



# e-Bulletin

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

*"But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love." Eph. 4:15-16.*

The first PNMC Conference Communications Council was held **January 19** and as delegates from most of our congregations gathered we held before us this **vision of unity in the body of Christ**. It was a joy to worship and work together on the difficult issue of whether PNMC should send delegates to the MC USA convention in Phoenix, as well as to share around tables about different areas of ministry in which we are involved. The discernment process led to counsel for the PNMC Board that, while we continue to feel regret that MC USA did not change the site for the 2013 convention in light of the concerns our Hispanic brothers and sisters raised about Arizona's immigration policies, PNMC should send delegates. Those delegates should be encouraged to participate fully in the immigration education experiences planned for convention and return with fresh ideas for addressing immigration issues in our own communities. *How wonderful it would be if all delegates from PNMC congregations engaged in the experiences available in Phoenix to learn more about border issues and immigration concerns and came back ready to lead us in working with immigrants in the Northwest!* It is good to be joined and knitted together as a conference by a shared passion for God's work in our world, to listen and speak to one another in truth, and to experience the ways that we are being built up in love.



## From the PNMC Office

*"On the day of Pentecost, visitors to Jerusalem reported that 'in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power.'"*

As we gather in **Portland, June 21-22**, for the PNMC Annual Meeting we desire to celebrate the languages we use to share God's power and love with our communities. Not just English, Spanish, and French, but the language of homelessness, of the city, of youth, of nurturing food from the land, of the wisdom of age. *Add your voice as we speak together of what God has done and is doing among us.*

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Margaret Shetler has created 3" x 5" index cards for the PNMC conference records since 1994. They can be viewed on the MC USA Archon database available [at this link](#). (Click **Detailed Description** to examine the arrangement of the records at the folder level.)

### Portland and Seattle Mennonite Churches

Hundreds gathered at Seattle and Portland Mennonite Churches in late January to see Ted & Co, which consisted of Ted Swartz and Tim Ruebke, performing "I'd like to buy an Enemy" as part of their national [Peace, Pies, & Prophets](#) tour. The shows were interspersed with pie auctions which proved to be as hilarious as the show itself. In Portland, a group of elementary-age girls in the front row were given a hat to "collect funds" to bid on a pie. As Ted held up the pie he knew they wanted and started the bid at \$300, *the amount the girls had collected*, their hands shot up, he yelled, "SOLD!" and the crowd cheered! In Seattle the energy was high and the top selling pie, a peanut butter and chocolate creation, sold for \$350! Together the shows raised more than \$15,000 for [Christian Peacemaker Teams](#), an organization that seeks to stand in the midst of conflict around the globe and seek peaceful alternatives. In a world full of violence and enemy-making, the shows proved to be a beautiful expression of hope.

*Thanks to the friends who came to see the show, donated pies and helped raise funds by doing something as simple as laughing and enjoying a slice of pie!*

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### 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.*

Members of the Parables Worship Group include Stefan Baumgartner, Rhianna Cockrell, Micah Detweiler, Hillary Harder, Jake Smucker, Gloria Showalter, Seth Yoder, Ruth Wiens. 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. Please follow links above to contact host churches for questions.

### Mennonite Central Committee

[MCC is seeking funds](#) to help desperate Syrians dealing with freezing temperatures and minimal resources, causing them to resort to extreme measures to stay warm and make a living. MCC is responding by supporting distribution of food, MCC kits and blankets, winter clothing and heaters. MCC also supports training in peace-building, trauma and humanitarian assistance.



### Mennonite Church USA

After a year of research and experimentation, MC USA has decided to move to a [Resource Center for Equipping](#). This means that each month subscribers will receive one newsletter update with the new and featured content.

### Mennonite Education Agency

MEA compiles annual reports and enrollment data from Mennonite educational institutions and programs into one resource. This is the sixth year that MEA has compiled this booklet for those interested in Mennonite education: [MEA Annual Report, Fall 2012](#).

### Mennonite Mission Network

Want an international service experience? Try [Radical Journey](#), a year-long international service program for people (ages 18-27). Locations include England, Indonesia, Paraguay and South Africa. For details, visit [MennoniteMission.net/Serve](#).

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 18 (submissions due by 2/11)

Mar 4 (submissions due by 2/25)

Mar 18 (submissions due by 3/11)

April 1 (submissions due by 3/25)

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