

# PNMC e-BULLETIN

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## From the PNMC Office

We will be publishing an updated **PNMC Handbook** early this fall. To help facilitate this process, please check your contact information in the 2009-2010 handbook and send any corrections to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto:brenda@pnmc.org). In the meantime, you can check the PNMC website for up-to-date contacts ([http://www.pnmc.org/Home/Contact Us](http://www.pnmc.org/Home/Contact_Us)).

**August 15 Deadline:** Don't forget to register for **PNMC Courses** (Mennonite Polity, Mennonite History, Anabaptist Theology). These are open to anyone in the conference who is interested, with a preference for those completing the credentialing process. To register, visit <http://pnmc.org>.

Many, many thanks to **Patrick Buller** of the Technical/Communications Support Team who spent countless hours editing and organizing **video from our Annual Meeting in Anchorage**. For those who were not able to attend, you can view recordings here [http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual Meetings/Anchorage 2010#Videos](http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual_Meetings/Anchorage_2010#Videos).

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

**Sept. 19, 4 PM: PNMHS (Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society) fall meeting** will be held at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR, featuring Tony Brown and John Sharp from Hesston College. They will present a program of storytelling and song called "Common Threads." For details, contact PNMC Historian, Ray Kauffman ([kmanrt@msn.com](mailto:kmanrt@msn.com).)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS ~ **June 24-25, 2011: PNMC Annual Meeting** in Salem, OR

### Curriculum News from Charlotte Derksen, PNMC Resource Advocate

A new four-session, intergenerational curriculum will be available by Fall, for use in Winter (or later) quarters: **Body and Soul: Healthy Sexuality and the People of God**. This material will provide a way to talk about this holistically in the church. An already available companion to this material is a revised edition of *Sexuality God's Gift*, which looks at sexuality across the age span.

**Changes in Gather Round:** 1) The **Talkabout** is now available on CD for \$25 or downloadable for \$22. Material can be sent to parents weekly or monthly. Supplemental pages for teachers are included.

2) The multi-age lessons have no specific student book; teachers should choose either middler or primary student books, whichever fits the predominant age of their group. 3) The youth materials, questions, and activities have been re-worked, allowing youth to go as deep as they wish.

**Material for very young children: Wee Wonder: Sharing God's Love With Twos** introduces very young children to God through song, action rhymes, Bible stories and responsive play. Material can be used either in a Christian childcare or church setting.

Reminder, **MennoLens**, a tool for evaluating curriculum materials is freely available from <http://www.faithandliferesources.org/Curriculum/>

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC has released the PeaceParts Toolkit, which introduces concepts of justice and peacebuilding through interactive lessons for children and adults. The toolkit focuses on themes of healing relationships, resisting violence, pursuing justice, living with just enough and caring for creation. Lessons are grounded in the Scriptures and include real life stories designed to guide people through an understanding of peace and toward a commitment to pursuing it. Ideal for individual or group lessons, PeaceParts contains separate six-session curriculums for adults/youth and children, as well as a DVD, storybook, activity calendar, fun page, stickers, story cards, game cards, brochure and postcards.

To purchase toolkits in the U.S., call 888-563-4676 or visit <http://secure.mcc.org/mccstore/>. Each MCC office has several toolkits available for borrowing. Visit [mcc.org/peace/toolkit](http://mcc.org/peace/toolkit) to find the office nearest you.

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#### **Upcoming e-Bulletins:**

- August 16 (*submissions due by 8/9*)
- Sept 6 (*submissions due by 8/30*)
- Sept 20 (*submissions due by 9/13*)
- Oct 4 (*submissions due by 9/27*)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto:brenda@pnmc.org). Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise.  
*We welcome your feedback!*