



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Simon & Lucy Muange, along with their family, have expressed **gratitude for support** received during this difficult time. While the Wells Fargo account for funeral expenses been closed, Simon & Lucy plan to set up a foundation to honor their son, Michael's, life.
We will keep you posted as those plans come together.

Pastors and chaplains, reserve your spots! The annual Pastor/Spouse retreat is coming soon! Join us at [Menucha](#) Oct. 20 - 22, 2013. We will gather Sunday afternoon and end on Tuesday before lunch. The two nights, (*bedding included*), and 5 meals cost \$100 per person. To register, contact Barb Buxman at 503-522-5324 or office@pnmc.org. *Reservations and payment are required by Sept. 28.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

The generous help of many volunteers made DCC summer programming possible! In addition to cooks, dishwashers and counselors from local congregations, the service of folks from farther away was also appreciated. International Volunteer Exchange Program workers Anne Klaassen of Germany and Clivia Avila of Honduras served eight weeks. SOOP volunteers Maranda and Garrett Whorton of Kansas served four weeks and the Adam and Jennifer Cobb family of Ohio served one.

MCC West Coast

The August 4th South Valley Fundraiser in Albany OR featured the musical talents of Corral Creek and raised \$5860.00 for MCC.



Oregon Festival For World Relief

2013 marks the 30th sale for Oregon's MCC benefit auction. To commemorate this milestone, congregations are challenged to meet the following goals for September's 30 days:

Project

30 shipments of food (*canned meat, dried fruit, soup mix*) to North Korea
30 sets of seeds for farmers in Nicaragua
30 pairs of rabbits for Palestinian farmers

Bring the money raised to the Oregon Relief Sale and place it in the giant penny.

Cost per project

\$70 per shipment
\$43 per set
\$24 per pair

Goal

\$2,100
\$1,290
\$720

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC is seeking qualified applicants for two positions: half-time Youth Leader and quarter-time Community Center Coordinator. Those interested may apply for one or both positions. Please visit www.salemmennonitechurch.org for job descriptions and application form.

Western Mennonite School

The WMS 16th Annual Golf Tournament is scheduled **Saturday, September 7** in Lebanon, OR. Fees are \$95 adult/\$75 for students (grades 6-12). Visit www.westernmennoniteschool.org for details or call 503-363-2000 and ask for Charlene Schultz.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Eastern Mennonite University



In the closing years of the 18th century, the Mennonites in Salm – an isolated community in the Vosges Mountains in modern-day Alsace, France – faced a familiar predicament. Another European war was being fought, and another army was in need of soldiers. With the French Revolution underway, an officer arrived in Salm with conscription orders for all the men in the village. The community's Mennonite bishop, Jacob Kupferschmidt, invited the officer into his home, where he sang a hymn from the *Ausbund*, the old Anabaptist hymnal, and gave a moving speech on his church's peace convictions. After eating lunch together, the officer cut Bishop Kupferschmidt an informal deal: if the men of Salm stayed home to work their farms, they wouldn't have to join the army. After the group was officially exempted from military service, the Bishop planted an oak tree to commemorate the good news and named it **the Peace Oak**. To read how an offspring of that original tree was planted on EMU's campus more than 200 years later, follow this [link](#).

Mennonite Central Committee

In a world where differences and distance often divide, Mennonite youth in the Democratic Republic of the Congo are participating in an exchange program to strengthen ties among the country's three Mennonite conferences. The program, called Menno-Monde, or Menno-World, allows youth, ages 15-25, to spend a week or two living with a family, attending church and learning to know youth from a conference different from their own. Developed in 2012, the program is sponsored by MCC and the three Congolese Mennonite conferences: *Congo Mennonite Church*, *Congo Mennonite Brethren Church* and *Evangelical Mennonite Church*. The conferences send youth to different parts of the country to help establish relationships that reach across borders that historically have divided Congolese Mennonites. Coordinator Leya Muloba Buabua hopes the program can promote Anabaptist values and lay a firm foundation for youth to consider participating in one of MCC's international exchange programs, International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) or Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network (YAMEN), a joint program of MCC and Mennonite World Conference. According to Mennonite World Conference, the Congo Mennonite Church has 110,000 members in 798 congregations, the country with the world's second highest number of Anabaptists; the Congo Mennonite Brethren Church has 101,626 members in 874 congregations; and the Evangelical Mennonite Church has 23,576 members in 96 congregations.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Day volunteers are urgently needed near Colorado Springs, CO, to assist with clean up efforts after the Black Forest wildfire. The work will include sifting ashes at home sites and carrying debris to the roadside. Limited overnight accommodations are available for out-of-town volunteers. All volunteers need to schedule in advance. Overnight volunteers are responsible for their own linens and food (*kitchen access is available*). E-mail [Raymond Beggs](#) or call the Binational office, (717) 735-3536, for details.

Mennonite Insurance Services



Mennonite Insurance Services, in Reedley, CA announced that Bourke Betz from Seattle Mennonite Church is the recipient of a \$500 scholarship for the 2013-2014 educational year. Bourke studies at the University of Washington School of Public Health. "My desire to pursue global health work emerged as a result of 6 months that I spent working with children who had been affected by HIV/AIDS in a rural Zulu village in South Africa. After my studies, it is my hope to return to Africa to do HIV prevention work alongside my African colleagues and to not neglect the vision that I developed in South Africa," he wrote. Recipients are members of a West Coast Anabaptist church (Mennonite and others), are at least a junior at a West Coast college or university, and have a GPA of 3.0 or better. "It is a privilege to help leaders within our churches develop their potential. A consistent theme running through the recipients' goals is service, through medicine, education, or pastoral ministry," noted Jerry Linscheid, general manager. "Many of the applicants had participated in mission trips. Those experiences provided direction for their schooling and their goals after graduation," said Claudia Fletes, scholarship administrator. Mennonite Insurance Services and its parent, Mennonite Aid Plan, provide property insurance to Anabaptists on the West Coast. A list of recipients as well as scholarship application information are available on the [Mennonite Insurance website](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 2 (submissions due by 8/26)
 Sept 16 (submissions due by 9/9)
 Oct 7 (submissions due by 9/30)
 Oct 21 (submissions due by 10/14)

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