

PNMC e-BULLETIN

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From our Executive Conference Director ~ *Iris deLeon-Hartshorn*

I hope that many of you are planning to attend Annual Conference. I am excited about the theme this year because it is one part of God's reconciling work that we don't often discuss. Most often we view God's reconciling work as something between people, or between people and God, but another element is creation. In Colossians, when Paul speaks about God being reconciled to all things, whether on earth or in heaven, that includes creation. How are we, as Christians, joining God's reconciling work as it relates to creation? Where are the opportunities within our own neighborhoods, communities and in the world? I hope you plan to attend annual conference so we can learn together about the opportunities we have in caring for creation.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of **Gene Stoltzfus** who passed away on March 10 from a heart attack. Gene served for 16 years as the first director of Christian Peacemaker Teams. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Friesen of Fort Frances, Ontario. For a complete tribute, see <http://www.cpt.org/cptnet/2010/03/11/fort-frances-ontario-gene-stoltzfus-1940-2010-%E2%80%93-presente>.

The Spring issue of our **quarterly conference newsletter, *Evangel***, will be published in early April. This issue is currently closed for submissions. You may submit items for our Summer issue through July 11 to brenda@pnmc.org.

TODAY: Last day to turn in **PNMC Gift Discernment Sheets** to irisdh@pnmc.org. Thanks to everyone who has already responded.

PNMC Annual Conference: June 24-27, 2010

Ever visited beautiful Alaska? Ever attended the PNMC Annual Meeting? Ever wanted to do both? One special **Alaskan cruise tour** will take place 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting. ***SPECIAL UPDATE*** The cruise ship is filling up, so don't wait any longer to register. Sign up today!

Denali Learning Tour: If you want to see Denali in a more rugged, earthy way, don't wait to sign up for this tour with David Radcliff. Only 15 spaces available. Minimum number of registrants needed **by April** to ensure the trip will happen.

For all conference & tour details, visit:

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

P.S. If you haven't already seen the **minutes from the 2009 PNMC Annual Conference**, read them here: <http://pnmc.mennonite.net:/HTML/Meetings/TreasureValleyMinutes.pdf>.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

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Congratulations to Pastor Samuel Moran (Oak Grove, OR) who recently completed the first Spanish-language theological program, Seminario Bíblico Anabautista, offered by Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. For full article: <http://www.ambse.edu/news-and-publications/news/seminario-elkhart>.

March 19, 6:30 pm: *DCC Fundraiser Dinner* at Zion Mennonite Church. For details & reservations, visit www.driftcreek.org. Proceeds will go towards much needed capital improvements at Drift Creek Camp.

ALSO ... *Summer Camp Counselors Needed* ~ DCC is partnering with **Camp Camrec** (Leavenworth, WA) to run consecutive camp schedules that share the same theme materials so staff can work at both camps. Transportation will be provided to WA following the close of DCC camp. For details: http://www.driftcreek.org/Programs/Summer_Camps/Summer_Staff

April 23-25: *Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat* at Drift Creek Camp. Are you considering a gift to the woman in your life for Mother's Day, her birthday, or just as a wonderful gesture of appreciation? Give her a weekend of inspiration and relaxation, including hearing from speaker, Teresa Moser. For details: www.driftcreek.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)

July 28-31, 2010: *Peace Among the Peoples – overcoming the spirit, logic and practice of violence.* A gathering of ecumenically minded Christian peacemakers, providing an opportunity to reflect on the future of the ecumenical peace movement in North America and beyond. Visit <http://www.peace2010.net/> for complete details, including registration forms.

Bethel College in Newton, KS, is seeking **candidates for College President**. For details, see <http://www.academic-search.com/uploads/profiles/BethelProfile.pdf>.

Mennonite Central Committee

April 16, 4:30-7:30 pm: *Empty Bowls ~ A Night for Haiti* at George Fox University. For \$12, you will receive a meal in a handmade ceramic bowl created by one of the students, guest artists or faculty members. There is a \$48 maximum charge per family. All proceeds will support MCC's work in Haiti. For details: <http://www.georgefox.edu/empty-bowls/index.html>.

April 18-19: *Days of Prayer and Action for Peace*, organized by MCC Washington Office. Join congregations worldwide who are organizing and praying for peace in Colombia. Packets are available that include a variety of worship resources and advocacy materials. For details, visit washington.mcc.org/days, or contact Theo Sittler (202-544-6564, tsittler@mcc.org).

2010 MCC Northwest Relief Sale Dates:

May 8	Idaho Mennonite Relief Festival (Nampa, ID)	
Oct 2	Mennonite Country Auction (Ritzville, WA)	* <i>The WA & OR Sales will occur on the same date.</i>
Oct 2	Oregon Mennonite Festival (Albany, OR)	

Mennonite Church USA

May 10-13: *Youth Ministry Council Annual Event* in Pittsburgh, PA. Registration **due by April 15**. Questions? Contact Rachel from the Youth Leadership Ministry Team (1-866-866-2872).

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Mennonite Publishing Network

VIA, a new resource to help your church introduce people to the Jesus way of life.

We live in a society where more and more people know little or nothing about the Christian faith. Many adults did not grow up attending church, or they might come from other faith traditions. What happens when they come to your church, wanting to learn more about being a follower of Jesus? How can you help them learn about the basics of the Christian faith?

Through **VIA**, you and your church can invite people toward one of life's most important commitments—a commitment to the Jesus way of life. Available in both English & Spanish. Visit <http://www.faithandliferesources.org/titles/via/> for more information.

Mennonite Mission Network

Are you a young adult interested in discovering more about God, yourself and others? Would you like to be part of a team that invests a year serving and learning together in a cross-cultural setting? Are you someone who enjoys a challenge and takes initiative to build relationships?

Radical Journey may be for you! For more info including applications, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net or e-mail KayS@MennoniteMission.net.

Mennonite Women

Women in Conversation 2010, co-sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelville Mennonite Church Center. Keynote speaker, Megan Ramer, will speak on the theme, "Living a Life of Gratitude," at the following retreats:

☞ **Apr 9-11** at Laurelville (Mt Pleasant, PA) and

☞ **Apr 30-May 2** at Cross Wind Conference Center (Hesston, KS).

For details, visit: www.mennonitewomenusa.org, or www.laurelville.org.

Sister-Care Seminars

How am I called to care? What resources can the church provide; when do we seek care outside the church? How can women more effectively minister to needs of other women? How do we set boundaries? Sessions include worship, Bible study, skills training and interactive activities. Participants will receive a manual of resources that can be shared with others.

2010 Pacific Northwest Seminar Dates:

Friday evening; Saturday morning & afternoon

October 8-9: Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church (Caldwell, ID)

October 15-16: Salem Mennonite Church (Salem, OR)

October 22-23: Menno Mennonite (Ritzville, WA)

Provided by Mennonite Women USA and hosted by Pacific Northwest Conference Mennonite Women.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

April 5 (*submissions due by March 22*)

May 3 (*submissions due by April 26*)

April 19 (*submissions due by April 12*)

May 17 (*submissions due by May 10*)

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!*