

## Assembly will explore *Making Disciples As We Go!*

By SHIRLEY YODER BRUBAKER

What will you enjoy most when attending VMC's annual Assembly this July in Charlottesville? The robust singing in the evening worship service? Animated discussions around your delegate table? A new idea for your congregation garnered from a workshop? Sitting around the supper table with friends you rarely get to see? Or, perhaps, just basking in the presence of brothers and sisters who share your Anabaptist views of church and theology?

This summer's Assembly at Trinity Presbyterian in Charlottesville, July 24-26, will provide all of the possibilities listed above—and more. Trinity Presbyterian is a large church with adequate accommodations for a crowd so there is more than adequate space for delegate sessions, worship, child care and fellowship. Meals will be catered by a local business.

### ASSEMBLY SPEAKERS



**Clyde G. Kratz** is Executive Conference Minister of Virginia Mennonite Conference. He will bring the message during the Thursday evening worship, July 24.



**Aaron M. Kauffman** is President of Virginia Mennonite Missions. He will bring the message during the Friday evening worship, July 25.



**Roy and Maren Hange** are co-pastors of Charlottesville Mennonite Church. Roy will lead Friday Bible study; Maren will lead the Bible study on Saturday.

Southern District churches are hosting the Assembly and they extend a welcome to all. Hopefully some of their famous toe-tapping country and bluegrass music will brighten our gathering times.

*Making Disciples As We Go!* is the Assembly theme. Our work, worship and reflection will be guided by Jesus' Great Commission.

You will have the opportunity to listen to the new conference leaders, Clyde Kratz and Aaron Kauffman, speak about their visions for Virginia Mennonite Conference. Clyde, the new executive conference minister, will speak at Thursday evening's worship, and Aaron, newly appointed president of Virginia Mennonite Missions, will speak Friday evening. Both leaders are excited about their fresh responsibilities and this opportunity to make contact with many members of VMC.

Bible study has always been part of the Assembly schedule. This year the co-pastors of Charlottesville Mennonite Church, Roy and Maren Hange, are the Bible study leaders, Roy on Friday and Maren on Saturday.

Each workshop will be offered twice; participants can attend two. Ervin Stutzman, executive director of Mennonite Church USA, will lead *Communal Discernment in the Face of Strong Disagreement*. Isaac Villegas, pastor of Chapel Hill Fellowship (NC), and Dave Nickel, prison chaplain, will coordinate a workshop on prison ministry. Lana Miller, undergraduate



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campus pastor at EMU, will lead *Young Adults and the Church: Why Such a Puzzling Combination?* Skip Tobin, VMM USA Ministries Director, will lead the workshop on *Discipling Jesus-style*.

Speakers for the women's and men's breakfasts on Saturday morning are Laura Campbell, VMM worker in Montenegro, and Richard Alderfer, retired family physician from Waynesboro.

Details for all the events, such as meeting times, locations and directions to Trinity Presbyterian Church, are available at [virginiaconference.org/assembly](http://virginiaconference.org/assembly). Registration is now open online.



Shirley is Moderator of Virginia Mennonite Conference.

# Partnership as mission

By AARON KAUFFMAN



A few months ago I had the opportunity to hear César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference, speak about the role of North American mission agencies in the global church. García comes from the Mennonite Brethren Church of Colombia, a church birthed through the mission efforts of North Americans. When someone asked him whether Westerners should continue to send missionaries to other parts of the globe, I held my breath.

García's answer was a resounding yes. His basic message was: "We need each other in mission. When we work together across cultures, we uncover our cultural blind spots, and we all gain a clearer picture of the God revealed in Jesus Christ."

A popular word for what Garcia is talking about is partnership. But that's an over-used term in the mission world. Nearly everyone claims to engage in global partnerships for the sake of the gospel. What's actually meant by that word can vary a great deal, and it doesn't always resemble Garcia's vision of mutual discovery.

In his book, *Western Christians in Global Mission*, Paul Borthwick outlines several less-than-ideal ways the Western mission enterprise seeks to "partner" with the global church:

- Help: "We have the resources, and you have the need."
- Excursion: "Our church wants to send short-term mission teams to your location."
- Sponsorship: "You send us money, we'll find the Majority World worker for your money to support and then we'll send you results of his or her ministry and a picture for your refrigerator."

None of these ways of partnering is completely misguided. Nor is VMM completely innocent of acting in these ways. But these forms of partnership all have the tendency to become the means by which North American Christians fulfill their own need to be needed.

The Bible paints a different picture of partnership. In Philippians 1:3-6, Paul writes to a church he helped to plant. This is not an unequal relationship of the powerful missionary to the needy convert. In fact, from day one, Paul is the needy one, relying on the hospitality of Lydia, a local Gentile woman who offers her home as a base of outreach (see Acts 16:15).

Years later from a prison cell, Paul sends a thank you letter to the Philippians for a recent gift:

*I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (NIV)*

The Greek word rendered "partnership" in this passage is *koinonia*. It suggests a close personal relationship in which everyone has something to offer. *Koinonia* certainly includes an economic dimension—it describes the church's common purse in Acts 2—but it is not primarily about money. It's about depending on one another as true members of Christ's family, and inviting others to join in.

When followers of Jesus engage in mutual, transparent and interdependent relationships across cultures, they become both an example of God's upside-down kingdom and a means for its extension into the world. True partnership allows us all to see Jesus more clearly.

Aaron Kauffman  
President  
Virginia Mennonite Missions

## UPCOMING EVENT

tranSend commissioning  
and  
taste of  
missions



Enjoy a tranSend commissioning service followed by a Taste of Missions on Thursday, July 17, 6-8 p.m. at Sunnyslope Farm, Dayton, Va. A dinner for Mission Support Teams will precede the commissioning service at 5:30.

Peter Eberly, pastor of Eastside Church, will speak at the commissioning and the Ears to the Ground Family will lead music during and after the program.

The following persons will be commissioned for service:

Jonathan Cranston  
Caleb and Veronica Kiefer  
Joshua Kirkman  
Daniel Owolabi  
Katrina Schmid  
Whitney Specht

Afterwards, enjoy a sampling of international flavors from around the world where VMM works, at the Taste of Missions.

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# Leaders explore theme of baptism and memberships at second Pastoral Leaders Consultation event in Powhatan

By CLYDE G. KRATZ

Powhatan Mennonite Church was the location of the second Pastoral Leaders Consultation held on Friday, May 2.

Tim Kennel, pastor of the congregation, hosted the event along with the assistance of the hospitality committee that provided refreshments, abundance of food for the noon meal, and generous friendships. A worship team from the congregation provided a time of inspirational worship to begin the event.

This is the second in a series of five pastoral leaders consultations planned for the purpose of building trust through conversation on key issues that impact their ministry and leadership practices. This consultation focused on the way in which

persons in the faith community belong to each other through the body of Christ.

“The children of Israel crossing the Red Sea in the exodus experience signified a new beginning, new identity,

and a disposition towards trusting in God for their future,” cited Duane Yoder, pastor of Lindale Mennonite Church, who provided the biblical context for baptism.



Nate Yoder EMU

(1526-1527) that indicated “baptism is an outward and public testimony to the inward baptism of the spirit.”



Nancy Heisey EMU photo

Nate Yoder, professor of Church History at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, provided a historical and theological overview of baptism and membership. He cited Balthasar Hubmaier’s “A Christian Instruction,”

Nancy Heisey, professor in the Bible and Religion Department at Eastern Mennonite University, focused her presentation on “Remembering: being part of a congregation, being part of a worldwide family of faith.”

A key theme of her presentation was focused on how a person belongs to another or a group and “what makes someone a member?” In the Early Church, the sign of a fish was a symbol of identification and communicated a desire to know and meet other people.

The Pastor’s Leadership Consultation concluded with a panel of pastors (Phil Kniss, Isaac Villegas, Kathy Hochstedler) offering reflections on pastoral practices and imagining the future of ways people belong to the community of faith.

The next Pastor’s Leadership Consultation will be held on November 7, 2014, on the theme “The Role of the Bible in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century.”



Duane Yoder  
Courtesy photo



Clyde is the Executive Conference Minister of Virginia Mennonite Conference.

## Group enriched by exploration of evangelism at *Exponential*



Participants at *Exponential 2014* (from left): Luis Martinez, Mariana Lorenzana, Marvin Lorenzana, Aaron Kauffman, Lizzette Hernandez, Mario Hernandez and Carlos Madrid. Courtesy of Aaron Kauffman

Aaron Kauffman, president of Virginia Mennonite Missions, and Marvin Lorenzana, VMM Racial/Ethnic Ministries Coach, took a team of people from Virginia Conference to *Exponential East 2014*. This annual church planters conference held in Orlando, Fla., draws more than 5,000 mission-minded folks from across the country.

Aaron Kauffman shares these summary statements about what evangelism is, in reflecting on his experience at this gathering. **Evangelism is...**

1. *Cultivating a heart of compassion for those who are lost.*
2. *Making space in your life to build relationships with people who don't know Jesus.*
3. *Living a life that evokes curiosity.*
4. *Immersing yourself in the Gospels so the stories of Jesus pervade your life and speech.*
5. *Learning to listen to and obey the prompting of the Holy Spirit.*
6. *Showing acceptance before inviting repentance.*
7. *Proclamation, discipleship, social transformation, signs and wonders, church planting and counter-cultural community.*

## How we make disciples in the way of Christ

By HAROLD MILLER

In his devotional reflections for the recent VMM Board meeting, Harold Miller, Trissels Mennonite Church pastor, reflected on the way that the Kingdom comes.

Reading the story of Judas, Harold pointed out that most often, we interpret this story as a betrayal; we assume that Judas was trying to sabotage the coming Kingdom. However, when we examine Judas' reaction another possibility emerges. Drawing from Myron Augsburger's commentary on Matthew, he surmises that Judas never intended to betray Jesus to death but instead betray him into the hands of his enemies to press him to fight. Perhaps Judas believed Jesus would fight, eliminating the injustice and installing utopia by force.

But, Jesus responds in a surprising way. *Jesus fulfilled his mission with outstretched arms*—a stance of risk and vulnerability. He didn't force those doing wrong to stop through threats or acts of violence, but he loved them until the end; helping them want to stop through disarming acts of love, changing them from the inside out. *Jesus didn't call legions of angels because he wanted more than a momentary victory.*

Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross, choosing to show love and grace, rather than force and violence because *the way of bringing the Kingdom is always cruciform. It is always suffering love.* Force may bring external compliance, but God wants the change of the human heart; only suffering love can do that.

*As we are sent, that is the way we are to go.* Jesus' choice to love-even-if-it-meant-death is not only for our atonement but also the way we are to relate. Jesus is not only our Savior but also our model. Whenever the New Testament specifies how we are to imitate Jesus, suffering love is what is talked about (1 Peter 2:21, Ephesians 5:2 & 25, Philippians 2).

Judas meant for Jesus to come forth as conqueror. Instead he prepared his way to the cross. And there Jesus did conquer. His way of grace and mercy began working to change the whole world, for all time; slowly, but it's working.



Harold is pastor of Trissels Mennonite Church, Broadway, Va.



Xhorxhina Ndoka and Elsie Bowman organize materials in the LAC library. Courtesy of Lois King

The library of Lezha Academic Center is seeking a collection of gently used books for middle and high school students, especially books for ESL students (high interest/lower reading level), but all reading levels, fiction or nonfiction, hardbound or paperback are wanted. Funds for shipping the books are also needed. This would be a great Vacation Bible School offering project.

To contribute, bring/send donations to the VMM office (901 Parkwood Drive, Harrisonburg, Va.) or contact Lois King at [kingla2@comcast.net](mailto:kingla2@comcast.net)



Jamaica Mennonite Church held its 56<sup>th</sup> annual conference, March 5-7 in Kingston. The theme, *Evangelism: an Obligation, not an Option* focused on spreading the Gospel in various ways with encouragement for evangelism to be promoted daily. Fraternal delegates from the Mennonite Church of Trinidad & Tobago, Sis. Christine Poonsammy and Sis. Bernice Charles shared greetings and a song. Sunday morning, the Council of

Management members and the pastors and spouses were commissioned for their roles in the church and communion was served, in addition to singing and a sermon. After a time of fellowship, the afternoon session was filled with music and dramas. Newly-elected JMC president, William George Broughton, gave a charge for the next church year. May God guide and bless this group of congregations!

# Family Missions Festival brings crowds of all ages

By JON TROTTER

Excitement abounded at the Family Missions Festival, a new VMM family event involving all ages, which turned the Eastern Mennonite School gym space into a mission fair where an estimated 400 people gathered over three hours.

Held on a beautiful sunny Sunday afternoon, May 11, the gym space was set up to exhibit country displays from where VMM workers serve, with goodies and lots of information provided by Mission Support Teams and their representatives at the booths.



Children enjoy the bouncy house.

Outside, children enjoyed a bouncy house, youth and adults fielded soccer teams and



Three members of The Walking Roots Band perform.

King piloted remote-controlled airplanes.

Inside, participants enjoyed food and games, including “Jeopardy of Missions” with answers based on who and where VMM is present around the world. Wendell Shenk kept a rapt audience with his stage performance and made about 60 balloon animal twists. Musical performers included a children’s choir from Harrisonburg Mennonite Church and songs by three members of The Walking Roots Band.

People seemed to stay and talk and en-

joyed the festive atmosphere even after the chairs and tables began being stacked and put away. We were excited to see such an array of folks present, many with young children, but also teens, young adults and older adults. One of our goals is to reach younger generations with a passion for mission, and the Family Mission Festival was a fun, festive time—building community around the global mission work of God.

Special thanks to Everence, Sharp Shopper, Insurance Center of Harrisonburg, and Eastern Mennonite University for sponsoring the event.

Watch for upcoming announcements next spring for the second annual Family Missions Festival.

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Jon is the Communications Associate for VMM and VMC.

# Parents of mission workers gather for fellowship and prayer

By GLORIA L. LEHMAN

Since 2011, parents of missionaries have gathered twice a year for fellowship and prayer for their children in overseas ministries. This gathering is organized by Virginia Mennonite Missions staff members; parents of mission workers with VMM and with other agencies such as MCC, EMM and Rosedale Missions are all welcome to attend. A light casual meal is enjoyed with time for fellowship around tables.

Betty and Keaton Shenk and Leanna Rhodes share about their children’s mission work.



Then each parent shares about the ministry that their child(ren) are engaged in, stating joys, challenges and prayer concerns. Then the group prays, lifting the missionaries to God’s heart of grace.

Parents of missionaries often experience a lack of understanding from others who do not know the depth of their feelings of loss, separation, and heartache, along with the joy that their child(ren) are serving God and telling others about Jesus. If you know a parent of a missionary, ask about their children and take the time to really hear the answers. Ask how you can pray for both the missionaries and the parents. If possible, form a support group to pray with the parents of the missionaries.



Parents of workers enjoy an informal meal and fellowship. Photos by Sherah-Leigh Gerber

If you are a parent of a missionary with any Christian agency and want to join the VMM parents of missionaries group, please contact Sherah-Leigh Gerber at (540) 434-9727 or [sher.gerber@vmmissions.org](mailto:sher.gerber@vmmissions.org)



Gloria is the retiring VMM Director of Public Relations.



Two of the soccer teams compete in the tournament. Photos by author

## MDS continues rebuilding homes and lives after Sandy

By RICH RHODES

On October 29, 2012, Hurricane Sandy made landfall in New Jersey. The effects of this superstorm are still being felt by many persons along the East Coast and in the Appalachian Mountains.

Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) of Virginia has been extensively involved with rebuilding homes and the lives of persons who suffered from this disaster. The Eastern Virginia Unit gave initial leadership to the response in Crisfield, Maryland. MDS bi-national continued the rebuilding from last September to the present. Numerous individuals volunteered for several weeks to several months from the Virginia units. A sizable number of weekly volunteers also helped, both in Crisfield and the New York City area.

The Shenandoah Valley Unit has also been active in West Virginia. Sandy not only



The new home build, along with a large volunteer framing group, for the Rex family in Rainelle, West Virginia. The home owner is on the left hand side. Photo by Rod Burkholder

flooded many homes along the coast, but also dumped up to two feet of snow in parts of the Appalachians. The unit was contacted about a dwelling in Rainelle, W.Va., where the roof and supporting walls were structurally compromised from the heavy snow. A new house is presently framed. A good

number of individuals have been involved in getting the structure to this point. MDS bi-national, with help from MDS Shenandoah Valley, have also built a foot bridge in Webster Springs, W.Va. The bridge was the only means for the home owners to access the public road during times of high water. The previous structure was destroyed by Sandy.

If you want to be involved in these aspects of restoring hope to persons lives, contact Rod: [rodburkholder@comcast.net](mailto:rodburkholder@comcast.net) or Rich: [rarlr211@gmail.com](mailto:rarlr211@gmail.com)

Rich is Unit Chair of MDS Shenandoah Valley.

## Remembering the Brunk revivals at the Heritage Center

By JOAN L. DAGGETT

People gathered under a hilltop tent to celebrate the ministry of the Brunk Revivals and dedicate a permanent exhibit on the campus of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center on Saturday, May 24. The tent evangelistic meetings were held throughout the United States and Canada from 1951 to 1981.

John L. Horst, a college student at the time and member of the Mennonite Hour Quartet, remembers the quartet being

invited to sing at a 1958 campaign in Abbotsford, British Columbia. "The total service lasted about two hours, with Brother George's dramatic sermon being nearly an hour. I was sitting just about 8 feet behind him on the trailer stage. His stage presence and use of the microphone stand sent his voice reverberating though the tent. Interesting stories kept us in rapt attention."

The Brunk Revivals Exhibit is housed in one of the original trailer trucks used to haul tents and equipment to campaign sites. The exhibit includes a video, photographs, revival artifacts and a scrapbook of articles and photographs from each of the 109 revival meetings.

The exhibit is now part of the Heritage Center tour and can be viewed during the Center's open hours Wednesday – Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Joan is Executive Director of the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center.



In this undated photo, thousands gather under the tent during one of the 109 revival services. Photo courtesy of author



One of the original trucks used for the tent revival meetings is on display at the Valley Brethren-Mennonite Heritage Center. Photo courtesy of author

# JUNE 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
1 Give thanks for those who are willing to serve in short term assignments through Partners in Mission. Thank God for the gift of encouragement and support they give to workers.	2 Pray for Rafael and Solange Tartari as they vision and plan with their congregation for the evangelism ministries in the coming year in Lezhe, Albania.	3 Pray for Carlos Malvaez, pastor of Manantial de Vida, Harrisonburg as he provides spirit-filled leadership to the Hispanic community.	4 Give thanks for the many gifts that Jay and Sheri Hartzler have shared in Romania. Pray that the seeds planted will be nurtured and bear fruit.	5 Pray for Michael, Ruth and their family as they deepen connections with their neighbors. May God open doors and grant them words of wisdom.	6 Pray for Basil Marin, pastor of New Song Anabaptist Fellowship, as he provides dynamic leadership to the multicultural congregation north of Harrisonburg.	7 Remember the refugee project in Ecuador. Pray for David Shenk in this intense ministry.	
8 Pray for the tranSenders who are preparing for assignment. Ask God to bring the many pieces together for their support and sending.	9 Pray for Abraham Thomas, leader of No Longer Forsaken International, Charlotte Hall, Maryland, as he provides guidance and direction to this dynamic ministry.	10 Pray for Steve Horst and Bethany Tobin and their work in Thailand. May God deepen the connections they have been making.	11 Remember the Knepp family serving in Jamaica. Pray for them as they prepare to return to the US.	12 Remember Sid, Bradie and Justin Ramella in Kosovo. Pray that God will provide meaningful friendships for them.	13 Pray for Robert & Jessica Russo. Ask God to grant them boldness in their witness and sensitivity in their relationships as they nurture discipleship-based missional communities.	14 Pray for Earl Zimmerman, pastor of Northern Virginia Mennonite Church, Fairfax, Va, as he provides innovative leadership to the congregation on issues of social justice.	
15 Pray for Chris & Melody Riddle and family as they support the Centro Koinonia congregation in Bari, Italy.	16 Pray for the Church Planters gathered for a time of resourcing and retreat at Highland. May God inspire them as they prepare to engage in ministry.	17 Give thanks to God for the fruits that the Schoenhals family is bearing witness to at the Life Enrichment Church in Thailand.	18 Pray for Keith & Tammy Nice, leaders of Outlet 10:27 in Graham, NC, as they provide compassionate dynamic leadership to the community.	19 Pray for the Mennonite Hispanic Initiative and Marvin Lorenzana as he gives leadership to this growing ministry.	20 Give thanks for the campers at Highland Retreat. Pray for the particular mission emphasis at camp on this day. May missional imagination be kindled in these young people.	21 Give thanks for the life changing ministry Norma Teles has with Roma children at the Joshua Center in Lezhe, Albania.	
22 Pray for Ben Risser, pastor of Ridgeway, Harrisonburg, as he provides innovative and compassionate leadership to the congregation and community.	23 Rejoice in the gift of salvation through Jesus. Give thanks to God for this Good News to be shared.	24 Remember the staff at the VMMSions' home office. Pray for open doors as they share about the work of those sent out.	25 Pray for Bishop Leslie Francisco III, Calvary District, as he provides innovative spirit filled leadership to Calvary District and its various outreach ministries, Calvary Community Church as senior pastor, and Calvary Community Academy.	26 Give thanks for the faithful ministry of Allen Umble. Pray for him as he gives leadership to the team of workers in that region.	27 Pray for protection for Jacob & Hosanna and their family as they work in neighborhood outreach in a sensitive location.	28 Remember the Stutzman family in Germany. Pray for wisdom as they discern how to network and connect communities of faith.	
29 Give thanks for the Ridgeway congregation and their children's ministry that is impacting their community. Pray for Aaron Kauffman as he joins with them in worship today.	30 Pray for Bob Brisco, Executive Director of Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center, as he provides creative leadership to the various adult and summer programs offered by WCRC.	<p><b>We wish God's blessings for Galen and Gloria Lehman in their retirement from VMM. They have done an excellent job in keeping us informed of the outreach that our mission workers are involved in through the prayer calendar and videos.</b></p> <p>—Anonymous—</p>				<p><i>We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life—this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us.</i></p> <p>1 John 1:1-2 (NRSV)</p>	



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## Announcements

The VMRC Foundation, along with Morgan Stanley, is hosting a free workshop: **“Women and Wealth”** from 9 to 11 a.m., June 11, in VMRC’s Detwiler Auditorium (1501 Virginia Ave., Harrisonburg.) The speaker will be Alysia Davis, financial advisor with Morgan Stanley Wealth Management. Register by calling (540) 437-4306 or emailing [jrhodes@vmrc.org](mailto:jrhodes@vmrc.org)

**Highland Retreat’s Annual Steak BBQ** will be held at Highland on Saturday, June 21. The summer staff commissioning service begins at 1:30 p.m. At 3:00, activity centers open for all ages: cornhole tournament, zipline, children’s activities, and swimming. At 5:00, the steak BBQ begins and live bluegrass music will follow. Highland will provide steak, hot dogs, drink, and potatoes. Please bring a side salad or a dessert, and a donation to support the ministries of Highland Retreat. To reserve a free campsite or A-frame cottage for the weekend (BBQ participants only), contact the office at [info@highlandretreat.org](mailto:info@highlandretreat.org) or (540) 705-0554.

**Anabaptist Renewal Circles** will have its **National Conference 2014**, July 10-12, at Weaverland Mennonite Church, East Earl, Pa. Aaron Kauffman, president of VMM and Skip Tobin, USA Ministries Director, will both lead workshops at this event. There will be 20-plus workshops, childcare for ages 3-12, a concert of prayer on Thursday evening and a youth revival on Friday evening. Learn more at [anabaptistrenewal.org](http://anabaptistrenewal.org)

Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center’s **Family Retreat**, August 3-6, is specifically designed to help you and your family connect with each other and with God. You’ll enjoy our peaceful, wooded facility, comfortable lodging, great food, fun activities and recreation options, worship times and devotions to help your family focus on God. Register by July 20 and receive a \$20 discount. For more information or to register, visit [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info).

Register now for **Kaleidoscope Camp** at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center! Camps are available for ages 7 to 17 and run from June 24 through July 31. Bring a friend, make new friends, participate in exciting activities like zipline, archery, slingshot and high ropes while learning about Jesus! Information and registration forms are on the web at [www.wcrc.info](http://www.wcrc.info) or call us at (866) 566-9272.

**Registration is now open** for Virginia Mennonite Conference Assembly 2014! Mark your calendar for July 24-26, and go to [www.virginiacommunity.org/assembly](http://www.virginiacommunity.org/assembly) for complete details and online registration. Our worship, work, and reflection will be guided by Jesus’ Great Commission, on the theme of **Making Disciples As We Go!** Save the date and plan now to attend!

**Virginia Mennonite Missions** seeks volunteer receptionists who can volunteer one morning or afternoon each week to sit at the front desk answering phones, greeting visitors, and assisting the administrative assistant with occasional office tasks. If you are interested in supporting the work of VMM in this way, please contact Sarah Schoenhals at [sarah.schoenhals@vmmissions.org](mailto:sarah.schoenhals@vmmissions.org) or call (540) 434-9727.

### UPCOMING TRIP

There’s still time to join the next Tour-Magination trip to **Australia and New Zealand**, January 30-February 19, 2015. This outstanding three-week tour will include: Melbourne, Canberra, Sydney, Alice Springs, Ayers Rock, the Great Barrier Reef and much more in Australia. The trip will conclude with six days on the South Island of New Zealand with visits to Christchurch, Dunedin, Queenstown, a lunch cruise on Milford Sound and much more. Wilmer and Janet Martin will lead the trip with co-hosts Dave & Joyce Eshleman. For full details, call (800) 565-0451 or email [office@tourmagination.com](mailto:office@tourmagination.com)

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