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

Two PNMC congregations are beginning the new year with **new pastoral leadership**. Seattle Mennonite is welcoming Gordon Scoville for a year of intentional interim ministry. At Zion Mennonite, Mathew Swora will begin his ministry as the lead pastor. I invite you to join me in praying for these congregations, that these ministry transitions will be grace-filled and fruitful. I'm looking forward to working with these additions to the already strong pastoral leaders in PNMC.

**PNMC Resource Advocate Volunteer Needed:** If you are interested in serving the conference by discovering and sharing news about congregational resources available through Mennonite Church USA, this might be the position for you. Contact [kjpitts@pnmc.org](mailto:kjpitts@pnmc.org) if you or someone you know might be interested in this role. The position includes a yearly trip to meet with other conference advocates to learn about new resource opportunities.

## From the PNMC Office

**Please note:** The dates listed in the Autumn Evangel for the 25th Anniversary celebration at Prince of Peace Mennonite Church in Anchorage, AK were *incorrect*. The celebration will be held **June 28-29, 2014**. More details about the planned events will be coming soon.

Please mark that **February 8** will be the 2014 Conference Communications Council meeting at Zion Mennonite Church. PNMC is also planning a **Leadership Retreat** at Menucha **March 2-3, 2014**.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Albany Mennonite Church



Sister Care International is a rising star in the ministries of the Mennonite church. Many women around the world have been touched by this ministry led by Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener and sponsored by Mennonite Women USA. Requests continue to come from our international sisters for seminars and training of leaders so that these workshops may be shared throughout their communities. In order to continue this important work, Rhoda and Carolyn need to raise funds outside the Mennonite Women regular budget to cover the expenses. Carolyn will be sharing stories and pictures of how God is working in women's lives through Sister Care. Festival Band will also provide music during the lunch. Men and women are invited to participate in this fund raiser lunch on **Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Albany Mennonite Church, 12:00 noon**. Please send an RSVP to reserve a place at a table. Send note to Nancy Friesen at [jernanf@comcast.net](mailto:jernanf@comcast.net) or call 541-928-1865. Reservations need to be in by **Wednesday, January 15**. Donation checks may be written to Mennonite Women USA, subject line, SCI. *Photo: A participant from Bolivian Sister Care International, hugging Carolyn Heggen.*

### Eugene Mennonite Church

PNMC women are invited to begin 2014 with sacred time for reflection and prayer. Rose Marie Zook Barber, pastor of Eugene Mennonite Church, will lead a **Women's Silent Retreat** at the Shalom Prayer Center in Mt. Angel, OR, **Friday, January 10—Sunday, January 12, 2014**. Registration for the weekend retreat is \$150 and includes meals and lodging. *Follow this [link](#) and click on "Women's Silent Retreat" to obtain a registration form.*

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

PNMHS has a number of books which we are currently making available to Mennonite Churches and pastors in the northwest at no charge. A list of titles can be found at [this link](#). These books are available on a first come/first serve basis and can be picked up on Tuesdays or Wednesdays between 9:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. If you cannot get to the center in person, books can also be shipped and you pay only the cost of postage. Please send your request [to this address](#).

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

**Pastors Week: January 27-30, 2014:** Pastors Week is an annual event. It is devoted to providing resources in ministry, biblical studies and theology for pastors and church leaders. It's a week rich with worship, inspiring presentations, networking and renewal. This year's theme is *Help Me See Jesus! Help Me See, Jesus!* Increasingly the church in North America reflects the fractured, divisive nature of our culture. Helping the congregation to focus on Jesus is one essential leadership task in these times. Diverse points of view make the picture of Jesus clearer. Five AMBS professors will show how different lenses can, by the power of the Holy Spirit, help us to see Jesus. For more details, visit [www.ambs.edu](http://www.ambs.edu).

**Webinar: Lent Planning: Tuesday, February 11, 7:30-8:45 p.m. EST,** Presenter: Rachel Miller Jacobs

This webinar introduces the Lent theme and lectionary scriptures for the season. We will explore how to use and adapt worship resources published in *Leader* magazine, including suggestions for visuals, music, scripture presentations, sermons, and children's worship. [Register by February 6](#)

**Spanish-Language Online Short Course: Historia y Teología del Anabautismo, 12 de febrero-25 de marzo,** Presenter: Jamie Pitts  
*Conectado en la Red, no por crédito, duración: seis semanas*

En este curso estudiamos el nacimiento y desarrollo de los movimientos anabautistas en el siglo XVI, dando énfasis al contexto teológico, social, y político. El curso da un resumen de la historia y la teología de los primeros anabautistas y, además, investiga varias respuestas al gran reto actual de cómo entender y vivir el "anabautismo" hoy en día. Los estudiantes serán desafiados a buscar conexiones entre el siglo XVI y sus propias vidas. [Obtenga mas informacion e inscribase aqui.](#)

### Hesston College



**Reading the Bible in an Instagram World** is the theme for this year's Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series, **Feb. 21 - 23, 2014**, on the Hesston College campus. In today's social media-saturated world, we hunger for something real, lasting and relevant. Connecting with the Mennonite Church USA Year of the Bible, this year's conference will provide a fresh take on the college's Biblical Literature curriculum with presenters Michele Hershberger, Marion Bontrager, Ted Swartz and Jeremy Kempf. Hesston College began AVDS in 1999 as a way for the college to enrich the life and mission of the Church through speakers and programs on current topics of vision, faith and discipleship. Call [620-327-8109](tel:620-327-8109) or toll free at [866-437-7866](tel:866-437-7866) to register. *More information can be found at [www.hesston.edu/avds](http://www.hesston.edu/avds).*

### Mennonite Central Committee



**Give a gift that gives back!** Giving gifts of peace, water, education, food and livelihoods to people around the world through MCC's Christmas Giving program provides a way to express your faith at Christmas and throughout the year. This Christmas, **honor a loved one** by giving a meaningful gift to someone in need in his or her name. You can personalize the gift by choosing projects that the recipient can connect with or to places in the world where your loved one has spent time. Your gift can bring new opportunities to families in need and even change lives.  
*Give a gift that can change the world.*

### Mennonite Church USA

For the **December 2013** edition of **Equipping**, follow this [link](#).

*Begin planning now for Mennonite Church USA's next **biennial convention** to be held **June 30-July 5, 2015**, in Kansas City, Mo*

### Phoenix Menno Guest House



**Searching for sun this winter?** Consider a stay at the Menno Guest House in Phoenix, AZ. The house is centrally located, ideal for exploring the majesty of Arizona and the Valley of the Sun. The Bed & Breakfast-style accommodations are perfect for family reunions, church retreats, youth groups and more. Visit [www.hospitalityservicescenter.org](http://www.hospitalityservicescenter.org) for more information and to learn more about its partnership with [Mennonite Mission Network's SOOP program](#) which brings volunteers from across the United States and Canada.

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 6 (submissions due by 12/25)

Jan 20 (submissions due by 1/13)

Feb 3 (submissions due by 1/27)

Feb 17 (submissions due by 2/10)

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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