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

As I begin to think about our **Annual Meeting** in Salem this June, I get excited about both the theme, *Discerning in Community*, and the opportunities for training that we will be providing in four hour segments. The four courses we will be offering are:

- ⌘ **Pastoral Reviews** - Nancy Kauffmann, MC USA Denominational Minister, will share the review processes available through MC USA, including various pitfalls to avoid and how to have an overall healthy process. This is open to congregational leaders.
- ⌘ **Preaching 101** - You have been asked to preach while the pastor is away ... What do you do? Leo Hartshorn, who has an M. Div. in Anabaptist Dialogical preaching, will be presenting some ideas for novice preachers on preparing sermons and sermon styles.
- ⌘ **Team Ministry** - You have a wonderful ministry team, now what? This course will provide tools for how to build a team that is healthy and effective. Instructor: TBA
- ⌘ **BAFA BAFA Inter-cultural Dynamics** - Iris de León-Hartshorn and Bob Buxman will take you through a two hour simulation game on inter-cultural dynamics. A time of debriefing will follow, including a presentation of actual case studies which will be discussed in light of the simulation experience. Limited to 40 participants.

I am sharing about these courses now so congregations can plan ahead and ask leaders to attend in order to build the capacity of lay leadership. More information will be coming in April. The trainings will take place Saturday afternoon (June 25), tentatively 1:15-5:15 p.m. Various one hour seminars will also be available Friday and Saturday.

God's grace and peace to you. ~ Iris

Evenings have been very cold. We ask that you **pray for the many people living on the streets** who are facing life-threatening situations as they try to stay warm. Please especially remember **Anawim** as they try to work with the city of Gresham (OR) to fill in the gap when there is no place for the homeless to go during these cold nights.

Robert Garber, of Nampa, ID, passed away on January 29 at 92 years of age. Robert was greatly respected for his ministry and service to the church. Ordained to Christian ministry in 1944, he served both First Mennonite and City Acres Mennonite in Nampa, ID. Robert continued to be active in his church and is remembered by many as an encourager of all, younger and older. A memorial service was held February 4th at Lakeview Bible Church in Nampa. Cards may be sent to the family at 17500 Northside Blvd, Nampa, ID, 83687. Please keep the Graber family in your prayers and see the attachment for a fuller sharing of Robert's life.

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Oregon Mennonite Sacred Choral Festival You are invited to join a "100-Voice Choir" to sing in the 8-part Sacred Choral Festival! **Auditions are not required, but ability to read music is necessary.** Rehearsals begin on Feb 13 at Albany Mennonite Church (2:30-5 pm). Thursday rehearsals are at Salem Mennonite Church (7-9 pm). Music folders and scores are provided. If interested, please contact Choral Director Louis Lehman *today* (541-926-2585; lehmen1928@comcast.net). A performance of the Choral Festival will be held at 1st Assembly of God in Albany on April 15, 7 p.m. Tony Brown will be the featured guest soloist and Steve Zielke will be a guest conductor.

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Drift Creek Camp



Apr 1-3: **Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat.** Details including registration at www.driftcreek.org. Gather in community to tackle an issue we all struggle with: *the balance of time*. Join in as **Charlene Epp*** leads discussion times, exploring the lives of Mary and Martha and the way each woman chose to use her time. Consider the benefit of self-care in our fast-paced society. Invite a sister, daughter, mother, friend. Gather for music, worship and relaxation. **Come, be renewed.** Grow in mind, body and spirit through group sessions, nature hikes, meaningful conversations and times for reflection. Fun will be had as guests invite others to share in activities that bring them joy. Delight in nourishing food, coffee treats and time set aside to connect with women of all ages. Be quiet with God and feed the spirit.

***Charlene Epp** lives in Portland, Oregon where she works as a Chaplain at Providence St. Vincent's Medical Center and is a member of Portland Mennonite Church.

Apr 7: **Mennonite Choir Festival participants** will spend Thursday evening at DCC. We are looking for **extra blankets and pillows** for out-of-state travelers. If you have bedding you're willing to lend, please contact Brenda Kauffman (541-992-2556; info@driftcreek.org). We're also looking for **kitchen volunteers** to help prepare dinner (4/7) and breakfast (4/8).

May 20-21: **DCC Work Weekend.** We'd love to have your help in preparing Drift Creek for summer visitors. 2011 Summer Camp registration forms will soon be available.

2011 Camp Dates:

Parent and Me Camp ~ June 17-19

Grades 5 & 6 ~ July 3-8

High School Camp ~ June 19-24

Grades 3 & 4 ~ July 10-15

Grades 7 & 8 ~ June 26-July 1

Surf Camp ~ July 17-22

Volunteer nurses, cooks & bakers, craft leaders and more are needed for each week. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact info@driftcreek.org. *We appreciate your help and support of camp through service!*

Western Mennonite School

Weds, Feb 9: **Middle School Visitors Day** for prospective families interested in learning more about the school. Details available at <http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org> or by contacting Cheryl Mayo – 503-262-2000, cmayo@westernmennoniteschool.org.

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://wmspiritualife.blogspot.com/>

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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS)

AMBS Annual Report is now available here: <http://www.ambs.edu/giving/annual-report>.

Upcoming webinars: <http://www.ambs.edu/webinars>. Register at least 4 days in advance for early reg. rate (\$45).

Ministering to young people in a technological culture, Mar 8, 2-3:30 p.m. EST

Led by Andy Brubacher Kaethler

Unmarried couples living together, Mar 24, 2-3:30 p.m. EDT

Led by Irma Fast Dueck

Bethel College

The Church Relations Update winter issue now available: http://www.bethelks.edu/bc/news_publications/church_relations_update/index.php?urlid=277. It features "The Precious Power of Persistence" by yours truly, some great news about student assessment of Bethel's impact on their spiritual growth, and the itinerary of the spring break choir tour. I would greatly appreciate your printing a copy and posting it on a bulletin board in your church. Thanks! ~ Dale Schrag, Director of Church Relations

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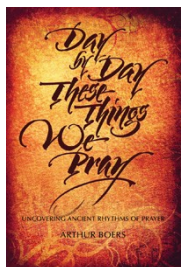
Pittsburgh 2011, MC USA Convention, July 4-9 (www.mennoniteusa.org/convention). Registration is now open! For registration booklet and information visit: <http://www.mennoniteusa.org/LinkClick.aspx?link=1610&tabid=1477>.

Seasoned with Peace: Winter is a book of daily devotions, January to March, with biblical and practical ideas for living Jesus' invitation to peacemaking. More than 60 people contributed prayers, comic strips, recipes, devotions and crafts so that the sale of this book can support MC USA Peace and Justice Support Network. For more info, see www.seasonedwithpeace.com. The book can be ordered from this website or through Amazon. Spring will be available in early March. We are currently hoping for contributions to Summer.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)

Each month, MEA shares prayer requests from member schools of Mennonite Schools Council, and colleges, universities, seminaries and educational programs of Mennonite Church USA. MEA provides *Prayers for Faith and Learning* as a document that can be distributed in church mailboxes or as a bulletin insert. It is also available online at www.MennoniteEducation.org/PRAYERS. Congregations or individuals who are interested in a free subscription may subscribe at www.MennoniteEducation.org/Subscribe. *Thank you for the many ways you support Mennonite education!*

Mennonite Publishing Network (MPN)



Day by Day These Things We Pray: Uncovering Ancient Rhythms of Prayer by Arthur Boers (www.mpn.net/daybyday). Today's hectic pace leaves little time to nourish the spirit, and at one time or another all of us feel spiritually disconnected and alone. But there is a treasure within the Christian faith, highly prized by those who have found it, that offers a solution to this modern-day dilemma: morning and evening prayer. Practical and wise, drawing upon Scripture and long-time personal experience, Boers invites us to reclaim this prayer tradition—and to find our relationship with God forever changed.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 21 (submissions due by 2/14)
 Mar 7 (submissions due by 2/28)
 Mar 21 (submissions due by 3/14)
 Apr 4 (submissions due by 3/28)

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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