

Passion for mission

“In churches where missions is a program, it’s the first to be cut in hard times. In churches where missions is a passion, it is the last to be cut.” (Tom Telford of United World Mission as quoted in *Christianity Today*, Feb. 4, 2002)

In healthy mission endeavors, passion is essential for agencies and congregations. When mission passion exists, people delight in their local and global outreach. Congregations with passion for mission are strengthened by the experience and equipping of an agency. Agencies with passion for mission rely on congregations to nurture, support and encourage those who serve. Therefore mission work is strongest when congregations and agencies collaborate to supplement each other.

Following are eight components of wholesome relationships when congregations and agencies with mission passion work together:

1. **Common vision.** A deep passion for those who do not know how Jesus Christ can anchor our lives is basic to every mission vision.

2. **Planned direction.** Progress from initiation (the exciting part) to completion (the tedious part) is marked by clear benchmarks and



David D. Yoder
President of VMBM

outcomes. If we don’t know where we are going, we cannot know when we arrive.

3. **Shared values.** Unity on belief systems, priorities and expected results will determine how well the purposes of a mission are fulfilled.

4. **Mutual trust and respect.** Bonding as “companions in a cause” is important to be unified in love for working together for Christ.

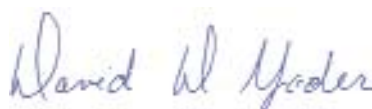
5. **Compatible style.** When church and agency work well together, they agree on how and what their way of operating will be.

6. **Clear responsibilities.** Appointment of leadership for day-to-day decision-making and lines of accountability for workers are hallmarks of a solid mission plan.

7. **Spontaneous forgiveness.** Responsive affirmation and ready repentance go hand-in-hand whenever mistakes or grievances occur. Humility is a healing salve.

8. **Long-term commitment.** When the early glamour of ministry fades, perseverance enables the mission to endure hard times and realize results that come from faithful, hard work.

“Perhaps the best witness God’s people can ever give the world is to link arms for service.”



Courtesy of Don Brenneman

Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship

Greensboro (N.C.) Mennonite Fellowship has seen recent growth as several persons joined the fellowship. Begun in 1988 with a vision to provide a Mennonite-Anabaptist witness in the Greensboro area, it has experienced the fluctuations of a transient student and professional community. Eastern Carolina District, Urban Ministry Director Paul Godshall, and Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions are working together to strengthen Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship. **Above:** Members of Greensboro Mennonite Fellowship enjoy a Christmas Tea in December 2001.

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Waynesboro appoints minister of evangelism

Dennis Stutzman has been appointed Evangelism Minister for Waynesboro (Va.) Mennonite Church, a new part-time voluntary position created by the church's pastoral council (led by Pastor Stan Kauffman.)

The appointment is a result of an evaluation conducted by the church's present leadership to develop a position that equips church members for evangelism. Stutzman also leads the evangelism committee of Waynesboro Mennonite Church which is currently training team members. According to Stutzman, the principle tasks of the committee are to mentor people within the church for evangelism and to help them work through their fears when sharing their faith.

In addition to working with the Waynesboro Mennonite congregation, Stutzman expressed the need for evangelism training in other Anabaptist and Mennonite churches. "It's an area in which I feel we are afraid to work with or talk about," said Stutzman. "I want to help churches fulfill the Great Commission in their local communities; to help them look at their goals and vision. I want to teach them to share Christ in the local workplace and prepare them to disciple the un-churched."

Stutzman has been in the ministry for 25 years often working to strengthen unstable churches or establish new ones. He and his wife, Ronda, spent several years in voluntary service under Eastern Mennonite Missions and have 3 grown children.

• Lynley Culbertson

Peace and the military

The current state of the world proves it is a difficult time to be a pacifist, especially for church leaders and youth. Parents who are struggling with how to respond to persistent military recruiters may find a solution in a workshop series conducted by Mennonite Central Committee's Peace Education division.

On February 16, the Virginia Mennonite Conference Youth Office and the Peace Committee of the VMC Nurture Commission sponsored a "Faith, Youth, and the Military" workshop focusing on Biblical pacifism, non-violence, and the military. Titus Peachey, Director of Peace Education for MCC US, and Conrad Moore, also of MCC, led about 30 youth, parents, and church leaders who met at Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Va.

The workshop series, which was created by MCC in 2000, is a response to a need expressed by parents and church leaders regarding youth who join or indicate interest in military service. The workshops feature skits, videos, personal sharing, and a thorough review of resources available to equip conscientious objectors when dealing with the military.

"Our objective is to help congregations think about how to respond to pressure to join the military," said Peachey, "especially at this time when there is a popular war going on."



Lynley Culbertson

Titus Peachey and Conrad Moore of MCC's Peace Office led a workshop in Harrisonburg on "Peace and the Military" for pastors, parents, youth leaders, and youth.

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Health assembly explores business of healing

More than 300 health care practitioners, leaders, and board members gathered in Knoxville, Tenn., for the 2002 Mennonite Health Assembly, which had as its theme "God's Call: the Healing Business." Assembly participants spent February 28 to March 3 exploring the medical, emotional, spiritual, and business issues they face in healthcare today.

Plenary speakers David Greenhaw Ph.D., president of Eden Theological Seminary and Valerie Rempel from Mennonite Brethren Biblical seminary dealt with the issue of discerning God's call for our lives, while Richard B. Hostetter, MD, medical director of Cancer Treatment Centers of America in Goshen, Indiana and Howard L. Brenneman, CEO and President of Mennonite Mutual Aid, addressed "The Business of Health Care." Anabaptists in years past addressed the stewardship issues of tobacco and alcohol, and Brenneman argued that the church now

should confront other lifestyle issues as well. Dr. Hostetter pointed to the emphasis in the medical community on providing extraordinary life saving measures even when death is imminent, stating, "We push medical measures when we should be calling the chaplain."

Assembly participants were warmly welcomed by members of the Concord and Knoxville Mennonite churches, who offered greetings, served as volunteers and participated in the Sunday morning worship service.

• Ray Snader



Ray Snader

Matthew Matteson, pastor of Concord Mennonite Church, welcomes the Mennonite Health Assembly to Knoxville.



Courtesy of Valerie Weaver

Valerie Weaver, manager of Ten Thousand Villages in Dayton, Va., visits with artisans at Bagdha Twine in Bangladesh.

Learning tour shares third-world experience

I was privileged to be one of the participants on a trip to Bangladesh and India on February 2-23 with eleven other store managers and personnel from Ten Thousand Villages. In true Learning Tour fashion, this trip took us to the heart of villages by way of rickshaw, riverboat, plane, train or van and travel was not easy or fast. The satisfying result was meeting the artisans and listening to

their stories. Sharing these stories in our stores is an integral part of the Ten Thousand Villages mission. Artisans who make our products are important to us. Learning Tour underscored this important aspect of who we are. Our claim of knowing the people we work with was validated.

Listening to their stories, I realized how interconnected our world is. The artisans have the same dreams I do. They want to be able to provide for their families and to send their children to school. Each group asked us to send more orders so they could continue to work.

I more fully appreciate the effort Ten Thousand Villages makes to connect with these artisans and their persistence in crossing cultural and governmental roadblocks. This truly is a mission to improve the lives of persons in third world countries. I consider it a blessing to be connected to this work of helping others realize their dreams.

• Valerie Weaver

EMS to train church leaders in new way

A recent churchwide study that probed reasons why so few young adults in local congregations felt “called” to pastoral ministry revealed a simple yet troubling reason—no one had encouraged them to seriously consider this vocational option.

A program being developed at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, tentatively called “Youth—Learning, Exploring and Participating (LEAP),” will try to alter this pattern.

Seminary faculty members, in collaboration with Mennonite district conferences and youth ministry workers, have worked for some four months on a grant proposal. If approved, the grant will provide a host of resources aimed at helping Mennonite congregations to introduce theological inquiry upon their young people at an early age. This may result in their eventually considering the Christian ministry among their vocational options.

EMS will submit the final proposal to “Theological Programs for High School Youth,” a program funded by Lilly Endowment, Inc. of Indianapolis, Ind. If approved, the Lilly grant would provide \$1.2 million dollars over a five-year period.

About 30 persons who work with church agencies and conference youth ministry programs attended a consultation March 2 at the seminary to get an update on the proposal and offer comments and counsel.

In its present form, the proposal envisions a 28-day event for upwards to 50 high school youth. It would begin with several days of orientation at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, followed by one or two off-campus learning experiences in smaller groups.



Jim Bishop

Consultation participants identify strengths and possible problems with Eastern Mennonite Seminary's youth ministry proposal in small group settings.

One experience would be in an urban or rural setting, while the other would be in locations outside the United States. The program would conclude with debriefing sessions for the entire group.

“If the Mennonite Church is truly going to become more fully committed to mission outreach, then we must do more to encourage and equip young leaders with a bold vision and cultural awareness,” stated Linford Stutzman, associate professor of culture and mission at EMU and consultation convener.

“This is a risk, a leap of faith,” Seminary dean Ervin Stutzman told the group. “But these are changing times, and unless we respond with such a program to challenge young people to Christian ministry, this seminary could be irrelevant in 15 years. This represents a commitment to train future church leaders in a new way.”

• Jim Bishop

Summer Peacebuilding: a unique opportunity

“SPI provides an opportunity to humanize global problems and I think that’s the whole key to peace.”

—2001 SPI participant

The “key to peace?” That sounds like an important objective for any institute to contribute toward. The Summer Peacebuilding Institute (SPI) has been making efforts toward that end since its first year, 1996. Is peace really an “end” or is it a process? The SPI answer to that question comes from it being a part of Eastern Mennonite University’s Conflict Transformation Program. Many people wonder about the word “transformation” and why it isn’t called “resolution” like other similar programs.

Resolution seems to imply actually ending conflict, sometimes regardless of the justice involved; however, transformation takes a different approach. Conflict is natural in relationships. Socially, conflict transforms people and how they are organized. It can take a destructive or a constructive route. A practical, constructive approach to transforming conflict is one thing that makes SPI unique. SPI sees peace as a process.

Never has there been a greater need for peacebuilding. About 200 people will soon be arriving from all over the world—from over 50 countries—to live



Courtesy of Pat Spaulding

and learn together on the EMU campus. Many of those expected are leaving situations of prolonged, sometimes violent, conflict. Most are experienced peacebuilding practitioners coming to gain skills, knowledge and tools to continue their work. They will learn both in and out of the classrooms, from each other as much as their instructors.

About 1000 people have attended SPI since it began. Numerous training programs have begun all over the world, modeled after SPI, organized and taught by former SPI participants. The “key to peace?” It’s people living and learning together—a unique opportunity.

• Pat Spaulding

Congregational Resource Center

The season of Easter is here! Resurrection overflows to us! It deserves 50 days of celebration until Pentecost. Come into the Congregational Resource Center, located at Eastern Mennonite University, and explore these resources on resurrection:

- *Easter: An Easter Sourcebook for the Fifty Days* (BK SLW 012). Each week after Easter has a theme: Creation; Table; Ark; Pasture; Garden; Palace; Temple and Pentecost.
- *Benjamin’s Box: A Resurrection Story* (BK SLW 034), and *Resurrection Eggs: The Easter Story for Children* (KT SLA 001).
- *Good News for Jesus’ Friends* (BK ECZ 020).

With VBS planning in full swing, we have excellent MCC videos and kits to highlight giving projects. Don’t miss out on our variety of Children’s Ministry resources. We have Group’s *Sunday School Specials 1-4*.

Creation is the beautiful palette that God uses to give us the brilliant colors of resurrection, with which to paint our world. Since our world is a gift from God, we must care for it. Here are good resources on our stewardship of creation:

- *Manna and Mercy: A Brief History of God’s Unfolding Promise to Mend the Entire Universe* by Daniel Erlander (BK EAB 013) This is a call for a whole new way of thinking so that both human society and the ecosystem can survive.
- *God So Loved the World... Telling the Salvation story as if the Earth Mattered* by Melvin Schmidt (VT EAT 025) A video on environmental issues.
- *The Creation Chronicles with Ted & Lee*
- “Earth Day Worship” from the February 2002 *Church Worship*
- “A Litany for Earth Care” from the February 2002 *Church Worship*

The Resource Center is open 7:30-4:30 Monday through Friday, with a key available at the EMU Information Office for use after 5:00 p.m.. Visit our website at www.emu.edu/mrcr to browse our catalog. Contact us at 540-432-4219 or wengerkw@emu.edu.

Ministers gather for annual retreat



We, the ministers and spouses of Virginia Mennonite Conference, gathered together at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center during the last weekend of February for our annual retreat. The theme was “The Dance of the Eternal Triangle,” led by Del Glick, interim pastor at Washington Community Fellowship. We were led in worship by Lorie and Brent Hershey, students at Eastern Mennonite Seminary. Through singing, scripture, prayers and readings, we were brought before God with all of ourselves, successes and failures, strengths and weaknesses, faithfulness and unfaithfulness.

During the input time, Del helped us laugh at ourselves, to not take ourselves too seriously, and to realize that the church goes on even when we are long gone. He helped us look at the ways we as ministering persons in our congregations deal with uncomfortable situations,

and what kind of responses can perpetuate unhealthy patterns as well as what kind of responses can bring life and health to our congregations.

The weekend was also a relaxing time. In addition to the interaction with each other between and during meals and sessions, a nice block of five hours was given on Saturday afternoon to do—or not do—whatever it was that we wanted. For all of us, especially those of us who had left our children with trusted caretakers, such an afternoon was quite a luxury.

In the end we came away with a sense of the tremendous mercy and grace of God who, in spite of all our human frailties and failures, continues to entrust the fantastic message of the gospel to the church. Our thanks to our congregations for freeing us to attend, and also to the staff at Williamsburg Retreat Center, the retreat planning committee, Del Glick, and Lorie and Brent Hershey for this refreshing weekend.

• Lee Ebersole

Crossroads: a community church

Pastor Bill Greene of Crossroads Mennonite Church in Timberville, Va., doesn’t hold office hours. “These are my office hours,” he says, holding up his pager. “I spend most of my time out in the community helping people, whether it’s assisting with financial or medical problems or visiting in the hospitals.”

Some people may view Greene’s pastoral duties as unusual, but to him he is simply fulfilling the needs of his church. Sometimes these needs include substance abuse, financial struggles, and support for single mothers.

According to Greene, some people are not welcomed in other congregations, but Crossroads is continually driven by asking the question of what it means to be the body of Christ in the community. “We want to impact the community with the Gospel,” commented Greene. “Our model for doing that is Jesus who was in the community to meet people’s needs.”

Crossroads Mennonite Church has endured struggles of its own. Due to low attendance in the early 1990s the church almost closed down. A revitalization effort by Laban Peachey, the church’s overseer at the time, gathered together families to be a core group of the church and attendance began to increase. Greene joined as pastor in August 1998.

Today the Crossroads congregation numbers around 50 members, yet Greene may be called upon to serve 120 people within a week. Greene believes church isn’t limited to what happens on Sunday morning. Most of his pastoral counseling takes place not in an office, but in person’s homes or places of employment.

“Crossroads began as a community church,” says Greene,” and it still has that community flavor today.” Alden and Violet Dove, Crossroads’ most senior members, have attended the church since the 1930s and agree it hasn’t changed much over the years. “I think Crossroads is well-respected in the community,” said Violet, “It has always been a friendly group willing to help people.”

Greene and his wife, Cindy, moved to

Harrisonburg in 1996 where Greene later received a Masters of Divinity from Eastern Mennonite Seminary in 1999. They have two grown children and two grandchildren.

• Lynley Culbertson



Mark Keller

April 2002 Prayer Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>7 Potomac District is participating in City on a Hill along with other Mennonite churches in the Baltimore-Washington area. Pray for the pastors and other leaders as they plan ministry projects that serve their neighborhoods.</p>	<p>1 Today share the risen Savior's hope with someone. May He infuse us with His power and love!</p>	<p>2 A PIM work team of 6 leaves for Haiti today, led by Raymond Martin. They will be serving with Mission Assemblée de la Grace.</p>	<p>3 Join in a special intercession thrust for the city of Bari, Italy, during the next two days. A small group of persons will be coming to Bari from a church in Georgia to lead this prayer effort. Pray that many would come to faith in Jesus.</p>	<p>4 The World Missions Prayer Fellowship meets today at noon at Park View Mennonite Church. Pray for Addona Nissley as he reports on his experiences with the MCC study tour to Colombia, South America.</p>	<p>5 Lonnie & Teresa Yoder are presenting leadership seminars in Jamaica this weekend for all current and potential leadership persons. Pray that God will guide them and that the participants will hear God's voice and direction.</p>	<p>6 Springdale Mennonite Church is hosting a Jamaica Festival 4-8 p.m. tomorrow. Pray that lots of families and friends will come for a good time and give generously to support Omar & Dolores Beiler's medical work in Jamaica.</p>
<p>14 Joe Bontrager will meet with the Eastern Carolina District Advisory Group tomorrow afternoon to continue planning for efforts to strengthen their congregations and give direction to Urban Ministry Director Paul Godshall.</p>	<p>8 Pray for Partners in Mission Director Ken Horst as he guides short-term teams in their preparations for summer service assignments.</p>	<p>9 The Task Force on Aging, a sub-committee of VMC's Health & Mutual Care Commission, is putting together a curriculum for adult study groups. Pray that the elements of this project will be cohesive and come together smoothly.</p>	<p>10 Jim Hershsberger and a team he is leading will leave for Nicaragua tomorrow. Their work project will include remodeling work at a school. Pray that they will be a blessing to the local believers.</p>	<p>11 The Faith and Life Commission of Virginia Mennonite Conference meets tomorrow and Saturday. Pray for Elroy Miller as he chairs the meeting, and the rest of the committee as they discern and share.</p>	<p>12 Pray for the Mennonite Church USA Constituency Leaders Council meeting this weekend in Kansas City. VMC representatives attending the meeting are moderator Joe Longacher, Jan Showalter, and Owen Burkholder.</p>	<p>13 Pray for Ken Horst and Tom Yoder as they travel to Albania today and tomorrow to join Willard and Eva Eberly and a delegation from Eastern Mennonite Missions for meetings throughout the week in Albania.</p>
<p>21 Praise God for the increased enthusiasm for prayer at the Diego Martin Mennonite Church in Trinidad. Ask for God's continued touch of power for the congregation and pastor and wife Rawl & Linda Gunpath.</p>	<p>15 A team from Dayton Mennonite leaves for Albania tomorrow. They will work at a center of God Loves Albania. The team will build quilting frames and teach quilting to handicapped residents.</p>	<p>16 Pray for Caribbean Regional Directors Galen & Gloria Lehman as they assist national leaders in developing long-term direction in the Jamaica Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Church of Trinidad and Tobago.</p>	<p>17 Pray for clarity of direction in decision-making as the board of the Albanian Mennonite Mission Foundation meets tomorrow. The main agenda is regarding the legal and administrative aspects of the work in Albania.</p>	<p>18 Thank God for Earl Moyer's enthusiasm for constructing a volleyball court on the top of the hill at the Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. This will make a great play area for the students, keeping them fit and safe.</p>	<p>19 Pray for Joe Bontrager as he attends the annual Conference Mission Leaders Meeting in Dallas, TX, this weekend. Stanley Green and Jack Suderman will provide input for exploring the meaning of being a missional church.</p>	<p>20 Tomorrow Kenny & Stephanie Stoner will host the youth leaders of the Calvary and Ocho Rios Mennonite Churches and Lonnie & Teresa Yoder at Palm Ridge, Jamaica. Pray that this will be a strengthening time for all.</p>
<p>28 Pray for God's guidance and leading for congregations and search committees who are looking for new pastors. Pray also for the congregations who are searching for youth pastors.</p>	<p>22 Throughout this week a VMBM/EMM delegation will visit Kosovo in order to follow up on past efforts and make projections for future work. Pray for protection in travel, for timely contacts, and for wisdom in making decisions.</p>	<p>23 Pastor Derrick Samuda at Calvary Mennonite Church in Jamaica requests prayer for sufficient funds to complete some renovation projects. Pray also for his strength and courage to continue on in leadership.</p>	<p>24 Aaron Onelangsy spends two weeks each month ministering to the Laotian community in Harrisonburg. Pray for his efforts to train and mentor leaders of the Laotian fellowship at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church.</p>	<p>25 Pray for Mediterranean Regional Directors Willard & Eva Eberly as they lead pastoral training and coordinate the missionary work in Italy and Albania.</p>	<p>26 Pray for Highland Retreat and Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center as they prepare for their summer camping programs. Pray also that there will be adequate staffing for these camps.</p>	<p>27 Pray for the children of Virginia Mennonite Conference who are between the ages of 6 and 12. These are important formative years with lots of new experiences and opportunities to grow in faith.</p>
<p>My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord ; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Psalms 84:2 (NIV)</p>						
<p>This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by the estate of Sem & Ruby Swope in memory of Sem & Ruby, whose commitment to missions encouraged VMBM in its ministries.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>If you would like to sponsor one or more months of the prayer calendar, contact David D. Yoder at 540-434-9727 or 1-800-707-5535.</i></p>						

Announcements

Springdale Mennonite Church, Waynesboro, Va., will host a **Jamaican festival** on April 6, 4-8 p.m. The festival will include games, food, contests, and stories, and will benefit the medical work of Omar & Dolores Beiler in Jamaica. RSVP to Louise Alderfer at 540-949-4426 or e-mail alderfer@ntelos.net.

Ken Medema will perform a benefit concert for Eastern Mennonite High School's touring choir on May 9 at 7:30 p.m. at EMU Lehman Auditorium. Tickets are available in advance by calling EMHS at 432-4500 or purchasing from an EMHS choir member. Prices are \$10/adult, \$8/students and seniors. Tickets at the

A registered nurse is needed to serve in the Joyland Mennonite Church health clinic in rural Jamaica, working with Dr. Omar Beiler. This will be at least a one-year assignment with a possible beginning date of September 2002. To apply, contact Beth Brunk at brunkbh@vmbm.org or 540-434-9727.

door are \$2 more. The concert will include guest appearances by Ted & Lee (performing with Ken), and the EMHS touring choir. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the choir's three-week trip to Eastern Europe in June.

Ten Thousand Villages is sponsoring a Community Shopping Day to benefit the Eastern Mennonite High School touring choir trip. Visit the store in the

Dayton (Va.) Farmer's Market on Saturday, April 20. The choir will receive 20% of all sales on that day.

Immanuel Mennonite Church, 400 Kelley Street, Harrisonburg, will hold its 10th anniversary celebration April 6-7. The anniversary theme, "This Treasure in Jars of Clay," (2 Corinthians 4:7), will be

highlighted throughout the weekend events. Activities will begin 2 p.m. Saturday at the church with a homecoming concert, featuring the Northeast Community Choir and Immanuel Mennonite musicians past and present. Music and storytelling will recount IMC's history. The public is invited to the concert. An Immanuel family reunion and dinner will take place 6 p.m. Saturday at Eastern Mennonite High School. The program will conclude with a worship service Sunday 10 a.m. followed by a noon meal at the church. For more information, call 540-432-0711.

Living Biblically in Today's World, a conference on Biblical interpretation, will be held April 5-6 at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, beginning at 3:00 p.m. on Friday, and ending at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday. Topics will include Thy Word is Truth; Reading Scripture Through Admitted Perspectives; Jesus: the Living Word; Reading from the Same Page; and Guided by the Living Word. Sponsored by the Faith & Life Commission of Virginia Mennonite Conference.

Office 2002, a biennial conference for office staff from Mennonite churches and agencies, will be held May 16-18 at Eastern Mennonite University. The theme of the conference is "Weaving a New Pattern: Discovering and Adding Your Thread." Kathy Weaver Wenger will be the keynote speaker and David Glanzer, Terry Whitmore, and Joseph Shenk will present workshops. For more information, call 1-800-368-3383, e-mail devoffice@emu.edu, or visit www.emu.edu/office2002.



Joanne Krejsa of San Luis Obispo, Calif., is beginning a three-year MCC assignment in Haiti, where she will work as a community health worker. She is a member of Shalom Mennonite Congregation in Harrisonburg.

James Miller of Harrisonburg, Va., is beginning a three-year MCC assignment in Nicaragua, where he will work as an urban community peace worker. He attends Shalom Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg and is a member of Park View Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg.



Christina and Nevin Mast of Harrisonburg, Va., are beginning a three-year MCC assignment in Mozambique, where they will be community development workers. They attend Harrisonburg Mennonite Church. Christina is a member of Blooming Glen (Pa.) Mennonite Church. Nevin is a member of Mt. Pleasant Mennonite Church in Chesapeake, Va.



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