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WELCOME TO THE ANNUAL GATHERING 2014!

We return this year to the birthplace of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship with a theme that reflects the central purpose of MHF. How does our Christian faith intersect our lives as healthcare professionals? That's what we want to think and pray and talk about at Laurelville. We meet in a setting of natural beauty and facilities that meet the needs of the whole family at any stage in life. Whether you are a student, at the peak of your career, or in your retirement years, please join the conversation!

Updates to Annual Gathering information are available on the MHF website at mennohealth.org/gathering.



INFORMATION

Registration

Registration costs are designed to be family-friendly. Spouses can register at a reduced rate regardless of member status. The children's program rate is also very reasonable. If, however, you want to come and for some reason find the cost a barrier, please send an email to the MHF Office at info@mennohealth.org.

On the other hand, if you are able to give beyond your registration fee so that MHF can keep costs low for everyone and subsidize students, volunteers, large families, and others with low incomes, please do so. These extra contributions are tax deductible.

A yellow printed sheet is provided for those who wish to send in their reservation by mail. Registration is also available online at mennohealth.org/gathering.

Meals

Meals are traditionally served in the Dining Hall. We are asked to be prompt at the times scheduled. Shirt and shoes must be worn to enter the Dining Hall. Children 3-11 are charged half the adult rate; children 2 and under are free. If you have special dietary needs, please indicate with your registration or email the MHF Office at info@mennohealth.org.

Lodging Facilities

MHF has contracted for the four facilities listed on the registration form. Rates listed are per unit per night which includes a certain number of persons. Children 0-11 are free in a room with an adult. Otherwise, additional persons in a room are \$10/person/night.

Pictures and floor plans of the facilities are available on Laurelville's website under Plan Your Visit. For persons with disabilities, accessible rooms are available. Please indicate your needs with your registration form or email the MHF Office at info@mennohealth.org.

Children's Program

Laurelville has flexible indoor and outdoor space for children's activities. See the list under Family Activities. Supervised childcare and programming for infants through high school age youth will be available during all plenary and workshop sessions. Parents will be responsible for their children at meals, after the evening sessions, and Saturday late afternoon after the final workshop. Get your reservations in early so we know the age ranges and how best to organize age groupings. Watch the MHF website for childcare coordinators to be named soon.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES AT LAURELVILLE

Recreational facilities will be available at Laurelville. The swimming pool is generally open from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm. Room towels are not to be used at the pool. Please bring your own beach or bath towel.

Other recreational facilities include volleyball, basketball, ping pong, tennis, bocce ball, shuffleboard, mini golf, carpet ball, a ball field, and horse shoes. There are also extensive hiking trails with maps available from the Laurelville office.

Local Points of Interest

If you are interested in coming in early on Friday, there are the local recreational, historical and religious points of interest. Included are museums, specialty stores and factories, amusement parks, golf courses, and much more.

For further information, visit Laurelville's website at www.laurelville.org (see especially under "Plan Your Visit.") You can also email them at info@laurelville.org or call 800-839-1021.

WORSHIP AT ANNUAL GATHERING 2014

Jim & Angie Clemens—Music/Worship Leaders

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship is pleased to welcome Jim and Angie Clemens to lead us in music and worship. They will lead a period of worship at the start of each plenary session and during the Sunday morning worship service. On Saturday evening, following the ice cream social, they will lead a hymnsing as well.



Jim and Angie Clemens live in Dayton, Virginia. Angie teaches elementary music in the Rockingham (Virginia) public schools. Besides teaching, her non-musical passions include cooking, knitting, and reading. She plans and leads worship and music at Shalom Mennonite Congregation in Harrisonburg. Jim composes a wide range of vocal and instrumental music, engraves music for publishers and individuals, and nurtures

his love of the natural world as an amateur photographer and bird-watcher. Between them, Jim and Angie play a variety of string, wind, keyboard, and percussion instruments. They are the parents of Alex (19) and Lena (16).

How to Register

Fill out the yellow registration form (after carefully removing from the center of this program booklet) and send with your check. You can also register online starting at www.mennohealth.org/gathering. Electronic payment can be made by credit card or directly from your bank account (like writing a check but safer!). **Early registration deadline is May 30. Please help us by registering early** so we can make complete arrangements for your coming.

Friday, June 13

3:00 p.m.	Registration opens
5:15 p.m.	Supper
7:00 p.m.	Worship/Plenary Session "Our Faith Calls Us"—Scott Holland
8:30 p.m.	Snacks and Fellowship

Saturday, June 14

7:00 a.m.	Breakfast
8:30 a.m.	Worship/Plenary session "Our Faith Moves Us"—Tim and Jen Leaman
10:00 a.m.	Break
10:30 a.m.	Workshop Session 1
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
1:00 p.m.	Workshop Session 2
2:15 p.m.	Workshop Session 3
3:30 p.m.	Free time for recreation and networking
5:15 p.m.	Dinner
7:00 p.m.	Worship/Plenary Session "Our Faith Guides Us"—Panel
8:30 p.m.	Ice cream social and Hymnsing

Sunday morning, June 15

7:30 a.m.	Breakfast
9:30 a.m.	Worship "Our Faith Sends Us"—J. Melvin Janzen
11:45 a.m.	Lunch
12:00 noon	Room Checkout

PLENARY SESSIONS

A variety of speakers will share their stories illustrating the theme **Faith at Work: Practicing our Profession**. Each plenary session will open with worship led by Jim and Angie Clemens. Introductions to all presenters can be found on page 9.

Friday evening, 7:00 p.m.



Our Faith Calls Us **Scott Holland**

As a pastor and narrative theologian, Scott Holland will offer a story-shaped presentation on the many meanings of faith and its vocational call into the diverse adventures of professional life far beyond the sanctuary doors.

Saturday morning, 8:30 a.m.



Our Faith Moves Us **Tim & Jen Leaman**

Tim and Jen will share from their experiences of God moving them into their Philadelphia neighborhood. They will weave in stories and Scriptures that reflect on Tim's work at Esperanza Health Center, as well as their family and congregation's involvement in their Oxford

Circle neighborhood, where they are excited to catch glimpses of God's healing and transforming activity in their city.

Saturday evening, 7:00 p.m.



Our Faith Guides Us

Panel: **Joe Longacher, moderator**; Andrea Bieber, Kristine Kopp Charles, Lyubov Slashcheva

How do Christian professionals maintain integrity and deal with moral and ethical issues in their professional lives? Panelists will reflect on how their faith guides them in dealing with patients/

clients, with institutions, with difficult ethical decisions, and with areas of conflict.

Sunday Morning, 9:30 a.m.



Our Faith Sends Us **J. Melvin Janzen**

In a sermon entitled "Out of Headache and Heart Ache, a Message of Encouragement" Melvin will lead in reflections from the Apostle Paul's first "sending" work as found in Acts 13:13-48. The service will culminate with communion together.

ANNUAL GATHERING 2014 WORKSHOPS

Workshops will be offered on Saturday at the following times:

- (1) 10:30 a.m.,
- (2) 1:00 p.m., and
- (3) 2:15 p.m.

Each workshop will be offered twice except for the last one which is intended as an open invitation for all Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship members to dialogue with the MHF leadership about how the organization meets member needs. Introductions to all presenters can be found on page 9.

Mission, Intercession and Neighboring: Conversations on Living into God's Dreams for our Neighborhoods (1) (2)

Tim and Jen Leaman

Through additional stories and conversation, Tim and Jen will facilitate further discussion around the themes presented in their plenary session with particular focus on God's call to love our neighbors, to pray with our neighbors, and to join in God's work in restoring healthy communities.

Healthcare and Faith through Student Elective Term (1) (2)

John Stoeckle and Winona Houser

What is it like to learn and serve by doing a Student Elective Term (SET) in a mission setting of a developing country? Recently returned SET students will reflect on their overseas experience and how it helps shape their perspective as Christians and healthcare professionals. John Stoeckle will specifically share about how malaria research is changing lives in southern Zambia, and hopefully beyond.

Mentor, Coach, or Facilitator: What is the difference? (1) (2)

Randall Longenecker and Oralea Pittman

Medical education and practice tend to be extremely hierarchical. Words like "mentor" or "role model" (although both are excellent words and concepts) tend to accentuate this tendency in a culture which is very individualistic and attracted to expertise. Those terms work best in settings where the culture is more egalitarian and communal. In hierarchical cultures, words like "coaching," even "peer coaching," or "facilitation" frame the interaction as a more mutual one. A physician and a nurse practitioner who have collaborated in teaching and practice for 14 years will share their experiences as part of a learning community of students, residents, and practitioners. If you are interested in entering into this conversation...please join them!

The Illness/Injury Journey: Dimensions of Spiritual Struggle (1) (3)

J. Melvin Janzen

Using Louis Nieuwenhuizen's "Spiritual Care Illustrated," this workshop will give examples of how to hear the inner struggles of patients/clients.

Our Faith Feeds Us: Faith, Food and Health (2) (3)

Mary Beth Lind and Charity Grimes Bauman

Cultivation of the soil/soul feeds our bodies/spirits with health/shalom. A dietician/gardener is joined by a community organizer of urban gardens to share their passion for gardening and how it feeds us physically, emotionally, socially and spiritually. Join them for some hands-on experiences.

Faith at Work: The Role of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (3)

Joe Longacher / MHF Board

The intersection of faith and work is at the heart of the mission of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship. How has MHF worked on this in its two years of existence? What are the challenges that lie ahead? What do members themselves want MHF to be and do? MHF Board leaders will coordinate this discussion open to all MHF members.



**MHF Annual Gathering 2015
Sunday to Tuesday, July 19-21, 2015
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania**

Next year is an extra special year! Annual Gathering will begin on Sunday afternoon July 19 and run through Tuesday noon, July 21, 2015 immediately prior to Mennonite World Conference Assembly Gathered, July 21-26 in Harrisburg. We encourage you to plan for both events! A special Planning Committee is being formed to plan both the Annual Gathering and to coordinate our efforts with Mennonite World Conference for additional events at Assembly Gathered. We anticipate welcoming healthcare workers from many nations to join us for an internationally focused theme. Please watch for communications from MHF for reservations which will start earlier than usual. Please plan to join us for this exciting event!

PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES



Charity Grimes Bauman

Charity Grimes Bauman is the Community Outreach Coordinator at Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where she coordinates an edible garden outreach program in low-income neighborhoods. Her care for the environment and love of food have led to a passion for urban agriculture and food justice. Originally from Goshen, Indiana, Charity moved to Pittsburgh to do a year of service with PULSE, and has worked in the non-profit sector in the city since. She attends Pittsburgh Mennonite Church with her husband, Matt Bauman, and enjoys traveling, baking, and spending time outdoors.



Andrea J.E. Bieber MA, LPC

Andrea Bieber is a Licensed Professional Counselor who serves as the Administrative Coordinator for Family Life Resource Center, a non-profit Christian Counseling Agency in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Andrea also works in community mental health at Northwestern Community Services Board where she is the Continuing Care Programs Supervisor of a Psychosocial Rehabilitation Clubhouse and Mental Health Skill Building Transitional Apartments, both of which provide rehabilitative services to underserved persons with serious and persistent mental illnesses. Andrea maintains both of these positions at a part-time status so as to focus her efforts on the wellness of her own family and home life where she enjoys cooking and entertaining. Andrea and her husband, Shane, have two sons, Blaine (8) and Ray (3). In her spare time and with her family, anything athletic or outdoors are enjoyed. Andrea's motivation to serve the spiritual, emotional, and physical needs of others is motivated by the calling she receives from John 21:15-17--"Feed My Sheep."



Kristine Kopp Charles, MD

Kris Charles is a physician from State College, Pennsylvania. Following a half-time OB/GYN practice for sixteen years with Geisinger Medical Group, she is currently between jobs and actively discerning how her faith and profession can mesh. She is active in the Volunteers in Medicine Clinic in State College where she sees uninsured patients free of charge and recently took a medical trip to Nicaragua. Kris is an active member of University Mennonite Church. She is married to Tom Charles and they have two sons, one at Goshen College and one in high school. She enjoys being a soccer and golf mom as well as weekly women's Bible study, photography, running, and gardening.



Scott Holland, PhD

Scott Holland is Professor of Theology & Culture and Director of Peace Studies at Bethany Theological Seminary in partnership with the Earlham School of Religion in Richmond, Indiana. He divides his time between Richmond and Pittsburgh where his spouse Shari teaches behavioral science on the faculty of the Family Medicine Residency Program of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in McKeesport, Pennsylvania. Holland has pastored both Mennonite and Church of the Brethren congregations. He has been a Peace Church representative and theological consultant to the World Council of Churches for the past twelve years. These assignments have taken him across Africa, Asia, Europe and the Americas for the work of overcoming violence and seeking cultures of peace. He also collects antiquarian books and grows many varieties of basil.



Winona Houser, MD

Winona Houser is a 2014 graduate of Penn State College of Medicine. She will begin her residency in Family Medicine this summer. In February 2014 she had the opportunity to spend a month working at Shirati KMT Hospital in Tanzania through the SET program.



J. Melvin Janzen, MDiv, BCC

Melvin Janzen has pastored church planting congregations in Sioux Falls, South Dakota and Madison, Wisconsin and has served as staff chaplain in two university hospitals (UW Hospital & Clinics, Madison, Wisconsin and UVA Health System, Charlottesville, Virginia) for nearly 24 years. His hobbies include gardening and home remodeling and he also enjoys walking, hiking, and biking in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains. Out of his own interest in "The Illness/Injury Journey," he discovers a deepening of his own ability to listen to pain and suffering.



Tim Leaman, MD & Jen Leaman, MSW

Tim and Jen Leaman live in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Tim works at Esperanza Health Center as a family physician and the site medical director of EHC's Kensington office. Jen volunteers regularly in their children's neighborhood public school and serves on the board of the Oxford Circle Christian Community Development Association. Tim and Jen attend Oxford Circle Mennonite Church where Jen helps to lead worship and Tim provides leadership to the prayer ministry. Tim and Jen have three children: Isaiah (10), Josiah (7) and Ana (5). They enjoy taking walks in their Oxford Circle neighborhood, finding new ethnic restaurants, gardening and hanging out with neighbors and friends.



Mary Beth Lind, MS, RDN, LD

Mary Beth Lind comes from Philippi, West Virginia. She promotes health and wellness as a consultant dietitian with the WIC program, schools, fitness centers, and individuals. She and her husband, Lester Lind, raise most of their own food and market raspberries. She says that her garden and kitchen are the places she most often experiences her true self and God. Her hobbies are reading and being in nature—hiking, canoeing, cross-country skiing, and harvesting wild foods.



Joseph Longacher, MD

Joe Longacher is from Harrisonburg, Virginia, having retired at the end of 2012 as a gastroenterologist in Richmond, Virginia. He graduated from Eastern Mennonite College (1959), and the Medical College of Virginia (1963). After an internship and four years of service as a General Practitioner in Appalachia (eastern Kentucky), he did a residency in Internal Medicine from 1968 to 1970, followed by a fellowship in Gastroenterology, both at the Medical College of Virginia. Following three years in Bluffton, Indiana from 1972 to 1975, he returned to Richmond and was in practice with Virginia Physicians through 2012. In addition to clinical practice, Joe was also an Associate Clinical Professor of Internal Medicine and member of the Admissions Committee at the Medical College of Virginia. Joe is the current President of Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship and lives with his wife, Constance, in Harrisonburg.



Randall Longenecker MD

Randall Longenecker is Assistant Dean for Rural and Underserved Programs and Professor of Family Medicine at Ohio University Heritage College of Osteopathic Medicine in Athens, Ohio. He is also Executive Director of The RTT Collaborative, an emerging network of individuals and programs committed to sustaining health professions education in rural places. Dr. Longenecker considers himself a “reflective practitioner,” academically minded, yet intensely pragmatic! He is a passionate advocate for place-based rural medical education and practice improvement. Whether engaged in doctoring, curricular design, organizational development, parenting (now grand-parenting) or photography, he is intrigued with the ideas of complexity science, minimalist structure, peer facilitation, and the “genius of small” as the new economy of scale. Although tempted to be the “sage on the stage” and often placed in that position, he much prefers to be a “guide on the side.”



Oralea Pittman DNP, FNP-BC

Oralea Pittman works as a family nurse practitioner and teaches and precepts family nurse practitioner students. Her interests include a curiosity about how learning takes place in the preceptor- student relationship. She is also interested in how health care providers can collaborate among themselves and with patients to achieve the best outcomes. She enjoys reading, travel, and spending time with family.



Lyubov Slashcheva, BA, DDS Candidate

Raised in Virginia’s Shenandoah Valley upon emigrating from Kazakhstan, Lyubov Slashcheva graduated from Eastern Mennonite University (EMU) with a BA in Biology. Interning with a dental/medical missions organization for four months in Honduras and Peru, she then settled in Richmond, Virginia to pursue dental education at Virginia Commonwealth University as a National Health Service Corps Scholar. She continues to be involved in tutoring/mentoring, local community service, and domestic/foreign mission efforts and passionately seeks to integrate her faith into the development of her career as an oral healthcare professional.



John Stoeckle, MD

John Stoeckle is a first-year family medicine resident at Thomas Jefferson University. He is passionate about health care research, policy and advocacy, especially for the underserved. He is married to Sarah Massanari Stoeckle, and lives in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, attending Oxford Circle Mennonite Church. He is an avid runner and skier.

Please contact the MHF office at any time with your ideas, comments, questions, and concerns:



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