Kalamazoo Mennonite Fellowship Council  
Minutes of March Meeting, 2011  
Council members present: Carolyn Ruth, Angela Van Heest, Will Fitzgerald

1. Offering and money collection

Desiring to take a regular offering, to pay our “dues” to conference, to participate in denominational programs, and to save for a “future day” fund, the Council decided:

* 1. To begin taking a regular offering, which is announced every week, with a giving basket available (but not taking up gathered worship time other than the announcement). Also, to reinstitute the “change for change” basket.
  2. As a general budget:
     1. 15% of monies (up to $500 annually) to be given to the Indiana-Michigan conference,
     2. 25% of monies to go into a “futures fund” expansion of the fellowship (for staff, for capital expenditures, or other uses as decided on by the Fellowship). Presumably, church expenses (which are still minimal) will come out of this pocket.
     3. 60% of monies to go to Mennonite Church USA missions and other Fellowship-supported missions.
  3. We note that offerings can be designated.
  4. The Council also decided to take a special offering to pay for stolen a/v equipment in Honduras

1. Easter
   1. The Council agreed on the following Holy Week services:
      1. Maundy Thursday service, with foot-washing and communion, and a common meal
      2. Sunrise service on Easter
2. Next meeting: April 28, 7:00 pm