



e-Bulletin

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From Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

"I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers." (Eph.1:16). As I continue to visit the congregations of PNMC (*I hope to have visited all of you in this first year of ministry!*) this verse is often on my heart. I am thankful for the steadfast witness of our congregations, for the sparks of new life that are breaking forth, for the Spirit-led ministry of our pastors and district pastors, and for the yearning among us to be faithful witnesses to the gospel of Christ. As we celebrate a season of thanksgiving and gathering with families and friends, join me in giving thanks for what God is doing, has done, *and is still to do among us.*

From the PNMC Office

Registration for the [Mennonite Church USA 2013 General Assembly](#) in Phoenix, AZ will open **January 8th**.

From the PNMC Treasurer

As 2012 comes to a close, we encourage individuals and families to consider making contributions to the work of PNMC. Congregations have been asked to address the \$10,000 budgeted shortfall, but individual gifts can reduce that burden. Checks can be sent to the PNMC Office, PO Box 301036, Portland, OR 97294. To give by debit or credit, follow the "Donate to PNMC" link [here](#).

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Western Mennonite School

WMS Boys' and Girls' varsity basketball teams will play at the **Portland Rose Garden Sunday, December 16**. The girls will play first with doors opening at 12:00 p.m. and games beginning at 12:30 p.m. against Salem Academy. Your ticket to the game will get you into that evening's Blazers vs. New Orleans game. For tickets information, click [here](#). *Order deadline is November 23.*

Zion Mennonite Church

Sing along! ZMC's annual [Sing Your Own Messiah](#), directed by Tom Brenneman, is **Saturday, December 1 at 7:00 p.m.**

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

AMBS Church Leadership Center

Lent Planner: Ashamed No More, Saturday, January 19

Using the Mennonite Church Lent theme, this planner introduces leaders to lectionary-based resources. The day will open with ideas for scripture presentations, children's time, prayer, music and visual elements for the weeks of Lent.

Presenters: Rebecca Slough, Rosanna McFadden, Rachel Miller Jacobs, Allan Rudy-Froese

Webinar: Lent Planning: Ashamed No More, Thursday, February 7, 7:30-8:45 p.m.

Participants will be introduced to the Lent theme and scriptures and will explore how to use and adapt worship resources published in Leader magazine.

Presenter: Rachel Miller Jacobs

Congregational Finances and the Role of the Pastor, Monday, January 28

This interactive clinic highlights money-related issues which impact pastors daily. Some congregations expect the pastor to engage at all levels and others try to separate the pastor from the church's financial work.

Presenters: Terry Shue, Vyron Schmidt, Beryl Jantzji

[Complete listing of Church Leadership Center events](#) or contact churchleadership@ambs.edu.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES, *cont.*

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MennoMedia

Weaving Life: The Life and Death of Peacemaker Dan Terry

Weaving Life, produced by EMU students and MennoMedia, will air through **December 16, 2012** on ABC-TV. Dan Terry was killed in the same 2010 ambush in Afghanistan that claimed the life of MCC worker Glen Lapp. Program information posted at www.interfaithbroadcasting.com. For documentary details visit www.Weaving-Life.com.

Fierce Goodbye: Living in the Shadow of Suicide

The award winning documentary *Fierce Goodbye* is being re-broadcast on ABC-TV through **January 13, 2013**. The program features Mennonites Jonas and Barbara Borntreger, Roger Steffy, and Merle and Ila Brubaker and family. See www.FierceGoodbye.com and check www.interfaithbroadcasting.com for local air times.

Two new Mennonite Hour CDs

MennoMedia has released two new CD collections, "A Cappella Christmas—2nd Edition" with seven NEW songs including the perennial favorite, "The Star and the Wiseman." Also on CD is a second album, "18 Most Loved Hymns." Song titles include classic favorites such as "How Great Thou Art," "The Old Rugged Cross" and many more. CDs are \$12.95 each. For a complete list of "Mennonite Hour" CDs go to www.MennoMedia.org/MennoniteHour.

Mennonite Church USA



Iris de León-Hartshorn, director of transformative peacemaking, is leading Mennonite Church USA through an [Intercultural Development Inventory \(IDI\)](#). Iris has been trained to administer the inventory for organizations in order to address issues of systemic power and privilege. Mennonite Church USA is offering the IDI to church-wide agencies, area conferences and congregations. This tool can help to develop a benchmark, create program plans, evaluate a program or provide coaching for leaders. The article is available [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS volunteers are responding to the devastation caused by Hurricane Sandy. Groups are working in Garrett Co., MD, removing downed trees and branches. Garrett Co. is one of several covered by heavy snow during the hurricane. Volunteers worked in tandem with road crews and line repair trucks to clear roads. Volunteers from Pennsylvania began working in Staten Island, NY, in early November. Groups will continue to work there for several weeks while long-term clean-up response is organized. MDS Executive Director, Kevin King, described an area 10-miles-long and over a half-mile wide as "block after block of devastation."

MDS is currently mobilizing volunteers. Workers come in for the day, work, and then return home. At the present time there are no overnight volunteers, as this would put strain on an already over-loaded infrastructure. Ruth Yoder Wenger, moderator of the New York City Council of Mennonite Churches and Executive Vice President of New York Disaster Interfaith Services (NYDIS) is working with MDS to coordinate the response. Wenger also represents MDS on the NYDIS board and is also pastor of North Bronx Mennonite Church. Tree removal and clean up plans are being made for Rhode Island and Connecticut and MDS volunteers from units in several other states are responding locally to clean up and repair needs.



MDS is accepting monetary donations to support the clean up work in all areas affected by Hurricane Sandy at www.mds.mennonite.net.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 3 (*submissions due by 11/26*)
Dec 17 (*submissions due by 11/10*)
Jan 7 (*submissions due by 12/26*)
Jan 21 (*submissions due by 1/14*)

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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