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From the PNMC Office

Do you know about Seed Northwest? It is a project of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference that provides matching grants to member congregations who need assistance with new projects for mission, outreach, and growth. The program's goals are to financially assist emerging and re-developing congregations; encourage creative ideas for outreach and mission and finally to unite all members of the PNMC in support of exciting grassroots projects. Currently the **Seed Northwest Grant Program** is open to receive grant applications. *Find out more at seednw.weebly.com.*

Planning for the PNMC **Annual Meeting** in Kalispell, MT is well underway! The 2014 theme is "Bearing Fruit and Growing" based on Colossians 1:3-6. Andre Gingrich Stoner, Director of Holistic Witness for MC USA, will be the guest speaker. Activities are being planned for the whole family including children and youth. *More details will be coming soon.*

All youth sponsors, workers & pastors are invited to attend the **Youth Ministry Council 2014, May 12-15**, in Kansas City, MO. The gathering will provide a place to ask questions, share stories, and build friendships. *More information [here](#).*

Please note that the following are new email addresses:

Menno Mennonite Church: mennopastor@scml.us and mennosecretary@scml.us

Mountain View Mennonite Church: office@mvmcmt.org

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church



During a worship service in mid-January, prior to a benefit luncheon to support [Sister Care International](#), AMC conducted a special commissioning ceremony for member [Carolyn Heggen](#), as she continues her leadership in the ministry of [Mennonite Women USA](#). Heggen and [Rhoda Keener](#) began leading the Sister Care seminar in 2010. Since then it has been [presented in all 21 conferences of Mennonite Church USA](#) and internationally in Nepal, Guatemala, Mexico, Colombia and Bolivia. Mennonite Women USA is exploring next steps that include continuing to share the seminar around the world. Albany Mennonite recognizes the ministry of Carolyn nationally and abroad as an extension of the

ministry of the local church body. During the commissioning, the congregation affirmed Carolyn's sense of call, recommitted themselves to supporting her, laid hands on her in prayer, and sang a song of worship in Spanish in celebration of the expanding ministry of Sister Care International. Rhoda Keener says, "Carolyn is an amazing teacher, but more than that, the love she carries for women worldwide is what makes her ministry with Sister Care what it is."

International Bethel City Church



Michael Muange, son of Pastor Simon and Lucy, died suddenly of undetected heart disease at the tender age of twenty years on July 31, 2013. Michael was passionate about wanting to help people in Africa. To honor his memory and realize his dream, Lucy is planning a trip to Africa this coming summer. Lucy would like to take along lots of **shoes, summer clothing and much-needed bed sheets** to distribute to the African people. As you prepare for the coming warmer months and find that you have excess items to share with African families, please contact Lucy. She can be reached by phone at [503-847-5187](tel:503-847-5187), her daughter, Grace Muange, who is helping can be reached at [503-875-1956](tel:503-875-1956). You may reach Lucy by email at lucybethelcc@mail.com.

PNMHs

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

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

If you were unable to attend the 2014 Pastors Week, you can listen to the presentations at this [link](#).



Bluffton College

Joshua Burkholder, a Bluffton University (Bluffton, OH) junior from Warden (WA) Mennonite Church, has been named to the university dean's list for the fall 2013 semester. Bluffton students qualify for the dean's list with a grade point average of 3.6 or higher.

Learn more about Bluffton College at www.bluffton.edu.

Goshen College

In an effort to better serve students and families, the GC Music Center will be **live-streaming select Music Department concerts** from Sauder Concert Hall. These performances will only be viewable during the actual concert. *A list of upcoming concerts can be found [here](#).*

Mennonite Central Committee

The SWAP ([Sharing With Appalachian People](#)) program will be hiring Job Site Leaders for 10 weeks beginning the last week of May and ending in mid August. Applicants must be 19 years of age or older and have a willingness and aptitude to learn construction. Experience is very helpful, but not necessary. Working with SWAP is a transformational experience for one's Christian journey. For more information, contact Coletta Estep at 606-633-5065, email AppalachiaAdmin@mcc.org.



Did you know that MCC offers [summer service opportunities](#)? *Kesbia Kay Littlebear of Billings, MT, spent four summers as an MCC U.S. Summer Service volunteer. She spent 10 weeks of her summers serving at White River Cheyenne Mennonite Church in Bushy, MT helping with recreational activities and as youth ministry coordinator. Eventually she supervised the church's Summer Service program while honing leadership skills that she uses today as a board member of Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) Central States. The Summer Service program is a short-term MCC U.S. initiative that supports young people of color in their development of leadership skills through working with their local churches or communities. Since the program's 1982 inception, 1,387 people have participated.*

Fresno Pacific University

Mennonite/s Writing VII: Movement, Transformation, Place

March 12-15, 2015, Fresno Pacific University, Fresno, CA

Co-sponsors: Fresno Pacific University and Hesston College

Proposals for scholarly papers, creative writing presentations, and panel discussions are sought for the seventh conference on Mennonite writing. The conference will both celebrate and examine such writing as it continues to develop its global reach. We especially welcome papers that address experiences of movement, transformation, and/or place, and their influences on literary culture. The conference welcomes a wide variety of voices and seeks to create a site of learning and inspiration. Writers of all ages, disciplines, and cultural or ethnic backgrounds are encouraged to submit proposals and attend the conference.

For details: www.fresno.edu/mennos-writing.

International Guest House

Volunteers are needed for the **ministry of hospitality**. The guest house, located in Washington D. C., is owned by Allegheny Mennonite Conference, and provides a "home away from home" for international and US travelers. There is a priority need for short term volunteers March - August. One year volunteer positions available beginning March and August 2014. All volunteers receive room and board. One year volunteers receive a stipend. Duties include baking, cleaning, laundry, maintenance, hosting breakfast & tea, and welcoming guests; sightseeing in free time. Contact the International Guest House at igh-dc@juno.com or 202-726-5808.

Mennonite World Conference

The latest issue of MWC's *COURIER* is now available [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 17 (submissions due by 3/7)
April 7 (submissions due by 3/28)
April 21 (submissions due by 4/11)
May 5 (submissions due by 4/25)

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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