

# WOMEN'S GATHERING

## “NURTURING OUR TIES AS WOMEN LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY”

Saturday, March 8, 2014

9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

(with a possible afternoon session with Rhoda Charles)

### Methacton Mennonite Church

3081 Mill Road, Norristown, PA 19403  
(Fairview Village, Worcester); 610-584-4080



### FEATURING STORIES AND TIPS FROM

**RHODA CHARLES**, BOARD CHAIR FOR MENNONITE WOMEN USA,,

AND **DR. PRISCILLA BENNER**, DIRECTOR OF MAMA PROJECT INC.



*Rhoda Charles, from Lancaster, Pennsylvania, has served as MW USA board chair since 2011. She attends Habecker Mennonite Church, where she has been active in their ministry of resettling Karen refugees from Burma. Rhoda has frequently been a speaker at women's gatherings. She and her husband ran a photography studio together for over 30 years. She is the mother of three adult children and a grandmother.*

*Priscilla Benner is a local physician practicing medicine in Pennsburg, PA, and the director of the MAMA Project*



*(Mujeres Amigas Miles Apart), begun through a partnership in 1987 between local Mennonite women in our area and Mennonite women in Honduras. She is is the mother of five adult children and a grandmother.*

Please register online at <http://women.franconiaconference.org/registrations/>. A \$10 fee is requested, to be paid by check (written to Franconia Mennonite Conference) or in cash, to be handed in upon arrival at the event. Please do not pay in advance, and also do not let an inability to pay the fee keep you from coming (partial payment is acceptable, and scholarships are possible as well). All women from Franconia Mennonite Conference and Eastern District Conference are welcome; please invite others to join us. The church doors will be open by 8:30 a.m. Light refreshments will be served during the morning. There will be no childcare offered during the event. A free will offering will be taken to benefit Mennonite Women USA. For more information, contact Anne Yoder at 610-259-9838 or [ayoder1@swarthmore.edu](mailto:ayoder1@swarthmore.edu).

### FEELING A NEED TO BE MORE CONNECTED?

We know that your Saturday mornings are precious to you, but we believe that this opportunity to meet together as women is worth leaving home for! Here's what others have said blessed them most about our bi-yearly gatherings: ◦ *Coming together with others and sharing and listening!* ◦ *The words of comfort from other women;* ◦ *Honest sharing from the heart;* ◦ *Being reminded that we need to take time and care for ourselves;* ◦ *The gathering of Christian women in respectful appreciation.*