

# Connections

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## “Our Christ-centered Faith” at VMC Assembly

The Mennonite churches in the western part of North Carolina are hosting Assembly at Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, July 26-28. VMC's Assembly was held there in 2000 when delegates voted to join the new MC USA denomination. The theme in 2007 is “Our Christ-Centered Faith,” and begins a four-year series focused on Christ.

You don't have to be a pastor or an official church delegate to attend Assembly. There's lots to do including: two nights of worship, a missions festival, eight workshops to choose from, two sessions of Bible teaching, Mennonite Men and Mennonite Women's breakfasts, an MMA pastor's breakfast and two nights with coffee house musicians. Delegates will be involved in less than eight hours of official meetings over the 3 days. Come to experience Christ and enjoy good fellowship.

Activities are planned for junior and senior high school-aged youth and for younger children. Assembly will end with lunch on Saturday, July 28.

The registration deadline is June 29. Don't miss the blessing, go to [www.vmconf.org/assembly](http://www.vmconf.org/assembly) and sign-up!

### Workshops at Conference Assembly:

*The Anabaptist Third Way* - Myron Augsburg

*Connecting with a 'Wireless' Generation:*

*Ministering to Young Adults* - Seth Hanke

*The Islamic/Christian Conflict and Faithful Responses* - Roy Hange

*Deep & Wide: Ways to Assimilate New Attenders*

- Ed Bontrager

*The Task Remaining: Reaching Unreached People*

- Philip Rhodes

*Lasting Marriage: The Owner's Manual*

- Harvey Yoder

*Lent 2008: A Worshipful Journey Toward Easter*

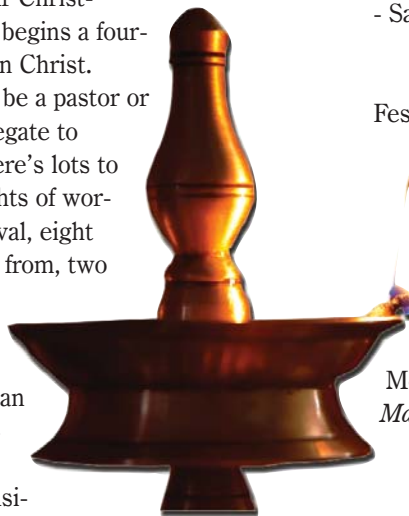
- Spencer Bradford

*Dreaming About Church Together (Youth & Adults)*

- Sarah Bixler

Join us for the World Neighbors Missions Festival on Thursday with the Hmong dancers from Hickory Hmong Mennonite Church. On Saturday morning, the Mennonite Men's Breakfast speaker is Jim Gingerich, and Mennonite Women's Breakfast speaker is Lois Wenger.

Also featured is Bible teaching with Duane Beck and Isaac Villegas and a Mennonite Media presentation: *Building on Faith: Making Poverty Housing History*.



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Conference Minister  
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Cindy Voth, Associate Pastor  
of Youth and Family Life  
Lindale Mennonite Church  
Friday Worship:  
“Faith for a Lifetime”



Thursday Night Coffeehouse  
with Jonathan Reuel



Friday Night Coffeehouse  
with Ten Broeck

• Steve Carpenter  
VMC Conference Coordinator

# What's in a name?

A little over 58 years ago my parents named me Loren Emory Horst (last name rhyming with “worst”). The first two names were given by parental decision. They showed some originality and didn’t call me Benjamin, Moses, or Ira (father and grandfathers). My last name was provided by cultural tradition. I received my father’s, grandfather’s and great-grandfather’s last name. Had the traditions for last names been different I might have been a Kreider, Eberly, or Martin (the other surnames of my four grandparents). Two things named me, history and decision. My history (and cultural tradition) gave me “Horst.” My parent’s decision gave me “Loren.”



**Loren Horst**  
President of VMM

Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions was also named by history and by decision. Stemming in part from the newly awakened mission impulses in the Mennonite church in the early 1900s, “boards of missions (and charities)” sprang up all over. Ours was a Virginia Mennonite version of a larger movement of God across North America. The conception of that movement in Virginia predated the birth of Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions (and Charities), but in 1919, we were born and named. We were a product of a newly emerging mission history as well as the result of Virginia Mennonite decisions.

Sometimes, names are changed. Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions has chosen to change the name by which we are most commonly known. The Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions continues

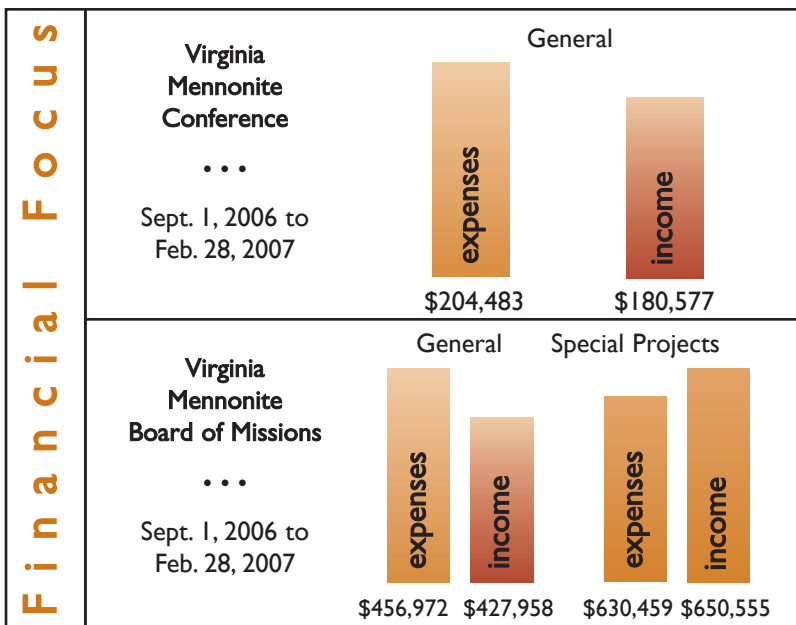
to be the governing body to which we are accountable, so the name is still legally correct. For common usage, however, we will begin to use “Virginia Mennonite Missions,” or “VMMissions” for short. A new logo and tagline will give added visual clarity to this new name and VMMissions.org will take you to our website.

The name, “Virginia Mennonite Missions,” remains rooted in our history. We continue to be engaged in God’s mission. We are the agency and commission of Virginia Mennonite Conference. We are a mission enterprise that is Mennonite in theology and missiology. Each of our three names is significant in our history.

The new name is also rooted in a decision to symbolize the continued birth and renewal of mission passion in Virginia Mennonite Conference. It is both similar too and different from the mission expression of 90 years ago, or even 20 years ago. We are deciding to change, but we are embracing our history as well.

A name is only a name. Do I like you to remember my name? Sure. I’m especially honored, however, when you want to know me. We will like you to remember our new name, but especially honored when you get to know Virginia Mennonite Missions! This issue of *Connections* will help you do just that!

*Loren Horst*



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## 54th Annual Missions Day for MWV

### Praying for peace

They came from six different Mennonite congregations. They came together to pray for peace, on Memorial Day weekend. In this day when dialogs about peace can quickly evolve into unpeaceful discussions, members within the Southern District churches viewed this as a way to focus spiritually and to bring all together in unity. Even if we might disagree on what should or shouldn't be done by our government in areas of conflict, we can unite behind the scriptural call to pray for our congregations, our governmental leaders, and even our enemies. We are called to pray for all.

Meeting at Lynside Mennonite Church in Lyndhurst, Va., Pastor Dennis Kuhns welcomed and called us together by reading 1 Timothy 2:1-8, where Paul encouraged the early church to pray for everyone. We then began focusing our prayers together on various themes, introduced by the reading of scripture. In each section, attendees were invited to pray out loud or in silence. Commencing with Prayers of Praise (Colossians 2:15-17), the focus then moved to Prayers for the Church (1 Corinthians 1:2-3; 1 Timothy 2:1); transitioning next to Prayers for our Country and Leaders (Jeremiah 29:4-14); and then ended with a time for Prayers for Those Carrying the Burden of War (Ephesians 2:11-22). Our time was closed by reciting the Lord's Prayer together.

The prayer time lasted for 1 ½ hours, as sincere praises and desires for blessings on others were lifted. Afterwards, one attendee stated, "We should continue doing this." Two others suggested that we continue coming together twice per year, around election time and around Memorial Day. We left that Sunday evening truly feeling blessed ourselves.

• Dave Powell  
VMC Peace Committee

Note: For quite some time, individual stories of peace have been highlighted in this section. We would like to encourage Congregational Peace Stories such as this one to be shared with our other conference churches. If you know of a Congregational Peace Story, please contact Dave and Krista Powell at (540) 941-3798, or [ecopow@ecollc.net](mailto:ecopow@ecollc.net).

Ninety-one Mennonite Women from many parts of Virginia met on May 3, 2007, at the Waynesboro Mennonite Church. It was a wonderful day of Christ-like sharing, giving and receiving. We greeted familiar faces and made new friends over a homemade continental breakfast. The women then gathered in the sanctuary. Barbara Borntrager shared a devotion with the group that we should have hope in the Lord. The ladies of Waynesboro Mennonite Church led us in singing and shared their music as we enjoyed a women's quartet.

Edith Shenk shared her unique experience of being a missionary to Africa in two different decades, entitled "African Memories...We Are All in Missions!"



Edith Shenk, guest speaker for the Annual Missions Day.

It was then time for giving. Sharon Arbaugh had contacted missionaries and gathered ninety-six needs that the group planned to "auction" off. Each of the needs were numbered and printed on sheets for all the ladies to review when they had first arrived. The numbers were then posted on three large felt boards.

The women had decided in advance how much they were willing to spend. Many pooled their funds together or had saved up over the year at their churches in preparation for the Mission Needs Auction.

Sharon invited everyone who wanted to bid to stand up and pick just one number off the boards. As we worked our way around the sanctuary, the women started calling out numbers. Once everyone was seated again, Sharon invited everyone who wanted to bid to stand up once more, this time they could pick more than one number. After fifteen minutes or three rounds of bidding, all the numbers were chosen, and over \$5,000 worth of needs were met. What a miracle!

After the auction, we received a wonderful garden-themed salad bar, and homemade pies for dessert. After lunch, Edith Shenk wrapped up the day with practical ways that we can support missionaries in the field.

• Beth Pease  
MWV Publicity Secretary

## Kim chi and the Gospel

The smell of *kim chi* (spicy cabbage salad) and thukboki (dumplings, egg, fishcakes and hot sauce) filled the Stephens City Mennonite Church building when Sharon Rhee and Grace Cho spent the day preparing a meal for the Korean high school students who attend the Randolph Macon Academy (RMA) in Front Royal, Va.



James Rhee, Pastor of Stephens City Korean Community Church, and his wife Sharon, began relating to the Korean students about a year ago. They have built relationships with quite a few RMA students. Every Sunday afternoon students attend the Stephens City Korean Community Church worship service (currently meeting in the Stephens City Mennonite Church building).

James & Sharon Rhee offered to make a home-cooked Korean meal for the Korean students on Friday, May 18. Byung kuk Kaug and Collin Chung helped the cooks serve a full course Korean meal for 48 people. Pastor James Rhee introduced himself and welcomed the guests. After giving God thanks for the food, the students filed through the serving line.

Dressed in their uniforms, freshman David Hyon and his friend Park enjoyed wrapping the *kim* (seaweed) around the rice with their chopsticks. They said they don't have opportunities to eat Korean food very often since they came to the United States to study. Their favorite is *Jaeyuk bokum* (pork BBQ with hot sauce, hot pepper and garlic.)

Senior Woo-sub, a member of SCKCC, entertained the group with piano music while the group was free to help themselves to seconds.

After everyone had plenty to eat, James asked the group, "Why are you here and not in Korea? Do you have a purpose for your life? Are you here just to get a good education? Do you think we came here just to feed you?" James continued to say, "What is your purpose? What are you going to do with your life?"

Pastor James asked the seniors to come front with him. He put his arm on each person's shoulder as he asked them individually, "What is your dream? What is *your* purpose in your life?"

He turned his attention to the junior class, "Do you want to be unclear with the purpose of your life? These seniors don't know. You will graduate next year. Jesus wants to tell you what your purpose is. If you accept Jesus Christ as your life reference, Jesus will give you a dream for your life.

You need direction. Jesus Christ gives you a purpose and direction. That is good news for you.

"Do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear," James quoted from Matthew 6. "God can do all things. You need an unchanged purpose. Decide your purpose is for God. Decide you want a good end, not just a good way."

Stephens City Korean Community Church was founded in January 2006 and has grown to 40-50 members. The worship service and fellowship time is a great opportunity for the Korean people to gather; some travel over an hour to attend. It is a time for them to encourage each other in their life for Christ. They meet every Sunday afternoon for worship and share kim chi as part of the meal following the service.

• Aldine Musser  
Stephens City Mennonite Church

## Latino leaders meet in Harrisonburg

Church planting and vision for ministry were the themes set forth by Mauricio Chenlo, of Raleigh, N.C., for Latino leaders and persons interested in Hispanic ministries. This group of 12 met on April 17 at the Mennonite Media conference room assembled by Ed Bontrager, Virginia Mennonite Missions Director of USA Ministries. Chenlo has been conducting similar seminars across the country sponsored by Mennonite Mission Network.

"Why can't we get together to form a united Hispanic congregation?" wondered one participant, realizing that various Mennonite Hispanic ministries in Harrisonburg are now taking place. Another person felt that combining our efforts and building a multicultural church is a good vision.

The Harrisonburg District Council, along with VMM, is planning to appoint a task force to give further attention to this movement.

• Ed Bontrager  
VMM Director of USA Ministries

## Mennonite Men minister with JoinHands

A ministry of Mennonite Men, JoinHands was founded in the mid '80s by the General Conference Mennonite Church. It continues as a bi-national ministry of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. Our primary function is to raise funds for the expansion of God's Kingdom by giving those funds as grants to New Church Plants for the purchase or construction of their first building.

Boulder Mennonite Church is in a university community and the original property was adjacent to the university which they purchased for \$250,000. A \$50,000 JoinHands grant helped them purchase the building in 1986. They were the third congregation to receive a grant.

Recently the congregation decided that they would tithe their local operating budget of about \$150,000 and help someone else. It was at about that time that a letter came to the chairperson of the stewardship committee from Mennonite Men with a JoinHands brochure. He then made a recommendation that the tithe be given to JoinHands to help other congregations to acquire their first building as they had been helped twenty one years ago. There was unanimous affirmation from the congregation to do this.

May this be a model for many churches to expand their influence across the continent and across barriers of economics and ethnicity. Currently Mennonite Men has approved grants for eight new churches. At the present rate of available funds it may take five years to fulfill these grants. May the Lord be calling you as an individual or as a church to share with a Sister Church in a far away place? God's Kingdom in universal.

Mennonite men from across Virginia Mennonite Conference will gather for breakfast at



Jim Gingerich

VMC Assembly at Lenoir-Rhyne College on Saturday, July 28, at 7 a.m., in Hickory, N.C. Jim Gingerich, the bi-national Mennonite Men Coordinator, will be the guest speaker. Join them to learn more about unique ministry.

• Glenn Horst  
VMC representative to Mennonite Men

## Park View assists MCC with Kenya water project

Six people from Park View Mennonite Church traveled to Kenya in mid-March to lend their hands to a project that provides water in drought-prone farm communities.

The group spent about 10 days working with rural Kenyans to construct two concrete berms, called sand dams, that store water under a deep layer of sand.

The construction project is part of a larger effort by two Kenyan organizations to build 80 sand dams in Kenya this year with funding from Mennonite Central Committee.

Ervie Glick, a member of the Park View group, said the daily work consisted of shoveling sand from a streambed, mixing cement by hand and pouring it into forms to build the dam.

"We are throwing ourselves into it, pacing ourselves so we don't hurt ourselves," said Glick, a retired language professor, a week into the group's visit.

The six-member group worked alongside 40 or more local farmers in a rural area near the town of Kola in southern Kenya.

Glick said although the Park View group did a relatively small portion of the work, local people were very welcoming and appreciative.

"We have wonderful interaction," Glick said. "Some of them speak very good English. We find out about their families, and they are very appreciative of our being here."

In addition to raising funds for travel costs, the group raised \$6,000 to pay for all the expenses of building one sand dam, Glick said.

Sand dams are an effective way to provide water in many rural Kenyan communities, where wells and streams often go dry for months at a time.

Sand dams build up an underground supply of water that local people can access throughout the year in shallow wells.

Over the past 10 years, MCC has provided funds to help build more than 100 sand dams in Kenya.

The members of the Park View group were Ervie and Mary Jean Glick, Ross Erb, Bernard Halterman, Jonathan Kennel and Rachel Brown. They were joined by Wade Snowdon, an MCC worker from East St. Paul, Man.

• Tim Shenk  
Mennonite Central Committee



President Loren Swartzendruber congratulates Tim Shenk on his graduation from EMU.

## Shenk a 'distinctive' student at EMU

Timothy H. Shenk may seem like an overachiever, but he'd be quick to challenge that label.

Nonetheless, this somewhat reserved guy has a long list of involvements and causes championed during his four years at Eastern Mennonite University.

Shenk, son of Keaton and Betty Shenk and a member of Community Mennonite Church of Harrisonburg, came to EMU as an honors student thinking he'd major in biology. But, a summer stint on staff at Camp Hebron in Dauphin County, Pa., where he "had a fresh discovery of who Jesus is," turned his interests toward the social sciences.

He ended up a liberal arts major, adding minors in Bible and religion, psychology and history.

Tim is hard pressed to single out a highlight of his time at EMU. His Middle East cross-cultural experience in the spring of 2006 was "unforgettable."

Another memorable time was involvement at Reba Place Fellowship, Evanston, Ill., through the Ministry Inquiry Program, which "helped me look at ministry in non-traditional ways," he says.

As a pastoral assistant with EMU's campus ministries office, he related to fellow students' spiritual journeys and helped facilitate prayer meetings on campus.

The spring semester, he and fiancée Cheryl Heatwole facilitated weekly inductive Bible studies on the Gospel of Mark. Students gathered early Thursday morning in his Parkwood Apartment for a light breakfast, followed by a "communal discovery of the biblical text."

Last fall, Shenk helped initiate a response to the fighting between Israel and Lebanon they called

"Prayerfully Sleeping on the Hill." Students camped out on the hill overlooking campus, prayed about and discussed the conflict and ended up writing letters to refugee children.

Tim is grateful for "an amazing mentoring relationship" he enjoyed all four years with Mark Zollinhofer, former director of instructional technology for EMU. They met weekly for "significant, in-depth conversations on the relationship of faith and science."

When he graduated summa cum laude from EMU Apr. 29, Tim was among 10 students selected by faculty, staff or fellow students to wear the blue and gold "Cords of Distinction" in recognition of "exemplifying the highest ideals of the university." He and Elizabeth Hevenner gave the undergraduate "senior perspective" during the ceremonies.

May 26, Tim married Cheryl Heatwole from Christiansburg, Va., whom he met his freshman year at EMU. They will spend the summer working in a camping program there with Montgomery County Parks and Recreation Department.

This fall, the couple will begin a two-year commitment to an intentional community in Camden, N.J., relating to inner-city young people at Sacred Heart School. He had spent time there earlier as part of an EMU spring break service team.

"We feel led to return there, because we want to follow Jesus in reaching out to people in need," Tim says. They envision a longer-term mission assignment.

"Wherever we go, I know that God will direct us," he adds.

• Jim Bishop is the Public Information Officer at Eastern Mennonite University

# July 2007 Prayer Calendar

## Sunday

**1** The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom. Is. 35:1  
Thank God for the blooms in your life and tell someone today that God will make them glad.

**8** This week a small mission team from Palermo, Sicily will be serving at Centro Koinonia to assist with VBS. Pray that a strong bond of fellowship will be formed between the two groups.

**15** Patrick Weaver, a ~~travel~~ participant in Costa Rica will be very busy in his work with Pura Vida until late August. He invites prayers that he will be an effective servant throughout this busy time.

**22** Phil and Marcia Lehman are on home leave in Va. Today they are sharing about their ministry in Bari, Italy, with the Lindale Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg. Ask God to be very present in this service.

**29** Ask for God to bless believers around the world who are gathering for worship today. Pray especially for the persecuted church, that they will have courage and strength to stand strong for the Gospel.

## Monday

**2** Jason and Donna Martin and children, former workers in Italy, are traveling to Bari today for 2 weeks of service. Pray for their safety and transition to the location.

**9** Today "Settimana Felice" begins so pray that it will truly be a "happy week" for the children of Centro Koinonia, as well as others. The theme is based on the Chronicles of Narnia: Our King and His Kingdom.

**16** Jesus' Deaf Church in Belize begins VBS today. Pray that Nancy Marshall will have energy, creativity and wisdom as she guides young minds into Biblical truths. A young woman from Nancy's home church in PA is assisting.

**23** Willard and Eva Eberly are giving leadership to Centro Koinonia these months while Phil and Marcia Lehman are in Va. May God grant them the strength, energy and wisdom for the extra demands.

**30** Thank God for the team that went to Trinidad to assist with VBS in two congregations. May the children, youth and adults that learned about God's Word retain it and share it wherever they can.

## Tuesday

**3** Mennonite church members from all over the US are gathering in San Jose, CA today. The opening worship is held this evening. Pray for a great outpouring of God's Spirit on the youth and adult conventions.

**10** Maurita Eberly needs your prayer support as she conducts a music program for the children attending "Settimana Felice." May a spirit of peace, joy and cooperation prevail!

**17** Ron and Blanche Nyce continue to develop their work of "business as mission" in a land (Montenegro) struggling to overcome the devastation of communism. They need your prayers for wisdom to fulfill a "God-sized" task.

**24** Pray for the staff of Virginia Conference and VMM as they prepare for Conference Assembly in Hickory. This event takes a lot of preparation and effort. Pray that it will go smoothly and participants will be enriched and blessed by it.

**30** Do unto another today as you would have them do unto you. Put the Golden Rule into practice; it may surprise someone!

## Wednesday

**4** As participants convene at San Jose, pray that new ways of understanding God's truth will illumine hearts and minds. Pray especially for delegates as they consider various issues, particularly health care provision.

**11** Tim and Tama Shoemaker, Donegal, Ireland are organizing the work for various teams that are coming to serve in the community. Ask for God's provision for every detail, and especially health and wisdom.

**18** Craig Maven begins his pastoral responsibilities at Harrisonburg Mennonite Church, with specific responsibilities for the Sanctuary Service, this month. Pray for Craig, his family and the congregation during this transition.

**25** Conference Council, Faith and Life Commission and the board of VMM meet tomorrow prior to Assembly. Pray for Moderator Beryl Jantzi (CC) Chair Joe Longacher (FLC) and Chair Phyllis Miller (VMM) as they lead.

This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by

**Martha Miller**

**In loving memory of her husband, Edgar, who died July 3, 2003. Edgar's love of the church and his commitment to Christ influenced the lives he touched.**

## Friday

**6** Aaron and Laura Kauffman, in La Mesa, Colombia, ask us to pray for them as they balance roles at school, youth group, church, and the outreach in Anapoima along with family responsibilities.

**13** Pray for the Family Life Resource Center, a counseling ministry begun by VMC, as it celebrates its birthday today. They are on a capital campaign to raise funds to renovate their center.

**20** Jonathan Reuel, a gifted Mennonite song writer, singer, musician and worship leader, will perform at a coffee-house at VMC's Assembly on July 26. Pray for him as he prepares.

**27** Eight workshops are offered at VMC Assembly today. These provide excellent learning experiences. Pray that God will direct both the leaders and the participants.

## Saturday

**7** Tomorrow the congregation of Chestnut Ridge MC, Orrville, Oh., meets to worship and fellowship. Pray for them and their pastor, Marvin Zuercher as they seek to follow God's leading in all they do.

**14** Paul and Evelyn Kratz, Couva, Trinidad, ask for prayers of God's people to continue as they adjust to life in Trinidad and pick up responsibilities in the life of the church there.

**21** Learning, Exploring, and Participating (LEAP), the high school youth leadership program of Eastern Menn. Seminary begins today. Thank God for this opportunity for 27 youth, and pray for the leaders' wisdom.

**28** Bible study and closing worship are held today at the VMC Assembly. May each person be renewed in their commitment to carrying the love of Christ to those they meet. Also pray for traveling safety as participants return.

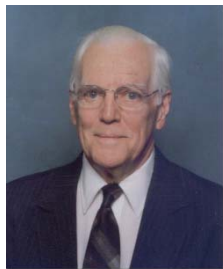
**"You judge by human standards; I pass judgment on no one. But if I do judge, my decisions are right, because I am not alone. I stand with the Father, who sent me."**

John 8:15-16 (NIV)

## Announcements

The **Family Life Resource Center** will have a Birthday Party and Book Signing Celebration at the Park View Mennonite Church on July 1 at 2 pm, on the date and at the location where FLRC first opened its doors twenty years ago.

John Drescher, a charter member of FLRC's board and author of numerous



John Drescher

best-selling books on marriage and the family will speak on the theme, "Family Life Has Changed: For Better Or For Worse?" The EMU bookstore will have discounted copies of Harvey Yoder's recently published book, *Lasting Marriage: The Owners' Manual* (for which

Drescher wrote the foreword) available at the church for signing.

A choir of forty voices from the 450-member First Russian Baptist Church of Mt. Crawford will sing choral arrangements of Russian hymns, and there will be a special birthday cake and other refreshments and activities for all ages, including children. An offering will be received for FLRC's 20th Anniversary Celebration Fund.

"**Women of Worth—WOW!**" is the topic for the Mennonite Women of Virginia's annual retreat November 9-11 at Holiday Inn Koger South Hotel in Richmond. Angie Williams is the speaker for this dynamic event. Watch for registration information in church mailboxes this summer. Plan to join women in your congregation and from all around Virginia Mennonite Conference for worship and fellowship.

The **Tears and Ashes bus tour** sponsored by CrossRoads on Saturday, July 21, will feature Civil War battlefields in the Cross Keys, Port Republic and New Hope areas of eastern Rockingham County, Va. The tour will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m. at Mill Creek Church of the Brethren, 7600 Port Republic Rd. The \$60 fee includes a lunch by youth of the Mill Creek Church and a tour booklet. Please call 540-438-1275 to register by July 16. The tour will also include places of importance to Brethren and Mennonites.



During the week of July 30-August 4, *tranSend* will have its third orientation time for outgoing *tranSend* participants.

During this week, there will be teaching on Theology of Missions from the Old Testament and the New, looking at cross-cultural communication, confessing Jesus in a religiously pluralistic world, and modeling peace in a world of turmoil. One of the important resources is having global mission workers share their personal pilgrimages and teach on important concepts learned from the practical world of experience. Teachers will be Loren Horst, Linford Stutzman, Roy Hange, Calvin Shenk, and Don Clymer.

**Friday evening, August 3rd, is a commissioning service for the new *tranSend* group. Friends and family are invited to the Fellowship Hall of Harrisonburg Mennonite, at 7:00pm for time of blessing and send-off.**

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# PENNY POWER

Your pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and dollars make a difference!

We are hoping to raise \$25,000 for this year's *Penny Power* projects. In 2006, congregations contributed **\$26,873.32!** We hope to continue the effort and momentum from last year.

- Highlight *Penny Power* during your Sunday morning worship service. Involve the children in your church.
- Bring jugs from your church/org. to the Relief Sale, October 5-6, at the Rockingham County Fairgrounds.
- Take your empty jugs back to your church and start collecting for next year's *Penny Power* projects!

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