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From our Executive Conference Minister, Katherine Jameson Pitts

I enjoyed connecting with delegates and others at our **Annual Meeting** in Moses Lake last week. Thank you so much to Duane and Sandy Roth, who headed up the program committee, Shawna Yoder who led the Local Arrangements Committee, and the many volunteers who worked with them to make everything run smoothly. Ervin Stutzman's (MCUSA Executive Director) messages on John 20:19-23 during our times of worship were a highlight for many of us. Ervin also shared with us about MCUSA's Purposeful Plan for the next years of our life as a connectional church. If you weren't with us, I encourage you to check it out at mennoniteusa.org. The first 3 priorities for MCUSA in the coming future are 1) Christian Formation, 2) Christian Community, and 3) Holistic Witness. Seem familiar? Our PNMC Mission Statement aligns well with this direction as we seek to Promote personal spiritual development; Nurture healthy congregations; Make strong connections throughout the conference; and Call each other to fulfill God's purpose for the world. *Sounds like we are being drawn in the same direction as we answer the call to follow Jesus!*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Western Mennonite School

Western Mennonite School has **employment openings** for a school administrator, evening cook, and dorm staff. For details, visit <u>www.westernmennoniteschool.org</u>.

Classes and Sports Camps are offered at Western Mennonite School this summer! Classes are available for both high school and middle school. Sports Camps are available for students of all ages in baseball, softball, soccer and volleyball. More information and registration on both opportunities are available at <u>www.westernmennoniteschool.org</u>.

Drift Creek Camp

The <u>summer camp</u> season concluded for DCC programs this past weekend and preparations are being made for the upcoming <u>road</u> <u>closure</u> which will halt all camp operations from **July 15 to September 15**. For details on the financial burden the closure has caused, visit <u>www.driftcreek.org</u>.

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC is seeking applicants for: half-time Youth Leader and quarter-time Community Center Coordinator. Those interested may apply for one or both positions. Visit <u>www.salemmennonitechurch.org</u> for job descriptions and application form.

Eugene Mennonite Church

All are invited to a concert of **folk music** by Les & Gwen Gustafson-Zook at Eugene Mennonite Church, **Sunday, July 15**, at 4 pm. Les is an international autoharp champion. Les, Gwen, & daughter Sadie provide an entertaining and energetic program suitable for all ages. The concert is free with a donation of a non-perishable protein item for the FOOD for Lane County food bank (beans, peanut butter, tuna).

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief (MCC)

Register by July 15 for the Mennonite Festival for World Relief concert/dinner featuring the **Too Tall Americanos: Heather Kropf** and Keith Hershberger, August 4 (Hess-Yoder home in Sherwood) and August 5 (Brenneman home in Albany). Their thoughtful songs touch on themes of faith, hope and beauty.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

AMBS

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary seeks an individual or couple to serve as Volunteer Coordinator(s). Housing, grocery allowance and small living stipend provided. Participation in chapel, forum, lectureships and community life encouraged! Learn more <u>here</u>.

Everence

Everence Financial has partnered with LSS Financial Counseling to provide you with **financial counseling** on a variety of basic financial issues. The phone-based service consists of 6 free financial counseling sessions per year, per household. For more details and a bulletin insert to share with your congregation, follow these links: <u>English</u> or <u>Spanish</u>.

Goshen College

Christian-based summer camps provide sacred places for young people to explore what it means to live faithfully in a Christ-centered community while realizing that care for the earth is an extension of Jesus' ministry. This summer, nine Goshen College students are working at such camps as part of the **Camping Inquiry Program** (CIP). The goal is to give students the opportunity to test whether they might pursue involvement in outdoor ministry after graduation. Brian O'Leary, a junior Bible and Religion major from Seattle, WA, is splitting his time between Drift Creek Camp in Lincoln City, OR and Camp Camrec in Washington. O'Leary, son of Michael and Robbin O'Leary, is a 2009 graduate of Ballard High School. CIP grew from a donor couple's life-long interest in camping. Larry and Janet Newswanger, former residents of Goshen and friends of Goshen College, envisioned a camping internship program that would parallel existing programs in congregational ministry and church-sponsored voluntary service.

MennoMedia

Elsie H.R. Rempel, a formation consultant with Mennonite Church Canada, has released a new book entitled *Please Pass the Faith, The Art of Spiritual Grandparenting.* The author points out that by 2030, almost one-third of North Americans will be over age 65. She believes that the swelling ranks of new seniors represent a huge **spiritual resource**. In the book she draws from real life and from Christian formation experts in helping seniors and other adults foster relationships with children and youth. She also offers practical ideas for integrating children and youth into church life, all the while nurturing one's own spiritual life as an elder.

Mennonite Disaster Service

More than **40 MDS volunteers** have collectively served 1,583 hours working the flooded city of Thunder Bay, MB. Residents there were hit by a deluge of rain in late May, which flooded homes and the city's sewer processing plant. Damage to the pumps caused sewage to back up in over 2,000 homes. Affected homes had eight inches to three feet of sewage flow into the basement. MDS volunteers worked with the Emergency Operations Committee to clean out and sanitize affected homes.

Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network is looking for **young adults who are eager to put their faith into action through service**. Each program, while having distinct differences, invites young adults to come alongside communities and congregations who are making a difference in the world through living out Jesus' call to service and peace. For more information visit <u>MennoniteMission.net</u>.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 6 (submissions due by 7/30) Aug 20 (submissions due by 8/13) Sept 3 (submissions due by 8/27) Sept 17 (submissions due by 9/10) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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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