

## MINUTES – 2000 PNMC DELEGATE SESSIONS

2000 PNMC Delegate Session One  
Moses Lake High School  
Moses Lake, Washington  
June 23, 2000; 10:35 AM

Moderator Pat Hershberger opened the first delegate session with a welcome and prayer.

Guests were introduced:

Hector Ruiz, President, and Amparo Serna, Treasurer, visiting from our sister conference, CIENMN, in northern Mexico.

James Schrag – Mennonite Church USA Transformation Team

Anne Stucky – Mennonite Church Board of Congregational Ministry

Marlene Kropf – Board of Congregational Ministry and AMBS

John Duerksen – AMBS

Stan Green – Mennonite Board of Missions

Ken Hawkey – Commission on Education

Gretchen Schrag – Bethel College

Jim Sommerville – West Coast MCC Developmental Disabilities

Brad Reimer – Mennonite Voluntary Service and CHM

Paul Unruh – Mennonite Disaster Service

Bob and Barb Buxman – Co-Directors, West Coast MCC

Homer Andres – Mennonite Disaster Service

Susan Jantzen – Mennonite Women

Representatives of the Montana congregation were recognized.

Secretary Charlotte Hardt read the Roll Call of Churches with delegates standing as their congregation's name was called.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept Prince of Peace, Anchorage, Alaska as a member church.

Motion made, seconded and approved to accept Comunidad Cristiana de Vida Nueva, Woodburn, Oregon as a member church.

Pat recognized Jeruselum Iglesia as a member church that had become "lost" over the years through miscommunications and welcomed them back into continued fellowship with PNMC.

Conference Minister Larry Hauder and Cecil Miller, Chair of the Pastoral Leadership Committee, reported Pastoral and Congregational transitions during the past year:

Licensed this year:

Simon Rendon

Frank Woelk

Linda Nafziger-Meiser

Gilberto Estrada

Rod Stafford transferred his credentials to PNMC and Ralph Lynn transferred his credentials to the Rocky Mountain Conference.

Jeffrey Swan and Wendell Unruh dropped from our list as not currently pastoring Mennonite churches and attending other denominations.

Lynn Miller has accepted a co-chaplain position and Teresa Moser the Chaplain position at Albany Mennonite Home.

Jose Compoz who was prior listed as retired moved to active pastor.

Larry commented that two churches were not mentioned in our roll call: Faith Mennonite Church at Culver, Oregon, was accepted as a member church last year and closed this year. Grace Mennonite Church in Dallas, Oregon has withdrawn their membership in PNMC.

Moderator Pat Hershberger, who has served as assistant moderator for two years and moderator for two years, reflected in her Moderator's Address upon her calling and service. She shared her learnings from visits to congregations.

George Leppert, Chair of the Nominating Committee, presented the ballot. He explained that while Jim Wenger, candidate for Assistant Moderator, resided on the Washington side of the river, he was an active member of Portland Mennonite Church and was therefore considered by the Nominating Committee to be an Oregonian. Cecil Miller, nominated for Chair of the Pastoral Leadership Committee has served two full terms on the Board of Directors plus two half terms, therefore was deemed eligible to serve a third term.

Ballots were distributed to delegates and collected by the teller's committee.

The session was adjourned for lunch.

**2000 PNMC Delegate Session Number Two**  
**Friday Afternoon**  
**June 23, 2000; 1:05 PM**

Assistant Moderator Duane Oesch opened the afternoon session.

John Miller, introduced – and translated for – President Hector Ruiz and Treasurer Amparo Serna of the Convencion de Iglesia Evangelicas Menonitas del Noroeste de Mexico as they brought greetings from their conference to PNMC. The Covenant of Relationship between CIEMNM and PNMC was signed by President Ruiz, Moderator Pat Hershberger, Treasurer Serna and Assistant Moderator Duane Oesch. Missions Minister Duncan Smith and David Morrow, Chair of the Evangelism and Missions Committee, joined the group for prayer.

Cole Hull, representing the Peace and Justice Committee, presented this year's Peace Mug to Ben Kenagy.

Moderator Pat Hershberger announced that the following persons were affirmed (87 ballots) to serve in our conference:

Moderator – Marion Schrock  
Assistant Moderator – Jim Wenger  
Church Schools Representative – Larry Hildebrand  
Chair, Pastoral Leadership Committee – Cecil Miller  
Director at Large – Carl Newswanger  
Western Mennonite School Board – Patti Baker, Linwood Rush, John Hochstetler  
Congregational Nurture Committee – Marjorie Mendez  
Evangelism and Missions Committee -- Chak Ng, Carl Hege  
Pastoral Leadership Committee – John Waltner  
Peace and Justice Committee – Marcelina Ascencio  
Nominating Committee – Jeanne Zook, Leonard Nolt, Terry Rediger, Larry Eby  
Finance Committee – Charline King, Harold Snyder, Floyd Miller  
West Coast MCC Representative – Ed Peachey

Stan Wyse reviewed and updated the Treasurer's Report printed in the Delegate book, using overheads to illustrate. He fielded questions from the floor, many concerned with the usage and/or definition of "Jubilee" funds.

Motion made, seconded and passed with no "NO" votes to accept the budget as printed in the Delegate Book.

Session adjourned at 2:20 PM

**Delegate Session Number Three**  
**Moses Lake 2000**  
**Moses Lake High School**  
**June 24, 2000, 1:30 PM**

Moderator Pat Hershberger opened the afternoon session.

Harold Nussbaum, Chair of the Peace and Justice Committee, presented a resolution "Jubilee 2000" to the delegates. The resolution calls for the forgiveness of debts for heavily impoverished third world countries who are carrying huge loads of interest for debts made in the past. The implications of passage of the resolution included notifying the Mennonite Central Committee and Jubilee 2000 organizers of the conference's co-sponsorship. There is no financial implication or obligation for PNMC with this action.

Motion made, seconded and approved to adopt this resolution.

Mary Mae Hardt led an interactive exercise "Looking Toward the Future of PNMC" in which attendees divided into small groups to brainstorm ideas for PNMC's future.

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Dave Stutzman – Relayed the "thanks" of the Jerusalem Iglesia for the action taken yesterday recognizing them as a member congregation from Jose' Compoz, their pastor. Dave asked for prayers for that congregation and the Compoz family and then led us in prayer.

Dr. John Zook – Letter from Jim Schrag affirming the action of Mennonite Women in paving the way in showing the church how to bring together Joint MC and GC programs and for doing so in a way that has been financially successful. Affirming Mennonite Men for expanding its church grants program to include MC congregations, for naming MC representatives to its board and aggressively reaching out to MC area conferences. The letter contained a recommendation that the Mennonite Men and the Mennonite Women be set free to work within the sphere of Mennonite Church USA but without structural ties to central administration

Steve Kime – Anawim Church thanks for the church plant among the homeless. He expressed thanks for the support, both financial and emotional. He also asked for requests from churches for the PNMC prayer calendar.

Roma Eicher – Gave an invitation to attend Nashville 2001.

Bob Snyder – Wanted raise awareness of how science, especially cellular biology and astrology were confirming the Biblical account of creation.

Carl Newswanger – to affirm the conference heading in the right direction for submitting one name for each office and express concern about only six churches giving suggestions to the Nominations Committee. At Salem, he makes copies of the material for all delegates, then calls a meeting

Ken Landis – brought greetings from Anchorage, Alaska and thanks us for the warm welcome and asked for prayer support in their pastoral search.

Jeanne Zook – Excited about representing the Mennonite Church at the Mennonite World Conference meeting in July. She is the only delegate from the Western United States.

Cole Hull – reported pain around the decision to cancel the seminar on salmon which had been proposed by the Peace and Justice Committee.

Craig Morton – Thanks for the prayers and support for the church plant at Emmaus.

Roma Eicher – An motion to express our appreciation to the Warden and Menno congregations for their hard work and hospitality in putting this conference together.

Charlotte Hardt and Stan Wyse expressed thanks to retiring Moderator Pat Hershberger and Assistant Moderator Duane Oesch for their service to the conference. Retiring Board members Brent Kauffman and Lynn Miller were also recognized and thanked. Conference Pastor Larry Hauder led the group in prayers of thankfulness for faithful servants.

Newly elected and continuing officers and committee members were called forth for a service of commissioning led by Pastor Hauder.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Charlotte Hardt  
Secretary

NOTE: Reports of committees, conference boards and committees, church schools and other affiliated groups were included in the Delegate Book and this year were not given orally. Attendees were encouraged to visit the various exhibits and talk with representatives at their booths.

#### WORSHIP SERVICES

Worship services were held each evening of the conference and on Sunday morning. The worship services followed the conference theme, "Celebrating Communities of Joy." Conference Pastor Larry Hauder gave the sermon on Thursday evening titled, "Who's in Charge of Joy in Your Congregation?" with the response given by Conference Missions Pastor Duncan Smith. Anne Stuckey, MBCM, gave the Friday evening message on "Seeking our Future Together as God's Transformed People – Making All Things New." Saturday evening Anne Stuckey spoke on "Communities of Joy are God Centered" and her theme for Sunday morning was "Communities of Joy are Thankful." Worship music was provided by local youth, a group from the Hispanic churches and In Plain View, a group from Plainview Mennonite Church.