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

Invitation to: *Pastors, District Pastors and PNMC Board Members*

Mennonite Church USA board will be meeting at Portland Mennonite Church on April 15-16, 2011. They would like to meet with PNMC leadership on Friday evening, so please mark your calendars for **April 15**. The evening may include dinner and if so, I will let you know as soon as possible so that we can get an accurate count. Ervin Stutzman, Executive Director of MC USA, will also be preaching at Zion Mennonite Church on April 17. Please mark your calendars for this opportunity to meet with MC USA Executive Board and staff.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

March 12, 7 pm: Our Common Interest - Ending Hunger and Malnutrition sponsored by Salem Mennonite Church Peace Committee. Guest speaker, **Robin Stephenson**, works to involve people of faith in Bread for the World's mission of using our collective Christian voice to urge our nation's decision makers to end poverty and hunger, both in the U.S. and abroad. She is the Field Organizer for the Western Region of BFW. Hosted at Salem Mennonite Church (1045 Candlewood Dr. NE, Keizer, OR, 97303). Questions? Please contact Gary Olsen-Hasek (olsenhasek@usfamily.net; 503-589-9749).

March 20, 2:30 pm: Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society Spring Gathering at Salem Mennonite Church. Lee Snyder, former president of Bluffton College, will be presenting. Her recent book, *At Powerline and Diamond Hill: Unexpected Intersections of Life and Work*, describes her Mennonite upbringing in Oregon, as well as her professional development. All are invited to attend.

April 1-3, OR Mennonite Women's Retreat at Drift Creek Camp. *Retreat planners appreciate including this announcement in your church bulletin and encouraging women of your congregation to participate in the retreat with other women of PNMC.*

An open invitation for all women to **Come, be Renewed** in the Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat, April 1-3 at Drift Creek Camp. Charlene Epp leads in reflection and inspiration on the lives of the Biblical sisters Mary and Martha. There is time for conversation, worship, interest centers, music, talent evening, resting, reflection, art and more. Register at http://www.driftcreek.org/Programs/Mennonite_Women and for more information on the retreat. Check out early registration.

April 15, 7 pm: Oregon Mennonite Sacred Choral Festival at 1st Assembly of God in Albany, OR. Tony Brown will be the featured guest soloist and Steve Zielke will be a guest conductor.

May 21, 8 am-3 pm: 2011 Idaho Menno World Relief Sale at the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa, ID. Free admission! Country Breakfast served 8-10 a.m. Want to get involved? Contact Nan Gascho (bjnbrock@att.net; 480-298-8182). Details at <http://www.idahomrs.org/>.

Western Mennonite School

Dorm Leader (Male) Needed: Full time position. Serve as dorm leader for the high school dorm program. Must be willing to work with students from other cultures, promote a positive Christ-centered community, and be willing to work flexible hours. Start date is the end of March 2011. Applications accepted until position filled. Contact Robby Gilliam (503-363-2000). More info at <http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org>.

Check out our new **Spiritual Life blog** which recaptures our student chapels: <http://wmspirituallife.blogspot.com/>

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Eastern Mennonite Seminary (EMS)

Consider taking online or intensive summer courses. The following 2- and 3-week courses will be offered in May and June: *Mennonite Faith and Polity*, *Jeremiah*, *Pastoral Assessment*, *Biblical Foundations of Justice and Peacemaking*, and *Sacred Worship Events*. We also offer the 2-week Summer Institute for Spiritual Formation in June. Summer online courses include *Spiritual Direction in Life and Practice* and *Mennonite Faith and Polity*. For details visit www.emu.edu/seminary/courses/summer or contact admissions (540/432-4257).

Mennonite Central Committee (MCC)

MCC has moved its international workers out of Egypt because of the civil unrest. MCC asks that you pray for the safety and well being of its national workers who continue to live in Egypt, that the violence and uncertainty will end soon, and that a just peace will prevail.

Mennonite Church USA

A new webpage (www.mennoniteusa.org/phoenix) provides information about MC USA Executive Board's decision to continue to hold the 2013 convention in Phoenix despite Arizona's new anti-immigration law (SB 1070). The page provides an overview of discussions that have taken place throughout the church about whether or not to hold the convention in Phoenix as planned. It links to a timeline of events, documents considered in the decision-making process and articles from different media outlets.

Menno-Hof

Looking for a way to serve while sharing your faith? Menno-Hof in Shipshewana, IN, needs individuals and couples in agreement with Anabaptist values and beliefs to serve as host and/or hostess during July and August 2011. Responsibilities include conducting tours and some light housekeeping. Menno-Hof offers visitors from around the world accurate information about the faith and life of the Amish and Mennonites. For details, contact Susan Miller, managing director: (260/768-4117; smiller@mennohof.org) and visit <http://www.mennohof.org/>.

Mennonite Publishing Network (MPN)

MPN and Third Way Media are merging to form a new bi-national publishing and media agency serving both Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. A Search Committee, chaired by Abe Bergen (Winnipeg, Manitoba) is soliciting nominations for an Executive Director to lead this new agency. Other Search Committee members include: Rebecca Seiling, Marco Güete, Kim Vu Friesen.

The Search Committee solicits your prayers as it conducts this important work. In addition, the committee is seeking nominations of individuals for this key leadership role. Please contact Abe Bergen (abergen@cmu.ca) with names of individuals who should be considered. Please provide contact information as appropriate.

Opening for EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – MPN/THIRD WAY

Seeking a visionary leader with passion for a publishing and media ministry. Reporting to the binational board and based in Harrisonburg, VA, the Executive Director will lead the integration of Mennonite Publishing Network and Third Way Media in the transition to a new multi-media agency providing Anabaptist formation and witness resources. Five years or more executive leadership experience and the willingness to regularly travel within North America. See www.mpn.net/about/openings.html or e-mail indication of interest to search@mpn.net.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 7 (submissions due by 2/28)

Mar 21 (submissions due by 3/14)

Apr 4 (submissions due by 3/28)

Apr 18 (submissions due by 4/11)

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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