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From our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

My grandfather refused to celebrate either Mother's or Father's Day, saying, "These were just thought up to make money for card companies." The same could probably be said of Clergy Appreciation Day (the second Sunday of October, in case you wondered). This year I'd like to invite you to show your appreciation for the clergy in our conference not by sending cards, but by encouraging them to attend the **Pastor/Spouse Retreat, Oct. 29-31**. Our theme is "**Sustainable Ministry**" and our hope is that the time away with colleagues will help sustain our pastors and chaplains in their ministries. Ask your pastors if they will be attending and commit to sustaining them in prayer during this time of retreat.

From the PNMC Office

If you plan to attend the Pastor/Spouse Retreat, please contact [Barb Buxman](mailto:Barb.Buxman@pnmc.org), (503) 522-5324, to register.

Please mark your calendar and save the date for the **Conference Communication Council** meeting which will be held in Portland at Warner Pacific College on **January 19, 2013**.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Construction along the road to DCC wrapped up last week and, thankfully, *after two long months*, **camp is accessible once again!** To read more about the 2012 unusual summer camping season and DCC's gratitude for its supporters, follow this [link](#).

Portland Mennonite Church

Portland Mennonite Church is hosting Adriano Velasquez and Liliana Bautista for two weeks in early October. Adriano & Liliana are from Anolaima, PMC's sister church in Colombia. Colombia has 12 sister churches in the US & Canada, two of them in the NW, Hyde Park and PMC. MCC Colombia works hard at facilitating these sister church relationships. Adriano & Liliana will be visiting a number of congregations and events while visiting the Northwest. They will attend the **Mennonite Festival for World Relief** in Albany **Oct. 13th** and Adriano will preach at PMC on the **14th**. For more information, contact the [PMC office](#).

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC would like to thank those who participated in the August Fund Raising events. The concerts with Heather Kropf and Keith Hershberger (one in the Portland area, and the other in Albany) raised \$30,000 and the San Juan bike ride raised another \$14,000! *Thank you to the volunteers, the participants, and to each one who donated so graciously.*

Zion Mennonite Church

More than 100 children, many from the local community, participated in the 2012 Vacation Bible School program which focused on the last week of Jesus' life on earth. The response of community kids was great and attendance was one of the best in Zion's history. Through daily memory work and attendance, participants had the potential to earn "campships" which cover approximately 50% of camp registration fees.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

AMBS

Registration opens **October 15** for two new online, non-credit, six-week courses, available in the spring of 2013. The courses are designed to help followers of Jesus today discover each other and the early Anabaptists as kindred spirits through their study of theology and history. Participants will explore the resources of the Anabaptist witness across five centuries as a source of inspiration and guidance in our witness today. New Anabaptists and people seeking to deepen their ministry in the way of Jesus can join the diverse community of learners in these brief and potent courses on Anabaptist history, thought and witness.

- [Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology in the 16th Century](#), Professor Lois Barrett, **February 11– March 22**.
- [Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?](#) Professor Loren Johns, **April 8-May 17**.

Mennonite Disaster Service

As needs become clear for responding to damage from Hurricane Isaac, the [MDS website](#) will be updated. However, it is known that short-term volunteers are needed this fall in Bastrop, TX, Birmingham, AL, Cordova, AL, Joplin, MO, Minot, ND, and West Liberty, KY, beginning as early as next month. Please call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net for more information on how you can get involved.

Mennonite Education Agency

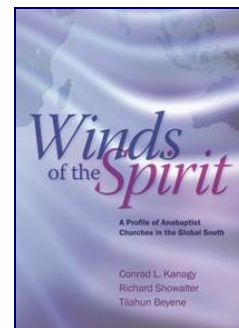
The education agency of Mennonite Church USA invites proposals for grants from its **Fund for Peoplehood Education**, a donor-restricted term endowment. The fund supports initiatives that promote the distinctive features of church-sponsored education. The fund achieves this purpose by supporting:

- Interpretive projects that advocate church-sponsored schools
- Innovative ways of calling and orienting gifted members to the teaching ministry
- Orientation programs for teachers, administrators and trustees
- Action-oriented research that enhances church-school relationships

Priority is given to projects which strengthen church-school ties and interpret the distinctive features of Anabaptist/Mennonite education and that cultivate educational leadership among younger members of Mennonite Church USA. The submission deadline for proposals is **Oct. 16, 2012**. For policies and an application, e-mail info@MennoniteEducation.org or call 574-642-3164.

MennoMedia

Herald Press has just released a new book by Conrad Kanagy, Tilahun Beyene, and Richard Showalter entitled *Winds of the Spirit: A Profile of Anabaptist Churches in the Global South*. In this **groundbreaking study**, the authors make an unsettling claim: Anabaptist churches of the Global South have more in common with the church of the first three centuries than they do with contemporary churches in Europe and North America that claim the Anabaptist name. With data from 18,000 church members in ten countries, they show how historical patterns of church renewal are repeating themselves today in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. A sample chapter and more information are available at www.MennoMedia.org/WindsOfTheSpirit.



Mennonite World Conference

To read the latest MWC news, follow this link to read the newest edition of [Courier](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 1 (submissions due by 9/24)
Oct 15 (submissions due by 10/8)
Nov 5 (submissions due by 10/29)
Nov 19 (submissions due by 11/12)

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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