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ON THE COVER

Main photo: Lao Mennonite Fellowship and community members with "Mother Lena" at center. Photo courtesy of Kanthaly Bounma.

Small photo: Future leaders in the Karen community. Photo courtesy of Jonathon Charles.

Head, Heart, and Hands

Making disciples involves more than a program

BY DR. MARVIN LORENZANA

In 2019, I wrote a booklet for Mennonite Mission Network's *Missio Dei* series called *Not Just Disciples, but Disciple Makers!* On page 3 I said,

Discipleship becomes institutionalized when it is co-opted by human methodologies. Somehow, we seem to believe that our methods are better than Jesus' methods of disciple making. Discipleship cannot and should not be put in an institutional box as it is by nature an organic relational process between human beings with enormous potential for the transformation of all participants and the spiritual renewal of local congregations.

For the last 15 years, I've been intrigued by discipleship. I am asking questions like:

- Who is ultimately responsible for it?
- What are the best practices for discipleship that makes more disciples of Jesus, making disciples generation after generation?
- Why does the local church, in most cases, miss the mark for this multiplying discipleship described so clearly in the Gospels?

These are essential questions that we must ask ourselves if we want to move forward as God's people into God's mission.

Jesus did not come to launch just a church. He launched a powerful movement toward the Father that grows when disciples of Jesus make more disciples of Jesus. These disciples multiply the life of Jesus within them into someone else. This is what a spiritual movement looks like!

Disciples were made, the sick were made whole, the physically and spiritually hungry were fed, the possessed were cured of their afflictions, and sinners were brought back into a life-changing, all-encompassing relationship with God. All barriers were broken: political, economic, social, racial, and gender. This is the discipleship revolution Jesus launched. However, what we often find in our local churches is a domesticated, lame and tame expression of discipleship. A tame discipleship emphasizes knowledge acquisition over total transformation of being, which leads to doing and leading in Kingdom work.

This institutionalization of discipleship seems too common in local congregations today. In most churches in America, discipleship has been reduced either to a set of classes (curriculum) offered to new believers to help them get their spiritual journey



Baptism at Steelton Mennonite Church, LMC photo archive.

started or more advanced study in Sunday School to aid established believers gain spiritual maturity and better understanding of the Christian faith.

Discipleship, however, is a more organic, more active, life-on-life experience that involves “head, heart, and hands.” I see this as the approach Jesus used with his disciples as seen in the Gospels.

HEAD

The Gospels describe the ministry of Jesus as that of an authoritative teacher. Jesus proclaimed and instructed his disciples regularly just as a Jewish rabbi would have done in Jesus’ era. For Jesus, it was important that his disciples would have the right theological understanding about God, his mission, and even of themselves as God’s people.

To do this, Jesus made use of literary tools such as parables. This puts him right in the tradition of the ancient wisdom teachers in Israel. Yes, Jesus used parables, similes, and metaphors, and he used them effectively and powerfully. Jesus aimed at the “head” of his disciples because it was of the utmost importance that they knew how to do deep and life-giving theological reflection. Knowing how to reflect theologically is important. However, the “head” alone would never be sufficient to shape the life of a disciple into the likeness of Jesus. For Christlikeness, much more is necessary. Jesus also aimed at the “heart” of his disciples.

HEART

In the *Missio Dei* booklet, I described how Jesus also aimed at working intentionally with his disciples’ hearts:

Because Jesus tested their hearts’ motivations by asking the disciples thought-provoking questions. Jesus knew well that the human heart deceives by nature and he wanted to make sure the disciples’ actions were driven by God’s higher purposes and not by their own selfish desires for glory, fame or power. So, in Mark 8:17, Jesus asks them, “Why are you talking about having no bread? Do you still not see or understand? Are your hearts hardened?” And in John 21:16a, He wants to know of them, and more specifically directed to Peter, “Do you truly love me?” (7f)

From the beginning, Jesus told the disciples that he would make them into something different: “I have an agenda for you, come, follow me . . . and, when I’m done training you, you will be fishing for people!” (Matthew 4:19, my translation). Their occupation as fishermen morphed into a mission of fishing for people.

“Why is it so difficult for us in the American church to simply follow Jesus’ pattern? — especially when we see that Jesus’ pattern is simple and reproducible.”

However, this important shift was not going to be possible unless Jesus first transformed their inner motivations. Jesus was interested in them becoming not just disciples, but disciple makers. To do this, he needed to work intentionally in helping them become spiritually mature leaders. Jesus aimed at their inner motivation because his goal was to move them...

- from self-centeredness to putting others at the center;
- from “this is all about me” to “this is all about God and his grand vision for the cosmos;”
- from leading in ways that serve their own purposes to leading in ways that bring glory and honor to God.

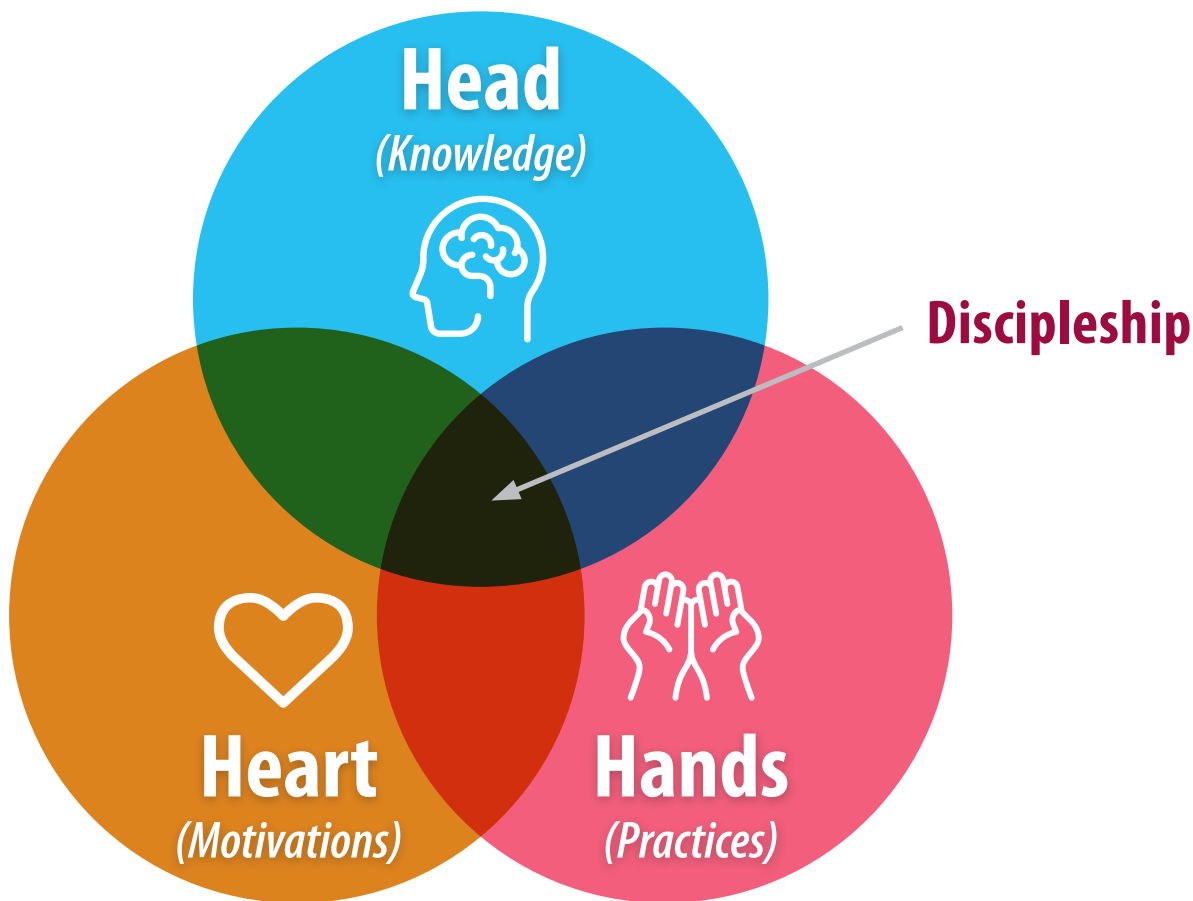
Mature and effective missional leaders can only work this way when they experience a radical heart change, and Jesus knew that quite well.

HANDS

Having the right thoughts and the right motivations are important. However, those two transformations are still not enough for a spiritual revolution toward God that impacts our immediate world. It is also necessary to impact peoples’ hands. Teaching disciples the right theological content and helping them examine their heart’s motivations must move them to action. As I’ve said before somewhere, “It is not only about being good but about being good for something meaningful.” The Gospels are full of examples where Jesus invited the disciples



Merle Smucker doing street evangelism in Reading, Pa., LMC photo archive.



to get their hands dirty with the work of ministry. We find him directing them in Matthew 14:16 to “give them something to eat” when faced with hungry crowds who had followed Jesus to a deserted area.

We also learn that Jesus was baptizing even more people than John the Baptist. Upon closer examination, we are told that it wasn’t Jesus who was doing the baptizing. It was his disciples who were doing the baptizing (John 4:1–3). This is the discipleship pattern that Jesus used, and he used it quite effectively. The fact that you and I believe in him today attests to the effectiveness of such a pattern across millenia. Can we imagine that Jesus would want us to follow this pattern also?

The question is, then, “Why is it so difficult for us in the American church to simply follow Jesus’ pattern? — especially when we see that Jesus’ pattern is simple and reproducible.” But simple and reproducible does not mean easy. It is not easy at all. We assume that preaching, teaching, and the right theological content will be enough for us to develop reproducing disciples. Or we assume that moral, ethical, humble disciples or an activist lifestyle will be enough. Singular focus is much easier.

But the inability to embrace all three has created an anemic discipleship of colossal proportions that has the potential to annul the impact of God’s church in the West.

Jesus clearly said to his disciples, “I’m the way ...” These words, I strongly believe, not only mean that he is the way to our Father in heaven. It also means that he is “the way” — the model to follow — in how we are supposed to live in *this Kingdom of God* that he inaugurated. Jesus aimed at the head, heart, and hands of his own disciples, and we should do likewise. ■

Marvin Lorenzana serves as EMM President. He and his wife, Marianna, enjoy traveling, meeting new people, and serving Christ together.



FREE DOWNLOAD

Download a copy of Marvin Lorenzana's booklet, *Not just disciples, but disciplemakers* (MMN, 2019).

English: assets.mennonites.org/Downloads/MissioDei29_MDI_C20.pdf

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Making Disciples of Jesus

Fruit from the outreach of Slate Hill Mennonite Church

BY KHANTHALY BOUNMA

Ephesians 4:16 “From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.”

I encountered God through the witness of a group of people speaking a strange and foreign language who provided shelter, food, transportation, clothing, and necessities to a family they had never met before. Without expectation of anything in return, this group committed and invested their time, energy, and resources to this family. This family of six with one on the way had never experienced such compassion, love, patience, and grace. The parents were forced to take refuge in a neighboring country at a registered U.N. sponsored camp, and the children were born into a stateless identity. That is, until the family eventually resettled in Harrisburg, Pa in the early 1990's.

This is my story. My first encounter with Jesus came through the body of Christ who poured their love, prayers, and support into a Laotian refugee family. And if you have not guessed, the strange and foreign language that we learned to embrace was English. In my opinion, English will always be strange due to its complex grammar!

Slate Hill Mennonite Church sponsored our family, two Vietnamese families, and many other Laotian families from the mid 1970s to the early 1990s. As Lena Horning Brown wrote in 1997, “we tried to be Jesus to them... building relationships and trust. We shared Jesus through Scripture—at first with a flannel graph and the help of an interpreter. Later, they read Scripture in Laotian and sang Lao songs... and a Lao Fellowship has been born.” Lena Brown led the sponsorship ministry at Slate Hill, and helped the new families settle into their life in the United States. Her love and commitment inspired my yearning to learn more about this Jesus. We regard and cherish her as “Mother Lena” to the Lao community for her dedication, love, and humility.

Though perhaps overused, it is evidence that “actions speak louder than words.” Movement involves action. That action entails observing and being obedient to the Spirit's promptings. The good news of Jesus was not only shared verbally, but

through believers' service to the Lao—service that resonates with the very nature of Jesus. The body of Christ is empowered by God's Spirit who counsels and guides each part individually to mold, shape, and move us forward. Jesus is the example that his followers are called to imitate. The Slate Hill community was God's witness. They introduced Lao refugees to a new understanding of grace, reconciliation, and salvation. The Spirit flowed through their action and made disciples of Jesus.

Four decades later the Lao still worship at the church where they became disciples of Jesus. Their earlier encounter, past experiences, and new perspective have equipped them to extend the same grace shown to them. With the guidance of the Holy Spirit, they served many families that came, stayed, or continued to move on. They continue to share the gospel with those who visit from Laos so they can go back home to share Jesus with others.

In 2018, the Lao Fellowship embraced a new Thai family that arrived in the United States in search of a better life. It was

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a beautiful extension of discipleship as the Lao Mennonite Fellowship provided for the needs of the newcomers. The similarity in the Lao and Thai languages allowed us to preach in Lao and English; however, there was still a learning curve. Thai Bibles were gifted from a friend returning home from

her missionary work overseas. This gave the Lao Fellowship the ability to include Scripture reading in all three languages—English, Lao, and Thai.

The Spirit continues to move through our fellowship and enriches us with a mixture of culture and language. Through the Spirit's guidance, we will continue to express Christ's love as it was shown to us, especially with those who have yet to experience such grace, reconciliation, and love. In Matthew 28:19, Jesus commissioned His followers to “therefore go and make disciples of all nations.” This is a call for us to act now and to allow the Spirit to lead this movement in making disciples of Jesus. ■

Khantaly Bounma is part of the leadership team of Slate Hill Lao Mennonite Fellowship. She recently graduated from STEP.



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LAO MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

BY KHANTHALY BOUNMA

A typical service at Lao Mennonite Fellowship uses both the English and Lao languages. Since we now have a Thai family attending our fellowship, we mix a little Thai into the Scripture reading. The Lao and Thai languages are similar. So you could say that every service uses three languages. We rotate the sermon among three regular preachers plus one other speaker who speaks once a quarter. We worship at Slate Hill Mennonite Church in Camp Hill, Pa.

THE LAOTIAN LANGUAGE

Laos is located on the Indo-Chinese peninsula of Southeast Asia. About half the population speaks Laotian or Lao, the official language of the Lao People's Democratic Republic. Half the population speaks Lao and the other half speaks a variety of 90 local languages. More people speak Lao in northeast Thailand than speak it in Laos. Laotian and Thai, the official language of Thailand, are both in the Tai family of languages, and they are similar enough for mutual understanding.

Lao is a tonal language where different tones distinguish between words that otherwise sound the same but have a different meaning (like eight and ate). It is also an analytic language, meaning it organizes words and grammar with a strict word order, like English, instead of using word prefixes and suffixes to indicate grammar, like Hebrew and Greek. About 33 million people speak Lao around the world.



Lao Mennonite Fellowship at Slate Hill, Pa. Photos provided by Kanthaly Bounma.

Right: Lao Mennonite Fellowship at EMM Global Fair.



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- Make disciples of Jesus.
- Mobilize every member as a missionary.
- Multiply faith communities locally and abroad!

Karen Translation

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HABECKER MENNONITE CHURCH

Habecker Mennonite Church is not just for Karen people. We offer hospitality to people from any language or race. We worship mostly in English and Karen, but we also have people who speak Spanish and Burmese in our congregation. We love music, and we love to worship and fellowship together. On weekends we have extra worship services in people's homes that are mainly in Karen language. There are other places Karen gather to worship, but Habecker is considered the hub in Lancaster. – *Mu Kaw, worship leader*

Pastors Chris and Dawn Landes partner with Karen church leaders, Htoo Gay and Mary Win, who organize the worship services that are mainly in the Karen language. We work together as a congregation in different languages, but we have the same heart. We love each other and care for each other. – *Mya Ray, lay leader*

THE KAREN LANGUAGE

The Karenic languages are spoken primarily in the coastal areas of Thailand and in the lower regions of Burma. There are three main Karen languages and many dialects spoken by some seven million people around the globe. The main types are S'gaw (pronounced Skaw), Western Pwo Karen and Eastern Pwo Karen. It is generally held that the Karen languages derive from the Tibeto-Burman group of the Sino-Tibetan language family, so there may be ancient Chinese links. Languages of the Karen group have been greatly influenced by languages of the Thai and Austro-Asiatic families.

S'gaw is spoken by over one million people in Burma and Thailand. Generally, S'gaw is the more common language as a lot of Pwo Karen also speak S'gaw. Only a small percentage of Karen speak Thai. Jonathan Wade, an American Baptist missionary, created a written script for Karen using the Burmese alphabet about 1830.



Future leaders in the Karen community. Photos courtesy of Jonathon Charles.



Karen worship in S'Gaw Karen.

FROM AROUND LMC

Congregations who would like to report briefly on events in their congregation should send a descriptive paragraph and a high resolution picture to smartin@LMCchurches.org.

SPRING LEADERSHIP ASSEMBLY



The hybrid Spring Leadership Assembly occurred on April 30 at Camp Hebron and via Zoom link. The event focused on spiritual refreshment and nurture of LMC leaders through the ministry of Eldon Fry and a series of workshop

leaders. Some of the content will soon be posted at the LMC website and the LMC Youtube channel.

EXPONENTIAL

A group of EMM staff and LMC bishops and staff traveled to Tennessee, March 3-5, to participate in an Exponential training event. The resourcing centered around the Holy Spirit's capacity and dimension to multiply disciples. It was a rich, challenging, and inspirational experience for the group of LMC and EMM leaders.

NEW ONLINE COURSES

William Higgins offers a variety of online classes. His *Studies in Scripture* classes are in-depth studies of key biblical passages. The goal is to understand Scripture better, learn how to interpret Scripture, learn to hear the Spirit speak to us through Scripture, and grow in faithfulness. There are three of these courses at present: Learning How to Pray: The Lord's Prayer (4 sessions); Study of the Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7 (12 sessions); and Gospel of Mark 1-3 (8 sessions). He also provides *Reading Groups*, which focus on various books that speak to Christian life and faithfulness. The Anabaptist Classics reading group has three offerings: The Swiss Anabaptists (4 sessions); The South German, Austrian Anabaptists (4

sessions); and The Dutch Anabaptists (4 sessions). The group reads and discusses early Anabaptists writings. Coming soon is an Anabaptist spirituality reading group, which focuses on the book, *Following in the Footsteps of Jesus*, by Arnold Snyder and several other writings exploring Anabaptist Christian understandings of salvation, life in the Spirit and important spiritual practices. Lastly, he leads *Anabaptist Faith and Practice* classes, which explores belief and life as Anabaptist Christians. These classes explore important Anabaptist themes biblically, historically and theologically. Currently, *Loving Enemies*, *Overcoming Evil with Good* (8 sessions) and *Baptizing Believers, Forming Communities of Faith* (6 sessions) are completed. Coming soon is *Reading Scripture Christocentrically* (7 sessions). For more information or to register contact William at whiggins@lmcchurches.org and the LMC website.



STEP GRADUATION

On May 15, seven STEP students graduated from the three-year program. The ceremony was held at Slate Hill Mennonite Church in Camp Hill, Pa. The pandemic required most of the monthly STEP classes to be held virtually with Zoom. Graduates were Khanthaly Bounma, Slate Hill Mennonite Church, PA; Rachel Bucher, West End Mennonite Fellowship, PA; Jackie Hibshman, Glade Mennonite Church, MD; Susan Hochstedler, Elizabethtown

Mennonite Church, PA; Eric Lehman, Pleasant View Mennonite Church, PA; Brenden Qui, Immanuel Christian Fellowship, NY, and Luke Weaver, Meckville Mennonite Church, PA.



GREAT LAKES WEST PASTOR RETREAT

Keith Weaver led a weekend retreat for the pastors in the Great Lakes West district in May. The weekend focused on living a deeper life in Christ.

MULLET FOR MISSIONS

Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community creatively enabled high-school students to fulfill their commitment for a July mission trip to Costa Rica with Vidanet. The Mullets for Missions fundraiser helped with unexpected costs resulting from COVID-19 realities. The congregation was invited to donate, and Pastors Dale Zimmerman, Brian Martin, and Al Stoltzfus agreed to a mullet haircut and dyed shades of blond if the goals were met.



Many of the youth and advisors joined in the spirit of generosity and also received a mullet cut. The funds enabled 33 people, including 23 junior and senior-high-school youth and 8 advisors, to go on the mission trip. Additional monies were used to start a Youth Group Sharing Fund and to support Bible Quizzing.

NEWS NOTES

CREDENTIAL ACTIVITY

The following men and women were licensed, ordained, or installed in recent months.

Matt Chambers (*Megan*) was ordained as associate pastor at Maple Grove Mennonite Church in Atglen, PA.

Jeremy Chubb (*Sara*) was licensed for specific ministry as music and youth pastor at Slate Hill Mennonite Church in Camp Hill, PA.

Diogenes Arauz (*Ana*) was ordained as lead pastor of Jehovah Light and Hope, a church plant of Evangelical Garifuna Church of Manhattan in Manhattan, NY.

Margarito "Elvis" Martinez (*Dina Castillo*) was ordained as lead pastor at Evangelical Garifuna Church of Manhattan in Manhattan, NY.

Ricardo Ordenez (*Cindy*) was ordained as associate pastor at Evangelical Garifuna Church of Manhattan in Manhattan, NY.

Chadwick and Monica Neufeld were licensed toward ordination as co-pastors/church planters of Harbor Fellowship in Lancaster, PA.

Aaron Yeager (*Sophie*) was licensed toward ordination as teaching/preaching pastor at Shubert Mennonite Church in Bethel, PA.

Tewoderos Desta Atelaw (*Beletu Menegsha Abebe*) was ordained as a church planter at Gospel Power Evangelical Church in Hillsboro, OR.

William Daniels was licensed for specific ministry as lead pastor of King of Glory in Bronx, New York.

Rodney Horst (*Faith*) was ordained as pastor of care ministries at Weaverland Anabaptist Faith Community in East Earl, PA.

OPEN POSITIONS AT LMC

Conference Minister – this is a part-time, two-days per week position. This individual will work with the LMC Credentialing Commission to credential new leaders, work with congregations to update and maintain their child protection policies, assist congregations and leaders in conflict and transition, and help to assimilate new congregations.

Intercultural Leadership Minister – this is a full-time position. This individual will pursue justice through helping LMC to dismantle racism, equip leaders to become interculturally competent, promote and develop resources and tools to equip all followers of Jesus. A bachelor's degree in a related field such as in the areas of peace and justice studies, sociology or community ministry development or equivalent intercultural experience is required. Applicants should also have at least three years of leadership experience. The ideal candidate will be willing to

travel and network with various ethnic groups. This person must be an active participant in an LMC congregation. Strong administrative skills are required as well as the ability to build teams and engage with existing prayer and leadership teams. A complete ministry description is available upon request.

To apply for either of these positions, please send a cover letter and resume to Marcia at mmylin@lmcchurches.org or mail to: LMC, Attn. Marcia Mylin, 2160 Lincoln Hwy E., Box 5, Lancaster PA 17602.

LMC LEGACY FOUNDATION GRANTS

The LMC Legacy Foundation in its most recent cycle awarded one grant. Dr. Brinton Rutherford, LMC, received a \$24,000 award for "Influencing Behavioral Health and Wellness of LMC Leaders and Members with the IDI Psychometric Tool and Qualitative Wellness Assessment." The project seeks to increase intercultural competence in LMC. Since 50% of LMC congregations are predominantly people of color, this is critical for mission. The project equips leaders and members to increase intercultural competence and, hence, increase overall wellness. The project will first address internal LMC policy questions. Second, the project will address resource development by the African-American Leadership Team to aid leaders and congregations to move out of "minimization" toward "adaptation" in the language of the Intercultural Development Inventory.

CCL 2022

The next Celebration of Church Life will be held on June 10-12, 2022 at Camp Hebron, 957 Camp Hebron Road, Halifax PA. This is a multi-day family event, so plan to attend as part of your family vacation. Lodging, meals, and approximate costs will be available soon. We hope you'll be able to attend!

LMC OFFICE MOVING

The LMC office will move to 450 N. Prince Street sometime in October. Both the LMC Conference Executive Council and the EMM Board approved the move in their last meetings. After 30 years, LMC and EMM will again share the same building space. Significant details related to property issues still need final approval, but that work is in progress.

EDUCATION GRANTS

The LMC Education Grants Committee awarded \$7,400 to 11 students. The next grant cycle closes July 15. To apply for an education grant visit lmcchurches.org/edu-grants.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Complete calendar and more details available at LMCchurches.org.

Monday Night Prayer Gathering

Every first Monday of each month

7:00–8:00 p.m. via Zoom

LMC office, Lancaster, Pa.

717-293-5246

LMC Children & Youth Ministry Leaders

Every 4th Tuesday of the month

7:00–8:00 p.m., virtual meeting

Contact Marcia at mmysin@lmcchurches.org

for the zoom link.

EMM/LMC – Evening of Prayer & Fasting

October 1

6:00–10:00 p.m.

450 N. Prince Street, Lancaster, Pa.

Women's Prayer Gathering

Every first Friday of each month

8:00–9:00 a.m.

LMC office, Lancaster, Pa.

717-293-5246

God's Mission & Church: A Leadership Formation Retreat

August 19–21

Rosedale Bible College

Cost: \$125. More information at:

rosedale.edu/tim-retreat/

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To register please contact William at whiggins@lmcchurches.org

Six sessions
September 23rd - October 28th
Thursday evenings, 6:30-8:05 (EST)

A \$20 dollar donation is requested (from those who can) toward the STEP scholarship fund.
More Information at LMCchurches.org