



e-Bulletin

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From Our Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

I recently had the pleasure of being part of the service of installation at Evergreen Mennonite Church for their new pastor, Meg Lumsdaine. I had met with the Evergreen search committee as one of my first activities as PNMC Conference Minister nine months ago and it was wonderful to see the congregation move from the early stages of a search to the calling and installation of a new pastor. As the PNMC board works with the question “what do we have of value to offer to member congregations?” assisting with the pastoral transition process emerged as one of four specific congregational needs we can help meet as a conference. Currently eight PNMC congregations are at some stage of the pastoral transition process! I encourage you to pray for these congregations, that God would provide the leadership they need, and to pray for our district pastors as they work with congregations in transition, that they would have words of wisdom and support to give. **Good leadership is essential to nurture healthy congregations!**

From the PNMC Office

Save the dates! The PNMC Annual Meeting will be in Portland, OR at Warner Pacific College **June 21-22, 2013**. [The Phoenix 2013](#) Mennonite Church USA convention will take place in Arizona **July 1-6**.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Embracing Beauty – *each of us as God's creation uniquely fashioned for God's glory*. Join women of all ages in discovering and relaxing in the beauty of friendship and conversation all within the natural world of beauty at Drift Creek Camp for the [Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat](#), **April 5-7, 2013**. Guest speaker will be Rose Marie Zook Barber, pastor of Eugene Mennonite Church. *Early bird registration \$10 discount ends March 1.*

Mennonite Historical Society

The PNMHS Ivan and Pearl Kropf Heritage Center will be open daily from **10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. February 21-23, 2013**. *Quilting Workshop participants are invited to stop by and visit!*

Zion Mennonite Church



ZMC will host its **41st Annual Quilting Workshop, February 21 - 23, daily from 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** The event will be a feast for the eyes with displays of more than 100 quilts, wall hangings and comforters ranging from the latest techniques and colors to century old heirlooms. Volunteers will guide beginners through the process of quilting from start to finish while more advanced techniques can be learned through daily workshop offerings. Fair-trade handicrafts, jewelry, toys and much more will be on display and available for purchase from [One Fair World](#) in Salem. Soup lunches will be served for guests each day between 11:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m. Admission is free, however donations will be accepted for the El Torno Senior Center in Bolivia. The Senior Center has served as the social hub for the village since it was constructed in 2001. The Center provides a place where the elderly of El Torno can gather for fellowship, teachings, occupational therapy, health care and rest.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Eastern Mennonite Seminary

The [Summer Institute for Spiritual Formation](#) provides training for those interested in individual and congregational spiritual formation. It also gives participants an opportunity to deepen their own faith and explore their own faith formation more fully. Plan now for summer growth and learning opportunities!

Goshen College

GC's Parables Worship Group will tour Oregon presenting their program [Wherever We Are: A Sacred Space](#). Stops include:



[Portland Mennonite Church](#), Sunday, February 24, 10:30 a.m.

Alumni & Friends Potluck following the service.

[Salem Mennonite Church](#), Sunday, February 24, 6:00 p.m.

Alumni & Friends Reception following the program.

[Mennonite Village in Albany](#), Monday February 25, 2:00 p.m.

Alumni & Friends Reception following the program.

[Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship](#), Monday February 25, 7:30 p.m.

[Western Mennonite School](#), Tuesday, February 26, 9:49-10:29 a.m.

[Zion Mennonite Church](#), Wednesday, February 27, 6:30 p.m.

Alumni & Friends Reception following the program.

The program centers on themes of embracing diversity and looking for ways to acknowledge that when we meet others who are different from ourselves, *we can look for points of connection*. All programs are free and open to the public. Goshen College students and representatives look forward to seeing you, visiting with potential students, checking in with Alumni and being inspired together.

Mennonite Central Committee



Evancia Louis, 17, hangs laundry in the garden outside the one-room tent where she and her parents have been living for the past two years. Just over the fence are 50 new duplexes, including one that she and her parents hope to move into soon. In addition to the earthquake-resistant houses, people moving into this community from tents will have a community center, playground and marketplace. The project was coordinated by MCC partner Christian Center for Integrated Development and paid for by MCC earthquake response donations and Canadian International Development Agency funding. [Read more here about MCC's work in Haiti.](#)

Mennonite Church USA



Sadly, Dr. Richard Twiss, (left), of Vancouver, WA, passed away on **Saturday, February 9, 2013** at age 58. Twiss was president of [Wiconi International](#), an organization that works to promote community, strengthen culture and foster spiritual vitality among Native American or First Nations people. Wiconi means "life" in the Lakota/Sioux language; Twiss and his wife, Katherine, founded the organization in 1997. Dr. Twiss was scheduled to share his passion in Phoenix on July 1 at the opening adult worship service of Mennonite Church USA's biennial convention but passed away after suffering from a heart attack. Please remember the Twiss family in your prayers as they face this profound loss of husband and father.

A letter from Ervin Stutzman which carefully outlines guidelines for congregations to select delegates for the [Mennonite Church General Assembly in Phoenix](#) is available here: [Delegate Selection Instructions](#). Additionally, Mennonite Church USA urges all of us to **begin to pray now the work God wants to do among us as we gather in Phoenix**. If you are already planning to attend, the following information will be helpful: [Preparing for the Phoenix Convention](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 4 (submissions due by 2/25)

Mar 18 (submissions due by 3/11)

April 1 (submissions due by 3/25)

April 15 (submissions due by 4/8)

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