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

Well summer is just about over and the school year has started. I don't know where the summer went, but it flew by quickly! A couple of weeks ago, Barbara Buxman sent out the ***Dwelling in the Word*** packet electronically. I hope all the congregations received the packet. For those of you who are interested, but have not received it, please go to our website and download it ([http://www.pnmc.org/Resources/Dwelling in the Word](http://www.pnmc.org/Resources/Dwelling_in_the_Word)).

You will find the packet both in English and Spanish as well as additional resources from various people. I encourage all of you in your congregations to live in the scripture of **Luke 4:16-30** throughout this year. Be mindful of how you are being shaped by God's word. Listen to what God may be saying to us together. Be attentive to the bold, prophetic voices as well as the quiet whispers of God's voice. I hope that in the next few months you will freely share your stories of your encounters with the Word so that together we can be transformed by the living Word.

During the **2010 Annual Meeting**, participants spent time dreaming of **PNMC's future**, as well as deliberating whether the **Mennonite Convention** should be held in Phoenix (2013) considering the recent anti-immigration legislation. Responses from these conversations are now posted on our website ([http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual Meetings/Anchorage 2010](http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual_Meetings/Anchorage_2010)) as well as Iris de León-Hartshorn's ***Soul of the Conference*** address. Check them out!

Mennonite Church USA recently sent a **delegation to Phoenix** as part of discerning the location for Mennonite Convention 2013. Read the **delegation's report** (<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/News/tabid/65/EntryID/396/Default.aspx>) as well as an article about the visit (<http://www.mennoniteusa.org/Home/News/tabid/65/EntryID/399/Default.aspx>).

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Sept 19, 4 PM: Hesston College and the Oregon Mennonite Historical Society will host ***Common Threads: Anabaptist and African-American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope*** at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard.

A warm welcome to **Timothy and Nan Gascho** who have accepted a 3-yr pastoral assignment at **Filer Mennonite**. An installation service for Tim is planned for **Sept 26**. Larry Hauder, District Pastor, will officiate. Duane Oesch, PNMC mentor for Tim, and Kathy Bilderback, PNMC mentor for Nan, a licensed chaplain, will also be part of the installation service. Tim and Nan's new address is 917 White Birch, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301. Home phone: 208/734-8706.

Drift Creek Camp

Oct 7-10: Fall Quilt & Scrapbook Retreat. Join women of all ages working independently on projects of their choosing. Camp will provide the space, delicious food, fun door prizes, tasty coffee and time for fellowship. We'll do the dishes so you can have time to be creative! Registration info at www.driftcreek.org.

Meanwhile **volunteers are invited to work on facility projects** before the winter rains begin. Please call 541/992-2556 if you wish to volunteer. We hope to see you there!

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Sister-Care Seminars

Pastors and congregational leaders: The planners of **Sister-Care** in PNMC solicit your encouragement (shoulder tapping) of women in your congregation to participate in this seminar that brings Biblical and skills training for effective lay-caring within the congregation. Presenters: Rhoda Keener, MW USA, and Carolyn Heggen of Albany Mennonite; hosted by PNMC Mennonite Women.

October 8-9, Evergreen Heights Mennonite, *Caldwell, ID*

October 15-16, Salem Mennonite, *Salem, OR*

October 22-23, Menno Mennonite, *Ritzville, WA*

Registration forms at www.pnmc.org. Note registration deadlines and additional information on Sister-Care at www.mennonitewomenusa.org/Ministries/Pages/Sister-Care.aspx



The **Mennonite Youth Pastor Cluster of the Willamette Valley** meets quarterly for prayer, encouragement, resourcing and finding ways to bring our youth together for spiritual growth and building relationships throughout the year.

Left to right: Eric Ivanitsky, former Assoc. Youth Pastor, Western Mennonite; Joseph Penner, Youth Ministries leader, Salem Mennonite; Jana Gingerich, Assoc. Youth Pastor, Zion Mennonite; Brenda Kauffman, Co-Director, Drift Creek Camp; Kristen Leichty, former Youth coordinator, Albany Mennonite; Matthew Shedden, Assoc. Pastor, Lebanon Mennonite; Curt Weaver, Pastor of Children & Youth, Portland Mennonite; Matt Yoder, Micah House Leader, Lebanon Mennonite.

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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Please read the **attached document** for information on webinars, one-day courses and Pastors Week.

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

Sept 24-26: Worship Arts Training. Explore various elements of worship and learn how to tie all of them together, so that worship reflects both God's oneness and diversity more faithfully. Groups of 4 or more save \$35/person. Visit Laurerlville.org/worship_arts_training.html or call 800/839-1021 to register.

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

Please see the **attached brochure** for LMPC's *Clergy Clinic in Family Emotional Process*. The program includes 52.5 contact hours, thus, resulting in 5.25 CEU's, following the guidelines of *The Society for the Advancement of Continuing Education for Ministry*. The brochure provides a thorough description and registration information. Also attached is a brochure for LMPC's *Mediation Skills Training* program.

Mennonite Central Committee

Pakistan flooding: MCC is accepting donations that will be used to help the people of Pakistan recover from massive flooding. MCC does not have program in Pakistan but will forward funds to trusted and experienced agencies working there. mcc.org/stories/news/race-against-time-pakistan

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 20 (*submissions due by 9/13*)

Oct 4 (*submissions due by 9/27*)

Oct 18 (*submissions due by 10/11*)

Nov 1 (*submissions due by 10/25*)

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!*

For more PNMC updates: <http://pnmc.org> **e-Bulletin Archives:** <http://pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin>