



e-Bulletin

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From Our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

A few weeks ago Kalispell, MT had their first snow of the winter. Has anyone else had snow? We also held the first planning meeting for PNMC's Annual Meeting in Kalispell next summer (**June 20-21, 2014**). In addition to the usual offerings of workshops and delegate sessions, plans are in the works for field trips to explore the beautiful mountains around Kalispell and service projects to meet the needs of the community. As planning comes together, we are thinking especially of our youth and those who will not be attending delegate sessions. Knowing that Kalispell is off the beaten track for most of PNMC, our hope is that families will consider coming for a time of recreation as well as fellowship, worship, and discernment! Housing options will include camping, home stays, and hotels. We hope to have a variety of transportation options available as well. Those coming from a distance may want to consider staying an additional day to worship with Kalispell Mennonite Church and take a hike before heading home. The energy around meeting in Kalispell was infectious! I invite you to **join me in praying with and for our congregation in Kalispell** as they move from celebrating their centennial to preparing to host us all. *Put it on your calendar now and join us in beautiful Montana!*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church

AMC will again be hosting a display of crèches (or nativities). The displays will be from many countries, each showing that **Jesus' birth is the reason for our celebration**. The public is invited to begin Advent with this gift to the community on **Friday, December 6, noon to 8pm, Saturday, December 7, noon to 6pm, and Sunday, December 8, noon to 3pm**. Albany Mennonite Church is located at 3405 Kizer Ave. NE, Albany, OR (along I-5). The exhibit will take place in the church's Bethany Center, *a handicap accessible facility*. For more details contact the church at [541-926-1443](tel:541-926-1443) or visit www.albanymennonite.org.

West Coast MCC

SAVE THE DATES: **July 19 (Portland) & July 20 (Albany), 2014**, for **MCC Clean Water Fund Raising Concerts** featuring Les and Gwen Gustafson-Zook of Goshen, IN. The two have performed at music festivals, schools, coffeehouses and churches for many years. Gwen & Les were Service Adventure leaders in Albany from 1990-92 and worked with MCC in Portland, running the PLOW program from 1992-1997. Les currently works with Mennonite Central Committee. Gwen is the Minister of Worship at Goshen College. Les is the 2001 Int'l Autoharp Champion and performs on a variety of traditional instruments including mandolin, banjo and jaw harp. Gwen sings lead, adds harmonies, tells stories and plays guitar....Together they capture the hearts of their audience with traditional and contemporary folk music focused on tight harmonies and story-telling. Don't miss this opportunity to enjoy toe-tapping tunes sure to please listeners of all ages!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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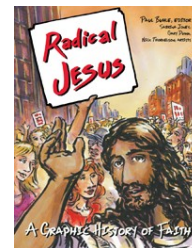
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Leadership Clinic: **How Dare We Call Ourselves Anabaptist?** **Monday, January 27**, *Presenter: Maurice Martin*

Since most of us are not in danger of dying for our faith, nor have we been re-baptized, how dare we call ourselves Anabaptist? In response to this question posed by Mennonite scholar Walter Klaassen, this clinic will trace the journey of Anabaptism from H.S. Bender to Stuart Murray, noticing the movement from emphasis on being Christian by choice to the emergence of terms such as "radical Reformation," "peace theology" and "community" to discovering and reclaiming the influence of medieval mysticism and monasticism, to Murray's assertion that cultural garb has gotten in the way of appropriating Anabaptist thought. We will also consider how we can invite our congregations to join us on this Anabaptist journey in our post-Christian, post-modern contexts.

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MennoMedia

In this compelling, graphical rendition, *Radical Jesus* tells the story of Jesus and his social message, not just in his own time, but also through the Radical Reformation, recent centuries, and present day. The book features illustrations by industry standouts Sabrina Jones, Gary Dumm, and Nick Thorkelson. *Radical Jesus* offers a fresh and inspiring look at basic Christian concepts and social justice themes from the life of Jesus.

Mennonite Central Committee

[MCC has begun its response to Typhoon Haiyan](#) and is determining needs for long-term recovery. Thank you for your prayers for people grieving and suffering in the storm's wake. *To donate*, visit mcc.org/typhoon-response.

Please pray for peace in Mozambique. After more than two decades of peace following a civil war, tensions and violence have been on the rise between the ruling party, Frelimo, and the opposition, Renamo. *All MCC staff in the country are safe*, and as a precaution, those who were scheduled to be or were working in the affected area have been relocated. Please keep MCC's staff and partners and all the people of Mozambique in your prayers.

Please also pray for Ricardo Esquivia and other Colombian leaders who continue to receive threats and intimidation for their peace-building activities. Pray that they will be able to work without fear. For more information about how you can **take action** to Protect Ricardo Esquivia, visit www.mcc.org.

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA and several of co-sponsors invite Mennonite women from across the country to come together in Leesburg, VA **February 20-22, 2014** for a conference, titled "**All you need is love: Honoring diversity in women's voices in theology.**" In a spirit of grace, participants will together contemplate what it means to love as Christians in the midst of a world rife with struggle and oppression. The gathering will include time for theological work in several creative forms. It will provide space that encourages strong relationships between women in the church and honors various vocations from which theological work is done: *academic, pastoral, community organizing, etc.* Women's unique voices and perspectives will be explored. Capable hearts and minds will together contemplate the gifts and challenges that diversity presents to the church and how we might engage these while remaining committed to one another in love. Ideas and relationships that will be important to the future of the church will be shared and nurtured. Follow this [link](#) for more information or to register.

Mennonite World Conference

To read the latest issue of MWC's *Courier*, follow this [link](#).

Mountain States Mennonite Conference

Heavy September rains fell in Colorado resulting in eight flood-related deaths. 1,500 homes were destroyed; 19,000 homes damaged. Roads and bridges were washed out. Schools were closed. Businesses were brought to a halt. Several Boulder Mennonite members' homes were affected by the flooding, as was the church building. The church is a two story building with a full basement. The basement includes classrooms and offices, bath and shower rooms, storage space, a furnace room, kitchen, and community hall. In spite of the best efforts to pump and sweep water towards drains, at least an inch of water seeped in and covered the entire floor. A dumpster in the parking lot is overflowing with ruined carpet, padding, flooring, and drywall that have been removed. Replacing an estimated \$95,000 in damages has begun. However, the congregation hopes to repair damages for far less money through volunteer labor. **Your prayers and care are greatly appreciated.** Visit www.bouldermennonite.org to see how to help.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 2 (submissions due by 11/25)

Dec 16 (submissions due by 12/9)

Jan 6 (submissions due by 12/25)

Jan 20 (submissions due by 1/13)

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