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PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Portland Mennonite Church



Welcoming & Boundaries: Congregational Responses to Homelessness: All are invited to an evening discussion with Paul Schroeder, Executive Director of the New City Initiative, on **Friday, November 15, 7-9pm** at Portland Mennonite Church. The New City Initiative trains formerly homeless people and helps them find employment through their programs like New City Kitchen, which will provide desserts for the gathering.

Seattle Mennonite Church

Please join Seattle Mennonite on **Saturday, November 16** to celebrate the ministry and presence of Weldon and Marg Nisly. Come share your memories, offer a tribute and wish them well. If you would like to share, please contact jonathan@seattlemennonite.org or 206-361-4630, ext. 7. A potluck dinner will follow. The main dish will be provided. Folks with last names beginning with A-M bring salads and N-Z bring desserts. Please RSVP to Marsha@seattlemennonite.org or 206-361-4630 by **November 2**. *All are welcome to attend the SMC worship service **Sunday, November 17**, beginning at 10:00 a.m. (Event link on PNMC's page on Facebook.)*

Western Mennonite School

Western is hosting a **Visitors Day** for Middle and High School student **November 6**. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to explore the great programs offered at Western. Call [503-363-2000](tel:503-363-2000) or visit www.WesternMennoniteSchool.org to register. You are invited to come support WMS theatre students at one of the following productions of *12 Angry Jurors!*
November 8 - 7pm, November 9 - 2pm & 7pm, November 14 - 7pm, November 15 - 7pm, November 16 - 2pm

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Marty Troyer, pastor in Houston, TX, recently received **Alumni Ministry and Service Recognition** for his peace ministry. Troyer has been pastor of the Houston (TX) Mennonite Church: The Church of the Sermon on the Mount since he earned a Master of Divinity in 2008. His ministries of peace-building and writing began when he was a student at Wheaton College and continued when he served in two congregations: Lebanon (OR) Mennonite Church and Hesston (KS) Mennonite Church. At Houston Mennonite Church, Troyer is involved in a local missional faith formation community called FaithWalking and is now a trained group facilitator. He also carries on a writing ministry, including "[The Peace Pastor](#)," a blog he writes for *The Houston Chronicle*. Troyer also works closely with the Fe y Justicia Center, addressing issues of wage theft and labor rights, and with the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He is on the board of Healing the Brokenness, a lecture-based program seeking to bring local practitioners together to enhance a shared vision for overcoming racial, economic and systemic brokenness in the community. Troyer and Hannah, his wife, have three children. (Follow this [link](#) to read the entire story.) *AMBS recognizes one or two graduates each year for effective and visionary leadership; commitment to bringing Anabaptist theology into conversation with the wider church; and mission that integrates evangelism, peacemaking and justice.*

AMBS is seeking volunteers in January to help before and during **Pastors Week**. If interested, contact volunteer coordinators **Adolfo & Betty Puricelli**: volunteercoordinator@ambs.edu or [574.296.6234](tel:574.296.6234). *AMBS provides housing and a stipend for groceries for volunteers.*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES, *cont.*

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Goshen College



Goshen College was pleased to welcome author and NPR radio personality, Garrison Keillor, to campus in October as part of the Performing Arts Series. Afterward, Keillor updated his status on Facebook with the following, “I think I maybe did the best show of my life Tuesday night and all thanks to the audience, a thousand Mennonites and their neighbors in a small town in Indiana. It was mostly impromptu, fast-paced, jumpy, with a big complicated pontoon-boat story in the middle, and at the beginning and end we sang. They sang beautiful four and six-part harmony in a fine acoustic hall and I sang a modest bass, no arm waving, no coaxing, and the sound of this impromptu choir made everyone intensely happy. I steered them directly from one verso of a song to a chorus of another, no pausing, and when I did pause once, trying to figure out where to go next, they did not applaud. Marvelous. Because it was not a show. It was for real. Mennonites are quiet, peace-loving kind-hearted people, salt of the earth. If I knew a church where people sang like that, I’d be there every Sunday, sitting right smack in the middle. Thank you, Goshen College.”

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is thankful for your prayers for the villages of Sadad and Haffar, Syria, where **humanitarian access has now been restored**. Last week these villages were overtaken by opposition forces and humanitarian workers were unable to provide medical help or to evacuate civilians caught in the violence between the opposition and government troops. Please continue to pray with us as our partners in the area now work at evacuating, relocating and providing assistance to the many people who were displaced.

Young Anabaptist Mennonite Exchange Network: Among the many memories that Shammah Nakawesi of Uganda brings home from her one-year service assignment in Indonesia is her new understanding of loving God and others. “Even in the uncertainties of life, loving God and loving others is all that matters,” says Nakawesi, who served as an English teacher and community worker in the village of Margorejo. Nakawesi was among 16 participants in the joint MCC and Mennonite World Conference program, YAMEN, who have completed one-year service assignments.

Mennonite Church USA

Just in case you missed it, here’s a link to [Equipping](#), a resource provided by Mennonite Church USA.

Mennonite Disaster Service



A year after Hurricane Sandy pummeled the East Coast, Mennonite Disaster Service volunteers celebrated with Charlie Adams (*on right in photo*) as his rebuilt home was dedicated in Crisfield, MD. MDS volunteers have been working in the town since Nov. 2012, first cleaning up and now rebuilding; bringing storm survivors home. When Hurricane Sandy hit, a five-foot storm surge inundated Crisfield and left virtually the entire town underwater. Working together with other disaster response agencies, MDS volunteers have repaired more than 35 homes and rebuilt two new homes, have two homes underway and have several additional new homes planned.

MDS Volunteers urgently needed in the following locations:

Minot, ND: Skilled crew leaders through **Nov. 30**; Crisfield, MD: Office manager and crew leader through **Nov. 30**; Bastrop, TX: One or more foundation crews through **mid-November**; Crisfield, MD: Head cook needed **Nov. 18 - 29**; assistant cook needed **Nov. 18 - 22**; Minot, ND: Assistant cook needed **Nov. 11 - 29**; Staten Island, NY: Assistant cook needed **Nov. 25 – Dec. 14**.

RV Projects will be open in Braithwaite, LA, and Hattiesburg, MS, through **December 13**. An RV Project will be open in Bastrop, TX, from Nov. 11 - Dec. 5. A few spots are open in Braithwaite and Bastrop. MDS is currently scheduling short-term groups for fall and winter projects. Please consider serving in Duluth, MN, and High River, AB, as the needs are great but few volunteers are rallying to serve in these adventurous locations. Duluth is near scenic Lake Superior and High River is close to the Rocky Mountains and Banff National Park. For week-long volunteer information call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail cruntz@mds.mennonite.net. For long-term opportunities (one month or longer), call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail syoder@mds.mennonite.net.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 18 (*submissions due by 10/11*)
Dec 2 (*submissions due by 11/25*)
Dec 16 (*submissions due by 12/9*)
Jan 6 (*submissions due by 12/25*)

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