



e-Bulletin

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From our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

When the PNMC delegate body approved changes to the organizational structure of PNMC in 2010, a central element of the new structure was something called "A Conference Communication Council." (see: <http://pnmc.mennonite.net/HTML/Documents/2010-PNMC-OrganizationStructure.pdf>) The Council was comprised of a lay delegate and a pastor from each congregation, the chairperson of each team/committee, the District Pastors, and the PNMC Board of Directors. This body was envisioned as a place for communication, dialogue, discernment and counsel between and among congregations and the PNMC Board, staff, and teams. Since 2010 PNMC has had many transitions, and the CCC has never had the opportunity to meet. I am excited to convene the *first* gathering of the PNMC Conference Communications Council on **January 19th at 8:30 am** in Kardatzke Hall at Warner Pacific College in Portland, OR! Registration information will be coming, but at this point, I ask you to save the date and begin to pray for this initial assembly. *Pray that it might be a time of worshipful seeking God's leading and celebrating God's gifts in the Pacific Northwest!*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship

CP-Tea, A Conversation about Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT): Tim Nafziger, Outreach Coordinator for CPT, recently visited Corvallis for conversation and tea. Tim shared about CPT's work in areas of strife and conflict such as Colombia, Palestine/Israel, Iraqi Kurdistan, and northern Ontario.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society seeks a **part-time, volunteer archivist** to work out of the beautiful new Heritage Center in Hubbard, OR. If you or someone you know has interest, please contact Jerry Barkman at jwbarkmannw@canby.com by **October 15**.

The PNMHS Fall meeting will be held **Sunday, September 16, at 2:30 PM at Lebanon Mennonite Church** (2100 S. 2nd Street). Guest speaker, Tina Kauffman, of Albany, OR, will share stories from her new book, *Immigrant Daughter, A monument to poverty*. "The book is about my family's journey in 1925 from Russia to Canada where my younger sister and I were born. My parents and older siblings had been living well in a small Mennonite village in Ukraine until World War I when the Communist Revolution turned their world upside down," explained Tina. **Everyone is welcome to come hear these inspiring stories!**

Drift Creek Camp

Women of all ages are invited to the **2012 Fall Quilt & Scrapbook Retreat, October 18-21**. Participants will enjoy working in creative community, fellowship and fun, as well as the beauty of DCC! Visit www.driftcreek.org for details. Meanwhile, Drift Creek will partner with [Friends of Straub Environmental Learning Center](http://www.friendsofstraub.org) for the **2012 Mushroom Identification Workshop, Saturday, October 20**. Participants in the one-day workshop will enjoy a basic overview of mushroom characteristics. Participants will then break into small groups to forage alongside experienced mushroom collectors. To register, visit www.fselc.org.

Anawim Christian Community

To learn more about Anawim, check out their new website: www.anawimcc.org.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

AMBS

As of **August 28**, AMBS will now be known as **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary**. A celebration started with early morning prayers followed by a chapel service in which President Sara Wenger Shenk called the AMBS community to renew their commitment to following Jesus Christ, being immersed in the Bible and led by the Holy Spirit.

Christian Peacemaker Teams

Orbis Books recently released *The Gospel of Rutba: War, Peace and the Good Samaritan Story in Iraq*. The author is freelance journalist and author Greg Barrett who went to Rutba, in the western desert of Iraq in January of 2010 with Weldon Nisly, Shane Claiborne, Cliff Kindy, Peggy Gish and three other people. Weldon, Shane, and Cliff had been injured in Iraq in March 2003, when they were there with Christian Peacemaker Teams during the early days of the US invasion of Iraq. A doctor and his medical assistants in Rutba saved their lives yet refused to take any money for their medical services even though their country was being bombed by our country. Weldon, pastor at Seattle Mennonite Church, suffered fractures to his shoulder, sternum, ribs, and thumb in the accident. The January 2010 trip was a long-dreamed return to Rutba for Weldon, Shane, and Cliff to find their caregivers and thank them for their care and generosity. *The Gospel of Rutba* is the story of their 2003 peacemaking effort in Iraq and accident and their 2010 return in **peace and gratitude to Rutba**. In the photo (right), taken in Rutba in January 2010, is Sa'ady Mesh'al Rasheed (center), an Iraqi ambulance driver who carried Weldon into the clinic in Rutba on March 29, 2003, when he was injured along with Shane Claiborne (left) and Cliff Kindy (2nd from left). (Weldon is 2nd from right next to Peggy Gish.)



Everence

Young people and their chosen charities can win cash awards as part of an Everence-sponsored video contest, based on the theme “**Money Talks: The World is Listening**.” The contest is open for youth ages 15 to 25. Entries will be accepted **Oct. 1 to Nov. 15**. The goal is to encourage young people to share their thoughts, concerns and ideas about the role of money in society. “The world is full of mixed messages about money and how we use it,” said Larry Miller, president of Everence. “We want to hear what young people have to say.” The three top winners will receive awards, with a matching award that Everence will give to a charity that the winners select. The first-place winner will receive \$1,000, plus Everence will make a \$1,000 grant to the charity of the winner’s choice. The second place winner will receive \$500 and \$500 will go to the chosen charity, and \$250 to third place with an additional \$250 to a charity. Rules and details are available at Everence.com/moneytalks.

Mennonite Central Committee

Mark your calendars! Plan now to attend local fundraising efforts to support the work of Mennonite Central Committee. The Washington sale is coming up **October 6** in Ritzville, Washington, and **October 13** is scheduled for Oregon’s sale in Albany. The festivals provide a wonderful opportunity for communities to come together in support of MCC. Both auctions are looking for donations of high quality goods. Please consider donations of new or gently used items. Donations of tickets to arts and sporting events, and vacation getaway packages are also appreciated. Visit mennonitecountryauction.mennonite.net for details on the sale in Washington and www.oregonmennofest.org for Oregon’s.

Mennonite Church USA

The latest issue of **On the Way**, Mennonite Church USA’s online newsletter, is available at www.mennoniteusa.org/on-the-way. The publication is a free, short, bilingual online resource—published about every six weeks—for everyone in Mennonite Church USA. Each issue focuses on one of the seven churchwide priorities. You can subscribe directly [here](#).

The issue’s focus is on Stewardship. At the root of all stewardship is relationship. Whether it’s the stewardship of time, of God’s creation, of our bodies/health, or of our talents, how we understand our relationships will determine how we how we care for and use these gifts. How does Jesus challenge the way we think about these relationships? How are we transformed through them?

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 17 (submissions due by 9/10)
Oct 1 (submissions due by 9/24)
Oct 15 (submissions due by 10/8)
Nov 5 (submissions due by 10/29)

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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