

**Workshops at MHF Annual Gathering 2015
July 19-21, 2015, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Theme: “Walking Together for Healthy Communities”**



Health Care Delivery to the Poor: A Personal Calling - Ann Thyle

Ann Thyle will follow up her plenary presentation by sharing further on how the Lord blessed her journey from a promising young postgraduate anesthesiologist to living out the vision of Emmanuel Hospital Association (EHA) "to serve the poor and marginalized in the name and Spirit of Jesus Christ." She will also share further about her passion for justice for the poor and her current pioneering work as a palliative care physician working to set up hospice care in villages near EHA hospitals for terminally ill persons who are often virtually invisible and neglected by the healthcare system and

society.



A Little One Shall Lead Them: Reimagining Leadership on the Journey Toward Health – David Gullman

As we embrace the journey toward God’s Shalom, we discover that it is the little ones, the powerless ones, the foolish ones, the vulnerable ones who will show us the way. Recognizing the state of our reality both nationally and internationally this workshop will focus on the implications of this vision of leadership for the church and society as we know it today.



Engaging Congregations in Health Ministries – Linda E. Witmer

Congregations can be central to a holistic health ministry which develops specific programs to meet congregational needs. Out of her background as a nurse, mission leader, community developer, educator, and spiritual director in both Guatemala and the U.S., Linda Witmer shares ideas and insights on engaging congregations in health ministries.



Reducing Maternal Mortality in Rural Tanzania – Bwire Chirangi

Dr. Chirangi, chief medical officer at Shirati DMK Hospital in Tanzania will share the results of a recent study in which he participated and co-authored an article published in Health Care for Women International entitled, “Women’s Health in Women’s Hands: Pilot Study Assessing the Feasibility of Providing Women with medications to Reduce Postpartum Hemorrhage and Sepsis in Rural Tanzania”. The full article is available on [PubMed](#).



Climate Change: Solutions to Global Health Threats – Catherine Thomasson

Climate change is already harming our health. The very young, old, laborers, chronically ill, low income, and other disadvantaged groups are most impacted. The good news is that solutions to climate change will reap immediate health benefits: lower air and water pollution and more livable cities. Hear how you can help make a healthy, fossil free future a reality. Catherine Thomasson, MD, is Executive Director of Physicians for Social Responsibility.



Responding to the Challenges of HIV/AIDS - Maurice Odhiambo Anyanga

This workshop will focus on the contribution of the Kenya Mennonite Church to the challenging and complex fight against the spread of HIV/AIDS.



Gun Violence: A Public Health Problem – J. Fred Kauffman & Curtis W. Book

Gun violence is a public health problem in the United States. The workshop will look at the roots and the magnitude of gun violence in the USA and some of its international dimensions. It will invite the audience to identify strategies to address gun violence.



Chasing Goosebumps -- Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught

In the creation of art, when an idea, image, or thought gives you a shiver, this is a sign the creative spirit is at work. When it happens within a comedic deconstruction of biblical text, it results in a special kind of goosebump. Ted Swartz and Jeff Raught will lead the group through a unique journey in chasing that particular phenomenon.

Workshop Schedule

Monday, July 20

10:30-11:45 a.m. Workshop Session 1

- A - Health Care Delivery to the Poor: A Personal Calling- Ann Thyle
- B - A Little One Shall Lead Them: Reimagining Leadership on the Journey Toward Health - David Gullman
- C - Engaging Congregations in Health Ministries - Linda E. Witmer
- D - Reducing Maternal Mortality in Rural Tanzania – Bwire Chirangi
- H - Chasing Goosebumps – Ted & Co.

1:00-2:15 p.m. Workshop Session 2

- A - Health Care Delivery to the Poor: A Personal Calling- Ann Thyle
- B - A Little One Shall Lead Them: Reimagining Leadership on the Journey Toward Health - David Gullman
- E - Climate Change: Solutions to Global Health Threats - Catherine Thomasson
- F - Responding to the Challenges of HIV/AIDS - Maurice Odhiambo Anyanga
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2:30-3:45 p.m. Workshop Session 3

- C - Engaging Congregations in Health Ministries - Linda Witmer
- D - Reducing Maternal Mortality in Rural Tanzania – Bwire Chirangi
- E - Climate Change: Solutions to Global Health Threats - Catherine Thomasson
- G - Gun Violence: A Public Health Problem - J. Fred Kauffman & Curtis Book

Tuesday, July 21

9:00-10:15 a.m. Workshops / Round Table Discussions

- F - Responding to the Challenges of HIV/AIDS - Maurice Anyanga
- G - Gun Violence: A Public Health Problem - J. Fred Kauffman & Curtis Book
- Round Table discussions – topics of interest