<u>July 5, 2020</u>

AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Hillcrest Academy Golf Benefit: THANK YOU! Our fiscal year has ended and Hillcrest Academy would like to thank all of our supporting churches, those who support our school through their congregations, and especially those who have chosen to go beyond this commitment and give directly to Hillcrest Academy. You have shown that you are truly behind us and we are so grateful! With your collective dedication to our mission, we will move Hillcrest Academy forward even stronger! We truly appreciate the significant level of support we receive year after year from our generous community. You continue to show us that your heart for Hillcrest Academy remains full.

MCC: Mennonite Central Committee is looking to fill several essential service positions in the U.S. and around the world. We hope you'll consider applying or give encouragement to someone else who might be interested in serving with MCC.

<u>Canner Operator</u> : MCC is looking for new canner operators! This two year service term is unique and offers the opportunity to travel around the U.S. and Canada, working as a team while meeting new people! Check out mcc.org/canning for details!

<u>Program Manager</u> - DR Congo: Are you looking for an opportunity to develop your planning, budgeting, and problem-solving skills? MCC is looking for a Program Manager to provide management and oversight of projects and partner relations in the DR Congo. For more information, visit serve.mcc.org or click on the following link: Program Manager - DR Congo

<u>MCC Representative for Bangladesh</u>: Interested in providing leadership to a mature, multifaceted MCC program? MCC is looking for an MCC Representative for Bangladesh, to provide leadership and programmatic direction to a well-established program that supports already-existing Bangladeshi agencies. For more information, visit serve.mcc.org or click on the following link: MCC Representative Bangladesh.

Mennonite Relief Sale: All are invited to attend the Iowa Mennonite Relief Sale Annual Meeting on Tuesday, July 14 at 7pm at Kalona Mennonite Church. The executive board will be sharing financial reports and an overview of this year's events.

MCUSA: Amid widespread civil unrest, Mennonite Church USA has issued a statement on racial injustice. Read it here: http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mc_usa-statement-on-racial-injustice/

Mennonite Church USA has launched a Justice Fund to provide a way for individuals and congregations to support fellow congregations that are actively involved in dismantling racism, addressing police brutality, reimagining policing in our society or combating poverty. To learn more: http://mennoniteusa.org/news/mennonite-church-usa-launches-new-justice-fund

The leadership team of Mennonite Church USA recently led an interactive, online panel discussion, entitled Race, Church and Change, about the impact of racism on the church and meaningful approaches for dismantling it. View it here: http://mennoniteusa.org/leadership-development/webinars/

Considering raising funds to attend MennoCon21? Mennonite Church USA convention planning staff is offering an opportunity to raise funds by selling Menno's Best coffee. A portion of the proceeds from every bag of coffee goes to youth groups and the peace and justice work our denomination https://convention.mennoniteusa.org/mennos-best-coffee-fundraiser/

CPMC: Pray for all those Central Plains Mennonite Conference volunteers who were affirmed to new committees and task groups at our Annual Meeting in June. May the mission and witness of the Kingdom of God through CPMC be enlivened by the energy and wisdom of those willing to serve.

Mennonite Missions Network: LCC University Summer Language Institute in Lithuania normally begins this month. Pray for Robin Gingerich, serving with Mennonite Mission Network, and other administrators as they adapt the program to new realities created by COVID-19.