

Getting your visitors to come back

As Mennonite Church USA seeks to become a missional church, each congregation is being challenged to minister to people “across the street and around the world.” One way of reaching out is to be a welcoming place for the new people God brings to your church door—Sunday morning visitors. The Hospitality and Spirituality workshop presents a rich opportunity to improve your church’s thinking about Biblical hospitality. Pastor and author Fred Bernhard will lead this practical workshop at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church and Huntington Mennonite Church in May. See the back page for more details.

Another way to improve hospitality is to learn from what others are doing. During my first few months on the job I have had the privilege of visiting and getting to know many Virginia Mennonite Conference congregations. Here are a few of the welcoming practices I observed.

Mt. Clinton Mennonite Church, a congregation of 150 situated in the farm land surrounding Harrisonburg, Va., welcomes and introduces visitors from the pulpit. Those visiting on the first Sunday of the month are given head-of-the-line privileges at an elaborate and delicious fellowship meal. A gift of fresh, homemade bread awaits visitors as they depart. The pastor sends a personal card, written in long-hand, thanking each visitor for their attendance and inviting them to return.

Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, with more than 500 in attendance each week and two worship services structured to last just over an hour, briefly acknowledges visitors from the pulpit. They are also invited to sign a “friendship register” which is passed along the pew during the offering.

Those who provide contact information receive a visit within six days by a member of the Welcoming Committee carrying a basket of tea and muffins. If the visitors return a second time they can expect to receive a letter from the pastor, while a third visit prompts an invitation to a meal from one of the small group leaders within the visitor’s demographic.

Members are encouraged to introduce themselves to visitors and extend an invitation to join them in one of the many Sunday School classes for study and fel-



lowship following morning worship. Sandy McCafferty and her husband, Roger, began attending Harrisonburg Mennonite five years ago. Their religious tradition is Methodist, but soon after moving into the community a neighbor invited them to an intergenerational small group meeting in their home. They liked it and decided to check out the church.

According to Sandy, who still vividly remembers receiving a basket of tea and bread, “The first time we visited we were able to slip in and out without being noticed. The second time our neighbors saw us and invited us to stay for Sunday School. We’ve been there ever since.”

According to Pastoral Council Chair Ken Weaver, “The church’s three-pronged approach to visitor follow up has been one key to our steady growth.”

Immanuel Mennonite Church, also in Harrisonburg, draws about 100 people to its Sunday morning worship. Their two-hour gathering is informal with ample time to welcome and introduce visitors from the pulpit. A time of congregational greeting follows these introductions and provides opportunity for those around the visitors to introduce themselves.

Calvary Community Church in Hampton, Va., the largest Mennonite Church in the USA with an aver-

The bridges of God

I get the title from a 1955 book by Donald McGavran. God's bridges are the bridges of human relationships. The Good News of Jesus Christ travels most easily upon the bridges of human relationships.

This is nowhere more clear than in those areas where the gospel is first introduced. The first new believers in Jesus are neighbors and friends of those who came to share a New Life among them. A person comes to faith in Christ, family members soon follow, then neighbors and fellow workers. In some new churches one can easily see these webs of relationships and how they have born fruit. Lives are changed, families are transformed, and communities take on a new character.

As one person told me, "Brother Loren, you wouldn't believe how much our family has changed since Jesus came into our home." The speaker and I were sitting across the street from another family that had been transformed by Jesus. In fact, nearly everyone in this particular new congregation could trace their spiritual lineage back to one or two people. The bridges of God were apparent.

On a larger scale, one can also see the bridges of God in the spread of the gospel to whole new areas. Fifty years ago, two Virginia Mennonites visited Sicily in response to a letter received from a spiritually searching person. Churches emerged. In 1987, these believers and Virginia Mennonites followed the Lord's leading north to Bari, Italy. Churches resulted. In 1993, the movement of God followed the relationships with refugees across the Adriatic Sea to Albania. In 1999, the Christians in Albania ministered to a new flood of refugees, this time from Kosovo. Now we have an invitation from Kosovo for Christians to come and work there. With God's help and the support of God's people, we will once again cross these bridges of God. In some ways, each Christian believer and each of these new congrega-



Loren Horst
President of VMBM

tions has a set of relationships that leads back to those first two men from Virginia, Lewis Martin and Jason Weaver.

While not as obvious, perhaps, God works the same way here. For many of us, our spiritual forebears and our human fathers and mothers are one and the same. That is probably God's first intention—that the witness of the life and word of parents invites children to follow the same Jesus. Traffic continues to flow freely on the bridges of God.

And one more thing, just as people trace their human genealogy back hundreds of years to a certain ancestor, a particular place, or a notable event, we also have a spiritual genealogy. If we could actually know the whole line of our spiritual ancestors, we could all trace our roots back to Jesus. We are, indeed, members of His family.

Loren Horst

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Answering a strong sense of call

Ben Risser firmly believes that he's had a "firm sense of calling" in critical life choices, but the schedule hasn't followed a neat timetable.

At age 51, he's currently in his second year of studies at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, something he earlier wouldn't have expected to be pursuing.

Risser attended EMU for two years in the early 1970s, where he met his future wife, Kathy. He dropped out of school for other pursuits, including a stint of Voluntary Service in Syracuse, N.Y.

Risser was 31 years old when he returned to EMU and completed a B.S. degree in 1985. He then spent several years as a case manager with the Community Services Board of Harrisonburg.

In 1989, he became a juvenile court probation officer for Harrisonburg and Rockingham County with the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice and held that position for 13 years.

Several things occurred about the same time that helped Risser to seriously consider a career shift. He turned 50 and was asking himself what he wanted to do with the next phase of life; the September 11 events affected him deeply; his three daughters were older; and he was doing a lot of pastoral type work in his congregation, Zion Mennonite Church in Broadway.

"I've found my involvement there (at Zion) stimulating," he remarked. "The church has played a significant role in affirming my leadership gifts.

"Entering seminary was very much an unknown, but I've had a strong sense of call that



Jim Bishop

this is where God wants me at this moment," he said, adding: "I'm enjoying it . . . but it's not fun."

According to Risser, the biggest adjustment is "time management—balancing classes and study with more domestic duties.

"It's a different schedule altogether. There's always something to be read or written, but it's up to me to get them done."

"Looking back, I think I'm more ready now to tackle the rigors of seminary life than I would have been 20 years ago," Risser stated.

"I'm stimulated by the challenge of a new venture at this stage of my life," he said. "I feel like I'm not in it alone. I sense strong support from my wife and family and my congregation.

Risser said he envisions entering the pastoral ministry after graduation, adding, "I'm open to whatever God calls me to do, wherever He leads."

His advice to others who may be sensing a call to theological studies: "Don't let the risks and unknowns immobilize you. Don't belittle or downplay your life experiences, which are pivotal factors in exploring a possible call to ministry. Don't look back later and say, 'I wish I had done this.'"

• Jim Bishop
Eastern Mennonite University

Ben Risser (L), a second year seminary student, enjoys performing with the Daphna Creek gospel bluegrass group. His sister, Joy Risser Yoder, and brother-in-law Elwood Yoder are also in the six-member group.

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age attendance of 1000, gives ample time to recognize visitors as well as those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries. First-time visitors are invited to stand while Pastor Steven Francisco welcomes them.

"Calvary Community Church is addictive. I dare you to visit two more times," he tells them. "We have a three strike rule here. In the world it's three strikes and you're out. At Calvary Community Church it's three strikes and you're in."

Visitors are given a coffee mug with the church's logo on it, a calendar, and a visitor's card. Those celebrating birthdays and anniversaries are invited forward where they receive the "best gift," prayer that the coming year will be the best they have ever had.

Washington Community Fellowship in Washington, D.C., uses a "visitor's table," located in

the narthex and staffed each Sunday with a volunteer from the Fellowship Commission. They are available to answer questions or direct visitors to Sunday School classes or restrooms. The table displays literature about the church and its youth and children's programs. There are usually some giveaways on the table too, like the church cookbook or a bookmark imprinted with a verse and prayer. Those who sign the "friendship pad," passed during the offering time, receive a letter from the pastor with additional brochures and information.

By reading this, I hope you got some ideas that might be worth trying in your setting. May God bless you as you reach out with love in His name.

• Steve Carpenter
Conference Coordinator

Mature followers, mature leaders

On February 21-23, close to 50 people gathered at the Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center for a time of fellowship, relaxation, and reflection. The annual Ministry Retreat weekend included sessions led by Ervin Stutzman, Dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Moderator of Mennonite Church USA, preacher, teacher, and author of several books. Each session was preceded by a time of worship and singing led by two couples from Harrisonburg Mennonite Church—Eric and Janet Hostetter and Carl and Rochelle Kniss.



Ken Horst

Carl Kniss, Eric Hostetter, and Janet Hostetter, along with Rochelle Kniss (not pictured), led meaningful times of worship during the annual VMC Ministry Retreat.

Ervin led three sessions on the theme “Becoming What We’re Meant To Be.” In his first session, he talked about our relationships as sons and daughters of our parents and Jesus’ relationship to His earthly family. Ervin reflected on his journey in discovering the father he never knew because of an untimely death (related in his book “Tobias of the Amish”). Afterwards we spent some time in small groups reflecting on the impact our parents had in our lives growing up.

In the second session, Ervin talked about being a mature follower. He suggested that there is a strong correlation between being a mature leader and being a good follower.

The last session dealt with the characteristics of a mature leader. One way to measure that is in reflecting on our lives and asking ourselves how we respond to feedback, why we are pursuing leadership, and how disciplined we are in our personal lives.

Ervin concluded with the idea that there is a dynamic between being a mature leader and being a son, daughter, spouse, parent, or follower. Our relationships have a part in developing us into the kind of leader we are. One thing is certain; we all need much grace as leaders.

We ended our weekend praying for requests and singing, “Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow.” What a blessing it was to be a part of the annual Ministry Retreat!

• Tim & Bev Kennell
Powhatan Mennonite Church

A tangible sign of caring

Martha Ann Burgard (R) holds one of the two “friendship quilts” she recently made for members of her church, Shalom Mennonite Congregation, who are suffering from depression. “It’s a tangible sign of love and caring,” explained Martha Ann, who also suffers from depression. Folks at Shalom signed the quilt between the sunny, bright patches. Part of depression is loneliness, and each gift reminds those receiving the quilts that they are not alone whenever they wrap it around themselves.

Shalom believes that the project is one way to bring mental illness out into the open in the congregation. Martha Ann has found that quilting is good therapy for her, especially during dreary winter days. She plans to make one for herself as well.

• Paul Groff
Shalom Mennonite Congregation



Earl Zimmerman

Unexpected gifts

As you may know, I have been on the job as the Virginia Mennonite Conference Coordinator (a new position established this year) for only a short time. It has been exciting to meet many people, visit VMC churches that are new to me, and work at the issues facing our conference. I approach my job with enthusiasm and am thrilled to be part of the Conference's leadership team. Things have been going well and I feel like I am in the honeymoon phase of my transition.

However, on a recent Monday, after reviewing the Conference's monthly financial report, I went home discouraged. Although VMC is operating within its budget, the Conference's check book was \$71,000 in the red as of January 31. If we were an independent business we would need to get a line of credit from the bank. That day I felt the weight of the responsibility of finding ways to balance VMC's budget.

On Wednesday of that same week I learned of an impending gift. A Presbyterian woman had bequeathed the conference and mission board \$10,000 each. The gift came to us because she had been ministered to by a Mennonite chaplain. What a blessing when God sends help in unexpected ways.

By Friday we received a personal visit from the pastor of one of our congregations. He was thrilled to present us with a check from his small congregation in support of the Conference, Mission Board, District and several other local and church-wide ministries. The impact of the check had little to do with the dollar amount. Here was a church that had not given the Conference a financial gift in three and a half years. Wow! For me, their gift symbolized that the congregation had re-engaged with the Conference and Mennonite Church USA.

I hope you too have confidence in the Conference and broader church. I pray you share our vision for being missional and reaching other for Christ, across the street and around the world. May you be able to trust our Conference leaders and rest assured that your gifts will be used well. Thank you for your generous and faithful support of the work and ministry of the Virginia Mennonite Conference.

• Steve Carpenter
Conference Coordinator

EMU honors three veteran ministers

Eastern Mennonite University has recognized three persons for 50 years in church-related ministries. Eastern Mennonite Seminary dean Ervin Stutzman honored Aaron M. King, Hubert R. Pellman, and Kenneth Seitz, Sr., during the recognition ceremony on January 22.

King and his wife, Betty, were mission workers with the Franconia Conference Mission Board in Cuba and Mexico City. He was ordained in 1953 at Perkaspie (Pa.) Mennonite Church for the assignment in Cuba.

The couple carried out a family music ministry from 1972-84, traveling widely and giving programs with their nine children as "The King Family."

Since 1992, King has been a chaplain with the Industrial Commercial Ministries program, working with Spanish-speaking people in the poultry industry. He and Betty are also active in prison ministries.

Pellman is professor emeritus of English at Eastern Mennonite University. He and his wife, Mildred, pastored Mt. Vernon Mennonite Church near Grottoes, Va., for 17 years.

Pellman wrote a 50-year history of EMU, published in 1967, and has also authored a history of the "Mennonite Hour" radio broadcasts and Mennonite Media, a history of the Virginia Property Aid program and a Pellman family history.

Seitz pastored the Sandy Bottom Mennonite Church near Elkton, Va., Lanesville (W.Va.) Mennonite Church, and Line Lexington (Pa.) Mennonite Church. He and his wife, Grace, were missionaries in Mexico City from 1958 to 1978.

Seitz served as a chaplain at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, 1986-95, and minister of visitation at Mt. Clinton Mennonite Church where he is a member.

All three men were ordained in 1953. Both Pellman and Seitz were ordained by lot during the same service at Weavers Mennonite Church west of Harrisonburg.



Kenneth Seitz, Sr., long-time missionary in Mexico, reads the actual "lot" that was in the Bible he opened at Weavers Mennonite Church that led to his ordination in 1953. Ervin Stutzman, dean of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, presented the awards at a dinner meeting during the annual School for Leadership Training.

• Jim Bishop
Eastern Mennonite University

“Plowing Outback” tells stories of Mennonites facing urbanization

About once a year since 1997, members of the Warwick Mennonite community have been presenting large-scale folk operas, drawing from their shared history.

This year’s production, which was presented for three weekends in February and March at the Yoder Barn Theatre in Newport News, told stories about how the community faced the rapid conversion of area farmlands into heavily populated shopping and housing areas. The title, “Plowing Outback,” comes from a comment from a former farmer over dinner at a local steakhouse. He had often plowed the field containing that restaurant and the large shopping centers all around it.

“Plowing Outback” told many of its stories in the context of the experiences of one of the community’s most beloved residents, Effie Schmucker. Effie was known for her outspokenness and was played to comic perfection by Jewell Shenk, a niece who knew her well.



Curt Holsopple

Many members of Mennonite congregations in the Warwick community participated in the production of “Plowing Outback.”

As in previous productions, a large cast, many of them Mennonite, was featured. Stories were drawn from oral histories gathered from the community under the leadership of Esther Mable Yoder. The play was produced by the Yoder Preservation Trust, the script was written by Jo Carson, songs were written by Sally Rogers, and the effort was directed by Richard Geer and Jules Corriere.

• Steve Fannin

Warwick River Mennonite Church

Congregational Resource Center

After a snowy and cold winter, God’s sun warms our hearts and we feel new growth pushing out of our dead branches. Life conquers death in nature, and within us, too! There is a variety of music available in the resource center, such as:

- Songs & Prayers from Taize
- Live from South Africa: Winds of Worship
- Praise the Lord: Instrumental Praise
- Come All You People: Shorter Songs for Worship from the Iona Community
- Psalms of Patience, Protest and Praise from the Iona Community

We have many resources to assist with Lent and Easter planning. A few were highlighted in the March Connections. Also note the following:

- The Love Feast by Frank Ramirez
- Wait Here and Watch: A Commentary on the Passion according to St. Matthew
- The Lord’s Supper: Believers Church Perspectives
- Communion Reflections and Prayers
- Invitations to Communion
- Dining in the Kingdom of God: The Origins of the Eucharist according to Luke
- Bread of Blessing, Cup of Hope

Consider inviting un-churched friends and neighbors to your Easter services.

- Hospitality Evangelism Kit: Sharing the Bread of Life
- Unexpected Guests at God’s Banquet: Welcoming People with Disabilities
- The First Thirty Seconds
- Worship and Outreach
- A Christian View of Hospitality
- Open Heart, Open Home

New video curriculum for youth:

- Honest Talk about Serious Mental Illness
- Honest Talk about Suicide
- Honest Talk about Eating Disorders

The Resource Center is open 7:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. 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/mcrc to browse our catalog. Contact us at 540-432-4219 or wengerkw@emu.edu.

April 2003 Prayer Calendar

Sunday

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies..."

John 11:25 (NIV)

6 Pray for Ganesh and Risha Kalloo as they give pastoral leadership to the Mennonite Church of Chaguanas, Trinidad. Ask God to open hearts and minds to His saving grace through the Kalloods and other faithful witnesses.

7 Pray for Moderator Joe Longacher and the other VMC Officers as they meet together later this month. One of the main items on the agenda is planning for the Conference Council meeting in early May.

13 During Holy Week we particularly remember our Christian sisters and brothers around the world. Pray that the Christ who suffered will be especially close to those who are suffering.

14 Jesse Lucke at the Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica explores ways of making learning about computers fun for the students of all ages. Pray for continued creativity and patience for him every day.

20 *An empty tomb! A risen Savior! The gift of salvation! Alleluia!* Conference Minister Owen Burkholder will be participating in the community sunrise service in Bergrton, Va., at the request of Valley View Mennonite Church.

21 Pray for the churches who are struggling to find people to work with their youth. Pray also that those with gifts for nurturing our young people will hear God's call to this area of ministry.

27 Pray for Rich Butterworth, Chair, and the Pastoral Search Committee at Washington (D.C.) Community Fellowship as they interview candidates for lead pastor.

28 Pray for Willard and Melba Heatwole as they prepare for a missionary assignment in Lushaje, Albania. Pray for safety as they locate to the field and for adjustments as they begin the first phase of an assignment of up to three years.

Tuesday

1 Pastor Todd Bowman finished his ministry at Providence Mennonite Church, Newport News, Va., yesterday. Pray for the church as they search for an interim pastor and for Todd and his family as they consider God's call on their lives.

8 Bob and Karen Treacy and daughters from Waynesboro Mennonite Church are visiting Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica and teaching some special topics. Thank God for the connection with the student they sponsor.

15 Pray for Willard and Eva Eberly and Loren and Earlene Horst this week as they meet with missionaries in Albania and attend administrative meetings. Pray for safety in travel and for decisions regarding the work in Albania and Kosovo.

22 Thank God for strong interest in Partners in Mission teams again this year. Pray that each team going out will be a blessing and encouragement to the receiving body.

29 Lee and Connie Ebersole leave Trinidad today after three months of music and worship training in the four Mennonite congregations. Thank God for the relationships made and the learning achieved by all.

Wednesday

2 VMBM President Loren Horst, and his wife, Earlene, will be visiting churches and leaders in Italy and Albania during the next three weeks. While in Sicily he will teach a series of missions seminars to Italian leaders.

9 The missional church team will meet with the Southern District Council tomorrow evening to share together about our mission to our communities and the world. Pray for the district as they search for two new overseers.

16 Pray for our youth as they make important decisions regarding their future. The military is a popular option now, as patriotism is on the rise. Pray that God will give them wisdom to know what is His plan for their lives.

23 Today is Administrative Assistant's Day. Pray for VMC Staff Assistant Jill Landis as she prepares minutes, sends out mailings, prepares for Conference Assembly, and helps keep the VMC office and staff organized.

30 Kenny Stoner has made significant improvements on the grounds at Maranatha School for the Deaf in Jamaica. Thank God for the insight and energy he brings to these tasks.

Thursday

3 The Potomac District Council meets today. Pray for their overseer search process and thank God for the service of overseers Frank & Evelyn Nice whose terms are ending on August 31.

10 Pray for youth groups as they raise money for Atlanta this summer. Convention can be a life-changing experience for a youth, but in order to go, the money must be raised.

17 Karen Brunk shares her smile and encouragement with the patients at the Joyland Clinic in Jamaica. Ask God to give her strength for each day's demands.

24 Omar and Dolores Beiler frequently host fellow VMBM workers in their home in Jamaica. Thank God for their gift of hospitality. May God restore all the workers during these times of fellowship.

Matt Horst sponsored this month's prayer calendar in honor of his praying grandparents, Earl and Alice Yutzy and Edith Horst and the late Ben Horst, and his parents, Loren and Earlene Horst. Their interest in and support of missions in the past has influenced the future. To God be the glory!

If you would like to sponsor one or more months of the prayer calendar, contact Gloria Lehman at 540-434-9727 or 1-800-707-5535.

Friday

4 The VMC Faith & Life Commission will be meeting today and Saturday. Pray for the bishops, overseers, and other members as they consult and work at leadership enrichment initiatives.

11 The VMC Assembly on the theme "Following Jesus, Discerning the Times" is just two months away. Pray for speakers Harry Jarrett, Rose Huyard, and Glen Guyton and Bible study leader Marion Bontrager.

18 Richard and Margaret Keeler's commitment to prayer upholds and strengthens the ministry of the Mennonite congregations in Trinidad. Ask God to bless their daily ministry to all they connect with each day.

25 Pray for the individuals who will be moving into a variety of ministry assignments following graduation from Eastern Mennonite Seminary tomorrow. May God bless and guide them for His glory.

5 Pray for Conference Minister Owen Burkholder as he preaches at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church tomorrow morning and meets with the Shalom Mennonite Congregation in Harrisonburg in the afternoon.

12 Conference Minister Owen Burkholder will be preaching at Chestnut Ridge Mennonite Church in Ohio tomorrow morning. Pray for the congregation as they engage in the pastoral search process.

19 Thank the Lord for a recent, unexpected gift of \$10,000 from the estate of an older person who was cared for by a Mennonite chaplain. Pray that others would be motivated to send a gift to VMC during the next few months.

26 Pray for USA Regional Director Joe Bontrager as he attends the annual Mission Leaders Meeting of Menn. Mission Network in Pasadena, CA. This is a time of inspiration and equipping for mission leaders in the USA and Canada.

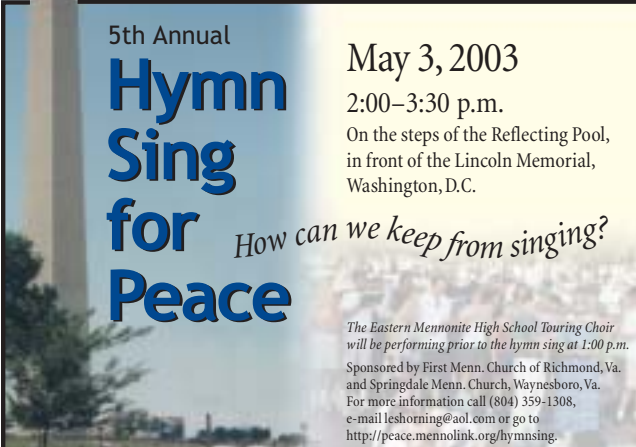
Announcements

Open position at Eastern Mennonite High School for 2003-2004 school year. Natural Science (full-time position) includes Earth Science-9 and Physical Science-8. Prefer applicants that are experienced and certified in teaching Earth Science. Applicants should be able to demonstrate effective teaching skills, integration of faith in classroom, and commitment to Mennonite Church Confession of Faith. Fax resumé to J. David Yoder, Principal, 540-432-4538 or call 540-432-4502 for more information.

"Hospitality and Spirituality: Creating a More Caring Church and Society Following Sept. 11," a one-day New Life Ministries workshop, will be held 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Harrisonburg (Va.) Mennonite Church on May 16 and at Huntington Mennonite Church, Newport News, Va., on May 17. You are encouraged to register with others from your congregation to receive the group discount. Brochures are available from your pastor. New Life Ministries is sponsored by Mennonite and Brethren churches and agencies and provides consultation and training for evangelism, church growth and congregational renewal from an Anabaptist perspective.

"Gifts of the Red Tent: Women Creating" is the sixth biennial "Women Doing Theology" conference organized by women in the North American Anabaptist community. Celebrating the connection between theology and the arts, the conference will be held May 16-18 at Eastern Mennonite University. Registration is due by April 19. For more information, contact MCC U.S. Women's Concerns at 717-859-3889, e-mail tjh@mccus.org or visit <http://www.mcc.org/womendointheology/>.

Transportation to the Atlanta 2003 Mennonite Church USA convention this summer is available through Virginia Mennonite Conference. Chartered buses will leave Harrisonburg at midnight and 3:30 a.m. on July 3 and return immediately following the convention on July 8. The round trip cost is \$125 per person. Interested individuals or youth groups should contact the VMC office at 540-434-9727 or info@vmconf.org.



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