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## From our Executive Conference Minister ~ *Iris de León-Hartshorn*

October has been a busy month for me. The last week of October, I spent nine days in Elkhart, Indiana, serving on the AMBS board, attending Sara Wenger Shenk's inauguration and being part of an important consultation on distance learning for us in the Pacific Northwest. All the Mennonite colleges were represented, along with both seminaries, to discuss a delivery system for distance learning. In the next few months I hope to share with you a website where you can go to see all the classes being offered online, hybrid, or traditional (on site) by both seminaries. You will be able to see the courses a year in advance. Second, AMBS has started a webinar where you can participate in a short workshop/discussion on various topics they are offering.

The undergraduate schools are exploring combining efforts to offer new degrees and graduate level degrees online. These are exciting first steps to providing more consistent learning opportunities to those of us not located near a Mennonite school. If you have any ideas regarding distance learning please feel free to send them my way.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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### Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

**!Explore** is a program that works with high school youth, but the whole congregation also participates. Encouragement from the congregation helps the youth to consider joining in theological exploration and a component of the program is an internship in the congregation, mentored by the pastor.

Now is the time to think about whether someone in your congregation might participate, set aside the funds and start the conversations about applying. See <http://www.ambs.edu/explore> for details.

### Mennonite Central Committee

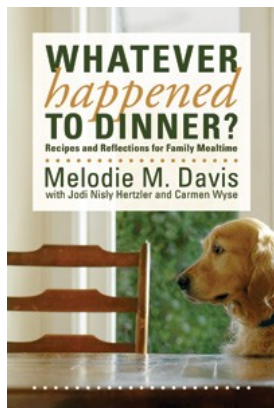
**Indonesia volcano, flooding:** More than 100,000 people in Java, Indonesia, have been evacuated from their homes near Mount Merapi, a volcano that has been erupting continuously since Oct. 26. MCC Indonesia and its partner, Indonesian Mennonite Diakonial Service (Indonesian MDS), are planning an emergency response to assist people displaced by the volcano, but details are still being determined. (Indonesian MDS has no connection to Mennonite Disaster Service.)

The volcano also has caused the temporary relocation of two MCC families who live in Yogyakarta to Salatiga, where MCC offices are located. If ash spreads to Salatiga, the staff is prepared to enact further contingency plans.

At the same time, Indonesian MDS, the relief and peacebuilding arm of the Muria Mennonite Synod, continue to respond to the Oct. 4 flash flooding in Wasior, Papua. Although the Wasior disaster has received very little media attention, the need is great. MCC has committed \$20,000 in that response. Anyone wishing to contribute to MCC's response in Indonesia and around the world may give to wherever needed most. [mcc.org/waystogive](http://mcc.org/waystogive)

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### Mennonite Publishing Network

Part cookbook, part reflection on the changing role of dinner in our culture and part celebration of family and community—that's what you'll find in ***Whatever Happened to Dinner? Recipes and Reflections for Family Mealtimes*** by Melodie M. Davis with Jodi Nisly Hertzler and Carmen Wyse. Through it, the author invites people to eat together, even as she acknowledges the challenges of living in a culture that often pulls us apart. Available from Herald Press ([www.mpn.net/dinner](http://www.mpn.net/dinner); 1-800-245-7894 x 278). Cost: \$12.99 USD.

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 6 (submissions due by 11/29)

Dec 20 (submissions due by 12/13)

Jan 3 (submissions due by 12/27)

Jan 17 (submissions due by 1/10)

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