

July 26, 2020

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Crowded Closet Thrift Shop is open! Join over 100 volunteers who are serving this summer. Shop, donate, and volunteer locally to support Mennonite Central Committee. Volunteer team is needed to serve customers on Saturday, August 1st. Ready to join us? Call 319-337-5924 or email Christine at crowdedcloset.volunteer@gmail.com.

Hillcrest: Shuttle Drivers Needed! Hillcrest Academy is in need of shuttle drivers for the 2020-21 school year. There are two routes available: Washington route AM and PM on Mon and Wed and Iowa City route PM Mon-Fri. This shuttle is essential in providing transportation for students to and from school. Please prayerfully consider if you are able to help in this mission. Contact Rebecca Beachy Miller [Rebecca Beachy Miller](mailto:Rebecca.Beachy.Miller@hillcresttravens.org) at rbeachymiller@hillcresttravens.org or (319) 656-2073 x20 with questions or if interested.

Mennonite Museum: The Iowa Mennonite Museum at the Kalona Historical Village is now open afternoons. Because of decreased museum attendance and the cancellation of the Kalona Fall Festival a significant amount of our typical fundraising has been lost. We do have several cases of apple butter made at last year's Fall Festival to sell. By the pint or by the case, our apple butter makes a nice gift for family and friends. Stop by the museum afternoons to review stories of our area Mennonite-Amish History and pick up some apple butter for friends.

MCUSA: Mennonite Church USA has put together a collection of laments, written by pastors, leaders, lay people and students, on the recent and persistent violence of racism. You are invited to pray and lament along with them: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/lament-violence-of-racism/>

In "Reflections on protesting and faith," two members of Pasadena Mennonite Church – a Guatemalan mestizo immigrant and a white university professor – discuss the cost of following Christ. Read more: <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/reflections-protesting-and-faith/>

Tobin Miller Shearer, co-founder of the Damascus Road Anti-Racism Process, stresses the importance of working together in racially integrated settings in his blog, "The discipline and practice of white caucusing." <http://mennoniteusa.org/menno-snapshots/white-caucusing/>

MCC is hosting virtual alumni gatherings for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. And you are invited! Join us for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors about current programming, share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with your MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. Find out specific dates, times and register at mcc.org/virtual-alumni-gatherings. Questions? Please contact heidihuber@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

CPMC: We continue to pray for those who are most vulnerable in our communities in this strange time, as in all times. May God open our eyes to the possibilities for love and for protection of the least of these among us-- and may we be willing to heed God's call.

Mennonite Missions Network: July 31 is Stanley W. Green's last day as Mennonite Mission Network's executive director after 27 years of faithful service. Pray for Stanley and his wife, Ursula, as they settle in California where Stanley will work as conference minister for the Pacific Southwest Mennonite Conference. Ask God's wisdom for Michael J. Sherrill as he becomes executive director on August 1.

Job opening: Mennonite Men, the men's organization of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, has an open quarter time position in Communications and Marketing. To see a description of this position, visit MennoniteMen.org or contact Steve Thomas at SteveT@MennoniteMen.org. Resumes are due by August 3.