

# Scattered Seeds

## Tips for Church Correspondents

February 2012 issue: **Church Planting in Central Plains**

Deadline: **Friday, January 6**

The mission of Central Plains Mennonite Conference is to create settings for our congregations and partners to grow in holistic witness to God's reconciling mission in the world by developing leadership, encouraging fellowship, and promoting lifelong discipleship.

Dear Correspondent,

Your submissions to the *Scattered Seeds* are what make our conference newsletter interesting. We can't do it without you! Thanks so much for your help.

Submit stories, resource ideas and news items to [shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org](mailto:shanaboshart@centralplainsmc.org). Stories should be 100-400 words. Please email digital photos whenever possible.

The theme of the next issue is **Church Planting in Central Plains**. We think we have all the stories we need on this topic, since it is one we are quite close to! If a church planting effort is happening in your congregation that you think we might not be aware of, please tell us about it.

Please submit for the February issue:

### 1) What your church has done with another Central Plains congregation.

Conference leaders are still interested in seeing each congregation get acquainted in some way with another Central Plains congregation. **We want to hear what your congregation has done with another Central Plains congregation November and December.** This can be a few sentences describing what you did or a longer (400 words or fewer) story going into detail.

### 2) News about church events.

Announce events such as retreats, workshops, etc., and invite others from Central Plains to participate. After the event, send a short story to tell us about what happened there. Examples: Mennonite Women's retreats, a workshop or conference you are hosting, Stewardship University, a special speaker from Mennonite Church USA.

### 4) Stories that illustrate our four priorities as a conference.

Our four priorities are Holistic Witness, Fellowship, Leadership and Discipleship. Stories that illustrate these themes are always welcome. Please send us stories about how your congregation is:

- becoming a community of grace, joy and peace so that God's healing and hope flow through you to the world.
- building relationships with other churches in Central Plains.
- calling out and equipping leaders.
- effectively promoting growth as Christ's disciples in people of all ages.

Thanks so much,

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