

Report to Allegheny Mennonite Conference August 2012

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Greetings from our new office in Elkhart, Ind.! MEA, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Church USA National Office and The Mennonite now share the same building on Benham Avenue. Stop by for a visit if you're in the area.

As the education agency for Mennonite Church USA, we connect with the 34 member schools of Mennonite Schools Council (MSC), five colleges/universities, two seminaries, and educational programs such as Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA), Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH) and Mennonite Early Childhood Network. Together, we explore how we can provide access to an Anabaptist/Mennonite education.

Allegheny Mennonite Conference intersects with Mennonite education in many ways:

Church relations:

Mennonite educational institutions can be a source of excellent speakers and performance groups. We want to encourage you to take the initiative to contact any of the higher education institutions to visit your congregation.



Women's World Music Choir, Goshen College

Members serving on Mennonite education boards and committees:

- **MEA Board:** James Rosenberger, University; John Stahl-Wert, Pittsburgh

We regret any omissions or errors. Please send corrections to info@MennoniteEducation.org.

Giving* to Mennonite education from Allegheny Mennonite Conference congregations:

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English version of HPLE curriculums

MEA is in the process of translating Hispanic Pastoral and Leadership Education (HPLE) curriculums—IBA and SeBAH—into English. The work is being done in collaboration with Terry Shue, director of leadership development for Mennonite Church USA, and we hope to launch the English versions in 2013. The ultimate goal is to have three options—Spanish only, English only, Spanish and English side by side—in order to provide biblical and theological training to a broader audience. For more information, contact Rafael Barahona at 1-877-665-6662, ext. 21315.

Resources for congregations

MEA offers a number of Anabaptist-related materials at no cost through its website (under the Educational Resources tab). They can be used for Sunday school and small group studies and as helpful resources for church leaders. Consider the following items made possible with the support of MSC and MEA:

- *Anabaptist Dramatic Readings* by Alan and Eleanor Kreider (24 readings)
- *Financial Foundations: Stewardship Curriculum for High School Students*, a collaborative effort of MSC and Everence (which offers additional resources on its website)
- Age-appropriate ideas can be found in the *Journeys with God* Bible curriculum (kindergarten through eighth grade) and the *Mennonite Schools Council High School Bible Curriculum* by Elam Peachey (updated by Bronwyn Histan in 2010)
- *Teaching that Transforms: Why Anabaptist-Mennonite Education Matters* by John D. Roth in 2011
- Free study guides for *Teaching that Transforms*
- *Through Fire and Water: An Overview of Mennonite History* by Harry Loewen and Steven M. Nolt (updated by Nolt in 2010)

Consider a Sunday

While Christian Formation Sunday materials use scripture designated for the second Sunday in September, MEA and MennoMedia would like to encourage you to plan a Christian Formation Sunday or use some of the material on a date that is best for your congregation. Go to www.MennoniteEducation.org/Sunday to access current materials.