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Advent Planner

Thursday, October 9, 2003

While the world around us plunges into the noisy, hectic Christmas season, the church opens itself to the mystery and joy of Advent. The Advent planner is a day for equipping pastors and worship leaders to guide their congregations into the rich anticipation and promise of this season.

The day will provide creative ideas for scripture presentations, drama, music, and visual elements. Participants will sample elements of worship for each Sunday from the beginning of Advent through Epiphany.

Using the Mennonite Church Advent 2003 theme, "Be alert! God is on the move!," this all-day workshop introduces the lectionary-based worship resources published in *Leader*.

The content is focused particularly for congregations that are part of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, but participants from other denominations and congregations that use the lectionary in worship planning are welcome.

Fee

\$80 before September 15, 2003;
\$60 each, for three or more from one congregation; before September 15, 2003
\$90 after September 15, 2003.
Fees include lunch.

Continuing Education Credit

This workshop can earn the participants .6 CEU.

Schedule

This workshop begins at 8 a.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2003, and concludes at 4:30 p.m.

Presenters

Marlene Kropf, D.Min., Executive Director, Office of Congregational Life, Mennonite Church USA; associate professor in spiritual formation and worship, AMBS

Karmen Krahn Fehr, MACF, AMBS graduate working in the areas of worship and Christian formation

Teaching the Sunday School Lesson

Sunday, November 9, 2003

Beginning in fall 2003 AMBS will offer occasional Bible study events for adult Sunday school teachers of the Uniform series. These events will take place quarterly on Sunday afternoons, 1:30–5:30 p.m., at AMBS.

The goal of the studies is to provide adult Sunday school teachers with historical, literary, sociological and theological background to the Bible texts to be taught the following quarter.

The studies will be led by AMBS Bible department professors and other qualified Bible teachers.

The first of these events is scheduled for Sunday, November 9, 2003. The texts for this study will be those taught in the winter quarter of the Sunday school year and are taken from 1 Samuel, Matthew and Luke.

Fee

\$25 before November 1, \$30 after November 1.

Presenters

Mary Schertz, Ph.D., AMBS professor of New Testament
Perry B. Yoder, Ph.D., AMBS professor of Old Testament

Dancing With the Gorilla: Pastoring a Multi-staff Congregation

Monday evening, March 1, through Wednesday afternoon, March 3, 2004

The concerns of those who lead congregations with more than one pastor on the leadership team will be the focus of this special event. The consultation is planned for pastors of multi-staff churches and for regional conference staff members and denominational leaders. This will be an opportunity for them to spend time together at AMBS, receiving input and discussing concerns with each other.

The event will focus on how being a pastor of a congregation of 300 to 700 members is different from being a pastor of a smaller congregation. For example, how should a multi-staff team be structured? What are helpful models for working together? How is the role of lay volunteers different in a church of this size? How should roles and responsibilities be assigned? Should the senior pastor function as CEO or as servant leader? We also will look at the congregation's relationships to local conferences and the denomination and how these relationships may differ from those a small congregation has.

Sam Leonard, consultant with the Alban Institute, and Jim Lapp and Miriam Book, pastors and administrators, will be the resource people. Sam Leonard will address the issues in three sessions. Following this, Jim Lapp and Miriam Book will explore the unique dimensions of leadership for Mennonite congregations.

Presenters

Sam Leonard is a consultant, writer and seminar leader with the Alban Institute, an ecumenical, interfaith organization based in Bethesda, Md. His areas of expertise are conflict management, staff team building and lay leader development, church growth and ministry expansion and staffing for optimal performance. He holds an M.Div. from Garrett at Northwestern University, has done graduate work at Boston Consortium and holds post-graduate certificates from DCR Associates and American Arbitration Association.

Jim Lapp, D.Min., is conference pastor for Franconia Mennonite Conference, Mennonite Church USA, and former general secretary of the General Board of the Mennonite Church (one of the two denominations which formed Mennonite Church USA). Jim pastored for more than twenty years prior to his assignment with the General Board. Jim earned a B.D. from Goshen Biblical Seminary and a D.Min. from Drew University.

Miriam F. (Mim) Book, B.A., is associate pastor of Salford (Pa.) Mennonite Church and former associate general secretary of the General Board of the Mennonite Church. She also served for eleven years with Eastern Mennonite Missions in the office on overseas

mission. She holds a diploma in pastoral studies from London (England) Bible College and participated in the Soul of the Executive program at the Shalem Institute, Bethesda, Md.

Fees:

Registration: \$245
Lodging: \$22 per night
Meals: \$5 per lunch; \$8.50 for supper

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Credit:

This workshop can earn the participants 1.0 CEU.

Schedule:

The event begins Monday, March 1, at 6 p.m., and concludes Wednesday, March 3, at 4:30 p.m.

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Registration

Name

If more than one from your congregation is registering, please photocopy this form and provide information for each person.

Church name

Address

City

State/Province

Zip Code/Postal Code

Daytime telephone

E-mail address

Number
attending

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Include payment of the fee. Make checks payable to "AMBS." Send this form and payment to

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