



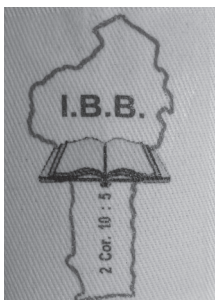
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Fall Mission Weekend is Coming!

Our Fall Mission Weekend is just a couple weeks away! All are invited to gather in our fellowship hall at 5 pm on Saturday, November 14 for an international food potluck meal. Please bring a dish or two of your favorite international food to share (American counts!), and your own table service (plates/silverware) to help cut down on paper waste and clean-up time. We will have notecards available to label your dish - both the name and where it is from. Following dinner we will move to the sanctuary to hear from Jerrell and Jane Ross Richer as they reflect on their Two-Way Mission that includes living half of the year in Goshen and half of the year in Ecuador.



Sunday morning our own Stanley Green, Executive Director for Mennonite Mission Network, will be our guest speaker. Stanley gives voice to the vision that every congregation and all parts of the church will be engaged in God's mission, reaching across the street and around the world. In addition to preaching during both of our morning worship services, Stanley will also be sharing during a joint nurture hour for all adults and MYF. During this hour of storytelling Stanley will share stories of his life journey and stories of God's work around the world through Mennonite Mission Network.



As is our practice, we will receive a special offering during our morning worship services. Mission and Service Ministry Team has decided that this offering will be divided three ways: Goshen Ministerial Association (GMA) Emergency Fund, Journey Church (new church plant in Goshen with IN-MI Conference), and Solar Panels for the farm location of the agro-pastoral program at Benin Bible Institute.

—Cindy Voth, pastor of community life

Endowment Fund Announces Fall Distributions

The Endowment Fund Committee is pleased to announce that four projects will benefit from the fall 2015 distribution of endowment fund proceeds. Here are the missional activities that we will support.

- Up to \$1500 to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED), a lightweight, portable device used in heart-related health emergencies. The AED will soon be installed in the church building.
- \$1000 to support the work of Journey Church. The money will be used for startup costs such as printing brochures and business cards, Web design, office supplies and worship resources.
- \$500 to support a building project renovating a purchased space for Walnut Hill Early Childhood Education Center, allowing the center to continue serving children in our community.
- \$1400 to support the training of an additional Stephen Leader to join Bill Minter and Mel and Lorna Claassen in giving leadership to Stephen Ministry, a caring ministry of our congregation that provides about 25 hours of care per month during weekly visits.

Distributions are made twice each year using a formula that allows us to distribute approximately five percent of the fund's value each year, using a three-year rolling average to help even out fluctuations in the market.



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Welcome to the Romeros

Carlos and Celina grew up in Puerto Rico. They were involved in the Puerto Rico Mennonite Church and used to work at the Mennonite School in San Juan. They have lived in Goshen for the last 25 years. Carlos presently serves as Executive Director at Mennonite Education Agency. He previously worked at Goshen College and at the former Mennonite Board of Congregational Ministries. Celina works part-time as the bookkeeper at The Mennonite and at Clinton Frame Mennonite Church. They have two young adult children: A daughter, Elise, who is presently a junior at Eastern Mennonite University and a son, Cristian, who is a freshman at Goshen College. The family previously attended Clinton Frame Mennonite Church where they were actively involved in a variety of ministries including Elder, SS Class teacher, MYF Sponsors, Finance and Endowment Committee. They enjoy traveling, gardening, cooking and entertainment. In 1998-99 they served in a short-term mission assignment for the Mennonite Board of Missions in Burgos, Spain. In 2002 Carlos and Celina served as leaders of the first Goshen College SST unit in Cuba. They can be contacted at ccr61536@gmail.com.



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The fund is invested in a diversified manner to maximize return while also minimizing investment risk. The next application deadline will be April 1, 2016.

Though people often associate endowments with estate giving, people of any age can make tax-deductible gifts to the Endowment Fund at any time. Gifts can be anything of value: cash, appreciated assets, commodities, bonds, mutual fund shares, or other assets on which a fair market value can be placed. Gifts other than cash are typically liquidated and the proceeds placed in the Endowment Fund. To give cash, list "Endowment Fund" on your check or offering envelope. Gifts can also be made through bequests upon death. While it is common to provide gifts through estate plans, contributions can also be made at any point.

—Lyle Miller, on behalf of the Endowment Fund Committee [Jerry Detweiler, Kathy Myers, Jon. Wieand, Jim Fisher (lay ministry partner for Facilities & Finance Ministry Team), Vyron Schmidt (interim chair of Ministry Leadership Council), Lyle Miller (pastoral team)]

A New Opportunity for Training as a Stephen Minister

As a Stephen Leader Team, we envision a growing ministry with the potential to expand beyond our congregation into the community. We have been in conversation with Mike Yordy of Journey Church to explore ways in which our Waterford Stephen Ministry program could be supportive in this evolving ministry. We want to provide the opportunity for others in our congregation who are sensing Jesus' call to consider serving as Stephen Ministers. A Stephen Minister is a trained layperson who meets regularly with a person going through a difficult time.

Waterford Stephen Leaders are offering another training opportunity with their counterparts from College Mennonite Church and Berkey Avenue Fellowship. This training will be hosted by College Mennonite Church, and take place on Tuesday afternoons, beginning on January 5 and continuing through April, at the Greencroft Community Center.

We would welcome talking to you about your interest. We can provide a Stephen Minister job description, an Application of Interest, and an Overview of the Interview and Selection Process. We hope to finalize WMC's participation by mid-December.

—Lorna & Mel Claassen, Bill Minter

Thank You

I want to thank you for the many kindnesses you have sent my way: prayers, phone calls, food, a wonderful book from the church, flowers from the SS class, visits, work, rides to the doctor. You have been so generous with your giving.

—Emery and Mary Holsopple