

# AUGUST 1, 2021

## AREA NEWS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

**New Life House:** The New Life House is happy to announce that we will hold an Open House on August 8 from 2pm to 5pm. You are welcome to stop in during that time for sloppy joes and lemonade. This is our opportunity to thank you for keeping us in your prayers. You will also have opportunity to see inside the house. Many of you have expressed interest in seeing the house so that you know firsthand how to describe it to a friend or relative. Here is your opportunity! Please feel free to invite a friend or two and stop in for some good fellowship. Hope to see you.

**Habitat for Humanity House:** The new house in Wayland (at the corner of Second and Jefferson Streets) needs our help! Please sign up on the north bulletin board so that Tamara can let the project coordinator know how many people to expect from our congregation. Starting July 31, the house will be moving into stages where lots of people can help - primer, paint and cabinets. Work projects are done on Saturdays from 8am until noon, with lunch provided. If working on the house is not your gift, but you enjoy hospitality, they are also looking for volunteers to provide lunch on Saturdays. Check out the sign-up sheet or call Tamara at 319-217-2456 if you have any questions. Thank you!

**JPOG (Just Peace Outreach Group):** invites you to hear Adam Fleming describe his activities helping people in Syria and Egypt rebuild their families, businesses, and churches after a variety of disruptions in civil society. Training groups bring Armenian Orthodox and Catholic Christians together around a curriculum designed to help non-profit groups coach their leaders in rebuilding their organizations. Join us at West Union Mennonite Church, 3253 305th Street, Parnell, IA today Sunday, August 1, 2021, at 6 pm for a finger food potluck (please bring your own table service) and conversation, or at 7 pm for Adam's presentation. For more information, contact Roger Farmer at 319-653-2547 or Jane Yoder-Short at [wilmajane17@gmail.com](mailto:wilmajane17@gmail.com).

**Hillcrest:** Open Teaching Positions! Please cover the Hillcrest Academy Administrative Team and Operating Board in prayer as they look to interview and hire teaching candidates in the fields of Music and Math.

**CPMC:** We continue to pray for those who are most vulnerable in our communities. 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.

**MCUSA:** You are invited to participate in the Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) churchwide Journey Forward study through Springtide Research Institute. The survey results will be used to help inform the direction of MC USA, as we Journey Forward together. It is important that the denomination hears from a variety of voices, so please take part in the survey today: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/MC-USA-Member-Survey>

Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) held its first online Delegates Assembly on July 10. During the assembly, delegates voted on changes to the MC USA bylaws, confirmed nominees for churchwide boards and heard reports from the Resolutions Committee and racial ethnic and constituency groups. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/news/virtual-delegate-assembly>.

Good news! It's not too late to purchase your virtual content pass for MennoCon21! The cost of the pass has been reduced to \$25. Access to the MennoCon21 virtual convention will continue to be available through August 10. Sign up here: [https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21\\_virtual\\_access](https://www.mennoniteusa.org/mennocon21_virtual_access).

Joy Cotchen has been volunteering at conferences in some capacity since 2000. In her blog, "The Joy of volunteering," she shares what she finds most enjoyable about the volunteer experience. Read more here: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/joy-of-volunteering>.

**Mennonite Mission Network:** Mennonite Mission Network requests prayer for the Service Adventure unit leaders, who completed their orientation last Friday, in Hutchinson, Kansas. Pray for them as they prepare to welcome participants in three locations, starting this month through October, in Albuquerque, New Mexico; Anchorage, Alaska; and Jackson, Mississippi.