

PNMC e-BULLETIN

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

This week as I have worked on a sermon, *The Right People on the Bus*, I was reminded through biblical narratives of how God uses the “wrong” people on the bus. What I mean is that God uses the unexpected, the frail, the weak, the marginalized and many times, the unwilling. The concept of “the right people on the bus” comes from the well-known business book, *Good to Great* by Jim Collins. It is about the way the world works and how we decide who runs and grows our organizations in a secular world. But God sees differently, thank goodness, and calls out: the reluctant leader, Moses; Rahab, a woman of the night; a widow in Sidon; a slave girl in the story of Naaman; a tax collector; a pregnant teenager named Mary and the list goes on. When we look at our congregations, who is missing? What might we be missing in our formation as a Christian community without the voices of the frail, the weak and the marginalized? This sermon was something I had to wrestle with as I prepared and listened to God. I’m still listening ...

PNMC 16th 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 31st 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

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June 4-5: *Conflict in the Church: Entrusted with the Message of Reconciliation* at Zion Mennonite Church. Zion Mennonite has partnered with the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center to bring this two-day workshop. Anyone interested in improving their ability to handle conflict effectively, whether in the church, the home, the workplace or the community, is invited to participate. The workshop will help participants understand that conflict need not be bad, but is an opportunity for growth; the biblical basis for conflict transformation; each person's own style of responding to conflict; communication skills necessary to resolve conflict peacefully; and strategies for preventing destructive conflict in the church family. Brochures and registration information has been sent to PNMC congregations. **Registration deadline is May 16.** For details, contact ZMC (503/651.2274; zionmc@canby.com.)

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April 8-10, 2011: OR Mennonite Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp. Save the date!

Summer will soon be here! Sign up for an unforgettable experience at **Drift Creek Summer Camp**. Registration forms are available at www.driftcreek.org. If you have questions, contact DCC (541/992-2556; info@driftcreek.org.)

Please note (and visit!) the **new website for Eugene Mennonite Church**: www.eugenemennonite.org.

The phone number for **Filer Mennonite Church** is 208/326-5150. Please note this correction in your **PNMC Handbook**. Email contacts are Gary Eichelberger (garyshirley@filertel.com) and Lyman Mueller (lmuel1@cableone.net).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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Bethel College

The spring 2010 issue of the **Bethel College Church Relations Update** is on our website at http://www.bethelks.edu/bc/news_publications/church_relations_update/index.php?urlid=277. I would encourage you to print a copy to post on an appropriate bulletin board in your church. Thank you. *Dale Schrag, Director of Church Relations*

Mennonite Church USA

Call for art proposals: Mennonite Church USA will incorporate artwork from artists in the Mennonite community to be displayed in the spaces within and around the new Mennonite Church USA Elkhart office building. There are opportunities both to earn an art commission or to donate work. Go online to submit an art proposal: www.MennoniteUSA.org/JoiningTogether/Art.

Mennonite Education Agency

Each month, MEA posts **Prayers for Faith and Learning** which includes a daily prayer for member schools of Mennonite Schools Council, and the universities, seminaries and educational programs of Mennonite Church USA. This document can be placed in church mailboxes or bulletins. Download from here (www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS) and subscribe here (www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe).

Mennonite Mission Network

Interested in exploring service? **Service Adventure** still has some positions available for young adults (ages 17-20) who are interested in serving for 10 months at community-based organizations in places like Colorado Springs, CO, Albany, OR and Anchorage, AK. Live in community with a unit leader and work, worship, and have fun together. For details, visit service.mennonitemission.net or call Diana at 1-866-866-2872 ext. 23064.

London Mennonite Centre seeks new director (Fall 2010 for 3 years, renewable). Mennonite Mission Network and The London Mennonite Centre are seeking a new director to help the LMC embody, promote and develop fresh Anabaptist-shaped vision for the United Kingdom church and its mission. The LMC is a resource and hospitality center "rooted in the Anabaptist tradition, cultivating Christian discipleship as a way of life". MMN personnel and local staff seek to make the LMC a vibrant and relevant centre for UK Anabaptism. For information, contact Ruth L. Guengerich (ruthg@mennonitemission.net) or visit www.mennonitemission.net.

Mennonite Mutual Aid

Attached to this e-Bulletin email, you will find a **free downloadable resource** that MMA has developed for youth. This curriculum focuses on financial management tools specifically for **high school youth**. A 6-session curriculum for adults on Holistic Stewardship will be available in the coming months. If there are additional resources you would find useful in your regions, please contact Beryl Jantzi (beryl.jantzi@mmapartners.org; 800/442-7930).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 17 (*submissions due by May 10*)

June 7 (*submissions due by May 31*)

June 21 (*submissions due by June 14*)

July 5 (*submissions due by June 28*)

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!*