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From the PNMC Office

We warmly welcome new Executive Conference Minister, Katherine Pitts, who began serving PNMC on May 1. She can be reached at 503.349.5420 or KJPitts@pnmc.org. *Anyone wishing to reach Barb Buxman should now call 503.522.5324 or 888.492.4216.*

From the Interim Conference Minister ~ Dave Stutzman

As Katherine Pitts begins her ministry as our new Executive Conference Minister and my term as interim concludes, I want to express my appreciation for the support and cooperation I received during this past year. I count it an honor and a privilege to have served the conference in this way. Thanks so much for your prayers, kind words, smiles and other means of encouragement. I trust that you will continue your prayers and support for Katherine. *May God bless you and empower your life and ministry!*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Anawim Christian Community

When severe weather strikes, the sanctuary at Anawim is now Fire Marshall-approved to host overnight shelters. If you would like to support Anawim, consider attending a fundraiser dinner from 5-8pm **May 10** at Pyro's Pizza, located on Hawthorne and 12th in Portland, OR. Visit www.nowheretolayhishead.org.

Camp Camrec

July 9-14 marks the dates for Jr/Sr. High Camp with July 17-21 reserved for Jr. Camp. The weekend of July 27-29 will be the Pre Jr. Camp. For more information visit www.camrec.org.

Camp Palisades

Camp for grades 4-7 will be held July 8-12 followed by grades 8 and up July 12-15. For details contact camppalisades@gmail.com.

Drift Creek Camp

Summer programming begins June 15 and extends through July 1. To register visit www.driftcreek.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Church Extension Services

Everence is providing support and supervision for Church Extension Services, MC USA's 53-year-old loan program for urban, racial/ethnic and new immigrant congregations. The program makes money available to congregations and institutions to purchase, refinance, construct or improve church facilities. The program was established by the General Conference Mennonite Church in 1958 to provide much-needed loans to congregations and initiatives that have difficulty qualifying through traditional lending institutions. The \$5 million fund is supported by the sale of investment securities to mission-driven investors in 20 states. Individuals can support Church Extension Services and congregations by investing in mission investment certificates. These investments have helped congregations secure property for church meetinghouses for almost 50 years. Mission investment certificates are available by contacting [Church Extension Services](http://www.churchextensionservices.org). For more information, visit www.churchextensionservices.org or call (800) 348-7468.

Goshen College

A PNMC native and social work major, Erin C. Brenneman, daughter of Joseph and Catherine Brenneman of Kalispell, MT, is participating in the **Study-Service Term (SST)** in Senegal. She is a 2009 graduate of Flathead High School and attends Mountain View Mennonite Church. She left for Senegal **April 25** and returns **July 23**. Students will live in Thiès for the first half of the 13-week term, and then move into other areas for service assignments. Students will study the history, art, literature, religion and other features of the Senegal society as they interact with host families, a special aspect of SST that fosters deeper understanding of the country and culture. Students will also visit Goree Island, which was once one of the major embarking points for slave ships.

Since the first SST units departed in 1968, more than 7,100 students have traveled to 22 countries. The program's combination of cultural education and service-learning remains a core part of the general education program, and has earned citations for excellence from U.S. News & World Report, Peterson's Study Abroad and Smart Parents Guide to College, the John Templeton Foundation and American Council on Education. *Details available at: www.goshen.edu/sst.*



Hesston College

Hesston College commissioned 48 students who will embark in Christian ministry during the summer. **Students will serve around the world** in positions from camp counselor to supervisors at disaster sites. "These students are going to make a difference as they participate in Jesus' ministry," said Todd Lehman, Hesston College campus pastor. Jonathan Burkholder, son of Glenn and Mary Burkholder, attends Warden Mennonite Church. He will serve with MDS in Birmingham, AL and with MCC in Bolivia.



Mennonite Aid Plan

Mennonite Aid Plan/Mennonite Insurance Services (MAP/MIS), located in Reedley California, is celebrating the company's **90th Anniversary** with an Open House on **Friday, May 11** from 10am to 2pm. MAP/MIS is a mutual insurance company that offers home, auto and liability insurance to Mennonite and other Anabaptist churches and individuals in California, Oregon, Washington and Arizona. Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren farmers and business people who migrated to the Reedley area in the early 1900s brought with them a centuries-old tradition of mutual aid—a tradition that has taken a variety of forms ranging from barn raisings to Mennonite Disaster Service. Mennonites and Mennonite Brethren on the West Coast established **Mennonite Aid Plan (MAP)** to help each other when fire or other disasters destroyed homes or property. For information call 559-638-2327.

Mennonite Central Committee

Summer Staff Needed! The Mennonite Central Committee Appalachia program is in urgent need of summer staff for the SWAP ([Sharing With Appalachian People](#)) program. Summer staff work as coordinators for job sites and prepare meals for the weekly SWAP groups who come to repair homes for low-income families in Kentucky and West Virginia. Summer staff should be at least 18 years old. SWAP provides food and lodging and \$125 per week. For more information call Colettia at (606) 633-5065.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Volunteers are urgently needed to assist in the **MDS Columbus Warehouse**. Workers will live on-site and help with servicing equipment, sorting and organizing tools and supplies, preparing and moving equipment to disaster locations as needed and will assist with property maintenance; including mowing the seven-acre property. Persons are needed beginning **mid-June** and should be available to serve at least one month or longer. Volunteers will work closely with the Project Logistics Coordinator based in Lititz, PA. For details, call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail Brett Troyer at btroyer@mds.mennonite.net.

TourMagination

Visiting Bible lands will change how you read scripture for the rest of your life! Two pastors from IN-MI lead pilgrimage trips you might consider: Tyler Hartford [(575) 533-2872] of Pleasant View will lead a group to Jordan and Israel/Palestine **July 19-28, 2012**; Nelson Kraybill [(574) 293-2391] of Prairie Street will lead tours to Israel/Palestine **November 7-16, 2012** and **April 16-25, 2013**, and will take a "Footsteps of Moses" group to Egypt from **July 22-31, 2013**. See TourMagination.com for more information.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 21 (*submissions due by 5/14*)
June 4 (*submissions due by 5/28*)
June 18 (*submissions due by 6/11*)
July 2 (*submissions due by 6/25*)

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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