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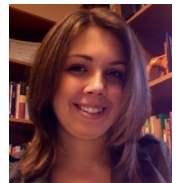
Information on necessary steps toward **credentialing for ministry** in the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference is now available on the PNMC [website](#).

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church

AMC invites you to the **ordination service** for Pastor Meghan Good on Sunday, November 13 at 4:00 pm at the church. A reception will immediately follow. Your prayers and participation are welcome.



Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship

What's involved in a pastoral search? The pastoral search committee at Hyde Park in Boise has been busy. The committee has placed ads for 3 weeks in the Mennonite Weekly, contacted 3 seminaries, reviewed 25 resumes, studied 4 Ministerial Leadership Information (MLI) forms (each is around 18 pages), and held interviews/conversations/reference checks/email exchanges with 7+ candidates. HPMF appreciates the wonderful help of 1 district pastor, 2 conference ministers, 1 MCUSA Leadership Discernment denominational minister, and other Mennonite friends across PNMC and the country. The search process is still underway.

Western Mennonite School

Prospective students are invited to Western Mennonite to **experience how the school community equips students for a life of faith & learning**. Middle school students can visit November 9 and high school students on November 17. For details, visit www.WesternMennoniteSchool.org or call Rich Martin at 503-363-2000.

Guests of all ages are invited to the WMS production of "The Importance of Being Earnest," a trivial comedy for serious people, November 11-12 and 17-19. Times and ticket prices available [here](#).

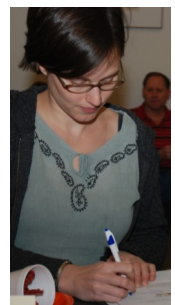
MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS is offering first-time online students a **50% tuition discount** beginning this spring. Only first-time students are eligible and they must not already be enrolled in a theological education program. Registration fees will be waived; but student service fees will be charged. Spring 2012 courses include: *Biblical Foundations of Peace & Justice*, taught by Mary Schertz and *Turnaround Strategies for Churches*, taught by Gerald Shenk.

Jennifer Gingerich, of Salem, participates in "Giving Thanks Day" at AMBS. Missy Kauffman Schrock, director of development, explained to students, "By late October, the money you paid in tuition will have run out. Then it is up to people who give generously to AMBS to fund the rest of your year of studies." Annually students express gratitude to those who make their education possible and acknowledge donor dedication to theological education.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES *cont.*

Mennonite Central Committee

There is currently an urgent need for an **MCC Representative for Bangladesh**. If you are interested in this service opportunity, contact Amgad Tadros at amgadtadros@mennonitecc.ca or 204-261-6381. Information on this and other international service positions is available at mcc.org/serve.

Blankets, relief kits support displaced Iraqis

Saman Bapier was one of 300 people in Iraq who accepted blankets and relief kits from MCC for their displaced families in late September. Bapier, his wife and three children, were living in a tent after being forced from their home in the village of Dola Sebar, Iraq, by bombing in August. Cross-border shelling, aerial bombardment and incursions by Turkish and Iranian forces are ongoing near the borders shared by the two countries and northern Iraq, where Kurdish rebels operate. MCC's partner, Rehabilitation, Education and Community Health (REACH), purchased and distributed the supplies in the Haji Omaran area. **MCC sent additional relief kits and comforters for 3,600 people** for REACH to distribute as the violence continues. MCC's and REACH's efforts supplement other non-food items provided by the United Nations High Commission on Refugees.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Paul Unruh, left, has been serving for four months as an MDS project director in Minot, N. D. where 4,000 homes have been destroyed by July floodwaters. He met up with federal Homeland Security official David L. Myers, right, in mid-October while renovating a Mennonite Brethren congregation's building ruined by flooding. **The Souris River's high water devastated the Minot community.** Myers, an ordained Mennonite minister, and Unruh became friends in the late 1970s, when Myers served as pastor of Whitestone Mennonite Church in Hesston, Kan. Unruh has since become active in MDS and Myers, currently residing in Chicago, was named director of President Obama's Center for Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships, which is part of FEMA and Homeland Security. Myers visited Minot to show appreciation for and encourage faith-based organizations in flood-recovery efforts. There he met with local workers who informed officials of administrative roadblocks to recovery, such as the too-early termination of curbside debris removal and difficulty finding electricians and plumbers with North Dakota-approved credentials.



MennoniteMedia

Mennonite Girls Can Cook, published by Herald Press and written by ten Mennonite women, has a unique twist: **The authors are donating the royalty money to feed orphaned children.** Together they have chosen the Good Shepherd Shelter in the Ukraine as their special project. The Ukraine holds a special place in their hearts, as many of their grandparents and even parents escaped the collapse of that society. Their grandparents and parents still remember the heart-wrenching flight from their well-established farms, which were the target of revolutionaries. Be part of this global change by purchasing a copy of Mennonite Girls Can Cook for yourself or as a gift. For details visit www.mennonitegirlscancook.net

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 21 (submissions due by 11/14)
Dec 5 (submissions due by 11/28)
Dec 19 (submissions due by 12/12)
Jan 2 (submissions due by 12/26)

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