



e-Bulletin

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PLEASE NOTE: This is the only e-Bulletin for this month. The next e-Bulletin will be distributed on **August 1st**.

From the PNMC Office

Please share the following job announcement with all of your constituents!

JOB OPENING with Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference (PNMC). We are looking to hire a **Communications Coordinator / Evangel Editor** starting immediately. This is a work-from-home opportunity for 15-20 hours/month. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Publisher a must; background in communications desirable. See the full job description at <http://pnmc.mennonite.net/Resources/Jobs>. Submit cover letter and resumé to Barbara Buxman, PO Box 301036, Portland, OR 97294; office@pnmc.org.

PNMC's 17th Annual Meeting in Salem, OR, was a blessed time! Thanks to the many volunteers who tended to so many details ensuring that everything went smoothly. The summer issue of the *Evangel* will include several articles, updates and photos from the Annual Meeting. In the meantime, please visit our website to check out the new links and photos.

http://pnmc.mennonite.net/Meetings/Annual_Meetings/Salem_2011. **If you attended the Annual Meeting, we would greatly appreciate you taking 5 minutes to complete this evaluation** which will help us to plan for future meetings: In English: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/LN7BNG9>. In Spanish: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TCHNCH8>. *Thank you!*

Thank You's and Welcome's to PNMC

A warm welcome to **Jack Swaim** who has agreed to serve on the PNMC Board, fulfilling the remainder of Pat Senner's term which expires in 2013. **Jerry Barkman** was also welcomed as a new Board Member, and **Joseph Penner** extended for another 2 years. Many thanks to **Ed Miller** who has fulfilled his term as PNMC Treasurer, and to **Harold Nussbaum**, our new PNMC Treasurer. Thanks to **Charlotte Derksen** who will serve 1 more year as Secretary. Thanks to **Rod Stafford** who was elected to the Pastoral Leadership Team for a 4 year term, and to **Bob Buxman** and **Anne Hege** who will each serve a 1 year term on the Gifts Discernment Team. *We give heartfelt thanks to the many volunteers who generously share their time and talents with PNMC!*

Our Facebook group page is in the process of being archived. Facebook is encouraging organizations to create a "Page" format instead. If you're on FB, search for "Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference" and add us to your list of Likes!

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Sunday, October 23: 50th Year Celebration of Salem Mennonite Church in Keizer, Oregon. For details, contact Kathleen Aeschliman (503/390-2715; smcoffice@qwestoffice.net).

Western Mennonite School

Congratulations to the **WMS Girls Softball team** for placing 2nd in state! It's the first time for the team to make the state tournament. Read more about it and see pictures at: <http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org/athletics/sports-available/softball/>.

WMS is offering **Summer Sports Camps** for students grades K-12 in baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball during August. Details and registration forms available at www.westernmennoniteschool.org. For more information, contact Dora Ivanitsky (503/363-2000; dorai@westernmennoniteschool.org).

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

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Disability Network (ADNet)

July 18-22: *2nd Annual Institute on Theology and Disability* at the Lutheran Theological Seminary (Gettysburg, PA). Major writers and leaders in the arena of inclusive ministries will be present. Presentations and discussion groups focus on theology, Biblical studies, pastoral care, ethics, religious education, congregational ministries and more. Details at http://rwjms.umdj.edu/boggscenter/projects/Pennsylvania_Faith.html. Come for Monday (7/18), an introductory day with all the faculty and mentors for the Institute, or for the whole week. The Institute is sponsored by the Faith Community Leadership Project in Pennsylvania, funded by Pennsylvania Developmental Disabilities Council.

Also available now, a CD from the **2010 Summer Institute on Theology and Disability** with lectures by Hans Reinders, Amos Yong, Tom Reynolds, Peggy Johnson, John Swinton, Bill Gaventa, and Erik Carter (audio files) and **two booklets on inclusive ministries** (*Autism and Faith: A Journey into Community* and *Brain Injury: When the Call Comes. A Congregational Resource.*) The CD's may be ordered individually; files downloaded from the website; and/or available in quantity for faith networks for little or no costs, depending on the method of distribution (while supplies last). To order or download: http://rwjms.umdj.edu/boggscenter/products/Product_FaithBased.html.

Please feel free to share this with others interested in inclusive faith based supports. For additional information and resources, visit the Faith Community Leadership Project, http://rwjms.umdj.edu/boggscenter/projects/Pennsylvania_Faith.html or contact Bill Gaventa (bill.gaventa@umdj.edu; 732-235-9304).

Mennonite Central Committee



MCC Photo/Reimar Goetzke

Donald Peters, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Canada, center left, and J Ron Byler, executive director of Mennonite Central Committee U.S., center right, demonstrate the bridging relationship integral to the new partnership between MCC Canada and MCC U.S. Arli Klassen, executive director of MCC binational, stands between them. They are joined by MCC executive directors, who are standing on both sides of the Canada and U.S. border in Abbotsford, British Columbia, and Sumas, Washington, to symbolize their cooperation and support of MCC's international program. MCC binational will be dissolved next year as the Canadian and U.S. organizations share leadership of MCC. For complete article, visit <http://www.mcc.org/stories/news/bridging-border>.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Tornados have struck with unusual frequency and ferocity this past spring. From the MDS office in Lititz, PA, Executive Director Kevin King tracked the "dizzying array of storm reports that came in almost daily in April and May." By June 7, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administrative (NOAA) reported 525 fatalities nationwide, the highest death toll from tornados since the NOAA began gathering statistics in 1950, and well above the annual average of 80 tornado-related deaths. Take a moment to read the full article of these nationwide tornados and the massive MDS response: <http://www.mds.mennonite.net/>.

Mennonite Mission Network / Mennonite Voluntary Service

Volunteers wanted! MVS has high-need positions with Habitat for Humanity International and Ten Thousand Villages. Also volunteers are needed to coordinate refugee childcare, repair homes for low-income families, build LEED-certified homes and assist at a homeless shelter. Visit Service.MennoniteMission.net or email Jills@mennonitemission.net for more info. Orientation begins on August 7, 2011 in San Antonio.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 1 (submissions due by 7/25)

Aug 15 (submissions due by 8/8)

Sept 5 (submissions due by 8/29)

Sept 19 (submissions due by 9/12)

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>