

# PNMC e-BULLETIN

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## From our Executive Conference Minister ~ *Iris deLeón-Hartshorn*

**Back from Anchorage 2010.** There was a wonderful spirit at the Annual Meeting. We had wonderful times of worship and times for discussion. One of many things discussed was Mennonite Church USA's need to decide whether we go to Phoenix for the Mennonite Convention in 2013. The new AZ immigration bill will keep Hispanics out for several reasons. First, if a Hispanic does not have documentation, they are at risk of being questioned and deported. Those who are citizens, or who have documentation to be in this country, fear being unjustly profiled and possibly harassed. The PNMC board will do some further discernment. We will be sharing a resolution that the Peace and Justice Ministry group has written once we do additional work with the responses we got from the delegates.

The *Evangel* summer issue will feature stories and pictures from Anchorage 2010. Please be sure to ask those who went to Anchorage about their experience. In a few weeks we hope to have video of some of the activities that took place in Anchorage.

*Dwelling in the Word* was also introduced at the Annual Meeting. We will be sending out packets in August so that congregations can begin using the materials in the fall. We will also provide additional information on the website. Keep your eyes open for *Dwelling in the Word* material!

*God's grace and peace to you.*

## From the PNMC Office

### PNMC Board Updates

Many thanks to **Dave Hockman-Wert** who has completed his term as Conference Moderator, and to Board members, **Pedro Olvera** and **Audrey Lowen**, who have also completed their terms. We are grateful to these folks who have given generously of their time and services.

A warm welcome to our new Conference Moderator, **Linda Dibble**, who has agreed to serve a two-year term. You will be hearing more from Linda in the *Evangel* summer issue. We also welcome **Jeryl Hollinger** as Conference Moderator-Elect, and **Jennifer Sottolano**, Board member from Lebanon Mennonite. Our conference is blessed with so many committed, talented people!

**PNMC 2009-2010 Handbook Updates:** Please see the attached sheet for important updates to our Handbook. Everyone should have received most of these changes via previous e-Bulletins and/or in Anchorage. However, *this version also includes information for new & retired Board members.* Please send any additional updates to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto:brenda@pnmc.org).

**Anchorage 2010 Highlights:** For those who had the opportunity to attend our Annual Conference in Alaska, please send a sentence or two about your favorite memory. We'll be including some quotes in the next *Evangel* issue. Send highlights to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto:brenda@pnmc.org). Thanks!

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

Check out this wonderful *Oregonian* article about **Samuel Moran and Latino ministries** in the Pacific Northwest: [http://www.oregonlive.com/living/index.ssf/2010/06/pastor\\_came\\_to\\_portland\\_to\\_lea.html](http://www.oregonlive.com/living/index.ssf/2010/06/pastor_came_to_portland_to_lea.html).

**Western Mennonite School** is currently accepting applications for a full-time *Secondary English Teacher*. Bachelors Degree in English required. Experience and Oregon License (or ability to acquire) preferred. **Accepting applications until 7/16/10.** Position starts 8/30/10. For more info, contact Darrel Camp (503/363-2000; [dcamp@westernmennoniteschool.org](mailto:dcamp@westernmennoniteschool.org)) or visit [www.westernmennoniteschool.org/employment](http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org/employment).

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

### Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC has a solid, holistic plan for the earthquake response over the next five or so years in Haiti. MCC feels a great responsibility to use these resources wisely, in the way donors intended, in the way God intends, and in a way that will rebuild Haiti toward a hopeful future. As of June 9, MCC has received about \$13.9 million for Haiti earthquake response. (~\$8.2 million in Canada; ~\$5.7 million in the U.S.) People also gave generously in material resources. Potential contributions from Canadian Foodgrains Bank and other sources could boost total contributions to about \$20 million. **Due to generous giving, the Haiti earthquake response is now funded.** Moving forward, MCC feels it is important to honor their ongoing commitments to people and programs in other countries in which it works, and to be able to respond to new disasters and other needs with the same care it is applying to Haiti. In fact, this giving to 'where needed most' is what allowed MCC to work in Haiti for 50 years before the earthquake and be in position for an immediate response.

### Mennonite Mission Network (MMN)

**Mennonite Voluntary Service** is looking for volunteers for several high-need placements in the 2010-11 season. Among them, MVS is seeking a person to volunteer as a paralegal for ProBAR in Harlingen, Texas. **Fluency in Spanish is required.** ProBAR is an organization that helps guide refugees through the political asylum process. MVS is also seeking a program assistant for the Computers for Youth program in New York City. For information, or to apply online, please visit [www.Service.MennoniteMission.net](http://www.Service.MennoniteMission.net). MVS orientation is scheduled for August 8-13, 2010. Persons who wish to be placed for the 2010-2011 season should submit their applications **by July 1, 2010**. MVS cannot guarantee placement for persons applying after July 1.

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

\*July 26 (submissions due by 7/19)  
 August 2 (submissions due by 7/26)  
 August 16 (submissions due by 8/9)  
 Sept 6 (submissions due by 8/30)

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 PNM. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise.  
*We welcome your feedback!*

\* Due to vacation schedules, this July e-Bulletin will be published one week later than usual. We hope this doesn't cause any inconvenience. We all need some re-creation time though, yes? ☺