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From our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

The life of former PNMC pastor, Rick Regier, was celebrated at a memorial service last Wednesday at Zion Mennonite Church. Rick, age 71, lost his battle with cancer August 1, 2012, six short months after being diagnosed. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Florence, daughter Christine Fordyce (Michael), sons Randall, (Vicki) and Samuel (Allison), eight grandchildren and one great-grandchild. His family recalls that in 1992, Richard finally gave in to the call that had been on his heart for many years, he accepted the pastorate at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. Rick served at Zion for ten years, retiring in 2002. He was also a beloved teacher at Western Mennonite School. All who knew Rick were blessed by his attentive listening skills, rich story-telling, hearty laugh, quick sense of humor and ability to zestfully live life to the fullest. He made many wonderful contributions to our church community. He will be remembered fondly and missed deeply. We extend our prayers and sympathies to Rick's family and friends.

From the PNMC Office

Pastors, please plan now to attend the **Pastor and Spouse Retreat October 29-31, 2012** at the Menucha Retreat Center outside of Portland. If you plan to attend, please register with [Barb Buxman](#) by **October 8**. (The cost is \$125 per person.)

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship

Local *Simply in Season* author Cathleen Hockman-Wert, of CMF, will speak at the **Wild Goose Festival West**. The festival, which intersects justice, spirituality and art, is coming to the Benton County Fairgrounds over Labor Day weekend, **August 31-September 2**. Speakers such as Richard Rohr, Brian McLaren, Tom and Christine Sine will also be featured. In addition to being a venue for notable bands, high profile speakers, and a warm, welcoming community, Wild Goose seeks to be a place that inspires justice activism. At a typical day at the gathering, an attendee might take in a main stage performance, a conversation with a screenwriter and director, a faith dialogue, and dozens of open air conversations under trees and at campsites. To learn more about this unique opportunity, visit www.wildgoosefestival.org/west.

Western Mennonite School

Western Mennonite welcomes alum and former staff member **Paul Schultz as School Administrator!** Well known in the Mennonite community, Paul will provide the school with clear leadership, helping specifically strengthen finances and community relations. For the full story, follow this [link](#).

Join the WMS community for a time of fun, fellowship, and food while supporting the athletic program at the **15th Annual Benefit Golf Tournament, September 22**, at Cross Creek Golf Course in Dallas, OR. The tournament will be an 18 hole 4-person team scramble. [More information and registration is online!](#)

Western Mennonite School has **employment openings** for male dorm staff. For details visit www.westernmennoniteschool.org.

Camp Camrec

The women's group from the Warden Mennonite Church is hosting the **annual women's retreat** at Camp Camrec on **October 19, 20, & 21, 2012**. This is the 30th year anniversary for the annual women's retreat in Washington. The theme is "Walk in the Way". Anyone interested in attending can contact Marlene Unruh at (509) 349-2945 or alfalfajohn@scml.us.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

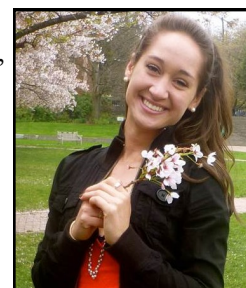
Christian Peacemaker Teams

Rebecca Allen, a doula and graduate student in public health, traveled to Colombia from Seattle in early July as part of a human rights delegation sponsored by Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT). She met with human rights workers and church leaders in Bogotá, then spent a few days in the oil-refining port city of Barrancabermeja where CPT's long-term team is based. The delegation joined the 40th anniversary celebration of the Organización Feminina Popular (Grassroots Feminist Organization), **a network of women who train and mobilize to defend their civil and human rights in the face of violent conflict.** Women and their families have suffered paramilitary, guerrilla and military violence, in addition to domestic violence and labor struggles with multinational oil companies. In response, the Grassroots Feminist Organization provides immediate assistance with food, housing and reproductive healthcare as well as long-term strategies for peace and justice. The delegation--consisting of six people from the United States--hoped to gain a better understanding of the situation in Colombia and the effects of their country's foreign policy. Allen returned in late July and hopes to share what she has learned about the challenges facing the people of Colombia, particularly women in war.

Christian Peacemaker Teams is an international ecumenical organization that sends trained peacemakers to places of conflict around the world, with a continuing presence in Colombia since May 2001. For more information, contact the [Chicago office](#) at 773-376-0550.

Mennonite Insurance Services

Each year, Mennonite Insurance Services awards 20 students with \$500 academic scholarships. To be considered, students must be members of a West Coast Anabaptist church (Mennonite, Mennonite Brethren, Brethren in Christ, and others), be at least a junior at a West Coast college or university and have a minimum GPA of 3.0. "A goal of the scholarship program is to help in the development of our leaders in the church," stated Jerry Linscheid, general manager. "I noticed that many of the applicants had participated in mission trips. That experience provided direction for their schooling and their goals after graduation," said Claudia Fletes, scholarship administrator. **Natalie Dean, of Evergreen Mennonite Church, was the PNMC winner.** Natalie studies at the University of Washington. "I've learned that geography isn't only about the geographic location of cities, but more about caring across distances--whether this be across an age distance, a socioeconomic distance, or cultural distance," she wrote.



Application forms and scholarship rules are available online at mennoniteinsurance.com or on the Mennonite Insurance page on Facebook. Mennonite Insurance Services and its parent, Mennonite Aid Plan, provide property insurance to West Coast Anabaptists.

Mennonite Mission Network

Did you know that entire families can share their gifts and experience in service to others? SOOP: Sharing life's experience through service. SOOP provides short-term service opportunities for families and adults of all ages, and is designed to join the experience and skills of adults and families with local missional faith communities across North America. SOOP participants choose their location, time and length of service, and work with staff to find an assignment that fits. (Most volunteers serve anywhere from two weeks to 3 months; some for longer periods.) While in their assignment, they experience the joy of making a positive impact through service, while engaging with different people and communities and learning from them. SOOP has placements all across the United States and Canada, and is jointly administered by Mennonite Mission Network and MCC Canada.

For more information, visit Service.MennoniteMission.net or contact [Arloa Bontrager](mailto:Arloa.Bontrager), 866-866-2872.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 3 (*submissions due by 8/27*)
Sept 17 (*submissions due by 9/10*)
Oct 1 (*submissions due by 9/24*)
Oct 15 (*submissions due by 10/8*)

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