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From Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

It seems October was MCC Sale season in the PNMC! I had the joy of attending both the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief and the Washington Mennonite Country Auction, and joyful events they were. It was good to see the wide diversity of God's people working side-by-side in different ways toward the same goal. **What a model of God's reign!** I remember my first MCC sale in Kansas, where our congregation sold silk-screened t-shirts, while the Amish group next to us made and sold apple butter. They might never wear our shirts (though we loved their apple butter) but in our work together for Christ we were one. *Join me in praying that God will lead us toward more places of sharing in mission to our world in all our diversity as a conference.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

ANAWIM CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

Please remember Pastor Jeff Strong and his wife Yvan in prayer. Their landlord of 12 years is no longer able to pay the taxes on the property and has decided to put it up for sale. The Strongs are currently not in the financial position to afford a move. The Anawim community wants to support them with a fund to help purchase a motor home. Follow this [link](#) to contribute.

CIHAN

The Hispanic Council of Churches of the Northwest invite PNMC congregations to a special event for youth based on I Timothy 6:12. **Fighting the Good Fight of Faith**, will take place **Saturday, November 17** from 6 p.m. until 12:00 a.m. at Calvary Mennonite Church, located at 6711 South Lone Elder Road, Aurora, OR. For more information, contact Gilberto Cortez at 503-984-9458.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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AMBS

A new Administrative Assistant, Cheryl Zehr of Elkhart, joined the Church Leadership staff at AMBS. Please contact Cheryl with questions about **workshops, webinars, seminars and Pastors Week**. Additionally, Viri Lopez-Navarro of Chicago, is serving as Volunteer Coordinator. Viri is volunteering in a one-year assignment while her husband studies at AMBS. The position will open again on **August 1, 2013**. If you know someone suited to serve in this role, please call [574-295-3726](tel:574-295-3726).

In a webinar available **Wednesday, November 14**, at 10:00 a.m. EST, the author of *The Naked Anabaptist* (Herald Press, 2010) will reflect on the context out of which he has written--Britain in a post-Christendom era--and why **the Anabaptist tradition is inspiring Christians** there. Author, Stuart Murray Williams, will tell about the Anabaptist Network (founded in 1991) and explore the significance of the core convictions outlined in the book. He will examine the imagery of 'nakedness' which permeates the book and explain its significance. [Get details and register by November 9](#)

Plan now to participate in non-credit Anabaptist short courses, available online, through AMBS. The six-week courses are designed to help followers of Jesus in 21st-century churches discover each other and the early Anabaptists as kindred spirits in the paths of Christian discipleship.

Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology in the 16th Century

Professor Lois Barrett

February 11-March 22, 2013

Early registration deadline: **January 21, 2013**

Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?

Professor Loren Johns

April 8- May 17, 2013

Early registration deadline: **March 18, 2013**

Cost: \$200 per course before the early registration deadline. [Get details](#)

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Bethel College

The fall 2012 issue of the *Church Relations Update* for Bethel College is now available [here](#). Click on "View the Fall 2012 newsletter." It features an essay about a **new mission and vision statement for campus ministries**, as well as a story involving the new Vice-President for Student Life, Aaron Austin.

Mennonite Central Committee

Thinking about the upcoming holidays? [Your gift of water will help bring a life-giving resource to families and communities, improving health and saving lives.](#) It's not enough just to have access to water. Families need drinking water that is clean and free from contaminants such as arsenic, which occurs naturally in wells in places like West Bengal, India. In the village of Bagar, MCC supported the installation of an arsenic filter on a well that provides water to 200 households, including the homes of neighbors (from left) Jhalu Bibi, Manjura Bibi and Chayna Bibi. Now, says Jhalu Bibi, "our children are safe." Around the world, MCC works to improve health through water and sanitation projects.



Mennonite Disaster Service

Look for details coming soon for opportunities to assist Hurricane Sandy victims.

Mennonite World Conference

A report on the results of a recent Peace Audit of Mennonite World Conference member churches is now available [online](#). The report is based on the results of a 2011-2012 survey of MWC member churches, asking the question: "How is your church doing in its desire to be a Peace Church?" The responses provided an important glimpse into the lives of MWC congregations.

Other Events...

Goshen College graduate, Bruce Hostetler, now residing in Portland, OR, is directing a musical production, "[Christmas Revels](#)." The show is a delightful holiday singing, dancing, storytelling wonderland. Usually the scripts for Revels productions come from the main Revels company in Boston, but this year Portland Revels have written their own script. The story focuses on an Appalachian church and a celebration to pass on songs and stories to a younger generation. As the festivities begins, two traveling families enter the scene, one of which is Mennonite. The travelers are invited to join in the celebration, sharing their own songs and stories. *(The Mennonite songs were researched by Bruce's father, a retired choir director, Darrel Hostetler of Gosben, IN.)*

Show dates and times:

- Friday December 7 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday December 8 - 1 p.m. matinee and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday December 9 - 1 p.m. matinee and 7 p.m.
- Thursday December 13 - 7:30 p.m.
- Friday December 14 - 7:30 p.m.
- Saturday December 15 - 1 p.m. matinee and 7:30 p.m.
- Sunday December 16 - 1 p.m. matinee and 5 p.m.

All performances take place at the delightful, historic Scottish Rite Center Theater at 1512 SW Morrison St, 97205 (SW 15th and Morrison, with main door on Morrison St.) in downtown Portland, OR. [Tickets must be purchased in advance.](#)



Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 19 (*submissions due by 11/12*)
Dec 3 (*submissions due by 11/26*)
Dec 17 (*submissions due by 11/10*)
Jan 7 (*submissions due by 12/26*)

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