

**Transitional Ministry Training**  
Registration form October 5-7, 2020

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Congregation \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
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Indicate Roommate(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cost: \$750**

*Traveling a distance? No problem—register for an additional night for only \$25*

Additional night(s) dates: \_\_\_\_\_  
Anticipated arrival time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Credit Card Information**

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Check one:  Visa    Mastercard    Discover  
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**Registration deadline: September 7, 2020**

**Mail registration and fees to Amigo Centre**

26455 Bunker Rd., Sturgis, MI 49091

For additional information as well as  
“Frequently Asked Questions” visit our Web  
site at [tmt.amigocentre.org](http://tmt.amigocentre.org) or contact Amigo at  
[program@amigocentre.org](mailto:program@amigocentre.org) or call 269-651-2811.



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*Transitional ministry has a unique place in the mission of the church. While “interim pastors” have provided preaching and pastoral care between pastors for many years, “transitional ministry” involves training to lead congregations through a process of preparation for entering a new chapter of leadership for a congregation.*

**TRANSITIONAL MINISTRY TRAINING** is a joint venture of the trainers and Amigo Centre, in consultation with Mennonite Church USA and the four Great Lakes area conferences.

**Registration requires** a letter of recommendation for training from a conference minister, and the completion of a two hour interview prior to the training event. The individually arranged interview attempts to determine the extent to which the candidate has specific characteristics which will contribute to effectiveness as a transitional minister. The intended outcome is greater self-understanding regarding the nature and demands of transitional ministry. Interview results help to establish learning goals for the event, and future professional development.

Participants are encouraged to prepare by reading one of four recommended books. A list will accompany registration confirmation.

In-depth instruction in the developmental and process tasks of transitional ministry is integrated with critical incident case study triads, and role playing. Extensive resources for transitional ministry are provided.

#### **Curriculum includes:**

- Unique dynamics of Transitional Ministry
- Assessing fit for Transitional Ministry
- Transitional Minister Tasks:
  - Enter the System
  - Analyze congregation as an emotional system
  - Focus and Assume responsibility
  - Stay connected with judicatory
  - Exit and Evaluate
- Congregational Tasks:
  - Review Heritage
  - Clarify Identity, establish vision
  - Evaluate leadership structure in light of vision
  - Clarify external connections
  - Prepare for new leadership

#### **Pricing:**

Registration is \$750, and includes:

- the pre-training interview and written response;
- 23 hours of training
- Six meals, plus continental breakfasts and two nights lodging (if desired) at Amigo Centre.
- Three hours of post-training coaching, to be used at the participant’s discretion
- begins at 10am on Monday and concludes at 4pm on Wednesday

*Conference Ministers and other conference staff members may audit the training for \$500, which includes similar hospitality arrangements.*

Nancy Kauffmann, Retired Denominational Minister, Mennonite Church USA: “I was impressed with the level of the training offered to prepare a transitional pastor to lead a healthy process that will resource, encourage and empower a congregation to move forward with God’s call on the congregation’s life. It also prepares the way for a new long term pastor.”

# TRAINERS

**Gary Martin** has 30 years of experience in transitional parish ministry in a variety of contexts in five states. He received his Masters of Divinity at AMBS. Gary resides in Goshen, Indiana, and in addition to his work with transitional parish ministry he helped form Transitional Ministry Training and is a consultant in congregational health and structure.

**Paula Killough** was born in Maine, raised in Florida, and came to the Mennonite Church in Denver as an adult. “As one grafted in, I have always felt as though I have found my spiritual home.” After a career in retail Paula felt a call to seminary. She graduated in 2008 with a MDiv from AMBS in pastoral leadership and was ordained in 2011. Retired from Mennonite Mission Network as Senior Executive for Advancement, she hopes to continue to serve the church in transitional ministry in congregations and church wide organizations. She lives in community on Main Street in Elkhart, Indiana.

**Dan Miller** has pastored eight congregations over a 15 year time span. Dan helped form the local Transitional Ministers support group, and has been involved with Transitional Ministry training from the beginning. Dan resides in Goshen, Indiana, and since 2009 has served as Conference Pastor with Indiana-Michigan Mennonite Conference.

