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## From the PNMC Conference Moderator ~ *Linda Dibble*

The PNMC Board of Directors is pleased to announce that **Katherine Jameson Pitts** from Corona, California, has accepted the call to fill the PNMC Executive Conference Minister position. Katherine's references could not recommend her highly enough! She has served in both Quaker and Mennonite congregations – her Anabaptist theology is perhaps stronger than some of us who adopted our faith as a result of family influence. Katherine has a heart for peace, justice, reconciliation, grace, and forgiveness that resonated strongly with us. She will begin May 1st and will join us for our annual meetings in Moses Lake, Washington. Katherine's first orientation trip is expected to be to Idaho to celebrate Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church's 10-year anniversary.

*Welcome to the Northwest, Katherine!*

## From the PNMC Office

In an effort to keep the information in our office current, please send an updated church attendance number to [Barb Buxman](mailto:Barb.Buxman). You can find your previous number on page 4 of the 2011 directory/handbook.



## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church

Please join in celebrating the **10th Anniversary** of Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church. The event will begin on **Saturday, May 5** with lunch, a service project and youth activities. The celebration will continue **Sunday, May 6** with a noon meal and hymn sing following morning worship. The church is located at 701 Indiana Street, Caldwell, Idaho, 83605.

### Western Mennonite School

Join hundreds of alumni and friends at the **40th Annual Benefit Auction**. The **May 5** event features great items to purchase while supporting the school! Auction items include hand-stitched quilts, vacation packages, garden and recreational items, hand-crafted furniture, and delicious homemade food. Admission and parking are free! Details at [www.westernmennoniteschool.org](http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org).



### Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship

Three young adults from CMF are currently engaged in service work around the globe. [Kevin Bontrager](#) is participating in Canadian Mennonite University's Discipleship School "[Outtatown: Knowing God, Knowing Yourself, Knowing the World.](#)" [Rachel Mast](#) is participating in Mennonite Mission Network's [Radical Journey](#) in Bradford, England. [Shawnti Peachey](#) (blog password is *shawntisaltsa*) is serving in a South African orphanage through MCC's [SALT](#) program.

### Portland Mennonite Church

Enjoy another story from Mennonite writer, Matthew Kauffman-Smith [here](#). The [CMW Journal](#), guest edited by Ervin Beck, is published bi-monthly. Each issue will typically focus on a particular theme, author, or genre within Mennonite Writing, and will include poetry, fiction, essays, and criticism.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS is currently seeking an individual or a couple to serve as **Volunteer Coordinator**. For a position description and application, visit [www.ambs.edu/volunteer](http://www.ambs.edu/volunteer).

An AMBS Webinar: **The Story in the Sermon**, will be presented **April 19** from 2-3:30 pm, EDT, by Allan Rudy-Froese. Whether a sermon has a narrative, three-point, or verse-by-verse form, preachers often tell short stories. This webinar explores the kinds of stories we tell, what motivates us to include them, how they function, and best practices for writing and telling short stories within the larger arc of the sermon. *Registration deadline is April 15.*

### Eastern Mennonite University

The STAR (**Strategies for Trauma Awareness and Resilience**) program at Eastern Mennonite University is offering a two and a half day workshop on **April 22-24** for those who work with youth ages 12-18. The workshop covers basic trauma awareness education, techniques for calming the mind and body, nonviolent communication skills, restorative justice practices, and building resilience in youth through self-expression and storytelling. It will include time for designing applications relevant to participants' own contexts. Continuing education credits are available. Online registration is available [here](#) or contact [Jennifer Fawley](#).



### Mennonite Central Committee

The **2012 Idaho Mennonite Relief Sale** will be held in Nampa, **April 13-14!** For a complete list of events, times and locations, visit [www.idahomrs.org](http://www.idahomrs.org). For additional information, contact [Rick Bollman](#).

Cheyenne Peace Chief and Mennonite pastor, Lawrence Hart, has been working with MCC to begin the work of repatriation. [Return to the Earth](#) envisions an ecumenical effort developing regional burial sites throughout Indian country. The effort supports Native Americans in burying unidentifiable ancestral remains now scattered across the United States and enables a process of education and reconciliation between Native and Non-Native peoples. To learn more, follow this [link](#).

### Mennonite Church USA

Subscribe to Mennonite Church USA's new online newsletter, **On the Way!** This is a free, short online resource through which we hope to start conversations about how we are living out our vision and mission that will help us learn from each other. Each of the first seven issues, which will come out every six weeks, will focus on one of the seven denominational priorities. Check out the second issue [here](#). To subscribe and receive the newsletters directly, follow this [link](#).

### MennoMedia

[Easter Hallelujah!](#) An archival collection of Mennonite Hour music for the Easter season is available for \$12.95. The journey takes you through the jubilant events of Palm Sunday, the trauma of Christ's trial and crucifixion, and the resurrection and ascension.

### IN OTHER NEWS

The **Oregon Sacred Festival Chorale**, directed by Louie Lehman, is **Friday, May 4**, 7:00 pm, at the First Assembly Church (2817 Santiam Hwy) in Albany, and **Sunday, May 6**, 6:00 pm, at the 7th Day Adventist Church (5575 Fruitland Rd. NE) in Salem. The concerts will be performed by the Mennonite Hour mixed choir, ladies' sextet, men's quartet, and men's choir. Both programs will include a 30-minute pre-concert instrumental prelude featuring harps, violins and dulcimer.

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Apr 16 (*submissions due by 4/9*)  
May 7 (*submissions due by 4/30*)  
May 21 (*submissions due by 5/14*)  
June 4 (*submissions due by 5/28*)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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