennonite	1,781				2,506		2,755			1,496			\$8,538
* Peace House Fellowship								500					\$500
* Prince of Peace Anabaptist													\$0
* Royal Dominion Family													\$0
* San Diego Mennonite									200				\$200
* San Fran Chinese Mennonite							100		100				\$200
Shalom Mennonite			750			750			750				\$2,250
Sunnyslope Mennonite		1,166		1,000	500	500	500	500	500	500	500		\$5,666
* Trinity Chinese Mennonite				100		100							\$200
Trinity Mennonite			5,000		5000	3,150			3,150				\$16,300
Basileia Christian Fellowship								200					\$200
TOTAL	2,688	2,391	11,450	2,304	14,138	11,425	16,207	4,125	8,605	2,621	1,911	0	\$77,865
*indicates monthly reminder	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov ²⁵	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	\$77,865

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST MENNONITE CONFERENCE

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING - FY 09/10

For the period of July 1, 2009 through May 31, 2010

	PSMC General Fund	PSMC Women	PSMC Men	PSMC Other	Other Designated	TOTAL GIVING
* Abundant Life Miracle	\$0					\$0
* All Souls Christian	\$200					\$200
* Bethel Community	\$600					\$600
* Calvary Christian	\$0					\$0
* Christ Life Chapel	\$200					\$200
* Church for Others	\$450					\$450
* Emmanuel Faith Chapel	\$0					\$0
* Faith and Love Christian	\$0					\$0
Faith Mennonite of Downey	\$2,500				\$2,500	\$5,000
* Family Mennonite	\$1,100					\$1,100
* First Menn - Paso Robles	\$5,326					\$5,326
First Menn - Phoenix	\$0					\$0
First Menn - Reedley	\$9,875				\$7,875	\$17,750
First Menn - San Francisco	\$6,875				\$2,250	\$9,125
First Menn - Upland	\$400			\$338	\$912	\$1,650
* GKI Indonesia, Zion	\$0					\$0
* GKI, Pomona	\$650					\$650
* Great Commission	\$0					\$0
* Hmong Community	\$400					\$400
* ICCF Colton	\$100					\$100
* Iglesia Evangelica Bethel	\$0					\$0
* Iglesia Monte Sinai	\$0					\$0
* La Mesa del Senor	\$100					\$100
* Indonesian-JKI Maranatha	\$200					\$200
* Indonesian Worship Church	\$0					\$0
* JKI - Anugrah	\$0					\$0
* JKI - Hosana	\$1,200					\$1,200
* JKI - Imanuel	\$400					\$400
Koinonia Mennonite	\$4,332	\$200	\$100		\$6,549	\$11,181
* Labor for Christ Ministry	\$0					\$0
Life House Community	\$2,803	\$328	\$368		\$2,106	\$5,605
* Los Angeles Faith Chapel	\$1,000					\$1,000
Mennonite Community	\$3,750				\$1,300	\$5,050
* Messiah in the Now Ministry	\$0					\$0
* Miracle of Faith Mennonite	\$250					\$250
* Mountain View Mennonite	\$1,100					\$1,100
Pasadena Mennonite	\$8,538				\$6,570	\$15,108
* Peace House Fellowship	\$500					\$500
* Prince of Peace Anabaptist	\$0					\$0
* Royal Dominion Family	\$0					\$0
* San Diego Mennonite	\$200					\$200
* San Fran Chinese Mennonite	\$200					\$200
Shalom Mennonite	\$2,250				\$2,475	\$4,725
Sunnyslope Mennonite	\$5,666			\$751	\$7,265	\$13,682
* Trinity Chinese Mennonite	\$200					\$200
Trinity Mennonite	\$16,300	\$200			\$39,691	\$56,191
Basileia Christian Fellowship	\$200					\$200
TOTAL	\$77,865	\$728	\$468	\$1,089	\$79,493	\$159,643
* indicates monthly reminder sent			26	Total Pass-through:	\$81,778	\$159,643

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference
MONTHLY PSMC GENERAL FUND GIVING - FY 08/09

For the period of July 1, 2008 through May, 2009

Congregation	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	PSMC General Fund
* Abundant Life Miracle													\$0
* All Souls Christian	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100	100		\$1,000
* Bethal Community					400		400				400		\$1,200
* Calvary Christian													\$0
* Christ Life Chapel			100			100	100						\$300
* Church for Others	50	50			150		150	50			50		\$500
* Emmanuel Faith Chapel	150												\$150
* Faith and Love Christian													\$0
Faith Mennonite of Downey	2,500												\$2,500
* Family Mennonite	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		\$1,100
* First Menn - Paso Robles	100	200					867						\$1,167
First Menn - Phoenix							1,000						\$1,000
First Menn - Reedley			5,100			5,000			2,625				\$12,725
First Menn - San Francisco							1,875		5,000		2,320		\$9,195
First Menn - Upland	133			133		133					100		\$500
* GKI Indonesia, Zion													\$0
* GKI, Pomona				100	100				100		300		\$600
* Great Commission													\$0
* Hmong Community											100		\$100
* ICCF Colton		100				100							\$200
* Iglesia Evangelica Bethel													\$0
* Iglesia Monte Sinai													\$0
* Iglesia la Mesa del Senor						75							\$75
* Indonesian-JKI Maranatha													\$0
* Indonesian Worship Church													\$0
* JKI - Anugrah													\$0
* JKI - Hosana										100			\$100
* JKI - Imanuel							100						\$100
Koinonia Mennonite				1,304									\$1,304
* Labor for Christ Ministry													\$0
Life House Community	878			720			705			740			\$3,043
* Los Angeles Faith Chapel		300		150		250			200		200		\$1,100
Mennonite Community							2,500				1,250		\$3,750
* Messiah in the Now Ministry													\$0
* Miracle of Faith Mennonite		25	25	25	25	25			25	25	25		\$200
* Mountain View Mennonite			200			200	200		100	300	100		\$1,100
Pasadena Mennonite				2,171		2,295				1,750			\$6,216
* Peace House Fellowship													\$0
* Prince of Peace Anabaptist													\$0
* Royal Dominion Family		100											\$100
* San Diego Mennonite													\$0
* San Fran Chinese Mennonite													\$0
Shalom Mennonite			750			750			750				\$2,250
Sunnyslope Mennonite	625	625	587	583	583	583	583	583	583	583	583		\$6,501
* Trinity Chinese Mennonite				100		100					100		\$300
Trinity Mennonite			4,650			5,000			5,000				\$14,650
TOTAL	4,636	1,600	11,612	5,486	1,458	14,811	8,681	833	14,483	3,698	5,728	0	\$73,026
*indicates monthly reminder	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	* Indicates mo

LAST YEAR - FOR COMPARISON

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST MENNONITE CONFERENCE

CONGREGATIONAL GIVING - FY 08/09

For the period of July 1, 2008 through May, 2009

Congregation	PSMC General Fund	PSMC Women	PSMC Men	PSMC Other	Other Designated	TOTAL GIVING
* Abundant Life Miracle	\$0					\$0
* All Souls Christian	\$1,000					\$1,000
* Bethal Community	\$1,200					\$1,200
* Calvary Christian	\$0					\$0
* Christ Life Chapel	\$300					\$300
* Church for Others	\$500					\$500
* Emmanuel Faith Chapel	\$150					\$150
* Faith and Love Christian	\$0					\$0
Faith Mennonite of Downey	\$2,500		\$2,500			\$5,000
* Family Mennonite	\$1,100					\$1,100
* First Menn - Paso Robles	\$1,167				\$2,389	\$3,557
First Menn - Phoenix	\$1,000					\$1,000
First Menn - Reedley	\$12,725				\$12,625	\$25,350
First Menn - San Francisco	\$9,195				\$5,910	\$15,105
First Menn - Upland	\$500			\$621	\$1,458	\$2,579
* GKI Indonesia, Zion	\$0					\$0
* GKI, Pomona	\$600					\$600
* Great Commission	\$0					\$0
* Hmong Community	\$100					\$100
* ICCF Colton	\$200					\$200
* Iglesia Evangelica Bethel	\$0					\$0
* Iglesia Monte Sinai	\$0					\$0
* Iglesia la Mesa del Senor	\$75					\$75
* Indonesian-JKI Maranatha	\$0					\$0
* Indonesian Worship Church	\$0					\$0
* JKI - Anugrah	\$0					\$0
* JKI - Hosana	\$100					\$100
* JKI - Imanuel	\$100					\$100
Koinonia Mennonite	\$1,304		\$100		\$3,106	\$4,510
* Labor for Christ Ministry	\$0					\$0
Life House Community	\$3,043	\$353	\$809		\$1,882	\$6,087
* Los Angeles Faith Chapel	\$1,100					\$1,100
Mennonite Community	\$3,750				\$785	\$4,535
* Messiah in the Now Ministry	\$0					\$0
* Miracle of Faith Mennonite	\$200					\$200
* Mountain View Mennonite	\$1,100					\$1,100
Pasadena Mennonite	\$6,216			\$3,163	\$7,377	\$16,756
* Peace House Fellowship	\$0					\$0
* Prince of Peace Anabaptist	\$0					\$0
* Royal Dominion Family	\$100					\$100
* San Diego Mennonite	\$0					\$0
* San Fran Chinese Mennonite	\$0					\$0
Shalom Mennonite	\$2,250				\$2,475	\$4,725
Sunnyslope Mennonite	\$6,501			\$951	\$4,549	\$12,001
* Trinity Chinese Mennonite	\$300					\$300
Trinity Mennonite	\$14,650	\$250		\$125	\$31,846	\$46,871
TOTAL	\$73,026	\$603	\$3,409	\$4,860	\$74,402	\$156,300

* indicates monthly reminder sent

Total Pass-through:

\$83,274

LAST YEAR - FOR COMPARISON

Draft FY 2011 Budget

Income	2007 Actual	2008 Actual	2009 Actual	2010 Projected	2011 Plan
Congregational giving	97,933	96,995	82,869	91,665	93,000
Other donations	50	5,168	160	1,500	0
Interest income	10,630	41,724	8,775	15,000	15,000
Assembly Offerings	691	1,446	539	500	500
Assembly Registration	1,391	4,418	4,736	4,500	4,500
Total Income	110,695	149,751	97,079	113,165	113,000

Expenses

Minister and Elders					
Conference Minister/s salary	70,552	44,796	44,089	36,250	45,000
Conference Minister Benefits	0	0	0	1,500	5,500
Conference Minister travel and expenses	3,639	2,555	5,616	3,840	4,000
Lead Elder	501	0	8,125	7,500	7,500
Elder Expenses	0	2,500	6,641	3,800	12,000
Elder orientation and training	0	1,873	1,120	1,250	200
Coaching	0	0	4,756	0	0
Other minister expense	0	495	0	0	0
Subtotal Ministers and Elders	74,692	52,219	70,347	54,140	74,200
Administration					
Administrative staff	4,500	4,500	5,004	12,000	10,000
Staff travel	0	0	810	500	800
Office space	5,000	5,000	5,004	365	0
Office supplies	0	0	0	700	700
Office equipment	0	0	0	1,000	500
Website maintenance	93	0	0	250	400
Bookkeeping	4,966	5,491	6,607	6,625	7,000
Liability insurance	2,948	2,446	2,156	78	2,400
Panorama	3,400	3,249	3,054	3,100	4,000
Assembly expenses	1,489	3,437	2,246	3,000	4,000
Miscellaneous	4,543	4,441	90	1,030	0
Native Ministries	1,800	1,800	1,800	0	0
Korean Anabaptist Fellowship	0	0	0	1,403	0
MC USA Delegate Support	400	0	0	0	0
Subtotal Administration	29,139	30,364	26,771	30,051	29,800
Conference Board					
Board travel and expenses	5,043	4,716	4,332	3,000	4,000
Board orientation	0	1,597	970	1,376	2,000
Search team expenses	0	0	0	3,666	4,000
Subtotal Board	5,043	6,313	5,302	8,042	10,000
Pastoral Leadership					
PLC travel and expenses	3,436	2,197	1,139	2,950	3,000
Ethics workshop	0	0	0	0	1,000
Pastors retreat	0	0	0	0	0
Ministry Inquiry Program	0	0	1,250	250	1,000
School For Urban Mission	7,500	5,000	5,004	0	0
Subtotal Pastoral Leadership	10,936	7,197	7,393	3,200	5,000

Conference Mission Team	1,437	1,691	0	0	1,500
Faith Formation Team	282	0	0	0	0
MC USA Tithe	3,626	0	0	3,000	3,000
Total Expenses	125,155	97,784	109,813	98,433	123,500
Over/Under Budget	-14,460	51,967	-12,734	14,732	-10,500
Pass Through Designated Giving (MC USA)		107,667	86,893	95,900	99,000
Pass Through Expense (MC USA)		107,667	86,893	95,900	99,000



God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

Greetings to you in Christ from Mennonite Church USA. I am heartened by the way you relate with and contribute to the life of Mennonite Church USA as partners in God's mission. Your conference has reached out with the love of Christ to embrace many new people and congregations. Some of the emerging fellowships within your conference have potential to become the core of recognized constituent groups within Mennonite Church USA.

I regret that my schedule will not permit me to join you in your conference sessions this year, so I am grateful that Lee Lever can represent our national conference staff. My prayers are with your conference as you seek a spirit of unity in the midst of significant diversity.

LaVern Yutzy, a former CEO of Philhaven, recently completed a year of service to Mennonite Church USA as a consultant on ways to better pursue our common mission. He recommended that conferences should play a more central role in the life of our denomination. Following are a few relevant quotes from his report.

“The role of conferences and Racial/Ethnic groups must be strengthened.

- Conferences and Racial/Ethnic groups must be seen as the primary focus of denominational level activities.
- Conferences must be represented on the Executive Board and conferences and Racial/Ethnic groups must be much more engaged in decision making. (p.4-5)”

I agree with Yutzy that “A key role of the Executive Board and denominational level activity is that of supporting congregations in living out *Vision: Healing and Hope*. This is accomplished by supporting conferences in their role of resourcing congregations. Focusing denominational level efforts primarily on congregations only undermines the role of the conference. In order to identify resources that will facilitate the work of conferences, conferences themselves must be integrally involved in this ongoing conversation” (p. 7-8).

Yutzy made a number of specific recommendations for strengthening the role of conferences in resourcing congregations. I hope that Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference will be vitally involved in the discussion of these recommendations. Whether we adopt Yutzy's specific suggestions or shape better alternatives, I pray that God may strengthen you as a conference of congregations deeply committed to God's mission in the world.

Together in Christ,

Ervin R. Stutzman
Executive Director, Mennonite Church USA



Dios nos llama a ser seguidores de Jesucristo, y por el poder del Espíritu Santo, crecer como comunidades de gracia, gozo y paz, para que la sanidad y esperanza de Dios fluya a través de nosotros al mundo.

Saludos en el nombre Cristo de parte de la Iglesia Menonita de EE.UU. Estoy animado por la forma en que se relacionan con y contribuyen a la vida de la Iglesia Menonita de EE.UU. Su Conferencia se ha extendido con el amor de Cristo para incluir muchas personas y congregaciones nuevas. Algunas de las nuevas misiones dentro de su conferencia tienen el potencial de llegar a ser el núcleo de grupos constituyentes reconocidos dentro la Iglesia Menonita de EE.UU.

Lamento que mi horario no me permite el participar las sesiones de su conferencia este año, por lo que estoy agradecido de que Lee Lever puede representarnos de parte de la Conferencia Nacional. Mis oraciones están con su conferencia que tengan un espíritu de unidad en medio de una diversidad significativa.

La Vern Yutzy, ex Director Ejecutivo de Philhaven, recientemente completó un año de servicio en la Iglesia Menonita de EE.UU., como consultor para buscar mejores maneras de cumplir nuestra misión en común. El recomendó que las conferencias deben de desempeñar un papel más importante en la vida de nuestra denominación. Los siguientes son unas pocas citas pertinentes de su informe.

“Hay que fortalecer el papel de las conferencias y de los grupos raciales/étnicos.

- Las conferencias y grupos raciales/étnicos deben de ser vistos como el enfoque principal de las actividades a nivel nacional de la denominación.
- Las conferencias deben de estar representadas en el Comité Ejecutivo y en las conferencias y se deben de involucrar mas a los grupos raciales/étnicos en la toma de decisiones (P. 4-5)”

Estoy de acuerdo con Yutzy cuando dice que "un papel clave de la Junta Ejecutiva y la actividad a nivel de la denominación es el de apoyar a las congregaciones en vivir la *Visión: Sanidad y Esperanza*. Esto se logrará apoyando a las conferencias en su papel de brindar recursos a las congregaciones. Enfocando los esfuerzos de la denominación en las congregaciones sólo disminuye el papel de la conferencia. A fin de identificar recursos que facilitarán la labor de las conferencias, las conferencias mismas deben de participar integralmente en esta conversación constante" (p. 7-8).

Yutzy dio un número de recomendaciones específicas para fortalecer el papel de las conferencias cuando estén proveyendo recursos a las congregaciones. Yo espero que la Conferencia Menonita del Pacífico Suroeste participe en la discusión tan importante de estas recomendaciones. No obstante si adoptamos las sugerencias específicas que dio Yutzy o que formulemos alternativas mejores, le pido a Dios que les de fortaleza como una conferencia de congregaciones profundamente comprometidas con la misión de Dios en el mundo.

Juntos en Cristo,

Ervin R. Stutzman
Director Ejecutivo, Iglesia Menonita de EE.UU.



**Mennonite
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The mission agency of
Mennonite Church USA

**Pacific Southwest Conference of
Mennonite Church USA**

May 2010

CELEBRATING circles of relationships



You responded to the call. You became a partner in God's mission. You gave of yourself, volunteering your time; you gave of your time, praying for God's purposes to be fulfilled; you shared your resources. And we at Mennonite Mission Network celebrate the privilege we had to be your partner in connecting you with, or creating together, opportunities to be instruments of God's healing and hope in the world. We are honored to join with Pacific

Southwest Mennonite Conference in responding to God's call, and with you to be a sign and foretaste of God's good news in Jesus Christ in a hurting and broken world.

Stanley W. Green
Stanley W. Green

Executive Director
Mennonite Mission Network

Pacific Southwest Conference in mission

Mennonite Mission Network celebrates the ways that we and Pacific Southwest Conference worked together to share the good news of Christ in 2009. Thank you for your faithful participation in mission.

Pacific Southwest supports service

Pacific Southwest Conference supports a Mennonite Voluntary Service unit in Fresno, where MVSer Jordan Zickafoose, Lima, Ohio, works with COSA (Circles of Support and Accountability) for sex offenders. COSA was formed as a ministry of the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies at Fresno Pacific University, and has been walking alongside sex offenders as they seek change and rehabilitation.

Zickafoose is a part of several circles, and through his work, he says he has

learned much and seen many people change.

"When I tell people what I do, sometimes they wonder why I'm involved with this work. They think sex offenders can't change, but I believe everyone deserves a chance to be rehabilitated and to change," said Zickafoose.

In the three years COSA has been operating, none of the offenders involved in circles have re-offended.

"We often get to hear core members talk about how COSA has affected them or been instrumental in their lives, but volunteers also talk about their learnings as well. They are not only there to provide support and accountability, but the core members are giving back to us, too," said Zickafoose.

One long-term core member, Mike*, died tragically in a car accident one year ago. Zickafoose and other members of the circle helped to plan Mike's funeral, and Zickafoose wrote and sang a song commemorating his life. Several members shared stories of ways that Mike's life and his witness to a person's ability to change served as an inspira-

tion to them. He taught them lessons of patience, unconditional love, and joy.

Thank you for supporting Christian service programs and giving young adults like Jordan the chance to serve.

Program participation

Pacific Southwest Conference sent two volunteers into Christian Service programs: Bethany Wright Kuhns of Pasadena (Calif.) Mennonite Church is a leader for the Service Adventure Philippi (W. Va.) unit, and Jordan Penner of First Mennonite Church of Reedley, Calif., serves with the MVS Kansas City unit.

In addition, **Pacific Southwest Conference hosted 32 volunteers in 2009.** The MVS Fresno unit had four MVSErs from Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania; the MVS Kycotsmovi unit had three MVSErs from Pennsylvania, Ohio and Quebec; the MVS San Francisco unit enjoyed the services of five volunteers from Colorado, Pennsylvania, Ohio, California and Washington; and the MVS Tucson unit hosted five volunteers from Texas, Virginia, Kansas and Pennsylvania.



Pacific Southwest Conference also boasts four SOOP sites: Hopi Mission School, Phoenix (Glendale), Reedley and Tucson. A total of 15 SOOPers served in these locations, coming from Ohio, Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Illinois and Indiana.

Partnerships

Four Pacific Southwest Conference congregations are making a worldwide impact with their prayer and financial support of three mission workers: Mary Raber in Ukraine, and James and Michelle Stabler-Havener in China.

Mission Network staff member Hannah Heinzekehr is hosted by First Mennonite Church in Upland, Calif., and two MMN board members, Sunoko Lin and Steve Penner, come from Pacific Southwest Conference.

Prayer partners

Seven prayer partners in Pacific Southwest Conference provide daily prayer support for mission workers all over the world.

Mission Network connections around the world

Mission Network helps build relationships between churches and among individuals around the world and across the street. Here's a quick overview of some of the ways Mission Network has helped forge circles of relationships.

More than 200 Mennonite Church USA congregations engaged in supportive relationships with 50 individuals, couples, and families who work in mission with MMN.

This year, mission bank teaching tools helped children learn about Spain, where Connie and Dennis Byler and Noelia and Brian Fox are mission workers and members of Burgos

Mennonite Church. The mission bank tools explained the work in Spain and featured children and adults who go to Burgos Mennonite Church. **Children from 365 congregations have raised more than \$177,000 in their blue globe banks to support worldwide ministry.**

Mission banks were not the only mission resource used by congregations last year. *Beyond Ourselves*, Mission Network's magazine, featured a Lenten giving calendar with activities for each day of the Lenten season. And *What is an Anabaptist Christian?*, one of MMN's *Missio Dei* booklets, continued to set records for the most copies printed and translated. For more information about these and other resources, visit www.MennoniteMission.net/Resources.

In order to take advantage of their brand (and highly-visited website) **Third Way Café, Mennonite Media changed its name to Third Way Media** and celebrated the release of *Shaping Families*, a new 15-minute weekly radio program that seeks to give listeners insights for dealing with family, personal and spiritual conflicts and dilemmas from a Christian perspective.

Congregations across the United States sent young adults into service. MMN Christian service program applications remain high as young people continue to have interest in Mennonite Voluntary Service, Radical Journey, Service Adventure, and other programs. **More than 3,000 youth** served through the DOOR: Discover program in cities like Atlanta, Chicago and Denver. And many Discover participants have gone on to participate in the DOOR: Discern and Dwell programs.

Denver hosted the May 2009 missional leaders meeting, cosponsored by Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership. In September, Mission Network (Peace and Justice Support Network and Urban Leaders

Network), Mennonite Church USA Executive Leadership, and Western District Conference sponsored a conference on a Christian response to immigration. The event, held near Dallas, featured workshops, worship, and keynote addresses from Dr. M. Daniel Carroll Rodas, an Old Testament scholar and professor at Denver Seminary. Each part of the conference was designed to equip participants with a biblical framework for discussing immigration and with information to take back home.

Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and Mission Network are also partnering in the *Joining together, Investing in hope* campaign to build a new facility and strengthen the church's mission. The funds have been coming in, and ground-blessing is scheduled for June 15, 2010.

Together, in these and other ways, Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA have partnered this year to build the church one relationship at a time. To learn more, visit our website, www.MennoniteMission.net.

A blessing

Pacific Southwest Conference,

In the midst of transition and discernment, I wish for each of you a spirit of peace and wisdom. May you be intimately aware of God's healing and unifying Spirit flowing through each person and congregation throughout Arizona, California and Nevada.

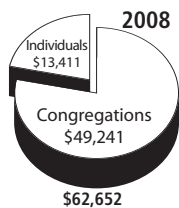
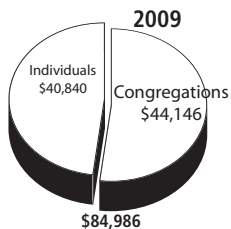
Blessings!



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**Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest
y la Red Menonita de Misión**

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Ustedes respondieron al llamado. Se hicieron copartícipes en la misión de Dios. Dieron de sí mismos, donaron su tiempo; y oraron para que los propósitos de Dios sean cumplidos; también compartieron sus recursos. Y nosotros en la Red Menonita de Misión celebramos el privilegio que tuvimos de participar con Uds. en ayudarles a hacer conexiones con las oportunidades existentes, y/o juntos crear oportunidades, para ser instrumentos de la sanidad

y la esperanza de Dios en el mundo. Tenemos el honor de unirnos a la Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest para responder al llamado de Dios, y juntos con ustedes ser una señal y un anticipo de las buenas nuevas de Dios a través de Jesucristo en este mundo sufriente y quebrantado.

Stanley W. Green

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Director Ejecutivo
Red Menonita de Misión

Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest la misión

La Red Menonita de Misión celebra las maneras en que nosotros y la Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest hemos trabajado conjuntamente para compartir las buenas nuevas de Cristo en 2009. Muchas gracias por su fiel participación en la misión.

Pacific Southwest apoya a programas de servicio

La Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest apoya a la unidad MVS de Fresno, donde Jordan Zickafoose de Lima, Ohio, sirve con COSA (Círculos de apoyo y responsabilidad por sus siglas en inglés) con infractores sexuales. COSA fue fundada como un ministerio del Centro para el pacifismo y estudios de conflicto de la Universidad Fresno Pacific, y ha estado acompañando a los infractores en su rehabilitación.

Zickafoose es parte de varios círculos, y a través de su trabajo, dice que ha aprendido mucho y ha visto como la gente cambia.

Quando le digo a la gente lo que hago, muchos se preguntan el motivo

por mi participación en este campo. Ellos piensan que los infractores sexuales no pueden cambiar, pero yo creo que todos se merecen la oportunidad de ser rehabilitados y cambiar," dijo Zickafoose.

Durante los tres años que COSA ha funcionado, ninguno de los infractores ha vuelto a transgredir.

"Muchas veces oímos de los miembros acerca de cómo COSA los ha afectado o ha sido importante en sus vidas, pero también los voluntarios aprenden. No solo están ahí para proporcionar apoyo y responsabilidad, porque los miembros también nos dan algo," dijo Zickafoose.

Un miembro de mucho tiempo, Mike*, murió trágicamente en un accidente de auto hace un año. Zickafoose y otros miembros del círculo ayudaron a planear el funeral de Mike, y Zickafoose escribió y cantó una canción en conmemoración de su vida. Varios miembros compartieron historias de la vida de Mike y de su esfuerzo por el cambio que los inspiró. El les enseñó sobre la paciencia, amor incondicional y el gozo.

Gracias por su apoyo a los programas de servicio cristiano y por dar la oportunidad de servir a jóvenes como Jordan.



Participación en programas

La Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest *envió* a dos voluntarios en programas de servicio cristiano: Bethany Wright Kuhns de la iglesia Menonita de Pasadena (Calif.) líder de la unidad Philippi (W. Va.) de Aventuras en Servicio, y Jordan Penner de la iglesia Menonita First de Reedley, Calif., quien sirve en la unidad MVS de Kansas City.

Además, la Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest *recibió* a 32 voluntarios en 2009. La unidad MVS de Fresno tuvo a 4 voluntarios de Indiana, Ohio y Pensilvania; la unidad de Kykotsmovi tuvo a tres participantes de Pensilvania, Ohio y Quebec; la unidad de San Francisco tuvo a cinco voluntarios de Colorado, Pensilvania, Ohio, California y Washington; y la unidad MVS de Tucson tuvo cinco voluntarios de Texas, Virginia, Kansas y Pensilvania.

La conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest tiene 4 unidades SOOP: la escuela Hopi Mission en Phoenix (Glendale), Reedley y Tucson. SOOP contó con una participación total de 15 voluntarios en estas unidades, ellos fueron de Ohio, Pensilvania, Dakota del Sur, Illinois e Indiana.

Coparticipaciones

Cuatro iglesias de la conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest están impactando al mundo con sus oraciones y apoyo financiero a tres misioneros y sus familias: Mary Raber en Ucrania, y James y Michelle Stabler-Havener en China.

La miembro del personal de la Red de Misión, Hannah Heinzekehr está anfitrionada por la iglesia Menonita First de Upland, Ca., y dos miembros de la junta de MMN, Sunoko Lin y Steve Penner, son de la Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest.

Compañeros de oración

Siete compañeros de oración de la Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest proporcionaron apoyo en oración diaria por los misioneros de la misión en todo el mundo.

Conexiones de la Red de Misión alrededor del mundo

La Red de Misión ayuda a construir relaciones entre iglesias y entre individuos alrededor de todo el mundo y al otro lado de la calle. He aquí un breve resumen de algunas de las maneras con las que la Red de Misión ha establecido círculos de relaciones.

Más de 200 congregaciones de la Iglesia Menonita USA se dedicaron a relaciones de apoyo con 50 individuos, parejas y familias que trabajan en la misión con la Red.

Durante este año, las herramientas educativas de las alcancías para la misión ayudaron a la niñez a aprender acerca de España, donde Connie y Dennis Byler y Noelia y Brian Fox son misioneros y miembros de la Iglesia Menonita de Burgos. Las herramientas de las alcancías para la misión explicaron el trabajo en España y presentaron a los niños y adultos que asisten a la Iglesia Menonita de Burgos. Niños y niñas de 365 iglesias recaudaron más de \$177,000 con sus

alcancías redondas azules con el fin de apoyar a la misión global. Las alcancías para la misión no eran el único recurso sobre la misión que congregaciones usaron este año. La revista de la Red de Misión, *Beyond Ourselves*, presentó un calendario de ofrendas para la cuaresma con actividades para cada día de la cuaresma. Y el librito de *Missio Dei* de la Red de Misión titulado "¿Qué es un cristiano anabautista?" estableció récords por el número de copias impresas y traducidas a varios idiomas. Para explorar estos y otros recursos, visite www.MennoniteMission.net/Resources.

La organización *Mennonite Media*, para aprovechar su reconocida marca (y su muy visitada página web), *Café de Tercera Alternativa*, cambió su nombre a *Third Way Media* y celebró el lanzamiento del programa semanal de radio de 15 minutos, *Shaping Families* (Formando Familias), cuyo propósito es proporcionar consejos cristianos para tratar con problemas familiares, personales, espirituales y otros dilemas.

Las iglesias de los Estados Unidos enviaron a adultos jóvenes a servir. Las solicitudes para el programa de Servicio Cristiano se incrementaron ya que la juventud mantiene su interés en el Servicio Voluntario Menonita, Jornada Radical, Aventuras en Servicio, y otros programas. Más de 3000 jóvenes sirvieron con DOOR: Descubrir en ciudades como Atlanta, Chicago y Denver. Muchos integrantes de Descubrir han participado más tarde en los otros programas de DOOR: Discernir y Residir.

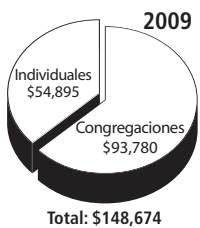
La ciudad de Denver fue la sede de la Reunión de Líderes Misionales en Mayo de 2009, la cual fue copatrocinada por el departamento de Ministerios Nacionales de la Red de Misión y por el Liderazgo Ejecutivo de la iglesia Menonita USA. En septiembre, la Red Menonita (Red de Apoyo de Paz y Justicia y la Red de Líderes Urbanos), Liderazgo Ejecutivo de la Iglesia Menonita USA y la Conferen-

cia del Distrito Occidental patrocinaron una conferencia acerca de la reacción cristiana a la problemática inmigratoria. El evento, realizado cerca de Dallas, Texas, presentó talleres, adoración, y el discurso de apertura a cargo del Dr. M. Daniel Carroll Rodas, erudito del antiguo testamento y profesor del Seminario de Denver. Cada parte de la conferencia fue diseñada para equipar a sus participantes con una estructura para tratar temas de inmigración y para llevar la información a sus casas.

La Junta Ejecutiva de la Iglesia Menonita USA y la Red de Misión están asociándose para realizar la campaña *Juntos, Invirtiendo en la Esperanza*, cuyo fin es construir una nueva instalación y fortalecer la misión de la iglesia. Los fondos siguen viniendo, y pendiente una aprobación, se planea bendecir la tierra en junio 15, 2010.

Juntos, en éstas y otras maneras, la Red Menonita de Misión y la Iglesia Menonita USA se han asociado este año para construir la iglesia por medio de cada relación formada. Visite nuestro sitio, www.MennoniteMission.net, para informarse más.

Contribuciones de la conferencia



Una bendición

Conferencia Menonita Pacific Southwest:

Les deseo a cada uno de ustedes el espíritu de paz y sabiduría en medio de su transición y discernimiento. Espero que estén conscientes del Espíritu sanador y unificador que fluye de Dios a través de cada persona e iglesia en Arizona, California y Nevada.

¡Bendiciones!



Hannah Heinzekehr

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Greetings to the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference

The first vocation of Christians and of the church is “tracking God” who goes before us. This metaphor of the missional church was shared by David Miller, the director of Missional Leadership Development at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, in a gathering of church leaders. To track God or discern God’s presence, we need to immerse ourselves in the story of how God has acted in the past, assess the spirit of our time, and then, with the Holy Spirit’s leading, take improvisational steps with God into the future.

The resources provided by Mennonite Publishing Network are an integral part of this missional vocation. Books and study curricula help the church remember how God has worked in the past, as recorded in the Bible and in church history. For example, in 2009 MPN developed a resource called *Via—Exploring the Way of Christ*—an eight session curriculum, with an accompanying DVD, for those who are new to the church and may know little of the Bible or of Christian faith. This resource, available in both English and Spanish, is adaptable to youth or adult individuals or groups, as a pre-catechism or newcomer’s course.



A recently published biography of Guy F. Hershberger—*War, Peace and Social Conscience* (2009, Herald Press)—traces foundational understandings in our peace witness. Other valuable perspectives will be available in a book to be released in late 2010—*Mennonite Peace Rhetoric*, by Ervin Stutzman, newly appointed Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA.

The full catalog of MPN resources is easy to find and to search at www.mpn.net. There you can find Sunday school curriculum, worship materials, inspirational periodicals and a range of great books to accompany you and your church.

Thank you for appointing Barbara Ewy as the Resource Advocate for your conference. In this position, Barbara receives regular updates on new resources not only from MPN, but also from the other agencies of Mennonite Church USA. She is available to help churches find the Anabaptist resources they need for their life and witness. She and the Resource Advocates from the other 20 area conferences also provide valuable feedback along with suggestions of what is needed in our churches.

Along with conferences, congregations, MPN is facing financial challenges, but we believe that the plans we are putting in place will help us deal with them. Thanks for your continued interest and support; I pray that we will continue to discover God’s rich resources in our faith communities as we find ways to bring healing and hope to each other and to our world.

Report by Ron Rempel, Executive Director, Mennonite Publishing Network, for Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, June 18-19, 2010.

Report to Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference June 2010

For more information, visit www.MennoniteEducation.org.

Greetings from Carlos Romero, executive director and Timothy Burkholder, associate director with a focus on church relations and development.

We are pleased to serve as the education agency for Mennonite Church USA. It is exciting to have 37 prekindergarten to grade 12 member schools of Mennonite Schools Council (MSC), five colleges/universities and two seminaries in place, providing Anabaptist education for the church and for those interested in an Anabaptist understanding of being Christian today.

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference intersects with Mennonite education in many ways:

Church relations:

During their annual meeting in February, the MEA Board of Directors was pleased to have a conversation about Mennonite education with conference leaders in Phoenix. When planning for this meeting, we became aware that changes in the conference office have resulted in a temporary halt to Anabaptist leadership training being available for immigrant leaders in the Los Angeles area. When the time is right, MEA is open to re-introducing Spanish language training through Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) and Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH). We would also encourage a contact with Tim Lichti, the new director for pastoral ministries at Hesston College, to explore Anabaptist leadership training options in the English language.

Members serving on Mennonite educational boards and committees:

- **Bethel Board:** Brent Auernheimer, First Mennonite (Reedley); Don Linscheid, Mennonite Community
- **The Peace and Justice Academy Board:** Sue Park-Hur, Church for Others; David Dufault Hunter, and Jon Takasugi, Pasadena Mennonite

We regret any omissions or errors. Please send corrections to info@MennoniteEducation.org.

Giving* to Mennonite education from Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference congregations:

July 1, 2008-June 30, 2009 - \$12,829.83

Thank you for your generous support!

**Includes gifts for higher education, Racial/Ethnic Leadership Education and MEA*

Church Education Sunday

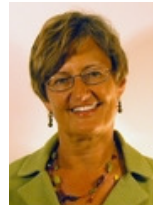
While the official Church Education Sunday was February 7, 2010, MEA encourages congregations to choose a Sunday for this emphasis when it suits *their* church calendars. Two complete services—one based on the Lectionary texts for February 7 and one based on selected education-related texts—are offered. The Spanish version of the worship planning material was originally written in Spanish for Spanish-speaking congregations, not a translation of the English version. Church Education Sunday resources were mailed to *Equipping* subscribers in January. They can also be accessed at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Sunday.

Shared Distance Learning System

A major priority for MEA this year is to develop plans for launching a comprehensive virtual professional development system. This shared distance learning system could become an avenue where education from the Anabaptist-Mennonite perspective is more accessible to Mennonites, other Christians and seekers outside of the church. This system would be unique due to its supportive, caring online community, personalized attention, and emphasis on what it means to live life as an Anabaptist in today's world. It would provide a high quality of education to persons from all backgrounds.

Meet MEA staff

In July 2009, Elaine Moyer began working at MEA as the associate director focusing on elementary education, secondary education and research. Elaine is the primary contact person for member schools of MSC and is responsible for MEA's data collection, analysis and research. She is also the MEA liaison for several higher education institutions and for the higher education affinity groups (i.e., academic deans).



Pray for:

- Mennonite Early Childhood Network
- Member schools of Mennonite Schools Council
- Mennonite colleges/universities
- Mennonite seminaries
- Racial/Ethnic Leadership Education scholarship programs
- Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education programs such as Instituto Bíblico Anabautista and Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano

For more prayer requests, consider a free subscription to *Prayers for Faith and Learning*. Call MEA at 866-866-2872, or e-mail subscribe@MennoniteEducation.org.

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee Update

Mennonite Central Committee works to balance the needs of people suffering from conflict, poverty and oppression in many different countries around the world. It is a joyful privilege to walk with groups where we can make a difference. Last year we were able to respond to needs in more than 55 countries, sharing God's love and compassion for all by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice.

The earthquake that devastated Haiti on January 12 is one of the most devastating in known history, with a death toll that surpassed the 2004 tsunamis. We had 24 workers in Haiti, none of whom lost their lives, although many lost their homes and were traumatized. We have hundreds of MCC Haiti alumni, many of whom are now assisting in short-term and long-term recovery efforts. The outpouring of donations (\$13.5 million cash donations, and \$1.7 million material resources) will be the largest amount we have focused on a single country on disaster response. We are planning a multiyear program to rebuild homes, livelihoods and communities in ways that will make them stronger than before the earthquake.

West Coast MCC continues to expand its community-building services in the region. Through partnerships with the Center for Peacemaking and Conflict Studies at Fresno Pacific University, Reedley Police Department Victim Service Unit, and Marjaree Mason Center, West Coast MCC facilitates services such as VORP, conflict management training, and domestic abuse education and awareness.

In response to constituent churches, West Coast MCC Immigration Program continues to provide resources on immigration advocacy, education, and documentation needs among the diverse churches in the region. This peace and justice initiative is being broadened through new programming in the Nogales region along the United States/Mexico border. This border peace work is in partnership with MCC Mexico, BorderLinks Mexico and Shalom Mennonite Fellowship along with Eastern Mennonite University and STAR (Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience) Trainings.

We are looking forward to the second annual GAP (Globalization, Anabaptism & Peacemaking) Institute this June in cooperation with Fresno Pacific University. This learning institute will include 30 students from diverse communities across the region. The GAP Institute challenges students to wrestle with the complexity of global integration from theological, economic, sociological, cultural, ecological and political perspectives through international and local case studies.

West Coast MCC is also working with regional churches and organizations to place 14 Summer Service participants utilizing 10 grants. These young individuals will also participate in the GAP Institute. Through this, they will increase their leadership skills by planning, implementing, and completing proposed projects.

West Coast MCC is committed to support the overall mission and goals of MCC. We seek to fulfill these in the relationships and programs that extend across the West Coast region with board and staff, constituents and communities. We are challenged and inspired to respond with love and compassion to all in the name of Christ.

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Report to Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference

Leadership and faculty changes. Sara Wenger Shenk, acting dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, has been called to serve as president of AMBS, beginning in early fall. The inauguration service is scheduled for October 24.

George R. Brunk III is interim president during the current school year.

David B. Miller is associate professor of missional leadership development at AMBS. **Missy Schrock** has been named Director of Development; **Leroy Saner** will retire from that position this summer.



AMBS students: Total enrollment last fall was 163 students, an increase over fall 2008. One student from Pacific Southwest Conference is studying at AMBS this year: **Marc Schlegel**.

!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth continues to introduce youth to theological study and listening to God's call to ministry. Ten youth and their pastors participated in summer 2009, which included experiencing Mennonite World Conference in Paraguay. Up to fifteen youth will be selected for summer 2010. Visit www.ams.edu/!Explore for more information.

Connections between pastors and professors: Pastors and church leaders have been involved in the five-year-long AMBS Engaging Pastors program that brings together pastors and professors for collaboration. From Pacific Southwest Conference, **Jeff Wright and Stan Friesen** were participants in the December Engaging Pastors Summative Conference. **Angela Nze** participated in the Pastor Sabbatical in spring 2009, and **Shalom Mennonite Fellowship**, Tucson, Ariz., and **Bryce Miller** participated in the Listening Project.

Seminars and workshops. Pastors Week in January 2010 featured Mary H. Schertz, AMBS professor of New Testament, on the theme of hospitality and mission in Luke's gospel." **One-day workshops** have focused on or will feature pastoring people facing financial crisis, pastoring families who have a member dealing with mental illness, and pastoring someone who uses online pornography.

Webinars extend resources. The AMBS Church Leadership Center has begun offering Webinars to make it possible for people at a distance to participate in workshops. Following an on-campus event, a Webinar—led by the same resource person—offers highlights of the event for people who participate via high-speed internet connection and telephone.

Listen in on what's happening at AMBS: Lectures and sermons at AMBS are available for listening on iTunes U. Visit www.ams.edu/news-and-publications/iTunesU to choose the best way for you to download these recordings.

Resources on the web site: Check www.ams.edu for

- *Vision: A Journal for Church and Theology* is published two times a year. Read selected articles online at www.mennovision.org. The fall 2009 issue is on testimony.
- New books from the Institute of Mennonite Studies, including a book by former administrator Weyburn Groff comparing Mennonite nonresistance and Gandhian pacifism. See more about this and other IMS publications at www.ams.edu/IMS.
- Opportunities to support AMBS through gifts and recommending students.

We thank God for your support and ask for your prayers as we continue to prepare leaders for mission, peacemaking and spiritual vitality in the church of Jesus Christ.

It is admittedly counterintuitive to say this academic year at Bethel College has been an outstanding one. After all, the year began with a sudden and shocking presidential transition; we experienced a major enrollment decline and resulting budget pressures. Nevertheless, I will say that this year has been outstanding—one of the best in my twenty-six years of employment at Bethel College.

A variety of factors have contributed to this conclusion:

- The addition of some extraordinary new administrators and faculty.
- A freshman class that is much too small, but is superlative in every other respect.
- Faculty action to strengthen the general education core while at the same time offering new flexibility to make transferring to Bethel College easier and making it possible for selected students to design their own majors.
- Some spectacular public events, one of which—our Martin Luther King Day celebration—received national, and even international, publicity. On February 10, fully 85% of the campus community gathered to prepare 220,752 meals for persons in Haiti.

But I believe that one of the factors playing a major (the major?) role in the quality of this year is renewed energy and passion in religious life on campus.

- Chapel attendance (which is voluntary in deference to our Anabaptist convictions) is, on a percentage basis, the highest that it has been in my 26 years at Bethel. And regular chapel attenders are more than just Mennonite students, but students from multiple denominational backgrounds. Chapel has truly become the Bethel College community at worship.
- A new campus ministries house, renovated and restored with both labor and financial assistance from the Bethel College Mennonite Church, has raised both the profile and the outreach of campus ministries.
- Cyneatha Millsaps, pastor at Community Mennonite Church in Markham, Illinois, spent three days on campus as pastor-in-residence and had a powerful impact on the community.
- Four student chaplains have done remarkable work in shepherding the formation of new worship experiences, spiritual cluster groups, etc., so that the spiritual needs of ever more students are being addressed.

All that said, it remains true that Bethel College has serious needs. While John Sheriff is doing a remarkable job as interim president, he has no intention of staying in that position. We are in a search for a new president, and we covet your prayers for that process. Thankful for the prayers and good wishes of the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, we humbly ask for your continued support.



Report to Pacific Southwest Conference 2010

Celebration of Peace: Beyond Borders

Bluffton University hosted the “Celebration of Peace: Beyond Borders” children’s conference, Oct. 23 and 24 at The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center. More than 30 children attended the overnight conference. Students, faculty, staff and community members served as volunteers for the weekend’s activities.

“The purpose of the conference was to provide activities to raise awareness of stereotypes and labels that tend to separate people,” said Louise Matthews, director of the Lion and Lamb. “It also gave the children a chance to challenge themselves to accept and appreciate the differences in their peers through communication, building relationships and learning to ‘live beyond borders.’”

The first day of the conference, participants were introduced to Joseph Helfrich ’87, a folk singer, multi-instrumentalist and storyteller from Darke County, Ohio. Over the course of the conference, Helfrich shared his music, which included an original song composed specifically for the conference titled “Under One Sky.” He also provided stories of acceptance and Scripture with the children.

Other activities included a “challenge” walk at the Bluffton Nature Preserve, a global domino activity, and singing and story sharing. Bluffton University international students led the participants in activities that took them “around the world.” Children learned an Indonesian dance, played Zimbabwean games and dressed up in traditional clothing for group pictures.

Participants were given the opportunity to choose from various workshops throughout the weekend. Options included pottery making, global crafts, drumming and drama. The conference also collected school supplies to make kits to be distributed by Mennonite Central Committee.

Bluffton has hosted similar events in the past, scheduled every two to three years. This is the fifth children’s conference sponsored and hosted by The Lion and Lamb Peace Arts Center of Bluffton University since its founding in 1987. The conference was co-sponsored by Bluffton University and MCC/Great Lakes.

‘Beyond Borders’ immigration conference

More than 140 people attended a conference on immigration, “Beyond Borders: The Role of Immigration in a Global Community,” March 19-21, 2010, on the Bluffton campus. The three-day conference was planned especially for those in the academic community, church community and for immigrants, exploring issues relating to immigration and asking the question: How can the Church be faithful to Jesus’ call to “welcome the stranger”?

The keynote speaker was Daniel Carroll Rodas, author of “Christians at the Border: Immigration, the Church, and the Bible.” Baldemar Velasquez, president of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, presented a plenary session. The weekend concluded with a church service at Lima Mennonite Church.

The theme of the conference came from Matthew 25:35, “For I was a stranger and you welcomed me.” There were more than 25 workshops and panel presentations, including speakers from Bluffton University, and Defiance College, a video focusing on connections between Goshen College and Apáón, Mexico, and others.

The Beyond Borders conference was sponsored and hosted by Bluffton University. Co-sponsors were the Ohio Mennonite Conference and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Great Lakes. Co-hosts were Lima Mennonite Church and Brazo en Brazo Mennonite Church and Ministry.

Minister-in-residence program

The goal of the minister-in-residence program is to encourage dialogue and understanding between Bluffton University and Mennonite pastors. Pastors speak at the weekly chapel service and meet with students, religion professors, religious life staff and the President’s Cabinet.

For more information about participating in the minister-in-residence program, contact Jeff Boehr, (coordinator of church relations, according to online directory), at boehrij@bluffton.edu.

Thank you, Pacific Southwest Conference!

The Pacific Southwest Conference has one student enrolled for the 2009-10 academic year. **Hannah Keeney** is from Trinity Mennonite Church, Glendale, Ariz. Support through the **Church Matching Scholarship Program** is \$2,000 for this academic year.

EMS Leadership Changes

Michael A. King, a long-time writer, editor, publisher and pastor from Telford, Pa., has been named the new vice President and dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Va. Dr. King will begin his new role July 1, 2010.

"Michael King comes to us from a distinguished career as a pastor, scholar and publisher. He is a serious scholar with a pastoral orientation and will provide a clear Anabaptist voice in conversation with diverse Mennonite and Methodist constituencies and other audiences," said Fred Kniss, EMU provost.

Lonnie Yoder, professor of pastoral care and counseling will take Sara Wenger Shenk's role as associate dean.

School for Leadership Training

A near record 300 people attended School for Leadership Training January 18-21. Dr. Greg Boyd was the plenary speaker for the conference titled "Centered in Christ in a Right and Left World." Boyd encouraged participants make the kingdom of God distinctively different than the kingdom of the world. According to Boyd this means acting like Jesus. Articles and photos of the event are available at www.emu.edu/seminary/slt/10/wrapup

Dr. Cheryl Bridges Johns will be the SLT speaker in 2011. The title of the three day event is Pentecost Remixed: The Work of the Spirit Today.

Did you know ...

- Roger Richer, pastor at Mountain View Mennonite is an EMS graduate.
- John Harding of First Mennonite of Reedley is a student at EMS.

Online Courses

Consider taking an online course from EMS. Next year we will offer:

- Old Testament: Text in Context
- Church in Mission
- Cross-cultural Discipleship
- Prayer in the Christian Tradition
- Ethics and Nonviolence: Sermon on the Mount
- Anabaptism Today
- Mennonite Faith and Polity

Statement of Purpose

Eastern Mennonite Seminary prepares men and women to serve and lead in a global context. In response to God's saving grace, we educate students to bear witness to the gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of God's Spirit as wise interpreters, mature practitioners, discerning communicators, and transformational leaders.

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Why recommend EMU?

Do you know young people who are motivated by their faith in Jesus Christ to make a difference in the world? Encourage them to consider EMU, a faith-nurturing environment where they will be equipped by caring professors to serve and lead in a global context. www.emu.edu/serve-lead

Top notch academics

“I’ve recently come from Loyola and know colleagues at places like Yale and Princeton,” said Provost Fred Kniss, Ph.D., recently. “People need to know that the undergraduate academic education students get at EMU is every bit as good as it is in those more ‘prestigious’ institutions.” 1:1 mentoring with professors and opportunities for original research are two reasons that academics at EMU are so strong. www.emu.edu/academics

Who knows us?

Interestingly EMU is sometimes better known internationally than it is among many Mennonites in the United States. That’s because EMU’s Center for Justice and Peacebuilding (CJP) continues to grow in its international reputation as *the* place to gain skills and tap into a network of worldwide peacebuilders. EMU is a world-recognized leader in the new field of trauma healing as well.

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Peace Plus

Peacebuilding classes at CJP are easily joined with other EMU programs such as the seminary, MBA and MA in Education resulting in unique training that equips professionals with Anabaptist values and skills.

Historic athletics season

EMU men’s basketball went to the NCAA D3 Elite Eight level, finishing #4 in the country for Division III teams. Women’s softball won the

ODAC title. EMU athletics maintain a strong connection to the broader university mission of **preparing successful people, not just successful athletes**. See video highlights and more at www.emu.edu/athletics

Our Vision

*EMU envisions a learning community
marked by academic excellence,
creative expression, professional
competence, and passionate
Christian faith, offering
healing and hope
in our diverse world.
To this end, we commit ourselves
to do justice,
love mercy and walk humbly with God.*

How can EMU be of service to your congregation and conference?

Contact the church relations office to schedule the president, dean or a faculty guest speaker. 540-432-4589 or ChurchRelations@emu.edu. Keep in touch with EMU campus happenings at www.emu.edu/news.

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Goshen College Report to Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference, June 2010

Dear Conference Leaders,

At the Mennonite Church USA gathering in Columbus, Ohio, last summer, we unveiled a new approach to help communicate who we are and who we strive to be: Goshen College wants to be a bold, creative, faithful part of God's plan for making peace in all of its forms. We are excited about the way this theme allows us to talk about the campus community and our core values. President Jim Brenneman said, "When I think of the most basic of all human longings, ... I think about the longing to be at peace with God our Creator and Redeemer, to be at peace with our fellow human beings and to be at peace with our own selves. ...I'm excited to tell anyone who will listen that Goshen College is a place to come to learn about how to make peace with God, with others and with ourselves no matter who or where they come from. At GC, we want to prepare future doctors, judges, parents, artists, scientists, politicians, pastors, poets, sign interpreters, athletes, business men and women, diplomats — human beings — who leave Goshen College better prepared than when they came to help bring healing and hope to a hurting and broken world." We invite you to share your vision for healing the world, or tell us how you're helping make peace. You can add your voice at peacebypeace.com.

Thank you for valuing Mennonite education!

Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference helped us make peace by nurturing and continuing to support two students from two Pacific Southwest Conference congregations who enrolled at Goshen College during the 2009-10 school year:

>> **Betsy Houser** from Sunnyslope Mennonite Church

>> **Kathleen Hooley** from Trinity Mennonite Church.

These churches sent \$3,000 in congregational student aid for the 2009-10 academic year.

Trinity Mennonite Church welcomed President James Brenneman, Alumni Director Kelli Burkholder King, and Director of Annual and Planned Giving Roger Nafziger in February. They appreciated the warm hospitality and the opportunity for Jim to share the Sunday morning sermon.

Thank you for being our partners in healing the world peace by peace.

News and highlights >>more at www.goshen.edu >>

(You can explore campus news, photos, podcasts, videos and blog entries or take a virtual tour of the campus at goshen.edu.)

>> **At Goshen College, we're making peace with vocation.**

Each summer, students can apply to participate in the Ministry, Service and Camping Inquiry Programs to explore their gifts and vocational callings. This summer, 29 GC students are participating in the Inquiry programs, following a May 18 blessing service for the students. In the service, Jim Brenneman anointed the students, and Central District Conference Minister Lois Kaufmann offered words of welcome and blessing on behalf of the wider church.

>> **We're making peace with the earth.** Merry Lea Environmental Center celebrated the graduation of its second cohort from the Master of Arts in Environmental Education program in April and will welcome a new cohort in August. Merry Lea also hosts a variety of community learning opportunities, this year including a workshop titled "Greener Congregations: Taking the First Steps." Visit Merry Lea online at goshen.edu/merrylea.

>> **We're making peace with health care.** Nursing continues to be the largest major on campus and now includes a newly accredited Master of Science in Nursing program. The first cohort of 14 students received master's degrees as Family Nurse Practitioners or Clinical Nurse Leaders in April. The undergraduate class of 2010 included 26 nursing majors who are now going on to serve with knowledge, skills and compassion in a stressed healthcare system. You can explore all of our academic programs at goshen.edu/academics.

>> **We're making peace with song.** The Goshen College Men's Chorus took a spring break tour to the East Coast, with a program entitled "Healing the World Song by Song."

>> **We're making peace with the future.** Goshen College celebrated Commencement on April 25. The Class of 2010 consisted of 288 graduates, including 21 candidates for master's degrees. We look forward to watching their continuing journeys of Christ-centered servant leadership in the church and world.



Hesston College Church Relations

REPORT TO PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA

Hesston College, the two-year college of Mennonite Church USA, educates and nurtures each student within Christ-centered community, integrating thought, life, and faith for service to others in the church and the world.

Enrollment for 2009-10—Hesston College's enrollment is up nearly four percent fall 2009 with a student count of 439 including 228 new students. Hesston students represent 25 states and 11 countries. Mennonite students number 192, 44 percent of the total student population. Spring 2010 enrollment is positive with over 35 new students. Total numbers remain near the Fall 2009 level.

New Faculty Members for the 2009-10 year include David LeVan (business), Elizabeth Gatz and Fern Gerber (nursing clinical), Sheldon Goerzen '09 and Mike Moore (aviation flight instructor interns). Spring term additions include Tim Lichti (religion/pastoral ministries) and Brian Kerr (physical education/women's soccer). Seven staff members joined Hesston College's ranks or took on new assignments—Jeron Baker '03, David Horst '07, and Stephanie (Roth) '03 Zucconi (admissions counselors), Katie Chaffinch '04 (resident director), Kristin (Rusk) '01 Rhodes (volleyball), Andrew Sharp '99 (softball), and Gerry Sieber '64 former faculty (cross country and intramurals).

Fiscal year in the black—Hesston College closed the 2008-09 fiscal year in the black for the fourth consecutive year. Revenues outpaced expenses by nearly \$250,000. "Stable enrollment, generous giving by Hesston's alumni and friends, and careful budget management contributed to our success this year," commented President Howard Keim. Alumni and friends contributed \$1.15 million to the Hesston College Fund in 2008-09, surpassing the annual goal by \$25,000. The college's Partners—donors who commit to supporting the Hesston College Fund with annual contributions of at least \$500—gave more than \$860,000. The fund aids current students through scholarships and grants.

A School on the Prairie A Centennial History of Hesston College, 1909-2009 by faculty member John E. Sharp— This 100-year narrative history of Hesston College tells the compelling story of Kansas Mennonites at the turn of the twentieth century who developed a powerful vision for educating their children. Decade by decade the story unfolds, from difficult beginnings through two world wars, the Great Depression, cultural transitions, theological challenges, financial crises, and shifting demographics. place orders see www.hesstonbooks.com or www.CascadiaPublishingHouse.com.



2009-10 Campus Theme Verse—And you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free. —John 8:32 (NRSV) 47

Homecoming 2009— Living the Vision Centennial Gathering

"Would it advance the cause of Christ to establish a school somewhere in the West in which Bible work is made a specialty?" That was the query, crafted by Anna Smith King and posed to church delegates in 1907. The answer to that question was celebrated by more than 1,000 people at Hesston College's Centennial Homecoming Sept. 25-27. Yes! For thousands of lives, and a hundred years, the answer is yes!



Mountain states conference minister Herm Weaver and his daughters Hope, a 2009 Hesston grad, and Chloe, a sophomore, shared their dreams for Hesston College during chapel. The Centennial sculpture by Paul Friesen, "Prairie Cloister," was unveiled. The Centennial Music Gala also took center stage, featuring alumni from across generations, current college music groups and individuals, and the Centennial Choir. Peter Wiebe, former Hesston College Interim President and Hesston Mennonite Church Pastor, shared the message Sunday morning titled "Back to the Future: Century II." "We are tied to the larger vision of the church. At this place, many people are called out. That's why we need Hesston College as a two-year school, our students immediately become leaders. We need to get on with the original vision—help people prepare themselves for ministry."

Spring Term News--Nursing Department receives "glowing recommendation" Representatives from the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC) recommended (to be finalized in June) that continuing accreditation be granted for eight years with no conditions. Hesston College will expand its program by 16 slots fall in 2010 and 2011.

Hesston students help in Haiti over spring break--A group of six Hesston College students raised their own support and spent spring break serving others in Haiti. The students worked alongside Haitians to clear rubble, work with orphans, worship at local churches and distribute food.

PACIFIC SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE CHURCH USA STATISTICS AND CONNECTIONS

2009-2010 Academic Year Students—2

Congregational Student Aid—2 congregations provided \$2,000 in tuition assistance for 2 students as of April 1, 2010.

Unified and Designated Giving--We are grateful for the financial support of conference churches to Mennonite colleges and Mennonite Education Agency through Unified and Designated Giving and for personal contributions given from individuals.

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