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Host Needed

I am looking for someone who would be interested in hosting an African pastor guest for a week. It is an opportunity to get to know a new friend! Siaka Traore is a Mennonite pastor from Burkina Faso who has been an important leader in the church there for the past 35 years. Siaka speaks some English. He has come to the USA for eye care as well as to work with me at Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission.

May 9-17 is the period when I will need someone to host him. This will involve providing meals, transportation to medical appointments, and a trip to South Bend on May 17 so that he can take the bus to O'Hare in Chicago to begin his homeward trip.

Let me know if you are interested! Contact me at 574-612-6091 or rod@aimmintl.org.

—Rod Hollinger-Janzen



Laurina Graber-Ditzler and Christa Graber Kauffman presented a liturgical dance as the Artistic Confessional during the Lenten service on April 7.

MYF Service Auction Sunday, April 28

The MYF Service Auction is just a few days away on Sunday, April 28. See a sale bill in Life Beyond Waterford, or pick up a copy at the participation station. The auction will begin at 6:00 p.m., but come for a meal served by the youth at 5:00 p.m.

If you have donated non-perishable items for the auction, you may drop them off at the church during office hours for Katie Misz, or bring them to the church on Sunday. Kevin Miller will be available between first service and Sunday School to receive items outside Katie's office. Perishable and other items may be brought the night of the auction, preferably at or before 5:00 p.m.

Proceeds for this fundraiser support Waterford youth in attending conventions, youth retreats, and service projects. This summer, youth will be attending the biennial Mennonite convention in Kansas City, Missouri in July.

Need childcare? There will be a few youth that will watch young children on the playground (weather permitting), or in the Nurture Wing.

If you have any questions, contact a member of the auction committee: Kevin Miller, Krista Daniels or Veronica Berkey.

Thanks

Waterford Mennonite Church,

Thank you for the flowers, cards, food and prayers following Jim's surgery.

We appreciated the love and care.

—Jim and Mary Christophel

Venture Club Activities

In the past few weeks, the Venture Club packed MCC school kits at The Depot and visited Waterford Members at Greencroft bearing “blessing bags.”







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White Awake recommended for Sunday school classes

Daniel Hill's *White Awake: An honest look at what it means to be white* is an excellent book to guide White people in doing their own anti-racism work. Drawing from Jesus' ministry and other biblical texts, this book maps out a seven-stage journey to help us move from denial that a problem exists to active participation in peeling back the layers of racism that infect our social systems.

Hill likens White people's awakening to the encounter of Nicodemus with Jesus (John 3). Jesus calls into question everything Nicodemus believed and everything he had accomplished to climb into the position of power he held in the Jewish ruling council. Hill explains how the Nicodemus story can help us understand White privilege. He then leads the reader through stages that mark White people's movement from blindness to sight: Encounter with racism, denial, disorientation, shame, self-righteousness, awakening, and active participation in undoing racism.

In response to the question White people notoriously ask, "What are we supposed to do?", Hill suggests a more appropriate starting place – prayer that asks, "Jesus, will you help me to see?"

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. wrote: "Shallow understanding from people of good will is more frustrating than absolute misunderstanding from people of ill will." He believed that White politically progressive people were a greater threat to racial reconciliation than the Ku Klux Klan.

Hill gives White followers of Jesus a prescription to heal our blindness, and tools to be effective in the long, hard battle against racism.

The book is written in an easy-to-understand way and has good stories to illustrate complex issues.

Hill concludes the book with Hebrews

12:1-2: "... let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..."

If your Sunday school would like to study *White Awake* for a month, here is a suggested schedule. (There are excellent discussion questions at the back of the book.)

- Week 1: Nicodemus story (John 3) with Chapters 1-3.
- Week 2: Bronze serpent (Numbers 21)/Man partially healed of blindness (Mark 8) with Chapters 4-6.
- Week 3: Role of lament (Esther 3&4)/Pharisee and the tax collector (Luke 18:9-14) with Chapters 7&8.
- Week 4: Jesus' mission (Luke 4:18-21 & Matthew 25:34-36) with Chapters 9&10.

—Lynda Hollinger-Janzen