



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

In the development of pastor salaries, congregations are encouraged to use a helpful compensation structure prepared annually by the Mennonite Church USA Leadership Development Team. Follow this [link](#) or look on the PNMC website under Resources. Additional tools are available at no charge for MC USA member congregations. The helpful software includes worksheets for conducting pastoral reviews and congregational surveys. For details visit: www.manygifts.org/software.htm.

Please consider attending two important workshops presented by Marlene Bogard, who is a Minister of Christian Nurture, from the Western District Conference. **Preventing Clergy Misconduct** will be an all-day event on Friday, February 17th at Zion Mennonite Church. **Safe Sanctuary Training**, also at ZMC, will take place on Saturday, February 18, from 10:00 a.m. until noon with lunch following. The first session, *important to all leaders*, is designed to help pastors develop healthy personal boundaries while in ministry. Please register by contacting Barb Buxman at office@pnmc.org or 888-492-4216. The Saturday session is a first step in becoming aware of what needs to happen to make congregations a safe place for all who attend. Please RSVP for Saturday's workshop by contacting Jodi Hansen, zionmc@canby.com. There is no charge for either event, but donations are welcome.

PNMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PNMC Moderator-Elect, Jeryl Hollinger, along with Interim Executive Conference Minister, Dave Stutzman, (*pictured right*), and Conference Moderator Linda Dibble, recently attended the **Constituency Leadership Council (CLC)** meeting at Camp Hebron in Halifax, PA. In addition to conference sharing, discussions included: anti-racism strategies, plans for Phoenix 2013, review of Membership Guidelines, The Purposeful Plan and exploring the idea of developing a "Year of the Bible." To review the full report, click [here](#).



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC hosted a **50th Anniversary celebration** on October 23 with nearly 200 guests. Former pastors John Heyerly, John Willems and Carl Newswanger shared memories from their service. Carol Nafziger Schweitzer, daughter of SMC's first pastor, Willard Nafziger, shared early memories. Front row, left to right: Thelma Martin,* Joyce Headings, Lila Byers,* Miriam Showalter,* Kathleen Aeshcliman, Merlin Aeshcliman, Second row: Emerson Martin,* Rick Headings, Glen Byers,* Bernard Showalter,* and Carol Nafziger Schwietzer.* (* indicates charter members.)



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Pastors Week 2012, January 23-26, “*Understanding Revelation for Today*”, will feature Dr. Loren L. Johns, AMBS professor of New Testament, teaching on the book of Revelation. He will look at Revelation in comparison and contrast to popular notions of eschatology and explore the ethical implications of Lamb Christology, particularly from an Anabaptist perspective. Dr. J. Nelson Kraybill, AMBS president emeritus, will lead one session examining the nature of worship and allegiance in Revelation. Workshops will include topics such as eschatology and Anabaptism, the Left Behind series, biblical storytelling from Revelation, and various leadership themes. Register by January 5: www.ambbs.edu/pastorsweek.

International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP)

Moliko Lekhera, from the Kingdom of Lesotho, is volunteering this year at the **Fry Road Nursery** in Albany, Oregon, as part of MCC’s International Volunteer Exchange Program. Moliko brings experience and education in agriculture from his home country in Africa to share with his new community. He’s also learning new perspectives and growing practices at the nursery to implement when he returns home next year. Read Moliko’s story [here](#).



Mennonite Central Committee

This Christmas, choose a gift for family and friends that helps one more child sleep in a safe shelter, one more family add to its herd or flock, or one more community have safe drinking water from a nearby source. **Even a small donation can make a big difference.** To explore a multitude of giving ideas, visit www.donate.mcc.org/christmas-giving.

Each time you run the tap, flush the toilet or take a shower, remember to pray for people around the world who live in a drought, walk long distances to collect drinking water or suffer as too much water floods their homes. For more ideas for prayer and action, visit MCC’s children’s site at hello.mcc.org.

Mennonite Church USA

A unique opportunity for people involved with youth and children’s ministry is scheduled **May 7-10, 2012** in Washington, DC. **Children, Youth and a New Kind of Christianity** will engage leaders, ministers, volunteers, parents and students in dialogue about the spiritual formation of children and youth in the missional church. The focus will be on innovative practices, critical issues, and topics like violence, racism, interfaith dialogue, and sexuality. All will be done out of a commitment to nurture young people within the new kind of Christianity that is emerging at this pivotal time in history. The chair of the planning committee is Dave Csinos, member of Erb Street Mennonite Church and author of *Children’s Ministry that Fits*. Presenters include progressive evangelical social activists like Brian McLaren, Tony Campolo and Jim Wallis alongside children’s and youth ministry experts such as Ivy Beckwith, Joyce Bellous, John Westerhoff, Amy Dolan and Michael Novelli. Mennonite Church Canada has reserved the International Guest House for Mennonite participants (space is limited) so that dialog and reflection can continue at days’ end. For more information: www.children-youth.com/register/.

MennoniteMedia

The “Gather ’Round” curriculum, produced by MennoMedia and Brethren Press, is **accepting applications to write** for Preschool, Primary, Middler, Multiage, Junior Youth, or Youth age groups for 2013-14. Writers produce well-written, age-appropriate, and engaging material for teacher’s guides, student books, and resource packs. All writers will attend an orientation March 19-23 in Chicago. See Job Opportunities at www.gatherround.org. *Application deadline: January 9, 2012.*

Other Events...

The Brethren Mennonite Council is planning a **Connecting Families Weekend**, March 30 - April 1, 2012 at Camp Myrtlewood, Bridge, Oregon. The gathering is intended to be a safe, relaxing time to share thoughts regarding sexual minority issues as they affect families, friends, and churches. For details or to register, contact LaVonne Blowers at bmcoregon@earthlink.net.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 5 (submissions due by 11/28)
Dec 19 (submissions due by 12/12)
Jan 2 (submissions due by 12/26)
Jan 16 (submissions due by 1/9)

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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