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Pastors and Congregations Address Pornography Together

March 29 - 30, 2007
Souderton Mennonite Church



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EDC and FMC ministry teams have invited Brenda Martin Hurst, a professor of practical theology at Eastern Mennonite Seminary, to lead us in addressing the issue of pornography. Brenda led a workshop at the Mennonite Church USA Assembly in 2005 and wrote an article for *The Mennonite* addressing pornography. Since then she has spoken with other groups of leaders on this theme and has agreed to be with us March 29 and 30, 2007, for teaching and to raise personal and pastoral awareness.

The seminar will be divided into two parts. Both sessions will be held in the Fellowship Hall at Souderton Mennonite Church. **We invite, [EDC encourages], and [FMC expects] credentialed leaders to attend both events.** There will be .5 of Continuing Education credit available through these seminars.

Brenda Martin Hurst completed her Ph.D. in History, Theology and Ethics in 2003 at Union Theological Seminary and Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, VA. Prior to her doctoral studies, Brenda was ordained for pastoral ministry in 1988 and served as co-pastor of Tabor Mennonite Church, Newton, KS for eleven years. She earned her M.Div. at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN and has a B.A. in History/Social Sciences from Trinity College, Deerfield, IL. Brenda is currently reworking her dissertation on "The Articulation of Mennonite Beliefs about Sexuality, 1890-1930" for publication.

Schedule:

March 29, 2007 ~ 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

Lay leaders are particularly invited to attend.

This session will provide an overview of the topic and raise consciousness on the challenges pornography presents within congregational life.

- ~ Worship led by Julie Prey-Harbaugh, *FMC associate* and James Lapp, *FMC Senior Ministry Consultant*
- ~ Presentation by Brenda Martin Hurst
- ~ A personal story of struggle with pornography
- ~ Response from pastors:
 - Scott Benner, *Zion Mennonite*
 - Sandy Drescher-Lehman, *Souderton Mennonite*

March 30, 2007 ~ 9:00 a.m. - Noon

This session is designed for pastors, youth ministers, and chaplains.

- ~ Worship led by Julie Prey-Harbaugh and James Lapp
- ~ Presentation by Brenda Martin Hurst
- ~ Gender specific group interaction led by Brenda (women) and Carl Yusavitz, *Penn Foundation* (men)
- ~ Response and reflection on the next steps in growth and accountability led by:
 - Warren Tyson, *EDC Conference Minister*
 - Ertell Whigham, *FMC Director of Congregational Resourcing and Equipping*

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