



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

The Conference Communication Council meeting at Zion Mennonite Church is **February 8, 9:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m.** Congregations are invited to send one pastor and one delegate. Discernment will be based on Romans 14-15. The agenda includes reflection on what was learned about immigration in Phoenix; affinity group sharing and asking, "How can we strengthen relationships and find value in our diversity in the midst of theological and ethical differences?" [Register today](#). There will be no charge, but lunch donations will be appreciated.

The Pastors' and Leaders' Retreat, is **March 2-3** at [Menucha Retreat Center](#). This will be a great opportunity for congregational leaders and pastors, along with spouses, to spend time in community. Enjoy catching up with one another; share joys and challenges; fellowship and worship. Participants will enjoy hearing from Marlene Kropf who will lead the group in times of reflection on what it means to be "grounded in God." Check-in begins at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday and the retreat concludes after supper on Monday. Contact [Barb Buxman](#) by **February 7** to register. Send payments (\$80/overnight or \$40/commuters) to PNMC, PO Box 301036, Portland, OR 97294.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church

Nancy Friesen reported that the January 25 Sister Care International lunch was a wonderful success! Approximately 50 men and women came to support the program and generously donated over \$4,500. These gifts will support the international portion of Sister Care, led by Carolyn Heggen, member of AMC and Rhoda Keener and Mennonite Women around the world. Organizers expressed gratitude for financial support but asks for continued prayer for the ministry. "Thank you so much to those who planned and attended the fundraising lunch. We anticipate using these gifts to share the seminar and empower women leaders in Paraguay or Brazil. Your generosity will be a blessing to many," responded Rhoda Keener and Ruth Guengerich, MW USA co-directors.

Camp Camrec

In order to prepare a fun and nurturing program for children and youth, Camp Camrec needs both an Administrative Director and Program Director(s). The Administrative Director works with the support of the Program Committee to organize the summer program starting in March, and the Program Director(s) are responsible for leading the actual camps in July. Job descriptions and applications are available at www.camrec.org. Send to Camrec Program Committee, Attn: Jonathan Neufeld 3120 NE 125th St, Seattle, WA 98125.

2014 SUMMER CAMP DATES:	
Senior High Adventure (grades 9-12):	July 17 - 20
Staff Orientation:	July 20 -21
Junior Camp (grades 3-5):	July 21 - 25
Junior High Camp (grades 6-8):	July 26 - 31
Pre-Junior Camp (grades K-2):	August 1 - 3

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SHEKINAH: Panorama Biblico de la Gloria de Dios, seminario de alabanza y adoración, **15 de Febrero, 2014, 8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** Local de Iglesia Penetocostal "Fuego de Dios," 3312 E. Fourth Plain Blvd., Suite 100, Vancouver, Wa. Expositor: Pastor Samuel Moran, *Donación sugerida: \$25.*

NW Mexico Ministry

After 4 years of waiting, the congregation in El Refugio, Sinaloa, Mexico is going to get their church! The congregation of 30 has been meeting under a palm roof "lean to" while trying to reach out to the surrounding community. Now that construction has started there are a lot of smiles and hope that this building will make their outreach more fruitful. The project is again a multi-national and inter-Mennonite effort with volunteers coming from the US, Durango Mennonite colonies, and the local Mennonite church members. "The plan is to have the walls all up by the end of February, so the crew from the colony can come install the roof," says pastor Vicente Valdez. Curt Dorsing, Warden Mennonite, adds, "Our part is to help finish the walls, floors, bathroom, windows and doors as time and funds allow." Work dates are **Feb. 22 -March 8**. Available to lend a hand? Contact [Curt Dorsing, \(509\) 346-9302](#). Not able to go along? Consider partnering financially. \$5-8,000 are still needed to complete the project.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS will host three **Seminary Preview Days** for people wishing to explore study. The dates are **February 21, March 14** and **April 25**. Each provides opportunities to meet faculty and students and to sit in on classes and community gatherings or a chapel service. Admissions staff are available to answer questions about study programs, financial aid and the admission process. People interested in attending should register [here](#). If these dates are not convenient, AMBS also welcomes visitors to make other arrangements any time. To schedule a visit, contact the admissions department at admissions@ambs.edu or 800.964.2627.

Hesston College

Hesston College announced the names of full-time students whose fall semester grades earned them a place on the Dean's List (3.90 to 4.00) and Honor Roll (3.50 to 3.89). Tyler Roth, a sophomore from Canby, OR, was named to the Honor Roll. He is the son of Jerry and Wendy Roth and attends Zion Mennonite Church. Karli Mast, a freshman from Hubbard, OR, was named to the Dean's List. She is the daughter of Gerald and Sheryl Mast and attends Zion Mennonite Church. Located 30 miles north of Wichita, [Hesston College](#) is the two-year liberal arts college of Mennonite Church USA.

MennoMedia

Craig Anderson is the new manager of MennoMedia's Canadian headquarters at the **newly relocated office/warehouse space in Canada**, housed with Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Ontario offices at 50 Kent Street in Kitchener. Anderson is office and sales and marketing manager. In the U.S., three women have joined MennoMedia in various capacities over recent months. Leslie Hawthorne Klingler, of Wheaton, IL, began as part-time editor for *Rejoice!* devotional magazine, serving both Mennonite and Mennonite Brethren readers (and copublished by Kindred Press). *She replaced editor J. Janzen*. Valerie Weaver-Zercher began as a part-time managing editor for Herald Press. She edited the 30th anniversary edition of *Living More with Less*. Her own book, *Thrill of the Chaste: The Allure of Amish Romance Novels*, was published by the Johns Hopkins University Press in 2013. *She replaced outgoing managing editor Byron Rempel-Burkholder*. Barbara Finnegan was hired as director of finance and operations at MennoMedia, *replacing Lowell Hertzler*.

Mennonite Central Committee

[MCC](#) is providing disaster-resistant shelters and basic kitchen utensils for almost 3,000 Filipino families who lost their homes during November's Typhoon Haiyan. The more than \$1-million response will focus on the hardest-hit sections of the coastal towns of Naval in Leyte Province and Dulag in Biliran Province. They are two of many towns in the Philippines whose homes, livelihoods and public buildings were devastated by the hurricane that displaced 4.1 million people and destroyed 1.1 million homes. Working through Church World Service (CWS) and its partners, MCC is providing plywood, nails, cement, lumber and metal roofing material to build simple, sturdy shelters. "You see the suffering of so many," said Laura Armstrong, a short-term MCC worker who with her husband, Nick Armstrong, was in the Philippines in December to develop MCC's response. The Armstrongs are from Boise, Idaho. "You know that around every corner, someone has been impacted by the storm, is experiencing hardship and loss and yet you have to make decisions with the money that you have to work with," Laura Armstrong said. **MCC donors gave more than \$3.9 million (USD) in response to the disaster.** Initially \$200,000 was used for emergency food baskets and household supplies. Construction of the homes will be done, in part, by community people who are not receiving shelters but have no stable form of income. MCC will pay them for their work, which will be done under the direction of skilled workers. Each family that gets a new home will receive a welcome-home kit of basic kitchen supplies, including frying pans, glasses, plates, kettles, dishes and other essentials. MCC is supporting the training of 50 pastors in Leyte province on trauma healing and disaster response.

Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network

"Tending the Fire" is the theme of upcoming regional retreats for the Mennonite Spiritual Directors Network. The Great Lakes retreat will take place **May 5-7** at Lindenwood Retreat Center in Donaldson, IN; the East Coast retreat will be **June 4-6** at Richmond Hill Retreat Center in Richmond, VA. Come join other Mennonite spiritual directors and our ecumenical friends as we tend the fire that God has kindled in us. The Emmaus story from Luke will be our companion as we worship, rest, connect with others, and ponder our experiences as individual directors and as a growing network of directors regionally and nationally. Check the Christian Formation tab at [MC USA website's Resource Center](#) for links to more information and to register.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 17 (submissions due by 2/10)

Mar 3 (submissions due by 2/24)

Mar 17 (submissions due by 3/10)

April 7 (submissions due by 3/31)

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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