



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

The PNMC office will be closed December 20th through January 11th. Barb Buxman will be available to respond to emails when the office reopens on January 12th. Dave Stutzman will receive phone calls at 503-581-3236. Have a happy holiday!

From our Interim Conference Minister, *Dave Stutzman*

Surely something special happens when one meets the Christ of Christmas. Those humble shepherds from the hillsides of Judea who went to the stable and found the baby, Jesus, lying in a manger were obviously deeply affected by the experience. According to the story in Luke 2, they left praising God and spreading the good news of Jesus' birth to those around them.

Many years later, an unknown someone from a distant land, likely Cameroon, reflected on the meaning of Jesus' coming to earth and penned these simple, yet profound, words -- **"He came down that we may have love. He came down that we may have peace. He came down that we may have joy. Hallelujah forevermore."** You may have sung those words this Christmas season because they were set to music in the song entitled *"He Came Down"*, which is number 31 in *Sing the Journey*.

My hope and prayer is that during this Christmas season and beyond, we each experience the love, peace, and joy that come through knowing the Christ of Christmas. Also, as those humble shepherds, **may we freely spread the good news of Jesus birth to those around us!**

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Portland Mennonite Church

Member Care: Equipping Members for Caring Ministry: January 20-21, 2012. Carolyn Holderread Heggen and Rhoda Shenk Keener will equip congregational members with tools for caring and responding effectively to the needs of others. Member Care explores: Claiming Our Identity as God's Beloved, Caring for Self and Others, Compassionate Listening, as well as Transforming Loss and Grief. For details, contact [Rachel Ringenberg Miller](mailto:Rachel.Ringenberg.Miller@pnmc.org), 503.234.0559.

For [registration](#), contact [Allison Miller](mailto:Allison.Miller@pnmc.org).

Zion Mennonite Church

If you teach Sunday School, help facilitate youth programs or volunteer as a nursery worker, consider the [Safe Sanctuary Awareness Training](#), **Saturday, February 18** from 10:00-noon. The 2-hour workshop, presented by Marlene Bogard, is designed to increase awareness of ways to make churches a safe place for children. To register, contact [Jodi Hansen](mailto:Jodi.Hansen@pnmc.org).

Albany and Calvary Mennonite Churches

Worship and Culture after Christendom: March 16-18, 2012, presented by Alan and Eleanor Kreider, professors at AMBS and longtime missionaries in post-Christendom England. Registration information TBA. Questions? Contact [Larry Eby](mailto:Larry.Eby@pnmc.org).

Western Mennonite School

WMS is currently accepting applications for a part-time Evening Cook to work five nights per week. For details contact [Rob Gilliam](mailto:Rob.Gilliam@pnmc.org), visit the [website](http://www.wms.edu), or call 503-363-2000.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Lent Planner equips pastors, worship leaders and musicians to guide congregations through the renewal of the Lenten season to the vibrant new life of Easter. Marlene Kropf and Rosanna McFadden will offer creative ideas for scripture presentations, visual elements, movement and rituals, prayers, and music. To register for the **January 14th** workshop, visit www.ambs.com.

AMBS has many learning opportunities planned for **Pastors Week 2012**. Topics include Immigration & the Congregation; Worship and the Arts; and Turning Disgust, Demoralization and Depression into Empowerment for Ministry. Visit www.ambs.com.

Bethel College

Follow this [link](#) for a review of recent **spiritual life** events at Bethel College.

MennoMedia

MennoMedia is accepting applications for a **Director of Development**. The job includes oversight of development functions, including fundraising, donor contacts, and capital campaigns. For more information, go to www.MennoMedia.org.

Mennonite Central Committee

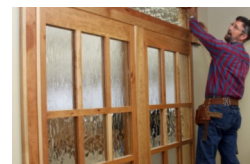
This Christmas, give a gift that will take your favorite cyclist on a wonderful experience bicycling five days through beautiful scenery on the “Paradise Islets” of Washington and benefit MCC: **Bike the San Juans, August 5-10, 2012**. For details, contact [Trish Hershberger-Handrich](#), 503-201-7605.

Kits for Christmas: *A gift of joy with some assembly required.* MCC urgently needs 10,000 school kits and 10,000 hygiene kits to replenish its supply. Shipments to places like drought-affected East Africa have largely drained MCC’s warehouses.

MCC is recruiting candidates for the **Associate Program Director** position based in Akron, PA. For details, visit www.mcc.org.

Mennonite Church USA

The new MC USA building, located near AMBS, will provide workspace and meeting rooms for multiple Mennonite Church USA organizations, including Executive Board staff, Mennonite Mission Network, Mennonite Education Agency, MennoMedia and The Mennonite. Staff members plan to move into the building Dec. 19–21.



Mennonite Mission Network

A fire broke out in the **Albuquerque Service Adventure** home last week when participants were at work. There were no injuries, but almost everything was damaged. Pray for Erin Regier, Melanie Pilz, Hannah Martin, Michelle Peachey and unit leaders Brian & Anna Yoder Schlabach. Pray for the Albuquerque congregation as they support the unit and look for alternate housing.

Mennonite Mission Network seeks a teacher/administrator for the English-language program of the Nanjing Theological Seminary, beginning in Fall 2012. Contact [Sharon Norton](#) for details or apply at www.MennoniteMission.net.

Want to spend next year serving alongside a church and community to make a difference? Apply now to Mennonite Mission Network’s year-long programs! **Mennonite Voluntary Service, Radical Journey, Service Adventure and DOOR** are accepting applications for Fall 2012. Visit Service.MennoniteMission.net for applications and details.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 2 (submissions due by 12/26)
Jan 16 (submissions due by 1/9)
Feb. 6 (submissions due by 1/23)
Feb 20 (submissions due by 2/13)

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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