

Stanley Green called to lead Mennonite World Conferences's Mission Commission

César García, Mennonite World Conference general secretary, prays for Rafael Zaracho, MWC Mission Commission secretary, and Mennonite Mission Network's executive director, Stanley Green, who was called to chair the MWC Mission Commission during last week's meetings in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.



Photo / Laurie Oswald Robinson

A Free Trip to the Holy Lands – Tonight!

Do you wake up at night wishing you had the chance to visit the Holy Lands? Have you always wanted to walk where Jesus walked? Are you afraid of flying but don't want to spend weeks on a boat sailing to the Middle East? Good News! On Sunday, August 9, from 6:30-8 in the evening, you're all invited to travel to the Holy Lands at WMC. Our very own Mel Claassen will narrate as he shares a video from his and Lorna's personal travel in 2008. The focus will be on their time spent in Jerusalem. Adult Nurture will provide drinks and paper products for the journey. All other travelers are invited to bring finger foods.

Support MCC School Kits

Please help a child have the school supplies needed for an education. Please bring the following NEW supplies for a kit and place them under the mailboxes. Early next month, the Venture Club will assemble the kits into bags provided by Mennonite Women. Let's give them a full evening's work!

- 4 spiral or perforated notebooks (8 1/2 x 10 1/2 in and 70 sheets)
- 8 unsharpened pencils
- 1 ruler (flat, flexible plastic; indicating both 30 cm and 12 in)
- 12 colored pencils (in packaging)
- 1 large pencil eraser

—Becky Yoder and Lyle Miller

Thank You

The last two years have been very difficult, lonesome, and overwhelming, making the grieving process following my husband, Dale's, death extra-challenging. Many times I cried to the Lord in my trouble and He gently talked to me in my distress. He gave me His Word, and His healing touch on me. I trust that He will deliver me from the snares of questions and doubts, so that I will again be able to thank Him for His steadfast love, which has never failed me during all this time. I have not always felt this love, yet I know that God is faithful.

I am deeply grateful to so many of you who have helped me with the overwhelming tasks in the yard and house, weeding, mowing, hauling away brush etc. I could not have done it without you. Thank you.

The house is sold, and I found a duplex on 16th Street, to which I will be moving on August 15.

The address will be 1412 S.16th Street, Goshen, IN 46526. I can be reached via cell phone at 574-210-9143. The land line will be discontinued on that day.

I thank you for your love and care for me and most of all for your prayers.

—Ursula Hess

Endowment Fund Applications Welcomed

The Endowment Fund Committee welcomes applications for projects that would benefit from assistance from Waterford's Endowment Fund. Based on the June 30 balance, \$4,400 will be available in this cycle of grants. The deadline to prepare applications for this cycle is October 1.

Waterford's Endowment Fund was established to serve as a way to support the ongoing work of Jesus at Waterford. Ministry teams, recognized groups within the congregations, and individuals representing outside agencies are all invited to apply for grants. Past distributions have supported continuing education for ministry teams, special events, housing projects, mission organizations and more. We welcome being inundated with requests, as these applications represent creative approaches to ministry. Applications are available in the literature racks located near the mailboxes.

If you have questions about the process of preparing an application, please contact a member of the committee listed below.

Contributions to the fund are welcomed at any time. If you have questions about contributing, please contact a committee member, particularly Lyle Miller. The Mennonite Foundation also provides excellent assistance in considering creative ways of being generous with the financial resources we have been entrusted with.

—Endowment Fund Committee: Elvina Schmidt, chair; Tim Burkholder, chair of the congregation; Jim Fisher, lay ministry partner for Facilities & Finance Ministry Team; Jerry Detweiler; Jon. Wieand; Lyle Miller, pastor of family life and financial stewardship

My Coins Count!



For the last number of years, the funds from Penny Power were used by MCC to support water projects around the world. This year, the project is being called My Coins Count since Canada no longer uses pennies, and the proceeds will be used to fund MCC food projects. There is still a great need for all kinds of food projects, including relief after natural disasters, but also development projects that help people grow their own food.

Last Sunday, you received the Pennies of Thanks calendar in your mailbox. Although we are not doing an organized promotion with the children this year, encourage your children to be a part of your family's giving. If collecting coins isn't of interest, consider matching all or part of the money raised by the coin contributors. We will have a container at the participation station for dropping the coins you have collected.

According to MCC, Waterford collected \$350.54 last year, a record high for our congregation. Let's see if we can beat our own record this year!



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