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Bertha Beachy, Goshen, Ind., left for Somalia, Africa 50 years ago as a missionary teacher. Among other things, she managed the Somali office in Nairobi in the 25 years she spent in Africa. In 2008, she went to Iran with an MCC Learning Tour. She is a praying elder for the conference, *Heeding God's Call: A Gathering on Peace*, January 13–17, 2009 in Philadelphia. She retired to the Greencroft community in Goshen in 2004.



Yvonne Diaz, Ligonier, Ind., attends *Iglesia del Buen Pastor* (Church of the Good Shepherd) and is a second-generation Latina Mennonite. She has two grown daughters and four grandsons.



Kate Good, Lancaster City, Pa., says that writing about culture for *timbrel* is enjoyable. "Reading, discovering new music, watching movies, going to art shows and plays are some of my favorite things to do," she says. Good also loves to travel, cook and write. She is employed by Good Books and lives with her dog, Sam.



Rebecca Osiro, Nairobi, Kenya, is married and has three daughters and two sons. In 2001 she began attending St. Paul's United Theological College (now St. Paul's University) for her Bachelor of Divinity, and Master's degree in Christian-Muslim Relations with financial assistance from MW USA's International Women's Fund. She is currently pursuing her PhD in Philosophies of Religion at Maseno University, Kenya.



Megan Ramer, Chicago, Ill., has served as pastor of Chicago Community Mennonite Church, a vibrant congregation on Chicago's west side, for more than three years. She is grateful for the beauty of her richly diverse urban home, and is daily astounded at the many and varied faces of God. She loves going to the theatre to watch her actor husband, Jon Stutzman, perform. Megan will be the keynote speaker for *Women in Conversation 2010*.



Regina Shands Stoltzfus, Elkhart, Ind., attends Prairie Street Mennonite Church and teaches at Goshen College. She is working on her doctoral thesis on the experiences and thought of African American women in Mennonite-affiliated congregations from 1948 to 1968. She serves on the board of MW USA.

