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From our Conference Moderator ~ *Linda Dibble*

A hearty thank you to **Iris de León -Hartshorn** for the time she served the PNMC Board of Directors, pastors and congregations. We have learned much about Dwelling in the Word and the Board intends to continue that practice to center our thinking on the Creator. In fact, the Board is starting a book study this fall on [Strengthening the Soul of Your Leadership](#), by Ruth Haley Barton. It seems quite strange to me, personally, to not be working with Iris on planning our upcoming Board retreat. We have asked Nancy Kauffmann, the MCUSA Denominational Minister, to facilitate our meetings.

Dave Stutzman has graciously accepted a one-half time commitment as the Interim Conference Minister until a full-time candidate is hired. The Board has expressed several times how much they appreciate his help during this time of transition.

The Board also thanks **Brenda Zook Friesen** for work coordinating conference communications. Brenda worked closely with Barb Buxman and Iris to bring some of the Board's and delegates' ideas to life. Brenda's design skills helped immensely.

PNMC BOARD OF DIRECTORS

PNMC is looking to fill the full-time **Executive Conference Minister** position. The complete job description is available [here](#).

PNMC, Pacific Southwest Mennonite and Mountain States Conferences are considering bringing **Values Based Leadership Training** to the West Coast, perhaps as early as next fall. The program is meant for congregational leaders, pastors, elders or persons serving on boards for church organizations such as schools, camps and retirement communities. Participants build leadership skills with a Christ-like emphasis. Jeryl Hollinger and Linda Dibble will participate in the current training in Pittsburgh. If you have interest, notify [Linda Dibble](#). The goal is to engage 30 participants from among the three conferences.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC will "Celebrate Fifty Years of God's Faithfulness" Sunday October 23. The morning service will be a time of sharing congregational memories. Former pastors will speak at a 3 pm service followed by fellowship and a light meal.

Drift Creek Camp

DCC's Annual Members' Meeting and Family Camp is November 4-6. The free weekend is a time for families and individuals to enjoy food, fellowship and fun; learn more about camp happenings and support the organization through the benefit auction. Visit driftcreek.org to register. for caring

Portland, Salem & Zion Mennonite Churches, will join together in hosting **Member Care**, January 20-21 at Portland Mennonite. **Rhoda Shenk Keener** and **Carolyn Hoderread Heggen** will present this seminar for equipping congregations for caring ministry. Member Care is sponsored by Mennonite Women but intended for both men and women. To register, contact [Rachel Ringenberg Miller](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Disabilities Network

ADNet is collecting stories and photos from congregations who have completed projects to create greater accessibility for people with disabilities. If your congregation has taken steps to enhance accessibility with projects such as installing ramps, an elevator, more accessible restrooms, improving sound systems, better signage, etc., please notify [Christine Guth](#).

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

A celebration is scheduled September 29 for the release of a new youth ministry resource. Formation in the congregation is the emphasis of a new book on youth ministry, edited by Andy Brubacher Kaethler, of AMBS, and Bob Yoder, of Goshen College. *Youth Ministry at a Crossroads: Tending to the Formation of Mennonite Youth* has been released by Herald Press and the Institute of Mennonite Studies. The authors have shaped the book around the three-fold call to *Being, Knowing and Doing*.

Pastors, worship leaders and musicians are invited to attend **Advent Planner, Friday, October 7**. Participants will learn how to effectively guide congregations in the anticipation and promise of the season. Presenters include Marlene Kropf and Rosanna McFadden. *The workshop will also be presented as a webinar Tuesday, October 18.*

Mennonite Central Committee

Akron, PA— The first, annual Northeast Asia Regional Peacebuilding Institute (NARPI) Summer Training, designed to equip participants with peacemaking skills to use in their home communities, took place Aug. 16-28, in Seoul and Inje, Republic of Korea. The 50 participants, representing eight Asian countries, Canada and the U.S., were equipped with practical training in peacebuilding based on personal experience. NARPI director, Jae Young Lee, is also the peace program coordinator for the Korean Anabaptist Center. He realized the need for such training after he studied peacebuilding at Eastern Mennonite University. Plans are in the works for next year's training in Hiroshima, Japan.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Crews from the Lancaster County Unit of Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) worked in Ephrata, PA, in early September after Hurricane Irene caused severe damage up and down the East Coast. Volunteers helped local residents pump out basements, remove sodden carpets, drywall and furniture from flooded homes. Volunteers will continue to connect with homeowners in need of help in hard-hit areas of Lancaster County.

Mennonite Education Agency

Carlos Romero, MEA executive director, announced that Timothy Burkholder, director for Development and Church Relations, will retire September 30, 2011. "We have been so grateful for the gifts that Tim has brought to the agency," Romero said. "In addition to his extensive church-wide experience and development background, Tim has shared his passion and love for the church and for Mennonite education. He has been a great asset for MEA. As he enters this new life stage, our prayers and blessings will be with him and his wife, Sharon."

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 3 (*submissions due by 9/26*)
Oct 17 (*submissions due by 10/10*)
Nov 7 (*submissions due by 10/31*)
Nov 21 (*submissions due by 11/14*)

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