



Sang Jin Choi prays with a woman during his experience. Courtesy of Sang Jin Choi

Sang Jin Choi had a 30-day homeless experience from February 21-March 22, sleeping in the shelters, subways, streets, and on weekends preaching in churches and leading workshops for ending homelessness. He will lead a workshop on ministering with the homeless and poor at Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly in Raleigh, N.C.

In Luke 9, a man asked Jesus, "Where are you going?" and stated that he will go with him. Jesus replied, "The birds have a home and so do foxes, yet I, the Son of Man, have nowhere to lay my head." Through my homeless experience, as I read the Sermon on the Mount, I reflected that homeless people, while they are rejected or ignored by human beings, are very precious to God.

Have you ever lost your way during the night in a slum overflowing with drug dealers and murderers? Have you ever been in a situation where you didn't know whether you were going to make it alive the next day?

Beginning in Maryland, I traveled to Philadelphia to experience homelessness. One cold night, while at a gas station, I called ten shelters, but they were all full. Around 10:00 p.m., when I stepped into the slum downtown, I was scared enough to shiver. I didn't know where to go and it

Lord, where are you going? A pastor's 30 days in a homeless person's shoes

By SANG JIN CHOI
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had become dark. The tenth shelter that I called rejected me too. I pled with them, and they put me on the waiting list, saying that

I should sleep outside on a chair. But then I found a space at the "Ritz Avenue shelter."

When I grew a beard, people started staring at me. Whenever I walked into shops people didn't ask, "May I help you?" instead, they asked, "What do you want?" I found out how homeless people must feel with regular rejections in their every day lives.

Generally around 7:00 a.m., all homeless people must evacuate the shelters. When I went out of the shelter, I was apprehensive because I didn't know where to go next. At that early time, the majority of stores are closed. Twenty-four hour businesses were about 1 mile away, and carrying a heavy bag that far was difficult. Day care centers for homeless people are necessary programs.

Many homeless shelters feel like military camps. Security guards look and act like armed police. They investigate your bags, pockets, shoes, and entire body, similar to an inspection before you go on a flight. Shelters are not reassuring places--you are always on edge because you're not sure what might happen next. There were verbal arguments and physical conflicts. Because of this, many homeless people feel driven to avoid shelters and instead choose to reside in the streets or parks.

Many homeless people who I know have suffered physical, sexual, and emotional abuse and sometimes lost their belongings while they had stayed overnight in the streets. This happened to me in Philadelphia when I was in a shelter; while fast asleep at 2 a.m. a homeless person came to me and tried to take my bag.

As Jesus proclaimed the coming kingdom of God, He invited the poor, lame, blind, sick and homeless to listen to him. These persons comprised the majority of His audience. Many intelligent or high class people ignored Jesus' teachings. Jesus lived like a homeless person for three years during his public ministry. As a homeless person, He understood how much homeless people are hungry, thirsty, and lonely. I give Jesus a new theological and symbolic name: "Jesus as the homeless," similar to "the counselor," "the healer" and "the master." He gave all of his possessions to the people including his blood and flesh through the crucifixion. He did not gain anything from life because our permanent home is in Heaven, His kingdom.

A new name for Jesus, "Jesus as the homeless," means Jesus humbled himself to the lowest possible level to serve all people regardless of social ranking, a most important historical event that impacts society today.



**Meet Sang Jin Choi at
Conference Assembly**

A season of ordinations

by Owen Burkholder, Conference Minister

Chaiya Hadtasunserm



Snow! It was the first time Chaiya's mother and brother from Thailand saw it. Chaiya's ordination as pastor of Hickory Hmong Mennonite Church was scheduled for January 31 but it was postponed until February 21 because of snow. Representatives from 3:16 Christian Community (formerly Hickory Mennonite) and Mt. View Mennonite gathered with the Hickory Hmong community to celebrate this moment. Though we were not all speaking the same language, it was clear we were rejoicing in the same Lord Jesus! TCK District Overseer Art Smoker (see photo above) gave the charge to Chaiya & Aranya. In addition to seeing snow and participating in Chaiya's ordination, his mother got to



see her newest grandchild, Elijah. They are pictured with Conference Minister Owen Burkholder.

Gerald & Sara Wenger Shenk

On March 21 at EMU's Discipleship Center, Sara & Gerald were ordained by Harrisonburg District Overseer Roy Hange for their ministry as teaching elders at The Table, a recently recognized congregation in VMC. A plan for their ordination was in process before Sara received the invitation to serve as President of AMBS. This glad moment recognized their ministry to date and offered blessing for the ministries to come. In their responses both Gerald and Sara noted their longer (somewhat reluctant) ministry journey and affirmed the many young adults in the congregation as they find their calls.

James Rhee



Stephens City Mennonite Church of Northern District. James & Sharon Rhee have been ministering to Korean families in the Winchester area and particularly to Korean students at Randolph Macon Academy in Front Royal. On Palm Sunday, March 28, James was ordained. Surrounded by colleagues in ministry from Northern District, and blessed by his mentor, Pastor Bong Gi Choi of Peace Fellowship in Fairfax, VA; James reflected

The Stephens City Korean Community Church is a congregation in formation associated with

on the lonely times in ministry and rejoiced in God's sustaining grace. Northern District Overseer Clyde Kratz is pictured offering the certificate of ordination to James.

Byron Peachey

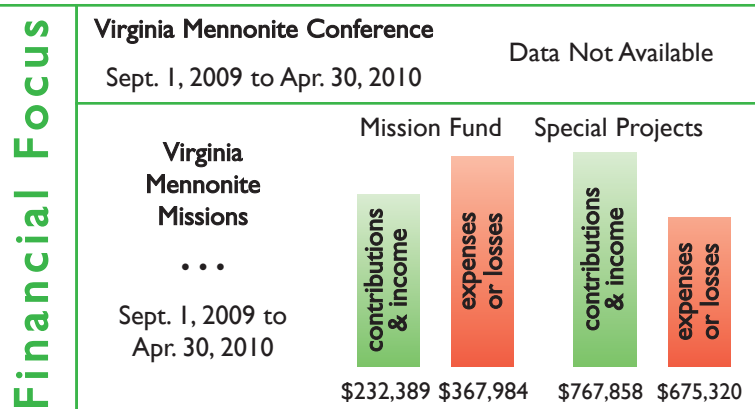


Martin Chapel at Eastern Mennonite Seminary was the location of the ordination of Byron on

April 11 for his ministry as pastor of students at EMU. Wendy Miller, (pictured with Byron) overseer for the Special Ministries Teaching Cluster, led the service which included participation by Byron's family and a candle lit in memory of his mother, Helen Peachey. Because Byron comes to this ministry in his mature years, friends were able to witness to the depth of his journey and offered their profound blessings.

By the time you read this, we will have ordained Steven Swartzendruber at Northern Virginia Mennonite Church, Fairfax, VA, on May 16 for his ministry as chaplain for a hospice program in Northern Virginia. On the same day, Allen Swarey will be ordained by Southern District Overseer Beryl Jantzi for his ministry at Stuarts Draft Mennonite Church.

It is a profound blessing to observe the call of God and response of persons to serve in the various ministries of the church. It was at just such an ordination of someone else that I heard the call of God in my own life.



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Bodies matter



Meet Isaac Villegas at
Conference Assembly

By ISAAC S. VILLEGAS
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We drove into one of the many non-descript business parks in the town of Cary, North Carolina. Winding through the office buildings, we came to a cul-de-sac and parked our cars. Our crowd walked to an unmarked two-story brick building with tinted glass. The building looked unoccupied, except for all the windowless white vans with U.S. government license plates parked around the building. These are the same white vans that patrol Latino neighborhoods in our communities and capture anyone who looks “reasonably suspicious” of being an undocumented resident—which usually means having brown skin, like mine.



The building where we assembled on Holy Thursday, April 1, was an Immigration and Customs Enforcement (I.C.E.) detention center. The vans that terrorize brown families deliver their prisoners to this building for “processing.” The federal government sets up these field offices in unmarked buildings, hidden in suburban business parks, without any listed phone number. Unlike state and federal prisons, these detainees are not allowed visitors. Pastors have been denied access to the people held in the detention centers. Many of the Latino detainees are Christian, which means they have been ripped away from their churches, torn from their sisters and brothers in Christ.

About fifty of us met to hold a public footwashing worship service at the I.C.E. detention center. I began the service with a prayer from our Hymnal: Worship Book #732: “Liberating God,... Let your will be

done; let those who mourn be comforted and those in bondage be set free.”

Someone led us in a responsive reading of Psalm 146: “Do not put your trust in princes, in whom there is no help... The Lord sets the prisoners free...” Someone else read the footwashing story in John 13.

Then I preached a short message. “Footwashing is about bodies. Jesus shows His love for us by washing feet, by taking our bodies into His hands. And He commands us to go and do likewise.”

Just as I began to preach, officers from the Cary Police Department showed up. One officer walked quickly through the crowd and stepped in front of me and yelled: “You have to stop now and leave!” I continued to preach. Again, he yelled, “You have to leave; are you in charge



here?” Someone from our group distracted the officer with questions while I continued my sermon: “May this service of holy footwashing be a sign of God’s love for those bodies that

have been torn from us, leaving us wounded, with holes in our sides and in our hands, the dismembered body of Christ.”

With those last words, I invited anyone to come and have her or his feet washed. We tried to deliver an invitation to the people inside the detention center, but the federal agents locked their doors and refused to speak with us. We closed with a litany: “To the prisoners with whom Christ dwells, we pledge allegiance. To the One who rules with a towel rather than a gun and handcuffs, we pledge allegiance.”





Meet and greet these people at Conference Assembly

June 24-26 at North Carolina State University, Raleigh

Speakers & Teachers



Peter Dula (r) will interview **Stanley Hauerwas** during the Friday plenary session.

A Christian theologian and ethicist, Dr. Hauerwas has taught at the University of Notre Dame and is currently the Gilbert T. Rowe Professor of Theological Ethics at Duke Divinity School with a joint appointment at the Duke University School of Law. Dr. Hauerwas will address “The Difference Anabaptism Makes” on Friday afternoon.



Isaac Villegas, Friday worship speaker

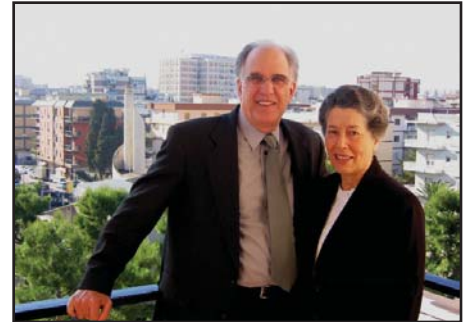
Isaac Villegas will speak on “Love Made Flesh” on Friday evening. Isaac is pastor of Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship in North Carolina. He is the child of Latin American immigrants to Los Angeles. He grew up in the Roman Catholic Church until his family joined the pentecostal/charismatic movement. He began worshiping with Chapel Hill Mennonite Fellowship while attending Duke Divinity School. After completing a M.Div., the congregation called him to be their pastor. Isaac is the co-author of *Presence: Giving and Receiving God*, and writes regularly for *The Mennonite* and the *Mennonite Weekly Review*.

Mission Workers



Jennifer Davis Sensenig, Bible teacher, based on 1 John 4

Jennifer Davis Sensenig is lead pastor of Community Mennonite Church in Harrisonburg, Va. She earned an MDiv from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary with a concentration in Biblical studies and has formerly served as pastor of Cedar Falls Mennonite Church (IA) and Pasadena Mennonite Church (CA). She leads Bible studies and preaches in settings across the wider church and serves as vice chair of the Mennonite Education Agency Board of Directors.



Willard & Eva Eberly, VMM workers in Italy

Willard & Eva Eberly serve as VMMissions’ Mediterranean Regional Director & Assistant, and also serve as missionaries in Bari, Italy. They provide spiritual nurture and administration for missionaries in Europe. Eva has translated Christian books from English to Italian. This summer they are on home leave in Virginia; if your congregation or Sunday school class is interested in hearing from the Eberlys about spreading the Gospel in a post-modern setting, please contact Ed Bontrager at (540) 434-9727 or ed.bontrager@vmmissions.org

International Delegates



Arthur & Linda Campbell, fraternal delegates

Fraternal delegates from Jamaica Mennonite Church, Arthur & Linda Campbell, will represent JMC at Conference assembly. They are long-time members of Good Tidings Mennonite Church, Kingston. Linda serves on the JMC Council of Management as Director of Christian Education & Nurture.



Allen Umble,
VMM worker in Albania

A VMMissions worker in Albania for years, Allen Umble’s commitment to the small but growing church in this country is remarkable. Allen teaches

English to students that also hear his heart for Christ. He gives leadership to the group of believers in Lushnje, and encourages others to participate in the life of the Church. He is on home leave this summer, and will return for another term in Albania.

Register at www.vmconf.org/assembly

The \$5.00 experiment

By RUTH MELLINGER
Outlet 10.27



How can young children and teens develop a lifestyle of generosity? This was the question Jim Mellinger pondered as he shared at the skateboard park the Sunday morning after the earthquake shook Haiti. Once-a-month, Outlet 10.27 of Graham, N.C., sponsors three hours of free skating, a pizza lunch, and a short time of sharing around a video, current song or Jesus teaching. Many of the children who attend come from families who by US standards are poor. But, poverty is relative.

So, Jim told the kids that next month he'd give them each \$5.00, which he did—to all 38 of them. They were instructed to find ways to multiply the money until next month to give to Haiti.

Some of the children forgot. Others spent it on themselves. Still others missed

the next month so were “off the hook.” But enough took the challenge to heart. A few bought candy bars that they then sold individually for a profit. Others made and sold baked goods. One simply said, “We’re collecting money for Haiti” and held out a jar. One Saturday we did a car wash that wasn’t very successful due to the cold weather. All told, the money nearly doubled.

Many times we wonder about our methods—are they successful? And we are tempted to look to numbers to gauge the answer. But perhaps we need to look



The kids at the skatepark. Courtesy of Ruth Mellinger

more at heart transformation. A few more children learned that there are adults who believe in them and love them whether they perform admirably or not. And many are coming to trust that God believes in them and loves them always.



Laban Peachey with a painting at the auction.
Photo by Allen Brubaker

The **antique auction** sponsored by the CrossRoads Heritage Center the evening of April 16 raised nearly \$6,500, including food sales. More than 200 items were donated for the sale, as well as the food.



The quilts laid out that Mennonite Women made for Haiti.
Photo by Betty Brunk

Louretta Wilson, of Newport News, Va., invited homemakers of Warwick River Mennonite Church to make **comforters for Haiti**. Then she brought the project to Harrisonburg where more friends added their sewing and knotting skills. Altogether, twenty-three comforters were finished and sent to Mennonite Central Committee, Akron, Pa.



Students and faculty of Maranatha School for the Deaf.
Photo by Brian Waltman

The students and staff of Maranatha School for the Deaf, Jamaica, show off the **new athletic shirts** given to them by The Church at Timberline (Pa.) in March. It is traditional for the students to wear these shirts on Fridays when they have physical education class instead of their school uniforms.



(Front row) Matt Schwartz, Ed Bontrager, Rawl Gunpath, Marvin Lorenzana

(Back row) Peter Eberly, Randy Coblentz, Ganesh Kalloo, Ramesh Jaimani, Francisco Machado.

Photo courtesy of Ramesh Jaimani

Nine persons from Virginia Conference, including three from Trinidad, attended **Exponential '10** April 19-22 in Orlando, Fla., in what has been slated as the largest gathering of church planting leaders in North America! Seventy plenary speakers and workshop leaders provided insight and teaching to more than 2,500 church planting leaders in the calling and art of reproducing churches. The theme was “Transformation: it starts in the heart of one!”

Local Mennonite Disaster Service unit remains busy

By **BERNARD MARTIN**
Shenandoah Valley MDS

This year, our unit has been active on the national level with groups working in California, Mississippi, Louisiana and also in the Shenandoah Valley.

During the summer and fall of 2009 our local unit helped a widow in West Virginia, one mile north of Highland Retreat, finish a house (see photo) she and her late husband had partially framed prior to his death in January 2009. We provided construction materials--drywall, electrical, plumbing, and vinyl siding--and over 100 days of labor. This helped to bring hope back after living two years in a small travel trailer and carrying water from her

place of employment to put in the trailer water tank. After moving, she expressed her appreciation by saying, "I never dreamed I would have a nice house like this." As for the volunteers, it was a joy to work together.

The Waynesboro MDS group, under the leadership of Jim Truslow, repaired a chimney for a lady in their community to make it safe and usable. We also assisted two families with expenses due to the collapse of farm buildings during the snow this winter.

Disaster does not only happen far

Photo courtesy of Rod Burkholder



The house finished in W. Va., by a unit of the Shenandoah Valley MDS.

away. We are available when there are needs nearby that can be met by neighbors helping neighbors. If you know of needs in your congregation or community that are beyond their ability, please call the local MDS (540) 434-1916.



Leon Rhodes (left), director of the Hinton Relief Center, observes the turkey canning process with volunteers. Photo courtesy of Gerald Knicely

Hinton Mennonite Relief Center

By **ELVA RHODES**

Hinton Mennonite Relief Center has been very active in the past eight months. In October, over 500 bushels of apples were dried during the 31st annual Apple Drying Project. In early March, during the 36th annual Meat Canning week, 48,000 pounds (24 tons) of boneless, skinless turkey thighs were canned, providing over 26,500 cans. The turkey was purchased from Virginia Poultry Growers Coop at Hinton. About 10% (110 cases) of the canned turkey was distributed locally to Faith Mission Home in Aroda, Va., Patchwork Pantry, Harrisonburg, and West Rockingham Food Pantry. In March, items for 500 relief buckets were purchased and assembled for Haiti.

Congregational Resource Center

Did you know that the **CONGREGATIONAL RESOURCE CENTER** has a section on "Congregational Ministry and Administration" and another one on "Pastoral Ministry"?

Included are great tools for your congregation to use in developing or envisioning what God calls you to do:

1. "When Better Isn't Enough: Evaluation tools for the 21st Century Church" by Jill M. Hudson. In the shift from the modern to postmodern era, churches can evaluate their work in this new era by using 12 characteristics that measure effective ministry.

2. "Deep and Wide: Hospitality and the Faithful Church" by Steve Clapp, Fred Bernhard and Ed Bontrager. Learn how to attain a level of hospitality deep enough to connect with people and keep them coming as well as wide enough to include newer members.

3. "Growing Your Single Adult Ministry: 60 Leaders Tell You How" compiled by Jerry Jones. A collection of the best articles from the first eight years of "Single Adult Ministries Journal."

4. "Starting a Nonprofit at your Church" by Joy Skjeggstad. Detailed guidance for thinking through

and implementing a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt organization, such as a day-care center, etc. A complicated subject dealt with in a comprehensive manner.

5. "Running Through the Thistles" and a number of other books about pastoral transitions from both the pastoral and congregational sides of the issue.

What resources do you need in order for your church to be more effective? Please call and see what we may have to offer.

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Prayer Calendar

Sunday

This month's prayer calendar is sponsored by:

Omar & Lena Showalter

in honor of

Michael & Ruth and daughter Lia

as they live and witness in South Asia.

Hold them up with daily prayer support.

Monday

1 Norma Teles is on "home assignment" in Brazil. Pray for her as she visits and shares in church- es, that many will sense God's call to support His work in Albania.

Tuesday

6 Eastern Mennonite High School's graduation takes place today. Ask God to guide the young minds and hearts of the graduates as they continue to explore God's world and their sense of call.

7 Pray for the Albanian believers who are in charge of "Joshua Center" while Norma Teles is on home leave; may this be a positive learning experience for them.

8 Rose Jantzi, *TranSenders*, serving in Paraguay, cares for children each day. Sometimes it's demanding and exhausting but still a labor of love. Pray for her health and strength today.

Wednesday

2 In May, Michael, serving in South Asia, contracted meningitis; thankfully he received quality health care in a good hospital. Pray for his continued health as he and his family witness to God's grace in their lives.

9 Recently in Trinidad, Barbara Krehbiel Gehring spoke with university students about how to make classes accessible to persons with low vision. Thank God for her ability to talk with a variety of people.

Thursday

3 Amanda Keener Lewis from First Mennonite Church of Richmond is concluding her weeks of service at the Maranatha School for the Deaf, Jamaica. Thank God for her interest in Deaf ministries.

10 Pray that Outlet 10.27 will know what to do if the building used to host the skate board ministry is no longer available due to the business closing. This has been a great connection with teens that Outlet wants to continue.

Friday

4 Steve & Betsy Dintaman are in the US this summer, relating to churches and organizations on behalf of LCC Int'l University, Lithuania. May God bless them as they travel and visit with family, friends and donors.

11 Pray for Allen Umble who is visiting family and churches this summer to share about God's work in Albania. May God's Spirit anoint and prepare him for another term of service.

Saturday

5 Pray for the congregation of Immanuel Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg, as they gather tomorrow for a budget meeting. IMC is seeking to reach out to its Hispanic neighbors with the love of Christ.

12 Richard Keeler encourages persons with leadership potential in the Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago. Thank God for the role model that Richard provides, and ask Him to direct the developing leaders.

13

Mark & Sarah Schoenhals ask us to pray that they build more and deeper relationships with Thai people while they're living in Bangkok. Also pray for health and safety for Heidi as she grows and explores.

14 It's *Settimana Felice* [Happy Week] at Centro Koinonia in Bari, Italy. Pray for *TranSenders* Dino & Mara, who lead this outreach for children; pray that God's Word will bear fruit in the hearts of kids who attend.

15 Rodney Nice fills several roles at the Maranatha School in Jamaica: teacher of a wide range of subjects, repairman, friend and dad to his three children. Ask God to doubly bless him today.

16 From Trinidad, David & Shirley ask us to pray for strength and vision for the pastors and their wives who divide their time between jobs, church, and family duties. May God give them strength for all tasks.

20

Thank a father today for their positive influence on yours, and others, lives. Men of God are a treasure to the church and to the community!

21 Pray for those in Eastern Carolina who have planned and prepared over many months for Assembly. Ask God to guide those telling stories and leading in Bible study.

22 Fraternal delegates, Arthur & Linda Campbell, from Jamaica Mennonite Church are in the US for Conference assembly. Praise God for the interaction between these two conferences.

23 The Board of VM Missions meets tomorrow. Join them in praying for resources to take the Gospel into unreached places. Thank God for vision and energy to move God's Kingdom forward.

24 Today VMC's Conference Council meets and on-site registration begins as Assembly opens at NC State University in Raleigh, N.C. Pray that persons attending will be inspired and blessed.

25 Pray for Stanley Hauerwas as he interacts with delegates today and for Isaac Villegas as he delivers the message at evening worship. Ask that those attending will be challenged and inspired.

26 Highland Retreat hosts its annual Steak Barbeque in Bergton, Va. today. Pray that donors will have generous hearts and support Highland's efforts to provide a spiritually significant camping experience.

27

Pastor Donovan Maitland and his wife Sandra give leadership to Bethel Mennonite Church in Mandeville, Jamaica. Thank God for their service to both the congregation and in the community.

28 The term is closing at the school where Nancy Marshall teaches a class of Deaf students. Pray for her and the students as they are separated for the next months. The students miss the structure and nurture Nancy provides.

29 Pray for Vacation Bible Schools in congregations throughout VMC this summer. May these fun-filled lessons guide young minds toward Jesus and His way.

30 Make good use of the long daylight hours today and visit with your neighbors, sharing conversation and good food, and the unconditional love of Christ.

"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers." 1 John 3:14, 16 (NIV)



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Announcements

CrossRoads Heritage Center events, 1921 Heritage Center Way, Harrisonburg:

- **Annual homecoming celebration** in the former **Whitmer School/Cove Church** Sunday, June 6, at 4 p.m.
- **A luncheon in the Burkholder-Myers House** June 19, 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Make reservations by calling (540) 438-1275.
- **Annual Civil War-related "Tears and Ashes" bus tour** Saturday, June 26, 8-4 p.m. Call (540) 438-1275 by June 21 to register for the tour.
 Email: info@vbmhc.org or visit: www.vbmhc.org.

The **annual Steak BBQ** will be held at Highland Retreat Saturday, June 26th. Afternoon activities begin at 1:30 p.m., with a Summer Staff Commissioning Service. At 3 p.m., we will be offering a variety of outdoor activities for all ages. The BBQ will begin at 5:00 with live music during and after the meal. Highland will provide the steak and potatoes. Please bring a potluck salad, dessert, and donation to support the ministries of Highland

Retreat. Throughout the weekend, the swimming pool will have extended hours and the A-frame cabins and campsites are available free to those participating with the BBQ event. Advance reservations for cabins and campsites are required and available by contacting the office at (540) 852-3226 or info@highlandretreat.org.

All physicians, nurses, other health professionals and their families are invited to **MMA-MNA Convention** June 24 - 26, 2010 in Colonial Williamsburg. Please check the Mennonite Medical Association web site www.mennmed.org to see the brochure or to print out a copy. Contact Sam and Jan Showalter at (540) 433-9225 for more information

Call for art proposals: Mennonite Church USA will incorporate artwork from artists in the Mennonite community to be displayed in the spaces within and around the new Mennonite Church USA Elkhart campus office building. There are opportunities both to earn an art commission or to donate work. Go online to submit an art proposal: www.mennoniteusa.org/joiningtogether/art



Carey Miller, now serving as Director of Finances for VMissions, is active in Park View Mennonite Church, Harrisonburg.

Carey is a graduate of Goshen College, has served as an IT Consultant, General Business Manager of IrriTurf Co, and city director of DOOR-Miami. DOOR (Discovering Opportunity for Outreach and Reflection) is a ministry of Mennonite Mission Network.



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