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PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

MCC Relief Sales

Sat, Oct 2: Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief. Join us at the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany, OR. Breakfast begins at 7:30 am, shops open at 8 am and the auction begins at 10 am. Your donations of quality items and services for the auction are much appreciated. Please contact Lynn Miller (503/989-2397; lynnjanicemiller@juno.com). For more festival info: <http://oregonmennofest.org/>.

Sat, Oct 2: Mennonite Country Auction & Relief Sale in Ritzville, WA, at Menno Mennonite Church. All are welcome. For more information, check out the webs site: <http://www.mennonitecountryauction.mennonite.net/>. **Note:** Both the OR and WA Sales fall on this same date this year and this year only. Hope to see you at one of these! ~ Bob Buxman, West Coast MCC NW Representative

Sister-Care in PNMC ~ three weekends for Idaho, Oregon and Washington/Montana. Sister-Care is a training seminar for lay caring within our congregations brought to us by Mennonite Women USA, led by Rhoda Keener, MW USA executive director, and Carolyn Heggen, Albany Mennonite. Encourage the women of your congregation to attend and then share within your congregation. Registration dates vary with the location, cost is \$35 and covers a manual and 2 meals. Registration forms at www.pnmc.org and Sister-Care information at www.mennonitewomen.org.

Immigration issues study guide with a Biblical perspective is now available from Mennonite Mission Network. **Missio Dei #19: "Immigration and the Bible" / "La inmigración y la Biblia"** is now available for download at <http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Tools/MissioDei/Pages/Home.aspx> on the left side of the page under "Latest PDF downloads; Vol, 19." It is available in both English and Spanish. The author, M. Daniel Carroll R., firmly believes that "Christians should respond self-consciously as Christians to immigration," and "the Bible should be their fundamental resource." Order needed quantities of Missio Dei for a Sunday school class or small-group study at <http://www.MennoniteMission.net/Tools/MissioDei/Pages/Home.aspx>, or call Grace Swartzendruber (toll-free, 1-866-866-2872, ext. 23043). *Submitted by Charlotte Derksen, PNMC Resource Advocate*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

Jan 7-9, 2011: Music & Worship Leaders' Retreat. Join a community of worship leaders for a weekend rich with resources, fellowship, and inspiration. For information & registration, visit Laurelville.org or call 800/839-1021.

Mennonite Central Committee

Behind the camouflage: A primer on military enlistment for youth pastors, mentors and counselors. This online resource equips youth pastors and counselors in peace churches and ecumenical settings to give good counsel, both practical and spiritual, to youth who are considering military enlistment. co.mcc.org/us/co/.

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MCC Willamette Valley 2010 Bike Ride by Beth Landis of Eagle, Idaho

Although there are many stories, conversations, laughter, friendships, and painful moments shared among the group, it is hard to summarize an experience that more than a month later, we still talk about every day. Here are few glimpses into the week.

Factoids, Stats, and Trivia

1. 33 bike riders and support staff from six states, ages 15 - 75
2. 265 miles, starting at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, Oregon
3. \$9000 raised for MCC
4. Oldest bike – 35 years old, and weighed a ton by today's standards
5. 360 eggs for breakfast for the week
6. Highest downhill speed – 48 mph – on a recumbent
7. Longest day – 72 miles
8. Most elevation gain in one day – 3400 feet
9. Crop list – 52 agriculture commodities spotted
10. Oldest camping equipment – pocket knife, 48 years old, still in use
11. Most mileage on current bike odometer – more than 10,000 miles
12. Participants who came the most distance - family from Pennsylvania and they drove across the US with bikes and an RV
13. Surprise dessert – berry cobblers from the Lind wives
14. Number of t-shirts earned by each participant – two; one that says MCC Bike Tour 2010 San Juan Islands (a misprint, we didn't go there) and another that says Willamette Valley.
15. Number of covered bridges – at least two
16. Side excursions – Thompson mill, Brownsville museum, Champoeg State park bike trail, Minto Brown Island park, antique shops, milkshake and coffee shops, Mt. Angel Abbey
17. Swimming and wading holes – all had brisk, cool water for tired muscles – Willamette River, KOA campground pool, Waterloo County park, and Silver Creek Falls state park
18. Meditation thoughts – Forgiveness and Amish grace; Ecclesiastes and a time for everything; the gardens of our lives and God's tending to our lives.
19. Number of disappointed riders – zero.

Mennonite Church USA

Please make note of the **attached letter** which explains **MC USA's new online directory**.

Elkhart Offices Building Project

Skilled volunteers needed: The Mennonite Church USA Elkhart Offices project is underway. This facility will house Mennonite Church USA workers who serve with Executive Leadership, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Education Agency, *The Mennonite*, and Mennonite Publishing Network. It will provide a sustainable, functional, low-cost and healthy work environment for these staff members.

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary will be a partner in providing for the maintenance and servicing of the building, as well as cooperating in shared services and event space.

Volunteers are invited to help throughout various phases of the construction process from October 2010 to October 2011. Skills needed include framing, finish carpentry, cabinet installation, electrical, plumbing, masonry, drywall hanging and finishing, landscaping, concrete and painting. Housing will be arranged as needed. You can find schedule information and apply to volunteer on the project website: www.mennoniteusa.org/JoiningTogether.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 4 (submissions due by 9/27)

Oct 18 (submissions due by 10/11)

Nov 1 (submissions due by 10/25)

Nov 15 (submissions due by 11/8)

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!*

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