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Delegates session meets at First Mennonite Church

Moderator Beryl Jantzi led Virginia Mennonite Conference's credentialed leaders, congregational delegates and youth and young adult representatives, gathered for a Winter Delegate Session at First Mennonite Church's new facility in Richmond on Saturday, February 3. It was a rich time of worship, a cappella singing, learning and deliberation.

Pastor Barry Loop hosted the delegates in their beautiful new facility which includes a large sanctuary, an educational wing and a fellowship hall large enough to accommodate a lunchtime crowd of 138. Pastor Loop shared a moving message of hope from Psalms 71. Others from First Mennonite Church's congregation graciously helped with set up, sound, video projection and food preparation.

For the first time VMC extended an invitation for non-voting youth and young adults to join in the deliberations. Nine youth and young adult delegates joined 129 others in the day's activities.

Krista Powell, co-Peace Coordinator, shared a congregational peace story and invited delegates to support an initiative to get a dove-endowed "peace plate" on cars licensed in Virginia.

Alicia Horst, director of Harrisonburg District's Peace House and a Bike Movement organizer, spoke of the 47-day 3,500-mile cross-country bicycle trip from Portland, Ore. to Ocean City, N.J. Fifty-nine young adults, visiting dozens of Mennonite churches along the way, engaged the local congregation in their faith questions. Alicia showed clips from a soon-to-be-released DVD documenting Bike Movement.

Assistant Moderator Steve Brown shared his work with, and passion for, Churches Supporting Churches (CSC), a collaborative effort helping to rebuild 36 African-American churches in New Orleans. Minister Brown challenged VMC churches to get involved in partnership with CSC.

James Rhee, Associate Pastor at Stephen's City Mennonite Church, used a slide show to share his work as a church planter among the Korean people in the Winchester, Va., area. (Ed Bontrager,



(at left) Steve Brown leads a prayer of blessing for James Rhee (center) and his ministry while Beryl Jantzi, Ed Bontrager, Sam Weaver and others pray with him.

(below) Delegates review materials and discuss proposals.

Virginia Mennonite Board of Missions Director of USA Ministries, is working with James on this exciting initiative.)

The bulk of the delegates' time was spent refining a philosophy of youth ministry and providing feedback on a regional conference youth minister (CYM) model. The initial draft of the philosophy was written by Conference Minister Owen Burkholder and Interim Conference Youth Minister Sarah Bixler. The regional CYM model was developed by VMC staff and brought by Conference Council. Delegates provided valuable feedback which will help Conference Council in their decision making.

This was Virginia Conference's 13th annual Winter Delegate Session. Next year, Pastor Scott Garber and Washington Community Fellowship will host delegates in Washington, D.C., Saturday, February 2, 2008.



• Steve Carpenter
Virginia Mennonite Conference Coordinator

For more information on Bike Movement, visit bikemovement.org

Virginia residents: order the new peace plate at vaccr.org/peaceplate.htm

Here or there?

One of the questions that comes to me from time to time has to do with where a church places its priorities. In its most simple form, the choice is usually seen as home or abroad, home missions or overseas? In a time when much of the North American church is plateaued, some argue that our missional attention should return closer to home.



Loren Horst
President of VMBM

My answer in a general way usually affirms that we are under a mission mandate both here and there, both here at home and overseas. Then I might refer to Acts 1:8 and note the appropriate location of mission is “Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth.” All these fields of mission are important. Then I might also add that personal and congregation renewal at home is often accompanied by a renewed interest in mission for those farther off. The two go hand in hand.

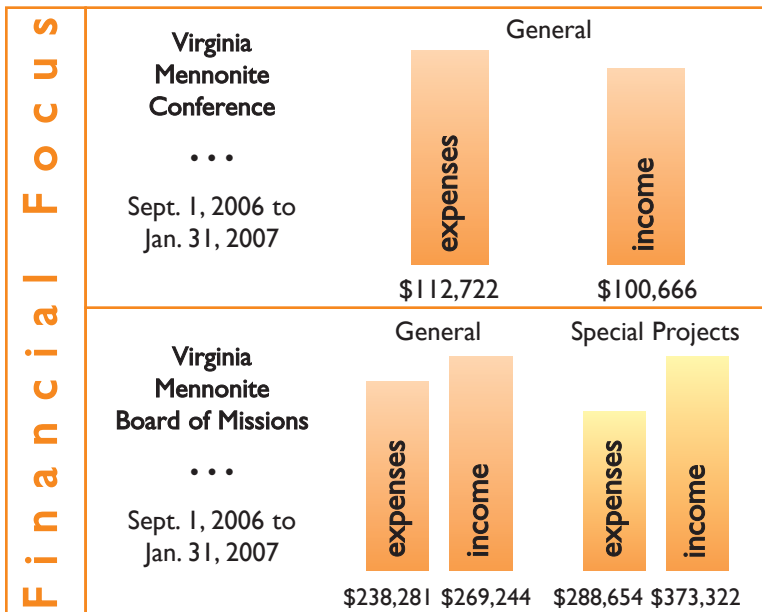
Sometimes the question is more direct and suggests that the church at this point in time may have priorities a bit out of whack. Overseas missions has been the priority for many years, the argument goes, and it’s time to turn our attention more to home.

In reply to this, I first wonder if God looks at the world in the same way we do. Is North America His priority and is He concerned more about us than anyone else in the world? I doubt it. I would grant, however, that each person’s God-given responsibility, as well as that of each congregation, begins at home. God’s intentions are that we do pay attention to those needs near at hand, including our own families.

I would also look at what the church is already doing. The question often presumes that there needs to be some shift and that priorities need to be realigned. To this I would reply that the North American church has never been in danger of placing too much emphasis on overseas missions. For example, Virginia Mennonite Conference as a whole (conference offices, congregations, and mission board) has total annual budgets probably exceeding \$12 million. I would estimate that over 90% of that dollar expenditure is spent on ministry here at home. Add to that the ministry of camps, schools and retirement communities, the figure spent “at home” probably goes to 95% or higher. Each is valuable ministry here “at home.” Your own congregation’s ministry is mission here at home. If it isn’t, then we have another discussion, but not one about the priorities of overseas missions, but the priorities of your own congregation.

VMBM’s priorities embrace both “home” and “overseas.” Here at home we partner with congregations and districts to begin new congregations and ministries. We do the same overseas. In the course of time, God has blessed both.

Loren Horst



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Keeping the peace

I was just coming into awareness of life beyond my family in the 1960s, during the escalation of the Vietnam War. Every day we were hearing the body counts on the news. This reality concerned me greatly. At the same time, the New Testament I read seemed to be contrary to war. But on Sundays, no one in our congregation talked about Jesus' teachings on the one hand, and participation in warfare on the other. If anything, there was an assumption that it was one's duty to fight for one's country.

When I became of draft age, I applied for Conscientious Objector (CO) status, but was denied that status by my local draft board because they did not see a demonstrated faith commitment over time to the way of nonviolence. I was really at the beginning of my faith search at that point and was not yet truly a believer. Based on those criteria, the board was probably right in denying my request for CO status.

I attended Haverford College, a Quaker school; I went through the draft lottery system in my sophomore year. Fortunately for me, my number was high enough that I was not drafted. Some of my friends were not so lucky.

My first acquaintance with Mennonites developed there, as my favorite English professor and advisor was a Quaker married to a Mennonite. While this college experience influenced my thinking; it was not until later, after I saw the change that Christ made in the life of a respected friend, that I professed faith as a Christian.

My wife, Kathleen, and I searched for a church that matched our understandings of Jesus' teachings, where we wanted our children to grow in faith. When we came to First Mennonite Church, we felt at home. Faith seemed genuine there.

I believe that the peace position is central to Mennonite beliefs, and am troubled that some want to retreat from that tradition. If you accept Christ, love and nonviolence are part of the package. If there ever was a just cause for war as a Christian, it would have been to prevent the torture and execution of Jesus, our Savior and King. But Jesus told Peter to put away the sword. Through His life and death, He showed us how to face injustice.

Following Jesus' nonviolent example will be full of risk at times. So far, God has not seen fit to test my beliefs with difficult circumstances. I thank him for that grace and pray that if a test should come, I will have the strength and faith to follow our Lord.

• Bill Ellis, First Mennonite Church, Richmond, Va.

Luke Hartman leads Youthworkers Retreat



The annual Virginia Mennonite Conference Youth Workers Retreat was held Jan. 19-21 in Williamsburg, Va. Approximately 80 youth workers attended the conference.

We were led in worship by Donovan Tann, an EMU student, and the guest speaker was Luke Hartman.

Throughout the weekend, Luke challenged us on how to engage our youth. Luke's approach was one of teaching and preaching. He engaged us in different activities that had us moving around and interacting with fellow youth workers. One of the challenges that youth workers face today is that some youth feel abandoned by adults. In light of this, discussions were led on how to make our youth today feel important and have a sense of belonging.

Luke taught us different teaching strategies to actively engage all youth by having us participate in the activities. This was very beneficial because we discovered that many youth workers experience similar challenges. The closing activity had groups discussing the top challenges we face in our youth groups and some solutions to these challenges.

The weekend ended with worship and Luke dissecting the book of Mark, and through that, we were left with, "Who is Christ?" If we were to ask our youth today the same question Jesus asked, "Who do you say I am?" how would our youth respond?

Of course the weekend was also filled with laughter, games, free time and Captain George's Seafood Restaurant!

• Natalie Eberly
Harrisonburg Mennonite Church



Youthworkers share among themselves at the Youthworkers Retreat in Williamsburg, Va.

VMBM exploring location in Montenegro



Montenegro is a small newly independent country that was a part of the former Yugoslavia, lying next to Albania and Kosova and just across the Adriatic Sea from Italy. At its February 10 board meeting, Virginia Mennonite

Board of Missions approved Montenegro as a new area of mission priority. VMBM has been invited by Christians already living there to “come and help” and also plans to work closely with Christian business initiatives. VMBM intends a holistic ministry oriented around invitation to faith in Jesus Christ and building up communities of Christian believers.

Boy healed of cancer in Montenegro

In the February issue of Connections, an article by Jovica Backvanski was printed which described the evangelical church and its vision. In that article, Jovica mentioned a young boy that he prayed for. Here is the “rest of the story” sent by Eva Eberly:



Jovica Backvanski

On Christmas eve Pastor Jovica send out an update on the story about Nikol, the five-year-old boy who was born with cancer in his mouth, for whom they’d fasted and prayed as a church. “At our last church service, Nikol’s family came weeping and smiling with joy. The doctor who’d followed his case since birth, could find no evidence of cancer in his lab tests and ultrasound! This is a great miracle for the doctors, the parents, and our church! During the service when I invited them to give thanks to Jesus, little Nikol was first to pray. Afterward his parents asked me to lead them in a prayer of salvation!”

• Eva Eberly
VMBM Mediterranean Regional Assistant

Nazareth Village Festival draws many



Linford Stutzman (r) serves food traditional to the Nazareth region at the Nazareth Village Festival.



Shirely Roth

At a fundraising dinner held January 26 at Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, Shirley Roth, Executive Director of Nazareth Village, Israel, shared with 144 guests how her varied roles as Director enable the Village to stand as an oasis of peace in a city, country, and world divided by ethnic, religious, and cultural barriers.

Roth is excited about how tours through the Village impact those who come to experience it. What does it mean to be a follower of Jesus of Nazareth in today’s world? Do His teachings from 2,000 years ago apply to the situations we find ourselves in today? At Nazareth Village, the answer is “Yes!” Nestled in the bustling, modern city of Nazareth, the Village recreates the essence of life in the time of Jesus. Here, visitors from all over the globe enter a different domain—the first century—and encounter afresh a Man of true peace. Terraced vineyards, a threshing floor, sheep, goats and donkeys, authentically reconstructed houses, a synagogue, and a watch tower line the dirt paths that visitors tread as they stroll through the grounds. Along the way, they are introduced or re-introduced to the teachings of Jesus, powerfully retold in a setting similar to the original.

Roth used the metaphor of “living stones” to illustrate how our lives, in helping to build a place like Nazareth Village, can in some small way also break down walls between people. A powerful place of witness, the Village reaches out to share the love of Christ to all who come through an authentic experience of first-century life, complete with the sharing of food, both natural and spiritual.

As we shared in our own Middle Eastern meal together, those of us gathered at Park View to hear about and support the work of Nazareth Village were encouraged to be oases of peace as well, here in Harrisonburg and wherever the journey takes us.

• Anita Rhodes
Immanuel Mennonite Church

Riddles in Italy after complicated journey



Chris and Melody Riddle (back) share a meal in Italy with their three children Micah (front right), Adam (left), Isaiah (back right), and VMBM mission workers Eva Eberly (l) and Phil Lehman (r).

A new missionary family just arrived in Bari, Italy! But that's not the beginning of the story! It actually began in a rather unlikely way when Chris Riddle was stationed in Korea with the US Army. Through the influence of a superior officer he came to a personal faith in Jesus Christ. His spiritual journey took him to EMU where he met and married Melody Kratz and where a growing conviction for pacifism was nurtured. Reconciliation with God and significant others in his life kindled Chris' desire to become a "minister of reconciliation." While studying at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Chris and his family spent a month in Jamaica in cross-cultural ministry with VMBM. This experience awakened in them a keen sense of call to long-term missions.

Since then, nothing has been able to extinguish that call or their singular passion to discern God's timing and place. Since their week-long visit to Bari, Italy, in March 2006 they say, "A profound peace confirms our decision to serve there." Their faith is not daunted by the challenging hurdles to be overcome. The first one: finding adequate funding to live in a European country with a high cost of living and a currency that's stronger than the dollar. The Lord gave them favor with family, friends and churches. In record time funds were committed for their first year. The next hurdle was finding the way through the legal labyrinth of Italian bureaucracy to obtain a religious visa. When the long list of essential documents with their proper seals, stamps and signatures were presented, the consulate granted Chris the desired visa, but Melody and the children were denied. It was decided to present a written appeal to reconsider their case. Defying all human reasoning, the appeal was accepted! They left the consulate with visas in

hand—a miraculous answer to many prayers! The final steps on the Italy side will be obtaining sojourn and residency papers.

The Riddle family now resides in Lecce, a city two hours down the "heel" of Italy from Bari, where they begin studying Italian language and culture. That's the next challenge in their preparation for ministry. They move ahead confidently because they've personally experienced God's faithfulness to provide and empower those who say "yes" to fulfilling His purpose—reconciling others to Himself.

• Eva Eberly
VMBM Mediterranean Regional Assistant

Team works, ministers in Haiti

As our team, Zane Taylor, Gordon Boppe, Lowell Haarer and I prepared to go to Haiti, people questioned our sanity. After all, this island is known for unrest and an unstable government. Road blocks by protesting Haitians and the threat of kidnapping are always present.

Were we sane to go to this troubled island?

On arrival we found the Haitian brothers who made the plans for the local project had not bought the materials. They didn't believe we would actually come because of all the reports of kidnappings. We were joined there by Joe and Miriam Arbaugh (from Mt. View Mennonite Church), their son, James, who lives in Haiti, and with pastors Jacques, Beau, Enoch, Dieumaitre, Rodriques, Lenore and many local brothers and sisters.

Joe and Gordon led in repairing the well pump at the LaRaquint Church. The task of adding two classrooms and guest lodging to the church was worked on by all the team members. Along with the local people, footers were dug, blocks were laid and the roof was put on. James brought the evangelist film ministry to the LaRaquint Church.

We enjoyed a rich time of devotions in the evening and much good fellowship with each other and our Haitian friends. We were stretched by sleeping on a concrete floor without mattresses, eating food with little variety, bathing in the river, and driving a poorly running vehicle. All this was more than offset by the knowledge that "we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." (2 Cor. 4:7) We had a lot of prayer support both at home and in Haiti, which we believe God honored. We give Him the praise for what was accomplished and thank all of you for your prayers and gifts.

• John Schaefer
Haiti Project Management Group



The Haiti work team travels to their work site in dugout canoes.

"If we are out of our mind, it is for the sake of God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you. For Christ's love compels us." (2 Cor. 5:13-14)

For more information about VMBM's involvement in Haiti, contact John Schaefer at winsomev@shentel.net or (540) 833-5303 or contact Joe Arbaugh II at joearbaugh@juno.com or (540) 292-3252 or for a brochure describing the Haiti Program Management Group (PMG) goals.]

Changing lives is the challenge at Highland

Twelve students stand on the top of a volcano and watch as the lava begins to rise. They know that their only hope is to make it across the raging river before their small volcano erupts. Unfortunately the only thing that they can use to cross over the lava and the stream are two graham crackers. In the end everyone makes it across to safety just in the nick of time, thanks in part to the cunning teamwork of the group—and the fact that the lava is woodchips, the volcano is a wooden platform, and the graham crackers are wooden boards. This is just one example of the many challenges that happen every year on Highland Retreat's Challenge Course.

During the spring, fall, and winter, while the Youth Camp Director is busy planning programs and the summer staff is going to school or working elsewhere, the Challenge Course is busy hosting school groups, youth groups, corporate groups, and families. The goal is not just to have fun in the trees—although these times are great ways to enjoy God's creation. Rather, the goal is to stretch people toward new personal goals, learn each person's role in the team as they cooperate together, and apply lessons learned to daily life.

Teachers and youth leaders who bring their groups to the challenge course come away with a new outlook on their students and a foundation for further discussion later on in the year. One story in particular happened while a group of middle-

school students were participating in the challenge course. One of the teachers remarked about a certain student who she thought would need special attention throughout the day and would not work well with others. While the group was doing the "spider web" challenge, that same student convinced the teacher that she had to make it through the challenge. As she was trying to make it through the challenge, the student was the primary one assisting her. At the conclusion of the day, the teacher reflected that she was impressed how well the student helped her. A totally new outlook towards her student was created that day.

Families note that having different generations working together to solve challenges while having fun brings a new outlook to their family. It does

not happen often, but a 72-year-old grandfather and a 12-year-old grandchild worked hand in hand on an element. The challenge course is a unique resource to facilitate these types of interactions.

Highland Retreat hosts any group that is interested in relationship building and having fun together regardless of age or abilities. Every challenge is tailored to a group's individual

needs and no challenge is ever the same. You never know when there will be gigantic spiders, evil trolls, volcanoes, floods and poisonous peanut butter waiting in your path.



• Benjamin Tyson

Outdoor Education Coordinator, Highland Retreat

Congregational Resource Center

VBS MATERIALS AVAILABLE FOR PREVIEW!

The first VBS kit has arrived in the Congregational Resource Center. Its attractive cover announces: "Be Bold! God is With You." Five sessions address typical fears that children have from the perspective of Bible characters who faced similar situations. One exciting feature is that the material is designed to be used not only in a VBS setting, but also in a weekly children's program or other venue. This material is from our denominational press - Faith and Life Resources.

Other kits will arrive shortly:

"Avalanche Ranch" - Group Publishing
"Galilee by the Sea" - Group Publishing

"Take the Plunge! Make A Splash with Jesus! - Standard Publishing

In addition to these 2007 kits, the CRC has 20 other VBS kits from previous years on the shelves. These kits may be checked out and used by your Vacation Bible School committee to choose among them. You may also borrow them for your actual event, saving you \$80-\$125 in starter kit cost. A sign-up sheet for summer use will ensure that all congregations have the materials as needed.

CRC hours M-F 7:30-5:00 Linda Alley, Director.

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Connections Prayer Calendar

March 2007

Sunday

“This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

1 John 4:10-11. (NIV)

Monday

4 Today 500 members of the Jamaica Mennonite Church gather in Kingston for the 49th annual conference. Spirited singing, testimonies, and preaching in two sessions brings renewal to hearts and minds. Ask God to bless this gathering.

11 Thank God for the ministry of Dr. Myron Augsburg who concludes a five-week Adult Winter Bible School in Romans tonight at the Eastern Mennonite School auditorium.

18 The Congregational Resource Center advisory board meets tomorrow. Pray for CRC Director Linda Alley as she gives leadership to this partnership between VMC and Eastern Mennonite Seminary.

25 Chaiya and Aranya Hadtasunsern, Hickory, N. C., share parenting experiences with a variety of Hmong families in their community. Pray that God will bless families with His love and presence.

Tuesday

This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by Rawley and Esther Shank who are committed to spreading the Gospel through word and deed. They desire to pass this legacy on to future generations.

If you would like to sponsor the prayer calendar, contact Gloria Lehman: gloria.lehman@vmbm.org or (800) 707-5535.

6 Navin and Sumita Benny, delegates from Trinidad to Jamaica Mennonite Church conference, are traveling around the island, visiting with church leaders and learning about JMC. Thank God for this opportunity for them.

13 Richard Keeler and the Menn. Church in Trinidad expressed thanks for the Ridgeway MC work team that assisted with the first stages of the Hope Mennonite Church building. More work teams are needed. Is God calling you?

20 Melody and Jessamyn Tobin, Thailand, relate with classmates daily and have opportunities to express their love for Jesus in small and large ways. May these connections be a blessing to all.

27 Praise God for the safety of 2 teams that served in Ethiopia in mid-January. Pray for the Meserete Kristos College as they begin the spring semester in their new facilities and continue preparing students for ministry.

Wednesday

1 The Waltman family interacts with the students and staff of the Maranatha School for the Deaf, Jamaica, each day. They are assisting with the refurbishing of the playground. May God direct them in this work.

8 Ask God for traveling mercies today as Conference Coordinator Steve Carpenter drives to Goshen, Ind. He serves on MC USA's health plan (COMB) national board and this is their annual meeting.

15 Pray that God will move in a powerful way through the Christian Peace Witness for Iraq in Washington, DC. Tomorrow participants will join an ecumenical worship service, candlelight vigil and procession to the White House.

22 Christopher Lehman, Bari, Italy, is studying at home, and plays soccer with friends as often as he can. May his life shine for Christ in natural interactions in these settings.

29 Pray for the development officers of VMC's Conference Related Ministries. Many will meet tomorrow for breakfast under the leadership of Joe Lapp, Mennonite Foundation's representative for the SE region.

Thursday

2 Remember Loren & Earlene Horst and Milton & Mary Ethel Heatwole in their travels to Italy and Israel. While in Italy they will work with the Italian Mennonite Church in long-term planning.

9 Pray for Marvin Zehr, Keith Harder and all of the COMB Management Team as they consider how best to economically meet the medical needs of the denomination's pastors and their families.

16 A Celebration of Missions event is held tomorrow in the Mt. View (N.C.) Menn. Church. Thank God for the privilege to be informed about the places of outreach through VMBM and for the vision that will be shared.

23 Outlet 10,27, a church planting endeavor in Graham, N.C. is distributing 5,000 door hangers tomorrow in the neighboring communities inviting persons to attend the first service on Easter. May people respond openly to this invitation.

30 Pray for Dan Hoopert, VMBM missions appointee, as he teaches and helps train the future generation of church leaders at Kiev Theological Seminary, Ukraine.

Friday

3 Nancy Marshall, Orange Walk Town, Belize, has ordered a 12-passenger van for transporting deaf youth and children to the Jesus' Deaf Church. Ask God to "speed up" the delivery process so that it will arrive soon.

10 Margaret Keeler's Friendship Bible Coffee class in Claxton Bay, Trinidad, provided the setting for three persons to make commitments to Christ. Pray for them to be adequately trained spiritually.

17 Washington Community Fellowship celebrates its 25th anniversary this weekend. Each of the church's former pastors will be present. Pray for a time of celebration for all.

24 Steve Carpenter, VMC's Conference Coordinator is leading First Menmonite Church of Richmond in a visioning retreat this weekend. Pray for insights as the congregation seeks to discern a mission strategy.

31 Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus performs at 7:00 p.m. today, EMSchool auditorium. The offering will benefit Paul and Evelyn Kratz's ministry in Trinidad through VMBM.

Saturday

Announcements

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center's Pedal the Peninsula fundraiser will be held May 12. Cyclists can enjoy a morning of biking followed by a picnic lunch. Routes range from 10 to 65 miles. Registration is \$35/person with a family cap of \$70. For more information call toll free: 866-566-9272.

If you are unable to attend the Adult Winter Bible School series, you can still listen to it in streaming audio, or download an mp3 file, for each of the Bible studies in Romans by going to www.hmcchurch.org and click on the "Audio Sermons" tab.

Raleigh Mennonite Church will celebrate it's 20th Anniversary on March 17-18. Along with that event, we will celebrate the 10th anniversary of the church having a Service Adventure house. We are inviting all present and past RMC members and SA participants to come and join the celebration. Contact Anne Cooper for more information at anne.r.cooper@gmail.com.

Shenandoah Valley Men's Chorus fourth annual concerts will be March 31, at 7 p.m., and April 1, at 2 p.m. in the Eastern Mennonite School Auditorium. Jay Hartzler is the director. The offering will benefit Paul and Evelyn Kratz's ministry in Trinidad and weekday Religious Education.

2007 Youth Camp Schedule at Highland Retreat

June 24 - 29	Camp Cottontail: Ages 8-10
July 2 - 3	Camp Chipmunk: Ages 6-8
July 4 - 6	Camp Foxtail: Ages 8-9
July 8 - 13	Camp Cardinal: Ages 10-12
July 15 - 20	Camp Coyote: Ages 11-13
July 22 - 27	Teen Camp: Grades 9-12
	Wilderness Explorers: Ages 11-13
July 23 - 27	Day Camp - Acorn: Ages 6-12
July 29 - Aug. 3	Girls Rec/Sports Camp: Grades 7-12
	Wilderness Pioneers: Ages 13-15
July 30 - Aug. 3	Day Camp-Beechnut: Ages 6-12
August 5 - 10	Guys Soccer Camp: Grades 7 - 12

Eastern Mennonite University will be holding a **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest** on campus Saturday, March 24th at 7pm in Martin Chapel. This event is open to the public. Come and hear from several students as they reflect on the Christian peace position in relation to a contemporary concern. For more information, contact the Bible and religion department at (540) 432-4463 or bible@emu.edu.

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