



# e-Bulletin

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## From Our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

I shared last month that we hope to gather stories of God's work among us. At our PNMC Annual Meeting we asked a delegate from each congregation to share with us a place they are seeing God at work, a challenge they are facing, and a way they are working with that challenge. **The variety of ways we see God was amazing** and an encouragement for all of us. Our challenges were equally as varied and present us with some fairly daunting situations. Our congregations face their challenges with prayer, work, and patience. As congregations shared and in follow-up conversations among delegates, I felt strongly that we need the opportunity to pray for each other. Some of the challenges we face are difficult ones. Many times a number of practical solutions have been tried, but the challenge remains. In some challenges there doesn't seem to be a human way forward. And so as a church, both locally and regionally, we are called to prayer. Over the next year, let's lift up different congregations together, to pray that God will lead them through their difficulties and bless them with continued glimpses of God's presence. In the next few months I especially encourage you to pray for and with Iglesia Menonita Pentecostes, Woodburn, as they are faced with the challenge of an aging building that needs extensive reconstruction. They continue to work at raising funds and exploring options, but truly God's power is needed to lead them to the next step. I encourage you also to be praying with and for Anawim, that God might meet the on-going need for resources and support in ways we cannot even imagine at this point. Let us rejoice with one another, mourn with each other, and pray for one another in the Pacific Northwest.

## From the PNMC Office

Active Pastors and Chaplains, along with spouses, are invited to participate in the annual retreat 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](#) at 503-522-5324. *We can only accommodate 35 people. Reservations and payment are required by Sept. 28.*

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Drift Creek Camp

Mark your calendar for these upcoming events:

**October 17-20:** Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat

**November 2-3:** Fall Mushroom Workshop

**November 8-10:** Annual Meeting and Family Camp

### 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](http://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](http://www.westernmennoniteschool.org) for details or call 503-363-2000 and ask for Charlene Schultz.

#### WMS employment opportunities include:

Full-time High School Science Teacher for Physical Science, Chemistry, and Physics

Full-time High School Biology and Middle School Science Teacher.

Part-time Evening & Weekend Cook. *Approximately 16 hours per week for the 2013-2014 school year.*

Part-time Assistant Dorm Director. *involves daily supervision of the dormitory while providing leadership to other dorm staff members.*

Full-time Male and Female Dorm Staff. *Volunteer stipend position that involves daily supervision of the dormitory.*

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

A variety of **learning opportunities** will be offered at AMBS throughout the fall. Consider a Spiritual Guidance seminar; a webinar about Planting Peace Churches or the Values-Based Leadership Program. One of the best ways to explore the educational programs at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is to immerse yourself in the campus learning community by arranging a personal visit or attend a planned event. An [Open House](#) is scheduled **November 15, 2013**. These day-long sessions include time to participate in classes, interact with faculty, and meet current and other prospective students. [AMBS Calendar of Events](#).

### Everence



Bethany Chupp of Zion Mennonite in Canby, OR has received a \$500 scholarship at Eastern Mennonite University in Harrisonburg, VA. She is among 42 recipients of [Everence](#) college scholarships for the 2013-2014 academic year. The scholarship program encourages young people to **explore the integration of faith and finances** while helping them on their educational journeys. More than 200 students from across the country applied for scholarships for the coming academic year. Recipients were chosen based on academics, leadership, community involvement and responses to an essay question about someone who models the concept of stewardship for them. "We're always looking for students who not only succeed in school, but get involved in their communities and display leadership qualities that will serve them well in the future," said Phyllis Mishler, Member Benefits Manager for Everence. "The students chosen are good stewards of their time and talents." For a complete list of recipients and their photos, visit [Everence.com](#).

### Goshen College

Degrees were awarded to 277 students during GC's 115<sup>th</sup> annual commencement ceremonies. From PNMC were:

**Erin Brenneman**, daughter of Joseph Brenneman and Cathy Brenneman of Kalispell, graduated from Goshen College with a degree in social work. She is a 2009 graduate of Flathead High School and attends Mountain View Mennonite Church.

**Erin Bontrager**, daughter of Robert and Beth Bontrager of Corvallis, graduated from Goshen College with a degree in psychology. She is a 2009 graduate of Crescent Valley High School and attends Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship.

**Brian O'Leary**, son of Michael and Robbin O'Leary of Seattle, graduated from Goshen College with a degree in Bible and religion. He is a 2009 graduate of Ballard High School and attends Seattle Mennonite Church.

*The commencement speaker was Dan Charles, a food and agriculture correspondent for National Public Radio (NPR). In his commencement address, "Searching for what's real in a digital world," Charles talked about growing up in a rural Mennonite community near Lancaster, PA, and how his life was enriched by Goshen College graduates, who have become some of his closest friends. Charles said he has developed close connections with others and enjoyed a true sense of community, but worries that young people today have a much more difficult time searching for what is true and authentic.*

### Mennonite Church USA

**Dove's Nest** is making available a copy of the *Circle of Grace* safe environment curriculum, for **no cost** to all MC USA congregations and schools. Lessons are self-contained and grade-specific, with 1-4 age-appropriate lessons each year for children and youth in Kindergarten through 12th grade. The curriculum is available in both English and Spanish. To request your free copy, visit the [Dove's Nest website](#) and click on the "Circle of Grace" link, or contact [Jon Stanton](#) at 402-577-0866.

### Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS seeks a part-time **Staff Accountant** (25 – 30 hrs). Responsibilities include: month end closing and monthly financial statements, reconciliations, general ledger, fixed assets and assistance with preparation and analysis of budgets, working in an Excel and Quickbooks environment. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. Resumes may be sent to [jobs@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:jobs@mds.mennonite.net) or MDS, 583 Airport Rd, Lititz, PA 17543, Attn: Human Resources. Review of applications begins immediately.

### Volunteer opportunities:

**Minot, ND:** Short-term group needed **Aug. 18 - 24**. *Finish carpenters in great need, but all skill levels accepted.*

**Staten Island, NY:** Cooks needed **Aug. 26 - Sep. 7**; assistant cook needed **Jul. 29 - Aug. 10**; *short-term groups needed in September.*

If you are interested call [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:8002418111) or e-mail [syoder@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:syoder@mds.mennonite.net).

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 19 (submissions due by 8/12)

Sept 2 (submissions due by 8/26)

Sept 16 (submissions due by 9/9)

Oct 7 (submissions due by 9/30)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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