



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

The PNMC offices will be closed December 20-31, 2010. We will check phone messages for emergencies. Regular office hours will resume January 3, 2011. We hope you each have a blessed and meaningful Christmas and New Year!

Evangel Newsletter & e-Bulletin Distribution: We appreciate your help in distributing these conference resources. In an effort to simplify distribution, please share the following announcement via church bulletins and/or email lists:

If you would like to receive the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference newsletter, *Evangel*, and/or bi-monthly e-Bulletin, please send an email to brenda@pnmc.org with "Subscribe Evangel / e-Bulletin" in the subject line. The *Evangel* is published three times a year and the e-Bulletin issued twice a month, both electronically. Our hope is that these will be valuable resources and not In-Box jammers. Feedback and submissions are gladly welcomed! You can access archived issues here: <http://www.pnmc.org/Resources/Evangel> and here: <http://www.pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin>.

PNMC e-Bulletin: Due to the PNMC offices closing for the holidays, the e-bulletin will only run once this month. The next issue will be published January 3, 2011. All submissions should be in by 12/27/10. *Thank you!*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Jan 28-30, 2011: Sing.Pray.Eat. Festival of Worship hosted by Portland Mennonite Church. Marlene Kropf and Ken Nafziger will again be our resource people for a rich and renewing weekend of worship. Fri, 7 PM - We will sing our gratitude and praise. Sat, 7 PM - We will pray together, drawing on the liturgy of the church around the world. Sun, 10:30 AM - We will share the Bread and Cup of the Lord's Supper. Everyone is welcome to find their voice in the worship of the church. For details, see attached poster or contact PMC (1312 SE 35th Avenue, Portland, OR 97214, 503-234-0559, www.portlandmennonite.org).

Feb 4-5, 2011: Bienvenido Facilitator Training. If you are interested in helping support immigration issues in our conference, please see the Appendix for two ways you can support this important work within PNMC.

Western Mennonite School

- ★ **Open positions** for Male Dorm Leader and Bus Driver. For details: <http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org/employment>.
- ★ The latest issue of the *In Touch* newsletter is available at <http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org>.
- ★ Check out **WMS on Facebook:** <http://www.facebook.com/westernmennoniteschool>
- ★ Be sure to read the **WMS 2010-2011 Report** in the **e-Bulletin Appendix**.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

ADNet (Anabaptist Disabilities Network)

The December issue of *Connections* is available: <http://www.adnetonline.org/Resources/Newsletter>. At this link, you may also sign up to receive the newsletter directly, as well as checking out the valuable resources available to your congregation.

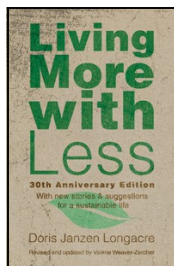
Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Jan 24-27, 2011: *Preaching with Imagination and Creativity in the Post-Modern Era* is the theme of **Pastors Week**. Dr. Cleophus LaRue, professor at Princeton Theological Seminary and ordained pastor in the National Baptist Convention of America, will be the featured speaker. For complete details, including various **Leadership Clinics on Jan 24**, visit <http://www.ambs.edu/pastorsweek>.

Mennonite Education Agency and Mennonite Schools Council

Feb 4-6: *Taste and See - Education Leaders Gathering (ELG 2011)* in Landsdowne, VA. All public and private board members and administrators are invited to join Anabaptist schools, camps and church/conference leaders. The theme of ELG 2011 refers to Psalms 34:8-14. John D. Roth, well-known author and Goshen College professor of history, will present three keynote addresses drawing from his book, *Teaching That Transforms: Why Anabaptist-Mennonite Education Matters*, which will be published in January 2011. For details including registration, visit www.MennoniteEducation.org/ELG2011 or call 574/642-3164, ext. 15.

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Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 3 (submissions due by 12/27)

Jan 17 (submissions due by 1/10)

Feb 7 (submissions due by 1/31)

Feb 21 (submissions due by 2/14)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to 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!*

For more PNMC updates: <http://pnmc.org> **e-Bulletin Archives:** <http://pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin>

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Welcoming Strangers: Bienvenido Program

The stresses associated with immigration often put immigrants at risk for mental health problems such as substance abuse and its consequences (e.g., domestic violence, social isolation, etc.). In response to this fact, Gilberto Pérez, a Mennonite in the Goshen area, developed the Bienvenido Program. Bienvenido is an educational program designed to prevent mental health problems by reducing the emotional and behavioral risks associated with immigrant trauma. Participants in Bienvenido meet regularly in small groups where – with the help of trained facilitators – they 1) discuss their personal immigration experiences in a supportive setting, 2) learn how to minimize the impact on their lives of immigration related stresses and 3) develop the skills and strengths needed for contributing positively to their families and communities.

Bienvenido has been well received by Latino participants in northeastern Indiana, and an independent evaluation of the program has described it as “innovative,” “strong” and “successful.” What began as a small program has spread across northeastern Indiana and is now moving to other locations – including the Pacific Northwest. Gilberto Pérez has been invited to lead a **Bienvenido facilitator training event** in our area on **February 4-5**.

There are **two ways that you can support this effort**. First, the total cost to train ten Bienvenido facilitators will be approximately \$2500. This includes all training fees and materials as well as transportation, housing and meals for Gilberto. If you feel called to support this event financially, please send a donation to PNMC and specify that it is to be used for Bienvenido facilitator training. Any donation that you make will be highly appreciated.

Second, if you think that you might be interested in being trained as a Bienvenido Program Facilitator, or if you simply want more information about the Bienvenido Program, please contact Jack Knox (smcpastor@qwestoffice.net) or Samuel Moran (samorano77@netzero.net) for more information.

Western Mennonite School: 2010-2011 Update

The faculty and staff have embarked on another incredible year of opportunities and experiences for the students. Western Mennonite is excited about the spiritual life of the school, new opportunities for supporters, and its upcoming accreditation renewal.

The high school Student Council gathered during the summer to brainstorm a spiritual theme for the year. Spending hours in prayer, healthy discussion and candidness about what God was doing in and through their lives, the students felt that the best aspect of the school was its unity. Through their conversations, this year's theme was formed: “One God. One People. One Love.” The student council felt the theme showed the direction that the student body was taking spiritually and encompassed the challenge that they wanted to present to their fellow students. They are energized by what God is doing in the school, especially from the excitement from the Spiritual Renewal Week chapel presentations. [Editor's Note: See article in *Evangel*, Winter issue about WMS's Spiritual Renewal Week: <http://www.pnmc.org/Resources/Evangel>.]

WMS is working hard to financially stabilize the student grant program through a newly implemented giving opportunity. The Pioneer Partner Program was created for convenience in giving to WMS. Sustainability is key for this program, as 41 percent of families at WMS needed a grant to be able to attend school this year. Western's goal is to find 1,000 partners before the end of the school year who will donate a consistent monthly amount. More information is available at www.westernmennoniteschool.org/pioneer-partners.

Finally, during the 2010-2011 school year, the Northwest Accreditation Commission, in conjunction with the Mennonite Educators Association, will conduct a site visit to evaluate the program and campus. Western is excited for the feedback because the findings will give the school direction in making its program even more effective.

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