
Bethel College has been privileged to serve the Mennonite Church USA in a special way this year by hosting a number of significant meetings with implications for the broader church:

- A benefit concert for Mennonite Disaster Service that raised over \$5000 for MDS's continuing work in and around Oklahoma City.
- Hosting a Faith Mentoring conversation on our campus that involved all of the vice-presidents for student life and most of the campus pastors at all five U.S. Mennonite colleges.
- Co-sponsoring a highly successful symposium on "Engaging Our Sexual Culture" with the Western District Conference's Human Sexuality Discernment Committee, featuring presentations by Ted Swartz of Ted & Co. and Keith Graber Miller of Goshen College.
- Hosting another wonderful symposium, this one entitled "Mothering Mennonite," with accessible and interesting presentations by faculty members from almost all the Mennonite colleges and universities in both the US and Canada.
- Sponsoring the second in a series of Worship and the Arts symposia, made possible by an endowment established by the generosity of Rosella and Harold Duerksen and the Estate of Lucille Graber. This one again featured Thomas Long of Candler School of Theology at Emory University and John Ferguson of St. Olaf College. The focus this time was on death, dying, and the Christian funeral. It was a remarkably successful event, deeply appreciated, especially by pastors.
- Last month the Constituency Leaders Council, as well as the Mennonite Education Agency Board, held meetings on the Bethel College campus. The former meeting was chaired by the moderator-elect of MC USA, Bethel College's own Dr. Patricia Shelly.

Add to that a very successful 24-Hour Prayer Event planned and hosted by our student chaplains, some powerful chapel services—not to mention a significant enrollment increase—and it has indeed been a very good year.

After thirty years at Bethel College, I have decided to retire at the close of this academic year. It has been a wonderful, meaningful, satisfying journey, and I thank all of you who have supported me throughout those thirty years. Peter Goerzen, currently the pastor at Grace Hill Mennonite Church, rural Whitewater, KS, will be my replacement, and I am confident that church relations and campus pastoring at Bethel will be in excellent hands when I am gone. God has indeed provided!

In gratitude for the prayers and good wishes of the Allegheny Mennonite Conference, we humbly ask for your continued support.