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From the PNMC Office

Katherine Pitts, Jeryl Hollinger, and Jennifer Delanty will be representing PNMC at the **Constituency Leaders Council** of Mennonite Church USA as it meets in Kansas **March 20-22**. This is a stressful time in our denomination and you are invited to pray for these leaders as they worship and work together with other leaders from around the church.

As the **2014 Annual Meeting** in Kalispell, MT gets closer, information will continue to be posted on the PNMC website. Currently you will find an [information letter and lodging details](#). The theme, "Bearing Fruit and Growing," is based on Colossians 1:3-6. Andre Gingrich Stoner, Director of Holistic Witness for MC USA, will be the guest speaker. Activities for all ages are being planned! *More details coming soon.*



Curtis Weaver will be ordained for pastoral ministry at Portland Mennonite Church **Sunday, March 30**, at 5:30 p.m. A reception will follow. Everyone is welcome to join to celebrate this step in Curt's ministry. *Curt serves at PMC as the Pastor of Children and Youth.*

If your congregation has ideas for new projects for mission, outreach, and growth, consider applying for a matching grant through [SEEDNW](#). Thanks to generous giving through the sale of the Eugene Mennonite Church building, funds are available to support grassroots ministries in the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Women

There is still time today to register for the **2014 Mennonite Women's Retreat** at [Drift Creek Camp](#), **April 4-6**. Guest speaker will be Carol Honderich of [Mennonite Mission Network](#) in Goshen, IN. The weekend will be a wonderful time to restore body and soul; gather in worship; engage in conversations; explore personal creativity and build community.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

"Drift Creek Camp – *Thanks for the Memories*" is the theme of the spring meeting of the [Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society](#). Bring pictures, scrapbooks or other camp memorabilia to add to the display table along with memories of your time at DCC. Time will be spent reminiscing and learning things we may not have ever known! Everyone is welcome to attend on **Sunday, March 30**, 2:00-4:00 pm at Albany Mennonite Church. Refreshments will follow. *Questions?* Contact [Don Bacher](#).

Western Mennonite School

[Western Mennonite](#) received the Salem Referees' Association **Sportsmanship Award** for the 8th year in a row! A Western parent who attended a recent playoff game said, "*I have never been to the basketball games at Western. But Saturday my son asked if we could go and we did. Now I see why Western has received the Sportsmanship Award. I have never seen a student body be so courteous to the other team. I am proud to be a parent of a Western student.*" Western's boys' and girls' teams competed in the state play-off games in Pendleton, OR in early March. The girls advanced farther than they ever have, finishing second in state. The boys also did well and finished 4th.

Please join WMS in praying for these upcoming events:

March 27 – 31: Choir Tour

May 3: Annual Benefit Auction

May 14: Visitors' Day

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS is launching the [Center for Faith Formation and Culture](#) to help congregations, families and individuals nurture faith and also be aware of how their cultural contexts shape their faith. The Center, directed by **Andy Brubacher Kaethler**, assistant professor, will offer resources and do research to help congregations read their cultural contexts and foster faith-building practices.

Mennonite Central Committee

West Coast Mennonite Men's Chorus will host four concerts this spring to benefit the work of MCC.

[Click here](#) for more information.

West Coast Mennonite Sale and Auction for World Relief will take place at Fresno (CA) Pacific University **April 4 - 5, 2014**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

The Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival will take place in Nampa, ID, **April 11 - 12, 2014**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

The Southern California Festival and Sale for World Relief will take place in Upland, CA. **May 16 - 17, 2014**.

[Click here](#) for more information.

MCC desires to help Ukraine's more than 100,000 orphans. The majority are "social orphans," taken away from or abandoned by parents who could not care for them. Many fall into substance abuse, prostitution or crime. MCC's Global Family program supports vocational education and HIV and AIDS prevention education at the Matveyevka shelter, where 200 orphans live. [Would you like to support this work with your donation?](#)

Mennonite Church USA

To read the *Equipping* newsletter, follow this [link](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS is seeking a full-time Volunteer Development Team Leader in the Lititz, PA office. Duties include, but are not limited to, leading the volunteer development staff team in recruiting, training and placing volunteers at MDS responses. This position also provides vision and strategy to grow the volunteer base within MDS. Applicants must be active in an Anabaptist church and committed to the Anabaptist faith and peace position. For the full job description check the [MDS website](#).

For information on MDS week-long service opportunities, call (800) 241-8111 or e-mail cruntz@mds.mennonite.net. For long-term volunteer opportunities (one month or longer), call (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

In Other News

Learning Tours from New Community Project

The New Community Project, a Brethren-related nonprofit organization, is offering intergenerational Learning Tours to Africa, Asia, the Arctic, and Latin America. The trips are designed to increase awareness of the challenges facing God's creation and our neighbors, while building relationships with the communities visited.

Ecuadorian Amazon (June 12-21) Explore the rainforest and its pink dolphins, toucans, monkeys and more under the guidance of Siona leader Delio; also see the impacts of deforestation and oil drilling.

Dominican Republic (July 12-21) Live and work in a mountain community; meet Haitian immigrant workers; learn about the impacts of climate change on the Caribbean.

Denali / Kenai Fjords National Parks, AK (July 27-August 4) Moose, grizzlies, wolves—Denali has them all, plus towering Mount McKinley. Camp and hike in Denali; then see glaciers and take a sea life cruise in Kenai Fjords (Seward).

South Sudan (date pending, check website) Visit and be inspired by the long-suffering but resilient and hospitable people of South Sudan. Learn about reforestation, girls' education and women's development.

Burma (Myanmar) (January 8-19, 2015) Travel by boat into the Southwest Delta; take a two-night trek into the Paloung hill tribe area. See cultural sites, visit women's microloan programs and a reforestation project. *For more information, contact David Radcliff at ncp@newcommunityproject.org or visit the NCP [website](#).*

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

April 7 (submissions due by 3/28)

April 21 (submissions due by 4/11)

May 5 (submissions due by 4/25)

May 19 (submissions due by 5/8)

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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