

# PNMC e-BULLETIN

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**Pastor Simon Rendon** had heart bypass surgery on May 11, 2010. The surgery went well and he will be recovering at home for the next six weeks. Please remember Simon and his family during this recovery time. Feel free to send cards to his home at: 115 NW Ninth Street, McMinnville, OR, 97128.

## PNMC 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting: June 24-27, 2010

Registration materials are now available!! Visit the link below to download your registration forms – one for the Annual Meeting and one for housing (be sure to register for both.) **Register before May 31<sup>st</sup> to receive a discounted price.** Financial assistance is also available.

For all Annual Meeting details, visit:

[http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual\\_Meetings/Anchorage\\_2010](http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual_Meetings/Anchorage_2010)

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**May 21 & 22: Work Weekend at Drift Creek Camp.** Please join in the fun of preparing camp for the summer. Families are welcome and lodging available for Friday night. For details and to register, visit [http://www.driftcreek.org/Programs/Work\\_Weekend](http://www.driftcreek.org/Programs/Work_Weekend).

After a long and thoughtful discernment process **Peace Mennonite Church** has decided to close its active ministry as of the end of May. The decision was reached by consensus of the congregation on May 9th. An invitation to join Peace Mennonite for a final celebration goes out to all, but especially those who used to attend the congregation. The **final service on May 30th** will begin at 10am followed by an open house from 11:30AM to 1:30PM. Peace Mennonite began in 1928 as a Sunday School outreach in NE Portland. The congregation moved to Gresham in the mid-1970's and took the name Peace Mennonite. Peace Mennonite has served an ethnically and economically diverse group of people over the life of its ministry where many people have been transformed by the grace of Jesus Christ. The congregation appreciates your prayers as it seeks to close well. ~ *Duncan Smith, Interim Pastor*

*\*Please include the following DCC announcement in your church bulletins and distribute via church email lists. Thank you! ~ John Gingrich*

**July 10-11: Drift Creek Camp** is pleased to announce that it is hosting a **Family Nature Retreat**. The program, planned by The Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center, will feature: Introduction to Photography and Journaling, an Old Growth Ecology hike, Exploring Insects, Native Plant Identification, Stream Ecology, a Night Hike and a hike to Drift Creek Falls. All will occur in the pristine setting of DCC with nutritious food and wonderful hospitality. More information and registration (by **June 1**) details: <http://driftcreek.org>.

Please note the **new email address** for **Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Salvacion** is [rocadesal@live.com](mailto:rocadesal@live.com). Pastor Victor Estrada and Secretary Noemí Flores may be reached via this address.

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**Oregon Mennonite Women** met at Drift Creek Camp retreating, April 23 - 25, 2010, small in numbers, but mighty in spirit with talented presentations. Teresa Moser and Juel Yoder directed meaningful inspirational times and Gail Manickam led singing. The life cycle of the forest tree provided a deep metaphor for the spiritual journey of a woman. From the lines of a song, "Just to be is a blessing, Just to live is holy." And of course there was also tasty food prepared by men cooks, lots of conversations and stories shared. In fresh mountain air, this all adds up to *Rest Within the Rifted Rock*. Women in this retreat spanned the ages of mid-20's to mid-70's. What a wonderful blending of experience and perspective! *Pat Hershberger, Woodburn, OR*

Congratulations to the following **PNMC students** who **graduated from Goshen College** on April 25, 2010:

*Heather G. Hambleton*, daughter of Michael and Dinah Hambleton; Canby, OR

*Benjamin J. Handrich*, son of Tony and June Handrich; Salem, OR

*Patricia M. Hershberger*, daughter of Steve and Lavonne Hershberger; Aurora, OR

*Jesse R. Heyerly*, son of Leon & Wanda Rohrer-Heyerly; Hubbard, OR

*Hannah W. Miller*, daughter of Jack and Marsha Miller; Seattle, WA

*Leah J. Yoder*, daughter of Jonathan and Joyce Yoder; Salem, OR

Please remember to **pray for the numerous high school, college, university and seminary graduates** in our conference as they discern next steps in their journeys.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

### ADNet (Anabaptist Disabilities Network)

ADNet offers **simple tools** that enable a congregation to take a look at its community life.

- Does our church exist as a **sign of God's love** reaching out to others?
- Does our building signal a **welcoming attitude** toward persons with disabilities?
- Is our program **thoughtful and flexible enough to include** persons who are thought of as "different"?
- How do persons with disabilities **experience** our attempts to be welcoming?

Our **Congregational Accessibility Network (CAN)** addresses these issues systematically. Visit [www.AccessibilityNetwork.net](http://www.AccessibilityNetwork.net) to find out more.

### Mennonite Church USA

**The Pittsburgh 2011 Web site and Facebook page are up and running!** To stay current and receive announcements first, bookmark [www.mennoniteusa.org/convention](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/convention) and become a fan of the *Pittsburgh 2011* Facebook page [www.facebook.com/Pittsburgh2011](http://www.facebook.com/Pittsburgh2011).

The **Dove's Nest Collaborative** has an informal relationship with Mennonite Church USA. We believe that churches want to protect children and strengthen families. Our goal is to empower and equip Mennonites to keep children safe in homes, churches, and communities. To this end, we ask you to **complete this short, 10-minute survey by June 11, 2010:** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/MC-USAsurvey>. You will not be required to provide identifying information; results will be published in summary form only. A space for comments is provided and at the end you will be directed to *Dove's Nest* website which contains many resources and contact information. Questions? Please contact Jeanette Harder, co-founder of Dove's Nest Collaborative ([jharder@unamaha.edu](mailto:jharder@unamaha.edu); 402-544-2893). *Thank you!*

### Mennonite Publishing Network

Now Available: ***Saving the Seasons: How to Can, Freeze, or Dry Almost Anything*** compiled by mother-daughter team, **Mary Clemens Meyer and Susanna Meyer**, both of whom are involved in sustainable and organic agriculture. For details and to purchase (\$24.99), visit: [www.mpn.net/savingtheseasons](http://www.mpn.net/savingtheseasons).

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 7 (*submissions due by 5/31*)  
June 21 (*submissions due by 6/14*)  
July 5 (*submissions due by 6/28*)  
July 26 (*submissions due by 7/19*)

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!*