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

*Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.* These last few weeks have been full for me. I just returned from a Leaders' Forum in Pittsburgh, along with Linda Dibble and Isaac Hooley, where leadership from MC USA gathered. We worshiped, prayed, listened and discussed some important issues of our church. We had a very significant discussion on Phoenix 2013. This issue is a very painful one for undocumented people. We also know there are various opinions throughout the church on this issue. My big question is what would be most helpful for those undocumented? I hope to speak with CIHAN leadership at their next meeting on October 15, 2010. I ask that we as PNMC pray as we find a way forward in this painful and important issue, no matter where you may be on the spectrum. May we see this as an opportunity for us to "be church" in a country torn apart with "either/or's." Let's listen to God and know that our God makes the impossible possible. God's grace and peace to each of you. ~ *Iris*

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

**Nov 5-7: Drift Creek Camp** will celebrate its rich history of camping at the **2010 Annual Members' Meeting**. The family camp will commence Friday evening with activities for all ages and go through noon on



Sunday. Folks are free to come for all or part of the weekend's festivities. The business meeting is scheduled for Saturday morning with the fundraising auction that afternoon. Fellowship with one another as we celebrate the courage and faithfulness of camp founders to make the dream a reality a half century ago. Take time to be personally renewed and revisit your own special place at camp that is meaningful to you. Rejoice with others as we move toward the future in community, working together to make camp

strong. There has been a lot of water under the bridge, so to speak, in order to get the facilities and organization where it is today. We hope you will join us! Please register at [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org).

**MCC Relief Sales:** The OR and WA Relief Sales were held this past Saturday, October 2. *Many thanks* to everyone who volunteered and participated in the sales. They were a great success, raising a total of \$193,000 for MCC. Many people are alive today because of each little bit that is given at these sales. To find out more about the work MCC is doing, visit [www.mcc.org](http://www.mcc.org).

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### ADNet/Laurelville

**Dec 1, 3 pm PST— *Envision Access: 20 ideas for accessible worship.*** Gather 20 great ideas during this free online audio conference, driven by 20 passionate individuals—pastors, thinkers, professionals and parents—whose experiences will help you rethink how you welcome people with disabilities into worship. Learn more at [Laurelville.org/envision\\_access.html](http://Laurelville.org/envision_access.html).

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### Mennonite Central Committee

**12th Annual High School Essay Contest: MCC U.S. Washington Office** is inviting submissions for essays about Palestine and Israel, immigration or military spending. This year's grand prize is \$500. Three regional winners will be awarded \$100 each.

"The high school essay contest is a wonderful way for students to explore the relationship between faith and public policy," said Rachelle Lyndaker Schlabach, director of the Washington Office. "We hope that the contest will promote church-wide awareness of public policy issues by highlighting perspectives of Anabaptist youth."

All essays must be submitted **by Dec. 17**. The contest is open to youth of high school age who are Mennonite, Brethren in Christ or Anabaptist and to all youth who attend Mennonite high schools. Immediate family members of MCC staff or board members are not eligible for the contest. More information, including instructions about where to send completed essays, is available at [washington.mcc.org/advocate/essays](http://washington.mcc.org/advocate/essays). *Mary Stata, MCC U.S. Washington Office*

### Mennonite Mission Network: Mennonite Voluntary Service

Three members of PNMC congregations have begun terms with Mennonite Voluntary Service as of August 2010: ✨ **Rachel Miller**, of Seattle, WA, began a 1-yr term with **Global Exchange in San Francisco, CA**. A Goshen College graduate ('10), Miller is the daughter of Debra and Terry Miller; member of Seattle Mennonite Church.

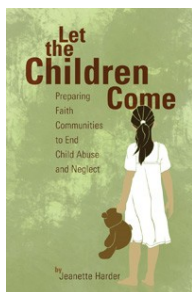
✨ **Hannah Miller**, of Seattle, WA, began a 1-yr term **in Rochester, NY, as Food Access & Outreach Assistant with Northeast Organic Farming Association**. A Goshen College graduate ('10), Miller is the daughter of Marsha and Jack Miller; member of Seattle Mennonite Church.

✨ **Daniel Martin**, of Salem, OR, began a 1-yr term **in Tucson, AZ, as Home Repair Worker with Community Home Repair Program of Arizona**. A Goshen College graduate, Martin is the son of Susan and Eric Martin; member of Salem Mennonite Church.

Rooted in the spirit of Jesus, MVS invites adults, age 20 and older, to join together in Christian ministry for 1- or 2-year terms in more than 20 locations in the United States and one international site. Since the program began more than 60 years ago, thousands of volunteers have had the opportunity to live out their faith through this program of Mennonite Mission Network.

Mennonite Mission Network is the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA and exists to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. Mission Network envisions every congregation and all parts of the world being fully engaged in mission. More information about MVS: <http://www.mennonitemission.net/Serve/MVS>.

### Mennonite Publishing Network



**New book from Herald Press — *Let the Children Come: Preparing Faith Communities to End Child Abuse and Neglect* by Jeanette Harder.** In the context of the Bible and faith, this book helps Christians learn about their role in ending child abuse and neglect in all communities: church, home, extended family, neighborhood, school, work. Each chapter contains real-life stories, discussion questions and action items; the appendix includes prayers, readings and exercises for use in adult education.

Visit: [www.mpn.net/letthechildrencome](http://www.mpn.net/letthechildrencome).

#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 18 (*submissions due by 10/11*)  
 Nov 1 (*submissions due by 10/25*)  
 Nov 15 (*submissions due by 11/8*)  
 Dec 6 (*submissions due by 11/29*)

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