



e-Bulletin

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From Our Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

As I watched the snow fall outside my window this weekend, instead of engaging in meetings with the pastors, delegates, and leaders of PNMC, I had mixed feelings – glad to not be on the roads, sad to miss the opportunity for fellowship, and wonder about where we could have some of the conversations that would now not happen. We will not be able to reschedule the Conference Communications Council. I invite you to think with me about other **ways to strengthen our connections** and share with one another how God is moving in our midst. I encourage you to continue to reflect on Romans 14-15 as we live and serve together as a diverse people of God. *“May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (Rom. 15:5-6).

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Plan now to attend the **Women’s Retreat at DCC, April 4-6**, featuring guest speaker, [Carol Honderich](#) of [Mennonite Mission Network](#) in Goshen, IN. Carol has combined her love for quilting with her passion for biblical study to create a unique women’s ministry that encourages women to build community with one another. The weekend is a wonderful space for connecting with friends from across the conference with whom you may not otherwise have opportunities to spend time. Participants will enjoy group discussions, worship, creative outlets and relaxation. [Register](#) by **February 28** to take advantage of the early-bird discount.

PNMHS

In preparation for Sheldon Burkhalter's move to Seattle, he donated much of his **book collection** to the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society Library. Many do not fit the collection criteria for our library and the PNMHS board has decided to make these resources available on a first reply basis to PNMC pastors. If you are interested, [browse the list at this link](#) and express your interest by [return email](#). Titles will be struck from the list as requests are received. Donations to PNMHS Library are welcome but not required. *Pickup arrangements can be made to suit your needs.*

*The spring meeting will be **Sunday, March 30** at Albany Mennonite Church. The topic will be [Drift Creek Camp](#).*

Portland Mennonite Church



There is still space available to attend the **February 21-23** workshop featuring Don Blosser, a Bible scholar and retired Professor from Goshen College. The purpose is to hear basic ideas about the origin, history and context of the Bible but also begin to see the overarching themes from the text and ask ourselves what it means to live with these themes. In Don Blosser’s words, “We want to read the Bible with integrity. We recognize its culture and history, but our goal is to be faithful to its radical vision that keeps tugging us into our shared future.” [Registration & schedule details here.](#)

To help with planning, kindly register; donations accepted. Questions? Call 503-234-0559.

Western Mennonite School

The 42nd Annual Benefit Auction is coming soon! Set aside **Saturday, May 3, 2014** to join alumni & friends in support of [Western Mennonite School](#) at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Spanish-Language Online Course: La Historia y Teología Anabautista

Conectado en la Red, no por credito, duracion: seis semanas. 12 de febrero-25 de marzo. En este curso estudiamos el nacimiento y desarrollo de los movimientos anabautistas en el siglo XVI, dando énfasis al contexto teológico, social, y político. El curso da un resumen de la historia y la teología de los primeros anabautistas y, además, investiga varias respuestas al gran reto actual de cómo entender y vivir el "anabautismo" hoy en día. Los estudiantes serán desafiados a buscar conexiones entre el siglo XVI y sus propias vidas. [Inscríbese al curso breve.](#)

Bethel College

The dates for the next three **Bethel College Fall Festival** weekends are as follows: *(Dates are determined by the first home football game in October.)*

2014: **Oct. 16 - 19** with Taste of Newton downtown Thursday, Oct. 16, and the Fall Festival on campus Saturday, Oct. 18.

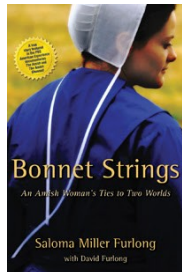
2015: **Oct. 8 - 11** with Taste of Newton downtown Thursday, Oct. 8, and the Fall Festival on campus Saturday, Oct. 10.

2016: **Sept. 29 - Oct. 2** with Taste of Newton downtown Thursday, Sept. 29, and the Fall Festival on campus Saturday, Oct. 1.

Goshen College

The GC Music Department is bringing back a beloved program for high school musicians. **Music Week**, a summer extravaganza for high school choral and instrumental students, will be held **June 15-21, 2014**. Artistic directors are Dr. Christopher Fashun, assistant professor of music, and Dr. Scott Hochstetler, associate professor of music. Music Week, which was held annually during the 1980s and 1990s but has been on hiatus for more than a decade, will include individual and joint rehearsal times for up to 60 choral singers and instrumental players. Events will include global music electives in Brazilian drumming, world music singing styles and more. Participants will live on campus and participate in social activities as well as a service project. Current music students will serve as camp counselors and assistants throughout the week. Tuition, including room and board, is \$595. *The first 50 to register by **May 1** will receive a \$50 discount.* The final deadline for registration is **June 1**. A \$100 non-refundable deposit is required with registration, and the remaining balance is due upon arrival. Rising seniors who are considering attending Goshen College may audition for a music scholarship **June 21**. GC offers music scholarships between \$2,000 to \$10,000 annually, and all instruments and voice parts are encouraged to apply. More information can be found at www.goshen.edu/music/scholarships.

MennoMedia



Bonnet Strings: An Amish Woman's Ties to Two Worlds was released in early February and author Saloma Miller Furlong was featured in the PBS American Experience program "The Amish: Shunned." At age twenty, Saloma Miller left behind her Amish community in Burton, Ohio, and boarded a night train for Vermont, where she knew no one. In this poignant coming-of-age memoir, Saloma's new life of freedom includes work as a waitress and plans to continue her education. Romance also blossoms with a Yankee toymaker. Soon, however, a vanload of people from her community, including the Amish bishop, arrive to take her back into the fold. Saloma's freedom comes to an abrupt end when she goes back home to Ohio with them. Thus begins a years-long struggle of feeling torn between two worlds: *will she remain Amish and embrace the sense of belonging and community her Amish life offers, or will she return to the newfound freedom she tasted in Vermont?* [Click here to order.](#)

Mennonite Central Committee



Put your faith in action! MCC is accepting applications for Serving and Learning Together (SALT), a **one year cross cultural service experience of young adults**. Visit salt.mcc.org to see opportunities to serve globally ranging from communications and storytelling in Nepal to agriculture projects in Tanzania. Applicants should be between the ages of 18 and 27. Check out the [opportunities!](#)

Mennonite Church USA

The February edition of **Equipping** available [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 3 (submissions due by 2/21)

Mar 17 (submissions due by 3/7)

April 7 (submissions due by 3/28)

April 21 (submissions due by 4/11)

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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