

Report to Allegheny Mennonite Conference August 2013

Greetings from the education agency of **Mennonite Church USA!**

Mennonite Education Agency partners with the church, member schools of Mennonite Schools Council, five colleges/universities, two seminaries, and educational programs to *strengthen Mennonite Church USA through education*. MEA staff coordinates events for educators and boards, provides support for leadership programs such as Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA) and Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH), and works with leaders to discern educational needs and trends. To learn more, visit www.MennoniteEducation.org.

Thank you Allegheny Mennonite Conference for your generous gifts to Mennonite education!

MEA believes in the transforming power of Mennonite education in the lives of individuals. Your gifts help support this work.

Giving* from Allegheny Mennonite Conference congregations:

July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012 - \$4,734.50

**Includes gifts for higher education, MEA and Racial/Ethnic Leadership Education.*

We are grateful to those serving on Mennonite education boards and committees:

- **MEA Board:** James Rosenberger, University

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

Anabaptist Learning Institute (ALI)

ALI is offered through a collaborative effort between Mennonite colleges/universities, the Mennonite Schools Council and MEA. The four courses have been offered onsite for teachers and other leaders since 2005. Beginning in 2013, ALI courses will be offered online through the Mennonite Learning Network, an MEA initiative. The first course, “Learning the Language of Community,” will begin in February; to learn more: www.MennoniteEducation.org/ALI.

Education Leaders Gathering (ELG) 2013

ELG, a professional development opportunity from an Anabaptist perspective for administrators and boards, is coordinated by MEA and planned in collaboration with Mennonite educational institutions. ELG 2013, February 14-16, in Orlando, Fla., was held in conjunction with MHS Alliance’s Mennonite Health Assembly for the first time. The joint theme was “Awakening Imagination” and featured presentations by leaders including:

- Juana Borda, founding president of the National Hispana Leadership Institute and author of *Salsa, Soul, and Spirit: Leadership for a Multicultural Age*
- John Paul Lederach, founding director of the Conflict Transformation Program and Institute of Peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University
- Daryl Smith, a professor and former administrator at Claremont Graduate University
- Ervin Stutzman, executive director of Mennonite Church USA

Connecting with Mennonite education

- Pray for Mennonite education using specific prayer requests in **Prayers for Faith and Learning**. E-mail for a free subscription: subscribe@MennoniteEducation.org.
- Distribute the one-page **Christian Formation Sunday** bulletin insert (available online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Sunday). Invite alumni/students to share with the congregation about the impact Mennonite education had/is having on their Christian formation.
- Encourage parents and teachers working with preschoolers to join the **Mennonite Early Childhood Network** to access Anabaptist-related and age-appropriate resources at www.MennoniteEducation.org/MECN.



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