

e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Are you looking to expand your congregational library's resources? Are you a new Mennonite pastor needing more biblical commentaries? Thanks to a generous donor, the following library of books (or portions of it) can be yours for a donation to the PNMC. The collection includes: 16 volumes of the *Believers Commentary*, 5 volumes of the *Mennonite Encyclopedia*, *Barclays Bible Commentary*, Tyndale Bible Commentary and more. If you are interested, please contact Barb Buxman.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp



Join with other volunteers to improve the camp's access road after winter rains and freezing temperatures have increased the size of potholes! DCC will host its first <u>Pothole Potluck</u>, **Monday**, **February 18**, **2013**. Volunteers are invited to come out as early as Sunday afternoon and enjoy a night in the lodge with work beginning Monday. Folk interested in serving as volunteer hosts are also invited to come and be trained. *Bring shovels, gloves, boots and a dish to share!*

Portland and Seattle Mennonite Churches

<u>Ted & Company TheaterWorks</u> will bring <u>PEACE PIES & PROPHETS</u> on <u>Friday</u>, <u>January 25</u>, 7pm at <u>Seattle Mennonite Church</u> and <u>Saturday</u>, <u>January 26</u>, 7pm at <u>Portland Mennonite Church</u>. The show, <u>I'd Like to Buy an Enemy</u>, unpacks issues of justice and peace building through humorous and poignant storytelling. Intended for interactive audiences of all ages, come and end engage in laughter, thoughtful dialogue and delicious pie! *The sale of pies at each event will go toward the support of <u>Christian Peacemaker Teams</u>. Admission is free. Contact <u>Jonathan Neufeld</u> or <u>Curt Weaver</u> at for details. Your donations of whole pies are appreciated!*

Mark your calendars: The Aging and Spirituality workshop with Marcus Smucker has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 18, 2013 at PMC.

Northwest Mexico Liaison Committee

Consider an opportunity to **serve in Mexico**! There is space on the crew to construct an addition to a small church building in Tabelojoca (*pictured right*) in **February 2013.** Volunteers should plan to serve for 7-10 days. Contact <u>Curt Dorsing</u> at 509-346-9302 as soon as possible to make arrangements.



Zion Mennonite Church



Interested in worship planning? Explore the creative process with experienced AMBS Professor Marlene Kropf Saturday, February 2, 2013 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. The goal is to find ways for congregations to develop methods for sustainable planning that provide meaningful worship for the long haul through collaborative planning. Participants will have opportunities to look at flow and focus, musical and visual choices, scripture presentation, the role of children's time and prayer in worship. \$15 registration fee covers materials and lunch. Please RSVP to 503.651.2274 or zionmc@canbv.com.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary
Register today (January 21), to participate in an online Anabaptist Short Course:
Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology in the 16th Century (*Professor Lois Barrett*)
February 11-March 22, 2013

Get details and register for this course and other learning opportunities.

Hesston College

<u>Hesston College</u>, Hesston, KS, recently announced the names of full-time students whose fall semester grades earned them a place on the Dean's List (3.90 to 4.00) and Honor Roll (3.50 to 3.89). **Tyler Roth**, a freshman from Canby, OR, was named to the Dean's List. He is the son of Jerry and Wendy Roth and attends Zion Mennonite Church. **Josh Burkholder**, a sophomore from Warden, WA, was named to the Honor Roll. He is the son of Glenn and Mary Burkholder and attends Warden Mennonite Church.

Mennonite Central Committee



To help prepare Haitian professionals who are committed to rebuilding Haiti, MCC is supporting the education for 12 students from impoverished families. MCC works through <u>Haitian Education & Leadership Program (HELP)</u>, to pay tuition, provide housing, and training in leadership, computers and English. Several students said that they are learning to "be the change they want to see in the world."

"Only we Haitians know our problem. Only we can work to change Haiti," said Frantzo Joseph, an electrical engineering major from Leogane. MCC began working with HELP last year and will continue supporting the 12 students through their degree studies.

From front left-right, Andjella Jean-Jacques, Vanessa Corrielus, Nardine DeSulma, Frantzo Joseph, Wanséne Deshommes, Djimy Saintil and Abdonel A. Devilme. Four of the students in this group are supported by MCC.

Mennonite Church USA

The Other Church, A retreat for leaders and persons interested in exploring new forms of doing church.

With the purpose of sparking creativity in leaders, so that they may see the opportunities of establishing and organizing Churches and/or Faith Community alternatives in any context, Mountain States Mennonite Conference, is organizing a 2-day gathering to explore Kingdom-building ideas. This bilingual (Spanish-English) opportunity was developed through an initiative of MSMC along with the support of Mennonite Church USA, via the MLI (Ministerial Leadership Information). The gathering is scheduled March 22 - 23, 2013 at Rocky Mountain Mennonite Camp, located in the beautiful mountains of Colorado. Registration fees range from \$45 to \$55 and include one night lodging, Friday dinner, and breakfast and lunch on Saturday. Travel will be coordinated for those arriving from out of state who fly into the Colorado Springs Airport, located an hour away. For questions, email: elecentrocolorado@gmail.com or visit www.rmmc.org (where details are coming soon.)

Mennonite Women USA

Please keep <u>Sister Care</u> leaders Carolyn Heggen, *of Albany Mennonite Church*, and Rhoda Keener in your prayers as they travel this week to <u>Eastern Mennonite Seminary</u> to provide leadership training on <u>Transforming Loss and Grief.</u>

In Other News

Feral — You Cannot Ignore Someone Whose Story You Know

Feral, an original theatrical work debuts **January 24, 7:30 pm,** at the Bob White Theatre Warehouse, located at 6423 SE Foster Rd., Portland, OR. (*Other performance dates listed <u>here.</u>*) **The project seeks to empower those experiencing homelessness by telling their stories.** The play was written by CompassWorks Artistic Director Bruce A. Hostetler. <u>CompassWorks</u> is founded on the idea that everyone has a powerful and important story, and that it is impossible to ignore someone whose story you know. By sharing these stories, CompassWorks aims to increase respect and understanding between Portland's housed and un-housed citizens. *By increasing empathy, we can move further toward a community based on understanding and mutual respect.*

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 4 (submissions due by 1/28) Feb 18 (submissions due by 2/11) Mar 4 (submissions due by 2/25) Mar 18 (submissions due by 3/11) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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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