

*May our sons in their youth be like plants full grown,  
our daughters like corner pillars, cut for the building of a palace.  
Psalm 144:12*

# Plants Full Grown

a newsletter for Central Plains Mennonite Conference youth leaders  
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## Welcome!

If you are receiving this newsletter for the first time, welcome! You have chosen to give your time and energy to nurture faith in teens, and this is a high and holy calling. As the conference minister



for Christian formation (formerly conference youth minister), I—Shana Peachey Boshart—am here to support and encourage *you* in your work.

Please call me or email me whenever you have a question or problem as a youth sponsor or youth Sunday School teacher. I can advise you on curriculum, goals and other aspects of your work. I'll send you this monthly newsletter, and I have developed a web page of resources for youth leaders at [www.centralplainsmc.org/Youth Ministry](http://www.centralplainsmc.org/Youth_Ministry). Check out the stuff on the left side, particularly Youth Guide, the Western District Conference Resource Library, and (farther down) curriculum options.

## Pittsburgh 2011 Convention

Next summer, **Mennonite Church USA Assembly and Youth Convention** will take place in **Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, from July 4-9, 2011**. Are you planning to take your group? The convention web site is up and running, and there's quite a bit posted there already.

**Registration deadlines** are different this time than in the past. Online registration (when you register each person and pay their registration fees) begins January 25, 2010. Housing reservations may be made starting February 1, 2011. This one-week difference will give you time to enter your registration information accurately before moving into the housing reservation system. Logistically, this should be a much smoother process than when registration and housing dates were the same.

**Registration forms and packets** will be sent to congregations in early December.

**Check out the video** on the [convention web site](#), and share it with your kids and congregation.

**Become a fan of [Pittsburgh 2011 on Facebook](#)** and encourage your kids to “like” it too, for updates and info.

**Convention Newsletter.** The [September issue of \*Convention Chronicle\*](#), a resource for youth sponsors, is attached to this email. The November issue of *Convention Chronicle* will be sent via e-mail to area conference offices to forward to you in mid-November. The convention office is NOT mailing paper copies of the newsletters.

## Looking for curriculum?

If you are looking for **curriculum for youth group or Sunday School**, there are many curriculum ideas for Mennonite youth on the [youth ministry page](#) at [www.centralplainsmc.org](http://www.centralplainsmc.org).

## Here's one that's free from Everence (MMA)

*Money Matters for Youth: Integrating Faith & Finances* is designed for seven 45-minute Sunday school classes. Each class begins with an introductory activity and a spiritual connection activity. Key teaching points are listed with the suggested activities. Please be sure to preview all suggested online content to ensure the appropriateness for your church. The sessions have been written with a significant amount of structure to be helpful to the teacher. You are free to adapt the curriculum for your youth. To preview the resource, click here: [Session 1: Money Matters](#). Download this free curriculum at <http://www.everence.com/showitem.aspx?id=8640>.

## Do you know a kid who wants to enlist?

*Behind the camouflage: A primer on military enlistment for youth pastors, mentors and counselors* is a free online resource that equips pastors, sponsors and mentors to give good counsel, both practical and spiritual, to youth who are considering military enlistment. Read and download it at <http://co.mcc.org/us/co>.

## Youth Venture

Are there teens and young adults in your congregation who have a heart for serving and learning about other cultures? Encourage them to step out of their comfort zone and take advantage of the opportunities Mennonite Mission Network offers through the Youth Venture program. Youth Venture allows teens and young adults to join with others for several weeks of service in June, July and August. Accompanied by a leader, teams travel to locations around the world both to serve and to learn about the cultures and their experience. Go to [www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/YV](http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/YV) for more information.

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