

OUR COMMUNITY OF FAITH

School for Christian Living
Springdale Mennonite Church
Winter 2012

“Networking” is a modern word, but it reflects how Christianity emerged in the first century Mediterranean world. The predominant strategy of the first Christians was to build their communities in major urban areas where communication and transportation were readily available. Caesarea, Tyre, Sidon, Ephesus, Philippi, Corinth – these were all ports or cities near major roads in the Roman Empire. As we know, Paul sent letters that were meant to circle among the churches. The church in Macedonia collected for the church in Jerusalem. These churches considered themselves brothers and sisters in Christ. If we are to live out our purpose as a congregation, we need our sisters and brothers from other congregations both inside and outside our Mennonite denomination. They need us, too. Together, we are the church.

During the Winter 2012 School for Christian Living, we will explore “Our Community of Faith” so that we can learn more about – and from – our sisters and brothers of other denominations. For each week, an area pastor will share with us about some of the distinctives of their congregation’s denomination and what they offer the wider church. Come ready to listen, to ask questions, and to celebrate our unity in Christ!

January 18

(6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

FAITH THROUGH A **BAPTIST** LENS

Danny Campbell, Wayne Hills Baptist Church

January 25

(6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

FAITH THROUGH A **LUTHERAN** LENS

James Pence, Zion Lutheran Church

February 1

(6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

FAITH THROUGH A **CATHOLIC** LENS

Rolo B. Castillo, St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church

February 8

(6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

FAITH THROUGH A **PENTECOSTAL** LENS

Thomas E. Jammes, River City Worship Center

February 15

(6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

FAITH THROUGH A **PRESBYTERIAN** LENS

Tully Hunter, Tinkling Spring Presbyterian Church

February 22

(6:30 – 7:30 p.m.)

FAITH THROUGH A **MENNONITE** LENS

Group Discussion