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

Many of the congregations in PNMC start their worship with the lighting of a peace lamp or candle. This reminder that Christ is our peace and invitation to pray for peace for our world seems especially needed as our government discusses responding to violence with more violence in another part of the world. I invite you to pray with me that we might **make known the peace of Christ** through our lives and that God might bring peace to the world. "For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one." (Eph 2:14)

## From the PNMC Office

Two congregations celebrated installation services of new pastors on **Sunday, September 8**. Todd Lehman, (pictured left) was installed at Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR, and Miguel Castillo, (pictured right), was installed at Warden Mennonite Church, Warden, WA.



## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Anawim Christian Community

A 14-week Biblical Peacemaking Training is being offered on Monday nights from 6:30-8:30 p.m. beginning **September 16**. The training will be held at Sanctuary, 19626 NE Glisan, Gresham, OR.

### Drift Creek Camp



Love to quilt? Need to wrap up a project? Consider spending a weekend at Drift Creek Camp, **October 17-20**, to carve out time for projects of your choosing. The annual [Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat](#) provides a great opportunity for the peaceful surroundings and natural beauty outdoors to inspire personal creations. Participants work at their own pace between delicious meals, tasty espresso drinks and fellowship. For questions call 541-992-2556 or email [info@driftcreek.org](mailto:info@driftcreek.org). *Young beginners, between 10 and 18 years old, are invited to accompany an adult for only the cost of meals.*

### Mountain View Mennonite Church

Celebrate **100 Years of ministry** at Mountain View Mennonite Church in beautiful Kalispell, Montana, **September 27-29, 2013!** Festivities begin Friday evening with an ice-cream social. The Saturday schedule includes a morning Garden Party followed with a Centennial Bazaar and Hymn Sing in the afternoon. A BBQ dinner begins at 5:30 followed with an evening program featuring Crown of the Continent Choir and guest speaker, Dr. John D. Roth. Festivities continue Sunday morning with historical reflections at 9:30 a.m. and worship at 11:00 a.m. *John D. Roth will share as part of the worship service.* A potluck meal will follow. ([Schedule details here.](#))

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society has published a list of **duplicate books and periodicals** that are available to interested church libraries and individuals. Please check the lists and related information at: [pnmhs.org/Library/Duplicates](http://pnmhs.org/Library/Duplicates).

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Eastern Mennonite University

Lois Bowman honored for **fifty years of service** at Eastern Mennonite University.

Read the full story [here](#).



### Mennonite Central Committee

MCC U.S. encourages churches and community groups to make 2013-2014 a year to “**talk peace**,” challenging the cultural norms that support militarism and violent solutions to conflict. Through MCC U.S., more than **30 speakers** are available, including *Peter Lumsdaine and Weldon Nisly from PNMC*, to help facilitate those discussions, as they draw upon their personal and professional expertise with violence and peacebuilding. As followers of Jesus’ teachings on peace, they are available to preach or lead workshops, discussion groups and Sunday school classes throughout the U.S. Many are uniquely qualified to talk about U.S. militarism and its effects on individuals, the U.S. and the world. **Let’s Talk Peace** is part of the third year of MCC U.S.’ “Fear not: Seek peace” initiative. The first two years emphasized the problems of domestic violence and gun violence and ways to seek peace at home and in the community. The third year’s focus is on militarism and ways to seek peace in our world.

### Mennonite Disaster Service

Volunteer support is urgently needed in the following areas:

**Staten Island, NY:** Skilled crew leaders needed **Oct. 1 - Dec. 13**.

**Crisfield, MD:** Head cook needed **Oct. 1 - Dec. 13** and skilled crew leaders needed throughout the fall.

**Far Rockaway, NY:** Head cook needed **Oct. 13 - Dec. 13** and skilled crew leaders needed throughout the fall.

**Minot, ND:** Skilled crew leaders needed **Oct. 13 - Nov. 30**.

**Shawnee, OK:** Office manager needed **Oct. 1 - Dec. 13** and head and assistant cook needed in October.

Follow this [link](#) for progress on the 2013 Yukon River Flood.

MDS is scheduling short-term groups for fall projects. Scheduling for winter projects will begin **Oct. 16**.

For information about week-long volunteer opportunities call [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:8002418111) or e-mail [cruntz@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:cruntz@mds.mennonite.net). For long-term volunteer opportunities (one month or longer), call [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:8002418111) or e-mail [syoder@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:syoder@mds.mennonite.net).

## IN OTHER NEWS

Religious leaders and members from a number of Oregon’s religious communities will gather **October 16** for a public banquet in support of **abolition of the Oregon death penalty**. The event, “*People of Faith Against the Death Penalty*” will be held at the United Methodist Church, SW 18<sup>th</sup> and Jefferson, in Portland. Sponsored by [Oregonians for Alternatives to Death Penalty](#) (OADP) and Ecumenical Ministries of Oregon (EMO), the event will begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception preceding dinner. Several faith leaders, including Rachel Ringenberg Miller from Portland Mennonite Church, the Bishops of the Episcopal Church in Oregon and the ELCA Lutheran Oregon Synod, Catholic Archbishop of Portland, Executive Minister of the United Church of Christ, along with leaders of the American Baptist, Methodist, Unitarian, Disciples of Christ and other faith communities represented in Oregon.

“An interfaith gathering of this type in support of the abolition of the death penalty makes public an important moral position held in common by many religious movements and traditions in this country. In the six states that have repealed their death penalty in the past six years, people of faith have played leading roles in those efforts,” stated Ron Steiner, of OADP. For more information call (503) 990-7060 or email [rsteiner@swcp.com](mailto:rsteiner@swcp.com).

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 7 (submissions due by 9/30)  
Oct 21 (submissions due by 10/14)  
Nov 4 (submissions due by 10/28)  
Nov 18 (submissions due by 10/11)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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