



e-Bulletin

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From Our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

God-sightings and Challenges! As the PNMC roll call was taken Friday morning at our Annual Meeting, each congregation shared a "God-sighting" and a challenge their congregation is facing with a way they are approaching that challenge. This glimpse into the lives of each of our congregations was inspiring to all of us. Unfortunately, this sharing was not recorded in the minutes. **If you took notes, or if you have a written copy of your congregation's sharing, please send them to office@pnmc.org.** We would like to include these in our minutes of the meeting as well as share them across the conference so that we can be in prayer for one another.

From the PNMC Office

The PNMC Board took the counsel of the **Conference Communications Council** in selecting PNMC delegates to the MC USA Convention in Phoenix. Representing PNMC will be Executive Conference Minister Katherine Pitts, PNMC Board Member, CIHAN Moderator-elect, and member of Iglesia Menonita Pentecostes, Eva Mendez, and Seattle Mennonite Church member, Jenn Carreto, *who attended Intercultural Competency training on PNMC's behalf this winter*. PNMC Moderator Jeryl Hollinger will attend as our alternate. All of these delegates are eager to participate in the learning opportunities around immigration as well as the delegate sessions at the convention. Please be praying for them as well as for congregational delegates, youth groups, and others from PNMC who will be in Phoenix; that this time of gathering and learning will enrich our faith and our lives together as a conference when we return.

Incoming Mennonite Church USA Moderator, Elizabeth Soto Albrecht will soon be visiting PNMC as part of her journey around the country. The purpose of this trip is to listen to the unheard stories told by members of Mennonite Church USA; to bring attention to our country's need for immigration reform, and to prepare Elizabeth for her term as moderator by introducing her to constituents. (*You can follow the trip at journeywithElizabeth.com*). Elizabeth will be at Iglesia Mennonite Pentecostes, Woodburn, **July 12**, for the evening prayer service. She will be at the CIHAN gathering at Portland Mennonite, **July 13**, and will be speaking at Lebanon Mennonite **July 14**. You are welcome at any of these gatherings to meet Elizabeth and join her in prayer for the church.

The **Pastor/Spouse Retreat** is coming up soon! Mark your calendar for **October 20-22** and make plans to travel to Corbett, OR to the Menucha Retreat Center for time away to worship, connect and renew. Please confirm your intention to attend with [Barb Buxman](mailto:Barb.Buxman@pnmc.org) before **July 15**. *Registration costs are \$100 per person.*

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

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

All are invited to enjoy a delicious **BBQ dinner** at the North Albany home of Harley and Marolyn Brenneman on **Sunday, August 4**, to benefit the **Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief**. Save the date, and stay tuned for more details.

Western Mennonite School

Several positions are open at [Western Mennonite](http://www.westernmennonite.org), including:

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

If you attend the MC USA convention in Phoenix, AMBS invites you to a gathering of alumni and friends:

Tuesday, July 2, 9 p.m. Room 131 A-B-C. *Come for conversation and seminary updates.*

Everence

A host of activities will mark Everence participation at the **Mennonite Church USA convention, July 1–6**. Financial Representatives will lead seminars on stewardship themes, including ones for youth and young adults that cover college finances, basic money issues and how they affect one's values. Financial seminars for adults include topics focused on retirement, faith and investing, health care reform and senior health planning. Everence is pleased to sponsor a film festival featuring movies that explore immigration and antiracism issues. At the festival, Everence will show the winning entry from its first video contest for young people and will announce details for a new video contest. Everence will also launch a series of animated videos centered on the theme "*doing better together*" to illustrate how members impact their communities and the world. Everence will sponsor a pastors' recognition event and host children's activities at the Everence exhibit. "We look forward to seeing old friends and meeting new ones," said President and CEO Larry Miller. "The energy, ideas and mission that are shared at convention are always inspirational and important for the life of the church."

MennoMedia

Buffalo Shout, Salmon Cry: Conversations on Creation, Land Justice, and Life Together, a new book by Herald Press, is launching in recognition of National Aboriginal Day, **June 21**, in Canada. The book includes 18 essays from throughout Canada and the U.S. Editor Steve Heinrichs assembled writers from both settler and Indigenous communities. Essays written by Indigenous writers are bookended with poetry, prayers or reflection from the settler perspective, and vice versa. As Indigenous Relations director for Mennonite Church Canada, Heinrichs helps churches grow in awareness of "settler realities" and find ways to walk in solidarity with host peoples. The book takes a hard look at the history of stolen lands, the assimilation of Indigenous peoples and the current ecological crisis, and the role of settler Christians in those stories. "The church, sadly, has been an accomplice in the colonization of this continent," says Herald Press managing editor Byron Rempel-Burkholder. Heinrichs hopes the book "will be a source of encouragement, cultivating greater respect and understanding for Indigenous peoples, especially amongst settler Christian communities" and that "settler Christians who pick the book up would be unsettled in a good way, and find friends for conversation who are also puzzling through these questions." The book will be discounted 30% through **July 19**.

More information available at www.store.mennomedia.org.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Most of the clean up work in the Shawnee, OK, area is complete. MDS is in contact with the long term recovery committees as they organize for a long-term response. Additionally, small groups of volunteers have been walking the fields in the storm damaged area of El Reno, OK, picking up debris from fields so the wheat harvest can begin.

For a list of current needs, visit the [MDS website](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 5 (*submissions due by 7/29*)

Aug 19 (*submissions due by 8/12*)

Sept 2 (*submissions due by 8/26*)

Sept 16 (*submissions due by 9/9*)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to 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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