



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

2011 Salem Evaluation. Many thanks to those who have already completed our short survey. If you attended Annual Meeting (or have ideas for future meetings), please take a few moments to share your feedback. **Your input is invaluable as we plan for 2012.** In English: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LN7BNG9>. In Spanish: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TCHNCH8>. *Thank you!*

Our apologies to outgoing Board member, **Jeanne Rempel**, who was omitted in the last e-Bulletin update ... We are grateful for your service and time on the PNMC Board. Our oversight is in no way a reflection of our appreciation!

Our **Facebook** group page is in the process of being archived. Facebook is encouraging organizations to create a "Page" format instead. Visit us at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pacific-Northwest-Mennonite-Conference/234830199869321> and add us to your list of Likes! You don't have to have a Facebook account to view this page.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Western Mennonite School

Now accepting applications for Dorm Leader positions to serve in our high school dorm program. Start date: 8/29/11. Applications accepted until position is filled. Contact Robby Gilliam (503-363-2000; rgilliam@westernmennoniteschool.org) for an application. Details available at www.westernmennoniteschool.org/employment.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)

Upcoming Webinars: <http://www.ambs.edu/programs-institutes/clc/webinars>

Sept 7, 1-3:30 pm EDT: *Promise and Peril: Understanding and managing change and conflict in the congregations* with David R. Brubaker

Oct 18, 7:30-8:45 pm EDT: *Advent Planning: Awesome deeds we do not expect* with Marlene Kropf, D.Min. and Rosanna McFadden, M.Div.

Nov 8, 1:45-3 pm EST: *Engaging the Bible in the congregation* with Robert J. Suderman, Ph.D. **Hear more from our PNMC Annual Meeting speaker!**

Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Would you, or someone you know, be enriched by taking an online class this fall on a topic such as the New Testament, Mennonite history, leadership and administration, or cross-cultural discipleship? Eastern Mennonite Seminary has been a leader in online learning for over 10 years. Students from North America and across the globe take courses from the comfort of their homes. Each class is limited to 12 students. The classes above begin on August 30. To learn more about registering, go to <http://www.emu.edu/seminary/distance-learning/>.

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Hesston College

Oct 28-30: 12th Annual *Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series conference* with the theme *Getting Beyond Them and Us – to We*. The conference will explore the tension of the church's call from an Anabaptist perspective to be both distinctive and open to others. "In becoming more invitational, we don't want to drop who we are as an Anabaptist church – we have something to offer – but the elephant in the room is we are in a deep decline," said conference organizer and Hesston College Bible and Ministry faculty Michele Hershberger. "We need to look at the theological reasons people don't want to come in the doors."

Conference speakers are Hal Shrader, lead pastor of Trinity Mennonite Church, an urban, missional, Anabaptist community in Phoenix, Ariz.; Joanna Shenk, an associate for Interchurch Relations and Communication with Mennonite Church USA; and Anton Flores-Maisonet, co-founder of Alterna in LaGrange, Ga., a missional community of U.S. citizens and Latin American immigrants. For schedule, registration and speaker information: www.hesston.edu/avds. Register before Oct 1 for discounted rates. For more information, contact Elaine Schmidt (elaines@hesston.edu; 620-327-8290).

Mennonite Central Committee

Help drought-stricken East Africa. MCC is appealing for donations to support its response to the drought and food crisis in East Africa that has left about 11 million people in need of humanitarian assistance. Please consider a gift to help fund initial efforts in Ethiopia and Kenya to provide supplemental food for at-risk groups, and to support food-for-work projects. For the full article, including online donation options, visit <http://www.mcc.org/stories/news/mcc-requests-funds-e-africa-drought-response>. Please also pray for people in the region.

Please also see the **e-Bulletin Appendix** for information about **Civilian Public Service commemorations**.

MennoMedia

Shaping Your Family's Future, a curriculum helping individuals take stock of the influence of their families of origin on their parenting styles, is testing whether to create a DVD format. The curriculum targets newly expectant parents. Philhaven, a Mt. Gretna, Pa. based non-profit behavioral health services agency that created the original curriculum, has contracted with Burton Buller of MennoMedia to create the pilot. Philhaven is affiliated with the Mennonite Church. MennoMedia will serve as an eventual distributor for Shaping Your Family's Future curriculum. People can view the 18-minute pilot at http://www.shapingyourfamily.org/SYFF_video and take a survey that will help decide the viability of the project. "This survey is essential to this project moving forward," says Buller.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 15 (*submissions due by 8/8*)

Sept 5 (*submissions due by 8/29*)

Sept 19 (*submissions due by 9/12*)

Oct 3 (*submissions due by 9/26*)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to communications@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>

e-Bulletin Appendix

Mennonite Central Committee: *World War II Peace Events*

The year 2011 marks the beginning of many 70th anniversary events related to World War II. It also marks the 70th anniversary of the opening of the first Civilian Public Service (CPS) Camp near ElkrIDGE, Maryland.

On May 15, 2011, local members of the American Friends Service Committee and others gathered for a picnic, reflections by historians and a CPS alumnus and a chance to view displays. The group then toured the camp remains in Patapsco State Park. The *Baltimore Sun* even wrote an article about the event. (http://articles.baltimoresun.com/2011-05-13/news/bs-md-co-objectors-camp-20110513_1_objector-civilian-public-service-conscience-war)

Because of that experience, we wish to recognize opening dates for the many Civilian Public Service camps that provided alternative service opportunities for conscientious objectors during the war. We have attached a **listing of upcoming 2011 camp openings/anniversaries** for camps administered by Mennonite Central Committee.

We invite you to alert your local congregations, the local news outlets in the town or city located near the CPS camp site, as well as other local churches, peace groups, historical societies and libraries. Some of these local entities and their contact information are listed in the attached camp listing for your easy follow-up.

We have also attached a **template for a press release** which you are free to use or amend for your purposes. It would be important to fill in information about the local camp and your agency's national or local contact information.

Finally, we have attached a **press release about the newly-launched Civilian Public Service** website <http://www.civilianpublicservice.org>. The website provides good background information as well as detailed information on the work of each Civilian Public Service camp.

We would love to see local commemorations, news stories and other creative events spring up around the country as the 70th anniversaries for CPS camp openings occur. We believe these anniversary events offer a good opportunity for communities to reflect on the meaning of conscience and the protection of minority voices even during times of national crisis.

We believe the CPS website, along with the linked materials, can provide local partners with good resources to plan these events. In that manner, planners can emphasize important aspects of CPS in relationship to the local community, as well as local expressions of conscience today.

As these commemorations happen, please keep us informed. There may be a way to incorporate some of the content from these events onto the website.

If you have any questions, please contact: Hannah Kurtz, Mennonite Central Committee, Peace and Justice Ministries intern, 21 S. 12th St., Box 500, Akron, Pa. 17501.

**** e-Bulletin Editor's Note:** This e-Bulletin was delivered via email and included an attachment "CPS Resource Packet." This packet includes all the resources referenced above in bold text. Resources may also be obtained from Hannah Kurtz at the address above.**