

PNMC e-BULLETIN

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From our Conference Moderator ~ *Dave Hockman-Wert*

Updates from the PNMC Board ...

Videorecording at Anchorage 2010

If the technology doesn't fail us, we plan to videorecord many of the sessions at Anchorage 2010. Since many of you won't be able to make it to Alaska for the Annual Meeting, we wanted to make sure you are still able to experience some of it. Thanks to our wonderful Technical/Communications Support Team and, in particular, Patrick Buller, who will be leading these technical efforts on-site, we hope to post videos of the sessions on the PNMC website and/or YouTube within a few weeks of the end of Anchorage 2010. Watch for links on the Anchorage 2010 website: www.anchorage2010.net.

Board Policies

At its April meeting, the PNMC Board approved a set of "Policy Governance" policies. This model of governance was developed by John Carver (<http://www.carvergovernance.com/>) and "outlines the manner in which boards can be successful in their servant-leadership role, as well as in their all-important relationship with management." The Board adapted these policies from Mennonite Church USA's Executive Board. The policies guide the Board in four different ways: 1) by stating the desired outcomes for PNMC (called "Ends" in Policy Governance), 2) by outlining how the Board functions, 3) by clarifying how the Board oversees and holds accountable the Executive Conference Minister (ECM), and 4) by stipulating what the ECM **cannot** do (called "Limitations" in Policy Governance).

While the last point probably sounds overly negative, there are very sensible reasons for this. The ECM is the Board's only employee, and she is tasked with doing the day-to-day work of PNMC. In this system, the ECM is expected to work towards achieving the Ends while avoiding the Limitations. The general idea is that it is both simpler and more effective to identify what is off-limits than it is to prescribe everything the ECM could or should do (which would be excessive micro-management).

A few reviews and tweaks of the policies are still ongoing, but we plan to post the policies to the website eventually. If you are interested in seeing the full set of Policy Governance policies, email Barb Buxman at the PNMC office (office@pnmc.org) and she will be able to send them to you once they are ready for distribution.

Farewell

This will serve as my last written message to all of you. These past four years I have had the opportunity to serve the Church that I care so much about. It has not always been easy, but I have found it to be fulfilling and even enjoyable work. It has been an honor to work with you all and I wish you all the best as you continue being the conference together. Remember, PNMC is not just Iris and the Board; it is Spring Valley Mennonite Church, it is Roca de Salvación, it is Filer Mennonite Church, and it is all of the other Mennonite congregations in our region that voluntarily join together to carry out God's vision of healing and hope for the world.

Blessings to you.

From the PNMC Office

As we prepare for our annual meeting, a **representative from our Northwest Mexico churches** is also preparing to join us in Alaska, **Dina Mardell Ruiz Valdez**. She is a young adult and is bi-lingual and I hope many of you will get to meet her. Dina will be spending the summer as a guest of our conference. She is available to speak to our congregations about her ministry in her conference. If you are able to host Dina for a weekend, or Sunday morning or evening, please contact our office. Pastor Simon Rendon is hosting her this summer. This is an opportunity to engage on a more personal level in our work and connection with the work in Northwest Mexico. Please extend your hand of Christian fellowship to this young woman.

~ Iris de León-Hartshorn

Please note the **new office number** for **Dave Hockman-Wert** in your PNMC Handbook (541/750-0944).

From the PNMC Office

June 30 is the deadline for submitting articles for the *Evangel* summer issue. This issue will focus on information from our Annual Meeting in Anchorage. Due to staff and translator vacation schedules, the summer issue will be published in late July/early August. Stay tuned ...

PNMC 16th Annual Meeting: June 24-27, 2010

Whether or not you plan to participate in person, let us all commit to pray for the Annual Meeting and join together in the Holy Spirit.

For all Annual Meeting details, visit:

http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual_Meetings/Anchorage_2010

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

June 21, 6 PM: Western Singer's European Tour Send-off Concert in the Western Mennonite School Chapel. Featuring music from American composers and arrangers. No admission fee; free will offering.

Congratulations to **Beth Miller Kraybill** who graduated with a Master of Divinity degree with a concentration in pastoral care and counseling from **Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary** on May 22. Beth is a member of Seattle Mennonite Church.

Congratulations to **Eastern Mennonite University** graduate, **Sarah Hooley**, daughter of Gary and Lois Hooley, and a member of Filer Mennonite Church.

A warm welcome to **Goshen students** who are participating in the **Ministry Inquiry Program** in the Northwest. **Maggie Gilman** is serving at Portland Mennonite Church and **Audrey Engle** is serving at Salem Mennonite Church. The MIP requires collaboration between Mennonite Church USA, Goshen College, the sending and receiving conferences, and the sending and receiving congregations.

Congratulations to **Hesston College students** from PNMC who made the **Spring 2010 Dean's List** (earning GPA of 3.50-3.89 while completing at least 12 hrs course work): **Julisa Jeske** of Royal City, WA, attending Warden Mennonite; and **Shawnti Peachey** of Corvallis, OR, attending Corvallis Mennonite.

Welcome back to **Weldon Nisly**, pastor of **Seattle Mennonite Church**, who has returned from his sabbatical. Blessings to **Marilyn Stahl** who has served as interim pastor during this time. Please note Marilyn's new email address: marilynstahl@comcast.net.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

Hello Summer Fun Pack for kids: Say hello to the world this summer by exploring the MCC *Hello* Summer Fun Pack, hello.mcc.org. MCC invites children and parents to learn about water, food and peace through downloadable stories, activities and challenges to complete at your own pace, as well as additional material, encouragement and updates.

Quilting for peace: Get out your quilt patches, summon your creativity and design a quilt patch by Sept. 20 for the benefit of MCC's peace programs. Details: mcc.org/stories/news/quilt-peace.

Mennonite Church USA

Immigration: God's love has no borders. Timely resources on immigration issues are available at <http://peace.mennolink.org/immigration.html>.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

July 5 (submissions due by 6/28)
*July 26 (submissions due by 7/19)
August 2 (submissions due by 7/26)
August 16 (submissions due by 8/9)

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!

* 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? ☺