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From the Interim Conference Minister, *Dave Stutzman*

Moderator-elect, Jeryl Hollinger, joined the District Pastors in their annual retreat, February 16-17 in Portland, Oregon. Together, they participated in the **Prevention of Clergy Misconduct Seminar** at Zion Mennonite Church. Approximately 35 pastors and congregational leaders attended the Friday seminar. On Saturday, 70 individuals participated in the Safe Sanctuary training.

From our Conference Moderator, *Linda Dibble*

The Executive Conference Minister (ECM) search team is continuing its work. The group met in Portland, February 15, to conduct telephone interviews with candidates. The next step is to meet with the PNMCM Board of Directors, **March 9-10**, to make a recommendation. **Please remain in prayer for the process.** We hope to soon complete the search and introduce our new ECM.

PNMCM CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church

Register by **March 10** with [Larry Eby](#) to hear Alan and Eleanor Kreider's presentation on [Worship and Culture](#) at Albany Mennonite. The two-part presentation will begin **Friday, March 16** at 6:30 pm with the topic *Early Christianity: An Ecosystem of Peace*. Topics on **Saturday, March 17** will include *Worship Across the Centuries*, *Worship in the Early Church*, *Worship and the Story of God* as well as cultural issues that affect worship.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Mark your calendar for the PNMHS annual spring meeting on **Sunday, March 18** at Calvary Mennonite Church, 6711 S. Lone Elder Road, Aurora, OR. Guest speakers will be Alan and Eleanor Kreider, professors at AMBS, authors, and longtime missionaries in England. They will provide on the Anabaptist perspective on being "Economical with the Truth: Swearing and Lying", a topic covered in their recent book, *Worship and Mission After Christendom*.

Western Mennonite School

Don't miss the **Benefit Concert** coming up **Saturday, March 17** on the WMS campus at 2 & 5pm. Call 503-363-2000 for tickets.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

If you were unable to attend the AMBS Pastors Week activities, you can still listen to the presentations. Iris de León Hartshorn spoke Tuesday, January 24th. To hear her sermon, follow this [link](#).

Goshen College

Planning for college? An **Open House** is scheduled to begin at 8:15 on **Friday, March 30th** at Goshen College. High School students will gather in the Music Center, receive a full campus tour, be introduced to academic and student life, and interact with faculty during an information fair. An optional Thursday night stay in GC's residence halls is also available. Register at www.goshen.edu/admission/visit/openhouse or call (574) 535-7535.



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Hesston College

Tyler Roth, son of Jerry and Wendy Roth, is currently a student at Western Mennonite School and a member of Zion Mennonite Church. Tyler has maintained a 3.0 GPA and has been awarded the **Dean's Scholarship** from Hesston College. Tyler will receive a total of \$15,000 in tuition assistance over the course of two years.



Mennonite Central Committee

Alarmed by continuing unrest in Syria and reports that violence is predicted to escalate, MCC has begun preparing for a **humanitarian crisis in the Middle East**. According to regional director, Rick Janzen, approximately 20,000 Syrians have already fled to Turkey, Lebanon and Jordan. MCC has launched a \$500,000 Middle East Crisis appeal to assist partner organizations as they provide humanitarian aid and build peace. Currently, MCC's response includes:

- Emergency assistance: *food, medicine and non-food items for those affected by violence and in need of basic supplies.*
- Relief Kits: *People are encouraged to assemble kits and drop them off at their nearest MCC warehouse.*
- Building peace: *grassroots, community efforts that encourage conflict prevention.*

Janzen reported startling fears of sectarian violence and political unrest, urging, "Now is the time to put our peace theology to work; our partners are calling on us to support their efforts at conflict prevention and peacebuilding."

To learn more, visit mcc.org/middleeastcrisis and www.mcc.org/kits/relief.

*The Idaho Mennonite Relief Sale in Nampa, **April 13-14**, is coming soon! Donations of quilts, antique furniture, wood items, crafts, baked goods, gift certificates, used books or other unique items are needed and are being accepted through March 25. For a complete list of events, times and locations, visit www.idahomrs.org. For additional information, contact [Rick Bollman](#).*

Mennonite Disaster Service

On April 27, 2011, approximately 60 tornados tore through Birmingham, AL, uprooting trees and thousands of lives in one of the area's worst-ever disasters. MDS volunteers have been providing the **labor to rebuild homes** for victims who have no insurance and few economic resources. Bill McCoy, currently from Manheim, PA and formerly of Portland, OR, has been serving as the local Project Coordinator in Birmingham. Recently three homes were completed and pictured right are MDS worker Melvin Horst of Ephrata, PA with Antoinette Banks in front of her newly restored Birmingham home.



MennoMedia

Shaping Families is the 15-minute weekly radio program that airs in numerous Mennonite communities. The March broadcasts will focus on working parents, volunteering, critical illness, grief, and overseas adoption. The program, launched in January 2010, is produced by [MennoMedia](#) and hosted by Burton Buller and Melodie Davis. Segments are available online at www.ShapingFamilies.com.

Mennonite Mission Network

Takanori Susaki, chairperson for Japan Mennonite Fellowship, invites you to join a **ring of prayer** around the earth on **Sunday, March 11** for the people of Japan. The day marks the anniversary of the Tohoku Earthquake that, one year later, has left 23,000 still living in rescue camps while another 20,000 remain missing or have perished.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 19 (submissions due by 3/12)
Apr 2 (submissions due by 3/26)
Apr 16 (submissions due by 4/9)
May 7 (submissions due by 4/30)

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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