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From our Interim Conference Minister, *Dave Stutzman*

You can still attend the [Prevention of Clergy Misconduct Seminar](#), **February 17**. This workshop is designed to assist pastors and church leaders establish and maintain healthy boundaries while in ministry. [Register](#) by **February 7**, (503-349-5420).

From the PNMC OFFICE

PNMC Board Meetings are scheduled **March 10, April 28, and June 2**. Minutes from past meetings available [here](#).

Please make congregational listing updates by **February 28** in the [Mennonite Church USA Directory](#).

From our Conference Moderator, *Linda Dibble*

The PNMC Search Committee asks your prayers as we interview candidates by telephone for the Executive Conference Minister position on **February 15**.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Western Mennonite School

Feb. 8 – Join middle school students and parents in getting to know Western Mennonite School at **Visitors' Day**. Enjoy a tour, attend class, participate in chapel, and eat lunch with current students. Call Rich Martin at 503-363-2000 for details.

The WMS Foundation announced its new capital project, "Gateway to Our Future". Find out how the school campus will be improved by going to www.westernmennoniteschool.org.

Purchase tickets now for the 10th Annual Benefit Concert presenting Western's premiere A cappella Choir! The concerts will be held on the WMS campus at 2 & 5pm on **March 17** with a reception to follow. All proceeds and donations support the choir's attendance in the Mennonite Schools Council Choral Music Festival in Kidron, Ohio in April.

Call 503-363-2000.



Zion Mennonite Church

If you work with children or youth, consider the [Safe Sanctuary Awareness Training](#), **Saturday, February 18**, from 10:00-noon. Presenter, Marlene Bogard, will explore ways to make churches a safe place for everyone. To register, contact [Jodi Hansen](#).

Hyde Park Mennonite Church — *From Linda Nafziger-Meiser*

Our nearly 13 years in the PNMC have been a gift of grace. We have treasured our relationships and are grateful for the support we've received from conference ministers, our district pastor, and many others who have offered encouragement throughout my health issues. *(I am doing much better; am stable on my current meds and learning to live well in spite of new limits.)*

Gary and I have accepted a **5-year MCC term** as country reps in Tanzania. We will leave **February 21** and will be in a Swahili language school for three months. We'll have a few weeks of orientation and some overlap with the current reps in Arusha, and fully begin our term in July. You can reach me at lindanaf@gmail.com and Gary at garylhm@gmail.com; we would like to stay in touch.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Eastern Mennonite University

A literary arts festival, **Mennonite/s Writing VI: Solos and Harmonies**, will take place **March 29-April 1, 2012** at EMU. The event is co-sponsored by Conrad Grebel University and features playwright Vern Thiessen; poet Greg Orr; a growing list of Mennonite scholars and writers including Katherine Arnoldi, Stephen Raleigh Byler, Todd Davis, Dora Dueck, Jeff Gundy, Ann Hostetler, Jean Janzen, Julia Spicher Kasdorf, Keith Ratzlaff, Sofia Samatar, Hildi Froese Tiessen, and Rudy Wiebe. For details, visit www.emu.edu/mennos-writing.

The [Center for Mennonite Writing](#)'s latest publication includes submissions by two PNMC members: [Friendly Confines](#), by Matthew Kauffman Smith of Portland Mennonite and [Four Poems](#), submitted by Peter Miller of Salem Mennonite.

Goshen College

The [Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist Lecture](#) will feature Seattle-based artist Andy Cooperman on **February 12**. Kenagy's family and friends annually honor his creativity through this series in hopes of inspiring others.

The **C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest** will be held **February 14**. The trust of C. Henry Smith, a Mennonite historian and professor, funds the annual oratorical contest, which gives students an opportunity to become involved with the peace cause while cultivating rhetorical skills. Winners will compete nationally.

Laurelville Mennonite Church Center

Join the conversation with other Mennonite women at one of two biennial retreats (*April 13-15 in Mt. Pleasant, PA; April 27-29 in Hesston, KS.*) sponsored by Mennonite Women USA and Laurelville. **Pastor Meghan Good** (Albany) will serve as guest speaker. The weekends will feature worship, workshops, fellowship and rest. Visit laurelville.org.

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

[Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders](#) will take place **April 30-May 4, 2012** at First Christian Church in Kent, WA. The 5-day course, led by Richard Blackburn, is designed to equip judicatory leaders, pastors, and others with leadership skills to deal effectively with interpersonal and group conflict. This institute includes a component on congregational mediation within the context of family systems theory. Attendees can obtain 32 hours of continuing education credit.

Mennonite Central Committee

[Fear Not: Seek Peace](#), a 3-year campaign grounded in the Biblical calling of Isaiah 41:10a, "Do not fear, I am with you" addresses fear and violence in homes, communities and the world. The first year focuses on domestic violence while the following center on local and global communities. Additionally, [Abuse: Response and Prevention – A Guide for Church Leaders](#) is another free resource that can help congregations be proactive about abuse prevention.

Mennonite Mission Network

A half-time [Church Relations Associate](#) is needed to serve Mountain States, Pacific Southwest, and Pacific Northwest conferences. Candidates must have a passion to connect with God's reconciling mission to the world, relate well with people and listen perceptively. Candidates need a good understanding of communication strategies, resource development and fund-raising. Experience in marketing, development or public relations is recommended. Ability to travel is a must. Women and persons of color are encouraged to apply.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb. 20 (*submissions due by 2/13*)
Mar 5 (*submissions due by 2/27*)
Mar 19 (*submissions due by 3/12*)
Apr 2 (*submissions due by 3/26*)

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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