

# Faith Connection

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*Faith Mennonite Church is a Christ-centered community which seeks to be a place of welcome and nurture for all. Our lives are guided by the life of Jesus and the historic peace position of the Mennonite Church. Our members are people from varied religious backgrounds, and diverse cultures, gay and straight, young and old. We invite you to join us in being a sign of God's healing and hope in our community and world.*

## **Pastoral Musings...**

Mennonites have a rather brief history of observing the liturgical seasons such as Advent and Lent and using the Common Lectionary of Sunday scripture readings used by many other Christian denominations. By now most of us know what to expect when we arrive at Advent, Christmas, Lent and Easter. But Pentecost?

Growing up, I always knew that Pentecost happened in the book of Acts, but I don't remember that we ever had a service in which we specifically commemorated the coming of the Holy Spirit. It seems my experience isn't entirely unique, for as the FMC Worship Commission met a few weeks back to plan for worship between Easter and Pentecost we found that none of us could recall or quickly imagine what a Pentecost worship should or might include. It appears that Pentecost is to our worship history much like the viola is to the orchestra, something of an orphan.

If we were asked to quickly list the three most important Christian holidays or festivals, I'm guessing that many would list Christmas, Thanksgiving, and Easter, in that order. First- and second-century Christians would more likely have listed Pentecost and Easter, and they may have given greater prominence to their baptismal day than to Christmas. Thanksgiving (Eucharist) was the name they gave to their regular celebration of the Lord's Supper.

Reading the book of Acts one finds frequent mention of the Holy Spirit as the force that was fueling and guiding the development of the Jesus movement. In the Gospel of John, Jesus promises that God will send the Spirit to accompany the Christian community as comforter, advocate, and revelation, leading people to faith and truth, when he is no longer physically present. And Paul, in writing to the churches that he formed, credits the Spirit with empowering the church through a variety of gifts.

This Pentecost (May 11) we will celebrate the Spirit at work in our midst: in the life of Leslie Minkler who will be baptized, giving testimony to God's work in drawing her into this community of faith, in the commitment of Mark Kaufman and Heather Wengerd to membership, and in the gifts and ministries of each of us.

In her book, *Teaching a Stone to Talk*, Annie Dillard speculates on what church might be like if we were to truly anticipate the work of the Spirit:

On the whole, I do not find Christians, outside of the catacombs, sufficiently sensible of conditions. Does anyone have the foggiest idea what sort of power we so blithely invoke? Or, as I suspect, does no one believe a word of it? The churches are children playing on the floor with their chemistry sets, mixing up a batch of TNT to kill a Sunday morning. It is madness to wear ladies' straw hats and velvet hats to church; we should all be wearing crash helmets. Ushers should issue life preservers and signal flares; they should lash us to our pews. For the sleeping god may wake someday and take offense, or the waking god may draw us out to where we can never return.

If the One who draws us out is Advocate and Comforter, we need not fear where we shall be led. Wishing you powerful Pentecost blessings!

--*Joetta Schlabach*

"The best way to know God is to love many things."

--*Vincent Van Gogh*

## ***What's happening at FMC...***

### **Deacons Launch “It Takes a Village” Family Support Program**

Each time we have a child/parents dedication service at FMC we emphasize the role of the entire faith community in raising and nurturing our children. Sometimes we need mechanisms to make sure this gets lived out in practical ways.

One of the characteristics of our church is that many individuals and households do not have extended family members living nearby. The importance of these relationships becomes very clear when children enter a household. The pressures on a family are very great during child-bearing and pre-school years when parenting requires 24-7 care, even as career and often education also demand significant time and energy. Many of our young families do almost all of their own childcare by working less than full time, which means the family may have a limited budget for entertainment and babysitters.

One way to make sure that families with young children feel supported and connected would be to link them with a couple or single person at part of the child dedication process. The “villager” could be a couple who does not have children, a couple at the empty-nest stage, or a single person. The role these persons would play would be the same as if they were actual grandparents or aunts/uncles:

- Sit with the family during worship. This is especially helpful to parents during the time when children transition from the nursery to remaining in the sanctuary for worship. Children will often act out less when they are with people with whom they have a close relationship. A “grandparent” or “aunt/uncle” will often feel more free to share the guidance/limit-setting role than others who do not have a special relationship with the child. This helps free the parents to more fully enter into worship.
- Offer to babysit on a regular basis (frequency determined by the family and the “villager/s”)
- Share some holidays together when both are in town and do not have other family members visiting.
- Plan some outings and activities together.

There will be no fixed term for this kind of relationship. It will be on-going, but change over time as family needs change. When a child reaches middle-school they will begin a new relationship with someone through the mentoring program. If a “villager” moves away, a deacon or pastor will work with the family to determine whether they would like to be paired with another person/couple.

Would you like to enter a relationship like this with one of our young families? Please share your interest with one of the deacons (Candace Lutt, Martha Mayou, Mike Okerstrom, Beth Richardson, Hermann Weinlick) or pastor Joetta.

-- *The Deacons*

### **Simply in Season**

The Food & Spirituality adult education class (January-March) discussed the many connections between faith and spirituality and the food choices individuals and families make, in terms of nutrition, quality of foods, and also food production and transportation systems. As a way to give testimony to the understanding that food is a gift of God and to the desire to support local farmers and growers who practice sustainable agriculture, a summer project “Simply in Season” was developed.

Simply in Season invites FMC individuals and families to join together in harvesting (and processing, if desired) selected fruits and vegetables such as berries, tomatoes and apples. Sign-up sheets are posted at the back of the sanctuary to indicate interest in harvesting and/or processing (persons are free to purchase items in farm markets or bring items from their gardens or CSA boxes to the processing times). The Missions & Service Commission is contributing funds to involve several persons or families with financial constraints, recommended by community organizations, to join in the project. Some of the preserved items will provide snacks for the FMC nursery during 2008-09. Please direct questions you may have to Carol Harder, 651-457-8436.

### **Comings and Goings**

We are happy to welcome and get better acquainted with:

*Maggie Skelton and son Gavin (18 months)*  
*Wendy Brunner*

## Spring 2008 Graduates

Congratulations to all in the FMC family who will be graduating this spring. May God guide your paths as you continue in the next stage of your educational experience or begin working. We bid farewell to those who will be moving on and thank you for all you have contributed to our community during your time here.

### *High School*

**Sam Bartel**, Prior Lake High School, will enroll in the environmental engineering program at the University of Waterloo, Ontario.

**Tony Johnson**, South High School, is still deciding on a college for the fall.

**Greta Kreider Carlson**, Central High School, will attend Lewis & Clark College in Portland, Oregon.

**Rachel Okerlund**, Washburn High School, will attend Augsburg College.

### *College*

**Messay Tamrat**, Bachelors of Social Work, Goshen College. Messay will spend the summer at the Urban Life Center in Chicago and complete an internship.

**Ruth Gerber**, BA, Linguistics, Boston University. Ruth will be looking for work in the Twin Cities.

### *Graduate/Professional Programs*

**Emily Fisk**, Masters degree, Speech Pathology, University of Minnesota. Emily is applying for jobs locally.

**David Harder**, dual degrees of Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine and Master's of Public Health, University of Minnesota.

**Rachel Harder**, MA, Education, Hamline University. David and Rachel will be moving to Hutchinson, Kansas in July where David will begin an associate veterinarian position at Prairie Vista Veterinary Clinic. His position includes beef, dairy, equine and other associated food/agricultural work. Rachel is interviewing for jobs in education. They look forward to settling near Rachel's family.

**Kat Kohorst**, Master's degree, Developmental Disabilities; Certificate in Autism, University of Minnesota. Kat and Jason Draper will be married on June 14 and move shortly thereafter to Vancouver, British Columbia, where Jason will enroll in a doctoral program in chemistry at Simon Fraser University and Kat will seek a teaching position.

**Lara Nafziger**, JD, Hamline University School of Law. Lara will move to Colorado to take the Colorado State Bar and then begin working for the Colorado State Public Defenders at the end of the summer.

## Know Your Community

Matthew and Kami Blackwell-Kinney are relative newcomers to FMC, having attended here for the past year and a half. Matthew is a local guy, who grew up in Maple Grove. Kami grew up in Mountain Lake, Minnesota. They met here in town at Bethel College and moved promptly to Vancouver, Washington upon graduation, where Kami worked on a graduate degree in church history at Regent College and Matthew tried his luck "making it" in the world of acting. (Hollywood's loss is our gain! Thank you Matthew, for those wonderful scripture readings).

Two kids, one condo and seven years later, after five years of Starbucks corporate for Matt and some years of full time mom world for Kami, they decided it would be good to come home to family. The Blackwell-Kinneys love living in the city, and are happy to be close to Macalester College. Ava is three and William is six, and they love going to Sunday school! .

Matt and Kami attended Seattle Mennonite Church during their Seattle years. They like FMC because of the sense of intentional community, the warmth and welcoming sense of hospitality, the sense of scriptural groundedness, and willingness to deal with hard issues. We're so glad they're a part of us!!

--Beth Richardson

## Katie Hochstedler Wins Culinary Award

Katie Hochstedler, who is currently studying in the Culinary Arts program at St. Paul Technical College, recently won first place in the Minnesota state SkillsUSA post-secondary Culinary Arts competition. SkillsUSA is a national nonprofit organization serving teachers and high school and college students who are preparing for careers in trade, technical and skilled service occupations, including health occupations. There were approximately 20-30 other competitors from vocational and technical schools around the state. The competition consisted of a written portion, a knife skills portion, and a cooking portion, in which entrants were allowed one hour to make a salad, entree, starch, and vegetable for two lucky diners. The finished meals were judged on taste, appearance, sanitation, product utilization. Entrants were given two chicken breasts and a variety of other ingredients to work with. Katie's first place award qualifies her for the national competition in Kansas City in the end of June, in which she plans to compete. Two of her classmates who also competed won 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> prizes.

Katie's winning dishes were:

Rosemary roasted chicken breast stuffed with spinach, mushrooms and walnuts, served with a mushroom wine cream sauce.

Herb roasted potatoes.

Sautéed zucchini and yellow squash with red peppers.

Mixed green salad with green apples, walnuts, red onions, carrots and a balsamic vinaigrette.

(Perhaps she can share recipes with us in the future?)

--Gregg Richardson

## Speaking of Faith

A book discussion group that includes a number of current and former members of FMC will discuss Krista Tippett's *Speaking of Faith*, Sunday, May 4, at 7:00 pm at the home of Stan Pankratz and Eileen Marie, 8744 West Bush Lake Road, Bloomington. All are welcome.

--Hermann Weinlick

## Treasurer's Report

At the end of the first quarter of the FMC fiscal year (January-March), Sunday morning offerings totaled \$32,438.50 and rental income from church office and worship spaces and the parsonage totaled \$7,080.00 for a total income of \$39,518.50. During the same period we had expenses of \$35,124.86. \$950 was distributed from the deacons fund; \$3000 was paid from the Tuition Support Fund; and \$7,101 was paid for heating. Questions about the budget, income and expenses can be directed to Jerry Janzen, treasurer. Each month a detailed report is presented to and approved by the Church Council.

## Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale Needs Volunteers

This time of year many of you would be in the middle of preparing for the Twin Cities MCC Relief Sale. This year we will be holding it in November. We again plan to have it at Hennepin Technical College, and events can only be booked there six months in advance. So we hope to have it booked in May, with a planned date of November 8th.

So, soon the six month countdown will begin. We have a good Publicity/Marketing committee this year with experienced people in publicity, marketing, copywriting and graphics. As always there is an active Auction committee. We will be featuring relief for Bangladesh after a cyclone hit the country last November. There

will be one half hour dedicated during the auction to raise money in some unique ways for that need. The children from last year's sale drew houses on cloth blocks using fabric paint. That was developed into a beautiful house block quilt that is traveling the country to several relief sales raising money for Bangladesh. It will be back in Minnesota in November at our sale. We look forward to your involvement in the 8th annual sale.

--Thaine Dirks, Chair, TCMCC Relief Sale

## Faith Mennonite Church Special Council Meeting

April 7, 2008 @ FMC

**Present:** Neil Okerlund, Moderator; Joan Kreider, Moderator-elect/Pastoral Discernment; Gregg Richardson, Secretary; Jerry Janzen, Treasurer; Glenn Geissinger, Trustees; Hermann Weinlick, Deacons; Jenny Wandersee, Worship; Shelly Hendricks, Education; Barb Beers, Fellowship/Pastoral Discernment; Kathleen Harder, Pastor/Parish, Leslie Minkler, Fellowship.

**Absent:** Missions & Service representative.

**Treasurer's report.** Jerry provides Treasurer's report, since he will be absent from the regular meeting April 14<sup>th</sup>. March expenses were normal. Deacons had a \$950 expense. He's currently processing the Schrock memorial contributions. Also posted the last of the money from the Abendroth estate. Budget is doing okay despite higher gas bills.

**Pastoral discernment.** Joan distributes and reads the recommendation from the Pastoral Discernment Committee. They recommend offering Joetta a position that adds up to 90%. She would be full time pastor, with two weeks paid vacation, and 4 weeks of unpaid vacation (which was in response to her interest), resulting in essentially a 0.9 FTE position. She would preach three Sundays a month. The committee further recommends that the congregation also authorize her to hire an assistant ministry coordinator at 8 hours per week, to help with some specific needs voiced by the congregation, with specific job description to be decided later. These two positions would then total 1.1 FTE, as approved in our 2008 budget. Joan says that the entire committee agreed on this proposal, and all seem to feel good about it. Joan moves and Glenn seconds a motion for Council to offer this recommendation to the congregation.

**Discussion.** Shelly asks for more explanation of the 90% configuration. Joan says it gives Joetta more

vacation, and the flexibility of an academic calendar. It means she is full-time when she is here. The assistant ministry coordinator position addresses congregational feedback about special attention to young adult outreach, community outreach, and peace and justice ministry, and the fact that they like multiple voices from the pulpit. Hermann asks how much vacation Patrick and Patty got? Joan says two weeks. Jerry says Joetta is interim pastor until May 31, does this position start June 1? Joan says start date is negotiable. Hermann asks whether a three year renewable term is typical in the Mennonite Church? Joan says our constitution is open on this, but a term appointment is typical in the Mennonite Church, and Joetta favors this. Jerry asks what happens at the end of three years? Joan says we'll have to clarify in our constitution, as there is no formal structure for a pastoral evaluation. Gregg says Council will want to consider whether to address that as a constitution issue, or as part of the Pastor/Parish Committee job description. Kathleen points out that the revised Pastor/Parish job description was meant to address some of that shortcoming. Shelly is concerned that the 90% FTE and vacation configuration will be confusing to the congregation as currently worded. Gregg suggests that it would be typical for this kind of council to submit a brief, stripped down proposal to the vote, and authorize the hiring committee and trustees to work out the details. Further discussion of wording. Joan will reword to clarify. Neil asks for council's approval to move forward. Council's consent is unanimous.

Brief discussion of timeline. Joan will send a letter to the congregation, there will be a formal notification of a congregational meeting by April 13<sup>th</sup>, the congregational meeting will be April 27<sup>th</sup>, and there will be a session during the Christian education hour of April 20<sup>th</sup> or 27<sup>th</sup> for discussion with Joetta about her vision for the congregation.

Neil affirms the work of the Pastoral Discernment Committee. Joan says it was a long and arduous process, that began with some differing ideas for ministry needs, and usually had to be confidential in nature, but eventually the committee came to consensus.

### **Faith Mennonite Church Council Meeting March 10, 2008 @ FMC**

**Present:** Neil Okerlund, Moderator; Joan Kreider, Moderator-elect; Gregg Richardson, Secretary; Jerry Janzen, Treasurer; Joetta Schlabach, Pastor; Glenn Geissinger, Trustees; Hermann Weinlick, Deacons; Jenny Wandersee, Worship; Rachel Geissinger,

Education; Melissa Hochstetler, Missions & Service.  
**Absent:** Fellowship representative.

**Affirmations.** Joan affirms that Joetta's maturity, spirituality and grace has been a gift during the past month's loss of Mike Schrock. Hermann says Minke Sundseth and the M&S Commission did a great job of planning Saturday's *Omnivore's Dilemma* event. Neil thanks Fellowship Commission for planning the meal for the Geiser-Schrock family. Glenn thanks Joan for getting the plumber in for repair on the parsonage during the week of the funeral. Joan thanks those who planned the "House of Heinrich" MCC fundraiser, and Neil and the "Menno' Faith" who sang for the event.

**Pastoral discernment** Joan reports that the discernment committee has reviewed many applications, but has not reached a consensus. They have discussed possible configurations of more than one person to fill specific roles.

**Treasurer's report.** Paid the MCC Relief Sale support \$500 this month. Also paid \$1000 to World Conference travel support fund. Checking account is in good shape, income has exceeded expenses by more than \$3000.

**April 6<sup>th</sup> "Commission Fair."** Neil reviews the intent of the commissions open house during the Sunday school hour on April 6<sup>th</sup>, as a follow-up on the Council and commissions' brainstorming over the past year to clarify missions, and identify areas not getting directly addressed.

### **Commission reports.**

**Trustees.** Parsonage repair this month cost over \$1000. The congregation across the street is currently drafting a proposal to buy out our lease. Glenn will talk to Gifts Discernment to look for somebody to serve Mike Schrock's term on Trustee Commission.

**Missions & Service.** Melissa reports that the *Omnivore's Dilemma* event was a great success, with lots of interaction between community members who don't necessarily know one another. Attendance may have been near 100, with majority not from FMC. Joint Religious Legislative Coalition's Day on the Hill is this week, and Dick Westby and Candace Lutt are attending. M&S is currently discussing ways to be more intentionally involved with local organizations we contributing to. The information kiosk is still on the agenda.

**Education.** Hasn't met yet, but scheduled for April 6<sup>th</sup>. Will meet with youth and parents soon to discuss summer educational activities.

**Deacons.** Last meeting was devoted to Mike Schrock's death, and other personal care issues.

**Worship.** Held a mini-planning retreat two weeks ago, and presently planning Holy Week services. The practice of using worship leaders and scripture readers several weeks in a row is working well.

#### **Other business.**

**Central Plains Mennonite Conference.** Conference will be in Henderson, Nebraska in June. We need three delegates. Jerry will be going. Joan says it is important to show support for St. Paul Mennonite Fellowship, as their conference status comes up for decision again. Joan will contact Jane Ramseyer Miller.

--Gregg Richardson, Secretary

### **Wilderness Wind Weekends May 23-26 and June 6-8**

All those who were disappointed that a week-end ski retreat didn't materialize this year will have a weekend opportunity to head north. In memory of Mike Schrock, former board member of Wilderness Wind and a lover of the Boundary Waters, we are organizing two fellowship and work week-end trips to the Wilderness Wind camp to help get the camp prepared for the summer season. Depending on weather and work-load, there may also be time for canoeing. Details regarding lodging, meals, and cost are still being worked out. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet in the fellowship area. Direct questions to Rachel Hoskins, Wilderness Wind board member.

### **Woe is Me**

*[Editor's note—Thanks to Jerry Janzen for sharing this eulogy, delivered at his father's funeral a few weeks ago]*

If Dad were here, we all know what he would say—**WOE IS ME!** As I reflect on the life of my father, I look back to my earliest memory of him. I see him parking the Janzen Electric van across the street at the end of the day and crossing the street, walking home dressed in overalls. He always wore overalls to work. I must have been about five years old. Considering that he was 42 when I was born, he was already 47 years old. Given that he was 94 when he died means that exactly half of his life was spent before my first memories of him. I bet you didn't think there was going to be any math when you came today. But as my daughters, Anne and Laura can attest, it's always about numbers. As I look out there to all your faces, I am struck not by who I see but by who I don't see. I don't see Arnie, or Shieske, or Walt Buller, or Fritz Goossen, or Ben Dick, or even Glen Harder or Charlie Stoesz

who were both much younger. These were the friends of Dad who could provide the memories of that first half of his life. He outlived them all. They're not here to share their memories.

Dad was proud to be the last living member of the Mountain Lake Class of '32. He was proud to be one of the oldest members of the First Mennonite Church still attending just a year ago. Dad was proud to be a part of this church. He grew up in the Carson MB church out in the country near Delft just a couple of miles from the farm where he first lived. But when he married Mom, he joined the First Mennonite Church and became a loyal member. He not only was proud to be part of this church but proud to be a Mennonite. We learned early in our lives that to be Mennonite was special. We believed in pacifism and nonviolence. Apparently not everyone did. We believed in helping those less fortunate. Dad could never understand why some people, and churches, stopped calling themselves Mennonite.

He directed the choir in this church for over 50 years. The highlight each year for him was directing the mass choir on Christmas Day. The weeks before Christmas were spent selecting the songs to sing, deciding whether Diane should sing a solo on verse two or whether Diane and Joyce should sing a duet, or whether Charles will be home to play the organ. He was obsessed with planning the service. And then the big day would arrive. Dad was given the microphone and he would invite all who ever sang in the choir to join us up front. Folks would file forward from the pews—it looked like a Billy Graham altar call. The choir loft would be packed and those left in their pews were often outnumbered by the choir. But the sound we created was wonderful and Dad was in his glory. Years later, people would often come up to Dad and say, "hi Johnny, I sang in your choir," and he would smile and then later say, "I don't know who that was." Everyone called him Johnny. His second wife, Iva, called him, "my little Johnny," and he loved it. My mother though never called him Johnny—she would say JOHN!, or "JOHN, na kickamadoa."

Dad was also loyal to Mountain Lake. He loved to be part of this community and you never wanted him to find out that you shopped in Windom. He was proud of the accomplishments of this town. The stories of the great Mountain Lake state high school tournament teams were told over and over--from the great championship year of 1939 to the disappointments of 1947 and 1951. Why did he ever take that shot against Duluth Denfeld? He was proud of the High School Choirs that competed and excelled at the State Music Contests in the '30s.

Dad was involved in lots of community groups. He was on the school board when they planned the great auditorium. He was on the Municipal Utility Board and he insisted that the generator plant be kept up after Mountain Lake was tied in to Interstate Electric and sure enough, when the Comfrey tornado hit in 1998, the electrical substation by Comfrey was damaged and the power plant was turned on to keep Mountain Lake going.

When the Minneapolis Symphony changed their name to the Minnesota Orchestra in 1969, they announced that they were going to give concerts all over the state to emphasize their new regional emphasis. Dad jumped all over that opportunity to get them to Mountain Lake. He contacted them and convinced them to come to Mountain Lake even though it was the smallest town that they ended up going to. But Dad promoted the concert to high schools and on Channel 12 and buses and buses of students all over the area came and filled every seat in the auditorium. I noticed an article about a month ago in the Star Tribune where a woman said the only time she ever got to a Minnesota Orchestra concert was when they came to Mountain Lake. I'll never forget the opening notes of the concert and standing with Dad in the wings. I believe the piece was Haydn's London Symphony. A tear rolled down Dad's cheek. It was the only time I ever saw him cry. A couple of years later, he brought them back again.

His other passion was the Mountain Lake Choral Society. He served as President for many years and as kids, we got to hear the great oratorios—Elijah, The Creation, and of course, The Messiah. We were told that we were to stand for the Hallelujah Chorus even if you are the only one standing. He served in the local Rotary Club as its choral director and the Mountain Lake Rotary Club was known as the Singing Rotary Club. One of our annual family events was to go up to the Cities and Mom and Dad would attend some operas during New York Metropolitan Opera Week. Opera was a big part of his life—he even named me after Jerome Hines, a Metropolitan Opera star.

Our family took a number of long road trip vacations. On one of these vacations, we were staying near the Welland Canal and that morning we were scheduled to go see the locks. Debbie and I were still sleeping but Mom was trying to get us up. Debbie said, "We're on vacation. We want to sleep." But Mom said, "We need to get up and get going. I'll sleep when I'm dead." Well, Mom has been sleeping for over 18 years but as for my Dad, I don't believe he's sleeping, I believe he's singing.

*Thank you so much for all the cards and expressions of sympathy shown to me after my father's passing. Your words have meant a lot to me.*

--Jerry Janzen

### ***What's happening here and there...***

#### **MCC Global Family Education Sponsorship Program Seeks Sponsors**

Are you or your family looking for an opportunity to give financially and receive in non-financial ways? Global Family, Mennonite Central Committee's education sponsorship program, needs one-time gifts and long-term sponsors. See stories and photos of Global Family in action in the March/April issue of *A Common Place* magazine (copies in the magazine rack in the fellowship area).

Visit [www.mcc.org/globalfamily](http://www.mcc.org/globalfamily) to view recently-posted photo galleries and consider whether you can help put education within reach for children and young adults in one of the 43 countries in which Global Family works, or call 316-283-2720 to learn more.

--Tina Schrag, MCC Central States Communications Coordinator & Administrative Assistant

#### **Four Hours Of Your Time A Month Can Change A Life Forever!**

The Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches, Minneapolis Police Department and Hennepin County Adult Correction Facility invite You to Join them for in-depth mentor training to help ex-offenders returning to the community. The training will be held on Saturday, May 17, 2008, from 8:45am to 2:00pm at the Hennepin Co. Adult Corrections Facility, Men's Building, 1145 Shenandoah Lane, Plymouth. Snacks and lunch will be served To register for this free training by May 10, 2008, please contact:

Hillary Freeman at 612-721-8687 ext 332  
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