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Sister Church Relationship Broadens Cultural and International Interaction for Portland Church

By Sue Glick

What does it mean to be a sister church? Portland Mennonite Church (PMC) member Ruth Nisly, who first visited her congregation's sister church, Anolaima Mennonite Church (AMC), while on assignment with MCC in Colombia in May 2003, explains it this way: we share the same Parent, God our Father; like many sisters, our first friendship is with each other; the work of our household, God's family, is shared; we share family stories and we help each other heal.

Partnered since 2003 through the work of *Justapaz*, the peace and justice organization of the Colombian Mennonite Church, the congregations have exchanged monthly e-mails, sent delegations from PMC to visit Anolaima, and participated in advocacy to the U.S. government about policies affective Colombia.

Recently, PMC's relationship with AMC grew by leaps and bounds through a ten-day visit to Portland by AMC's pastoral couple, Eduardo Bautista and Lucy Martinez. During their stay, PMC members hosted the couple in their homes, worshipped together, shared their congregational ministries, and showed Eduardo and Lucy some natural sights of Oregon

Five home groups took advantage of the opportunity to build an even deeper personal connection to Anolaima



Enjoying local ice cream at the Oregon Coast. Left to right: Lisa Hughes, Eduardo Bautista, Rachel Joy, Lucy Martinez Grisen Convell, Linda Rush.



Lucy Martinez and Educarado Bautista from Anolaima Mennonite address their sister congregation, Portland Mennonite Church.

by inviting Eduardo and Lucy to attend their meetings for a meal and conversation about their life and ministry. "Eduardo and Lucy beamed of love for Christ, each other and others around them," PMC congregant David King commented of the personable couple with the good sense of humor. "Language was no barrier during the time we spent with them. It was as if they were lifelong friends."

One afternoon, Eduardo led a two-hour workshop on family relationships in which PMC congregants learned about the crucial ministry of AMC in their community. "I was most struck with Eduardo sharing about the work of their congregation, in training, in the conference about the family and in his philosophy of Jesus the business," PMC's Mary Wenger said. "They are encouraging members to start businesses and...that is affecting the lives of members and the whole community. Their example is truly inspiring."

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A Word from Our Moderator

Who's On YOUR Prayer List?

The execution of Saddam Hussein has brought lots of interviews with people in power in the United States as well as with various groups in Iraq. The viewpoints of the different Arab tribal groups as well as those of the Kurds have had differing thoughts about vengeance, justice and forgiveness.

I was fascinated to listen to an interview on National Public Radio with a Kurd who had lost his entire family in the 1980s to the gas poisoning done by the Bathist regime in response to an assassination attempt on Hussein. This man talked about how he would never have peace in his own life until he could forgive what had happened to his family. When the interviewer asked him how he was ever going to forgive those who caused the losses, he said he didn't know for sure if it would ever happen, but that he was "praying for the killers."

When our Amish brethren dealt with the media after the schoolhouse shootings in Pennsylvania, the dominant theme was forgiveness for the killer and prayers of concern for his family. In fact, the funds sent to MCC for the victims and their families are being shared with the family of the murderer.

When the Schrock children were killed in a vehicle accident in eastern Washington last year, media reports reflected amazement that the parents not only expressed their forgiveness to the driver at fault in the head-on collision, but visited him in the hospital. The Schrocks have resisted suggestions to sue or bring charges and continue to say that they "pray for him daily."

"Dealing with Difficult People" has been a topic of executive and administrative conferences for years. Of all of the advice given, that which has been the most helpful to me was the words of a wise mentor who said, "The first thing you do is to start praying, not for how to handle them but for the grace to love them...." It's interesting how your view of someone changes when they're the subject of your prayers, especially if the prayers are not to change them but to bless them.

It's easy to pray for family and friends but much harder to pray for blessings for those who have wronged you or hurt you. As I reflect on this New Year, one of my resolutions is to be more deliberately prayerful about those with whom I don't necessarily agree. I'm amazed at how much better I feel when my thoughts are of blessings, not of "getting even!"



Charlotte Hardt, Moderator

P.S. Please be sure your list includes prayer for the PNMC and its staff and especially for the Vision and Structure Task Force.

Correction: The Fall 2006 issue of the Evangel incorrectly stated that a prayer shawl Charlotte Hardt received was made by Lucille Miller. It was actually made by Joanne Miller. The Evangel apologizes for this error.



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How Are We Communicating These Days?

By Sheldon Burkhalter

I had a rude awakening the week before Christmas. My computer crashed! There was a flicker and everything shut down. I got nothing when I pushed the “on” button.

As if I were taking a loved one to the Emergency Room, I took the ailing computer to a technician and anxiously awaited the diagnosis. My fears were confirmed. The hard drive (the computer’s memory brain) was dead. I had lost everything, except for my most important documents which I had feverishly saved onto CDs weeks earlier when I suspected something was amiss. All my emails and the meticulously entered addresses were lost.

It would take a week to get the hard drive replaced and days of re-entering data to be up and going again. Grief and frustration filled me. I felt as if a trusted friend had left my life empty of the necessary means for getting on with what I thought needed to be done: receiving messages and communicating with the outside world.

But I *did* have what I think were some redeeming thoughts. How important is communication in our ministries *really*? What did ministry look like *before* computers entered our lives? When I began my first pastorate in the early ’70s, most of my communication was in person or by phone. There was also that trusty old typewriter on which I wrote sermons—nearly 600 of them still stored in my files—until I broke down and purchased my first computer in the late 1980s.

It seems like a different planet today. Of course, my role as a conference minister is not quite the same as pastoring a congregation. There are many miles now between my colleagues in ministry and myself. But there is so much more word-smithing, as well; so much more time spent bent over a keyboard. The flow of words seems so much more prolific than in the olden days: composing, revising, and at the press of a key off they go into cyberspace. If it weren’t for the sense that the Spirit still guides human thoughts and fingers which are pressing out the words we type, I would wonder if this could still be called “ministry.” Between Christmas and New Year’s, I spent a lot of time on the phone to span the miles.

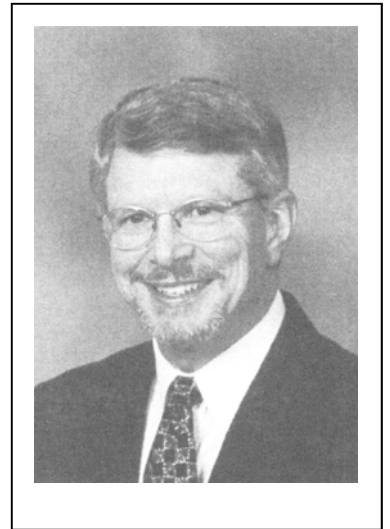
Remember how essential words were in God’s self-disclosure. God spoke, and literally a whole universe came into being. God’s voice from the burning bush issued the call that sent Moses back to Egypt as liberator. Words carved in stone on Mt Sinai have guided people in God’s ways since. God spoke to prophets and they passed on what they heard. Jesus sent out preachers to announce good news. And the Spirit inspired apostles, who penned letters so that the Gospel could be understood and applied centuries later. Of course, God didn’t just use words; God’s actions and human presence were always preeminent.

I’ve thought a lot about how computers have changed our communication. If words and actions are still the only means of conveying the love of God, how do the changing tools impact our message?

I remember one of the stimulating courses I took in seminary titled “Preaching and Communication Theory.” The essential message of the course was that just formulating words in our minds and speaking them is not really communication — I once thought that’s all it took. But true communication must lead us to think as much about the *receiver* of the message as we who send it. This means we must use the language of the listener. The words and actions we send must convey the message to the other person so that the meaning resembles what we intend. But real communication must go further. The message we intend must also have a transformative effect on the listener. It is only when interaction and transformation occur in the relationship that the circuit of communication has fulfilled the intention of the message sender and it becomes Good News, Gospel, evangelism.

Transformation is what happened when God spoke, “Let there be...” and there were results. Jesus spoke and “the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them” (Mt. 11:5).

We must aim for our words and actions to have the same impact if we are to truly bear witness to Christ our Lord.



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During their visit, Eduardo and Lucy also visited various community organizations supported by the church and connected with the PNMC Conference by attending one day of the "Walking the Paths of Peace" seminar, held October 26-28 at Albany Mennonite Church (a story on this seminar will be featured in the Spring 2007 issue of the Evangel) and talking with a Spanish class at Western Mennonite School.

Other important connections were made with Ministerios Restauracion, the PNMC Hispanic congregation which shares the PMC building, and other CIHAN congregations, including Iglesia Menonita Pentecostes in Woodburn, Roca de Salvacion in Aurora, and Centro Cristiano Pentecostes in McMinnville. Eduardo preached at a joint worship service of PMC and Ministerios Restauracion, where they all shared communion and a fellowship meal. PMC, AMC and Ministerios Restauracion hope, in the future, to develop a three-way partnership among all three churches.



PMC Sister Church Committee. Left to right: Eduardo and Lucy, Bill Conwell, Gladys Matiz, Ruth Nisly, Linda Rush, Sue Glick, Rachel Joy, Lisa Hughes. (Missing: Pastor Rod Stafford.)

In addition, PMC plans to continue praying regularly for AMC and write a monthly letter to them. They also plan to send the Colombian congregation a Christmas banner with greetings signed by everyone at PMC. Pen pals or family-to-family connections may also be developed, and the possibility of a year-long volunteer exchange program is currently under consideration. The congregations are also considering celebrating the five-year anniversary of their partnership in 2009 by sending a delegation from Oregon to Anolaima that year, which would include the pastors from both PMC and Ministerios Restauracion. Long-term they are

also considering whether it might be possible for a group of PMC and AMC youth to attend Mennonite World Conference in Paraguay in 2009.

The Evangel hopes to feature more stories about PNMC churches which have sister church relationships with congregations in other parts of the world. If your church has such a sister relationship with another congregation, please contact Evangel Editor Sue Palmer with details: office@pnmc.org.

Couple honored for work in Congo

On Nov. 12, 2006, Mennonite Mutual Aid recognized John and Jeanne Zook for their lifelong dedication to serving the people of the Democratic Republic of Congo. Steve Martin, MMA's senior vice president of marketing, presented the 2006 Journey Award to the Zooks at a Sunday service at their congregation, Peace Mennonite Church in Portland, Oregon. A reception in the Zooks' honor followed the service.

The Zooks have spent much of their lives serving the medical needs of people in Congo, a nation most recently ravaged by extreme civil war. John, a surgeon, and Jeanne, a nurse, worked in the African country off and on for many years, returning a number of times to offer mentoring and support to medical personnel there.

Life of holistic stewardship

At Peace Mennonite and in the broader church, they are known for generously sharing their time, talents, and financial resources. One of the most visible signs of this generosity is a recycling center at their church. The Zooks personally manage the facility to earn money for Snowcap, a local organization that helps meet basic needs of low-income residents.

Since 2000, the Journey Award has been given out annually to recognize people who model holistic stewardship.



MMA 2006 Journey Award Recipients (from left) John and Jeanne Zook with MMA Marketing VP Steve Martin.

Church Plant Brings Mennonite Witness To Bend

By Cheri Harris

Church planting was the focus of a recent retreat sponsored by The River Mennonite Church, Bend, Oregon, on December 9-10, 2006. Mennonites gathered from several regions to offer suggestions and tell stories about previous church plants in the area. Kicking off the weekend with scrumptious Mexican food, the group of 26 individuals indulged in an insightful time of questions and answers, passing on wisdom, words of encouragement and sharing the struggles and victories of getting a church started.

Itself a new church plant in the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference, The River Mennonite Church began in April of this year after Pastor Sam Adams had a calling from the Lord to begin a new Mennonite congregation in Bend, Oregon. "After a lot of searching, the only tradition I really felt at home in was the Anabaptist tradition," Sam explained. "Bend seemed to be a community that needed a strong Anabaptist witness to compliment the work that other churches were doing in the area."

For Sam, the most helpful part of the weekend was watching the members of the congregation catch a vision for what God is doing through them in the church. Other members of The River found the weekend retreat a great time of fellowship and bonding.

Janette and Darrel Wisseman from Prineville have been waiting for a thriving Mennonite church to be planted in Bend for over nine years. An important aspect of getting a church started is learning to "keep a sense of humor and to be open to other people's ideas," Janette says. This includes cultivating friendships with one another, not only on Sunday but throughout the week as well. After Sunday services, congregants all go out to dinner to fellowship. They also enjoy doing other activities together, including outdoor recreation, sports, and cooking. They have now begun a bi-monthly Bible study of *The Mennonite Confessions of Faith* as well as doing a monthly outreach to the community. The congregation sees themselves getting involved in youth outreaches, growth retreats, evangelism, outdoor recreation, and sponsoring speakers. Bend is a perfect location for gathering people who love the outdoors and building friendships with those in the community to share Christ's love with them, the congregants believe. Through those relationships, The River hopes to bring people to a deeper understanding of the Gospel and experience a personal relationship with Christ. Then together they can creatively share ways to live out their faith practically in their lives. Doing so supports their mission statement, Matthew 28:19: "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."

At present, the River is meeting at Cascade Covenant Church, Bend, but plans to move the church into the home of one of the members sometime in March, so it can use the money currently spent on rent to better serve His Kingdom.

During the retreat, Sam received his ministerial credentials from the PNMC, followed by prayer and laying on of hands by the congregation. Sheldon Burkhalter, a conference minister of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference, performed the licensing ceremony. Sheldon has come alongside Sam and shepherded him through this process of planting the church.

The River looks forward to serving people in their region and growing in the Lord as they strive to fulfill the Great Commission. For more information, please contact Pastor Adams at samadams@mailshack.com or 541-550-0310. Also, check out The River's website at www.therivermennonite.org.

MDS Seeks West Coast Helpers for Project at San Jose 2007

As part of activities at San Jose 2007, MC USA's biennial churchwide convention, MDS Executive Director Kevin King has asked people from its West Coast region (includes most of PNMC churches) for help in building a panel home for a Louisiana flood victim family. The house will be built on site in San Jose, then disassembled and shipped to Louisiana. Those interested in learning more about this opportunity for service should contact Bill and Esther McCoy, wilmccoy@aol.com or 503-668-4512.

The theme for this year's convention, the first held in a good number of years on the West Coast, is "Live the Call", derived from Ephesians 4:1-6. It will be held July 2-7 at the San Jose Civic Auditorium and Convention Center, along with the Hilton and Marriott Hotels. Churches in the Pacific Northwest and Southwest are being called to make banners based on the theme for the event. For further information on the gathering, log on to www.sanjose2007.org. For more information on the banner project, speak with your local pastor.



Bend Pastor Sam Adams being prayed for by congregants after being licensed to minister by PNMC.

OMHGS: Preserving History for Now and the Future

By Margaret Shetler and Eileen Weaver

OMHGS. How many readers know what those initials mean? They are the abbreviation for Oregon Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society. While the name says Oregon, the Society has always considered themselves inclusive of all churches involved in the PNMC and a name change to reflect this is in consideration for a later date.

OMHGS was organized in late 1988 “to record and preserve the history and/or genealogies of Mennonites and related groups in Oregon, for present and future generations.” The idea was not new. The Pacific Coast Conference recognized this need back in 1920. Soon after the reorganization and merger of the conference in 1921 the conference authorized completion and publication of a history. Published in 1931 or '32 in a small book authored by S.G. Shetler, the history provided excellent background for *Apart and Together*, an extended history of Mennonites in Oregon and surrounding states, authored by Hope K. Lind and published by Herald Press in 1976.

The first mention of a conference historian was in 1939. In 1944 Urie Kenagy was appointed custodian of “valuable historical literature and records....” OMHGS is not aware of any record of what he collected or where he kept it.

In 1960 Paul E. Yoder was appointed conference historian. He took the job seriously, gathered materials, reported to conference occasionally, and seems to be the one who made space available in the vault at Western Mennonite School for archival records. In 1974 when Hope Lind became historian and undertook the task to inventory and organize archival materials in the vault, she found that WMS was also using the space for storage of items in no way related to archives. When plans were being made for the chapel building on the WMS campus, space for an archives and historical library was included. The original allotment was 400 square feet; the final product is a room totaling 324 square feet, which was deemed adequate for 15 to 20 years. That time is up and the space has hardly ever been adequate and definitely is not now.

OMHGS is not a conference organization per se; however, both the PCC and PNMC have designated OMHGS to be the custodian of conference archival materials. We have nearly complete PCC records and a fair amount from the former PDC which are organized, cataloged and available for use. This comes in very handy as questions arise about former actions and activities. PNMC records are accumulating but due to lack of space for proper organizing, cataloging and storage, these materials have not been processed, so consequently are not available for use when needed.

The Zion congregation has approved the construction of such a facility on their property by OMHGS; OMHGS membership gave their approval this past year; and we have also received the necessary approval from Clackamas County. We are proceeding with plans to erect a 2000-square-foot-building to house the archives and historical library and include adequate space for researchers and other interested folks to work and study. The estimated total cost is \$300,000. We want to be responsible stewards of the monies God entrusts to us so will not begin actual construction until we have at least 75% of needed funds on hand or pledged. We would very much like to be able to start building in 2007.

When PNMC received a bequest from the estate of a member, the Board of Directors chose to allot \$10,000 of it to OMHGS as a matching grant for a new archives/ library facility which is being planned.

The next meeting of the society will be held Sunday March 25, at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, Oregon, 2:30 p.m. Featured speaker will be John L. Ruth of Harleysville PA, well known historian, author and story teller; also an ordained Mennonite minister and pastor. There will be a dinner meeting the preceding evening, Saturday March 24, at the same location, 6 p.m. Admission will be by donation at the door. Any amount above expenses is tax deductible and a receipt may be requested. Reservations for the dinner are required. Please contact Margaret Shetler, 5326 Briar Knob Loop NE, Scotts Mills OR 97375 phone (503)873-6406. Complete information on the two events will be mailed to churches and OMHGS members in mid-February.

Membership is open to any individual or group supportive of the purposes and interested in the history, thought and/or genealogies of Mennonite groups in the PNMC. OMHGS does not discriminate on the basis of race, nationality or religion. Its twice-yearly programs are open to anyone interested. Info: Margaret Shetler, Eileen Weaver, 503-234-3163 or Jon Snyder9, (503) 244-8743. Monetary gifts may be sent to Treasurer Don Bacher, 1650 SE Main, Albany OR 97322. OMHGS is incorporated as a nonprofit organization in the state of Oregon and has 501 (c) (3) tax exempt status.



Margaret Shetler (center), OMHGS Archivist, discusses project with Eileen Weaver (left) and Violet Burley, librarian (right).

Onward and Upward: PNMC Area Appointments, Hires, Promotions Announced

MCC West Coast has announced the appointment of **Sheri Plett Wiedenhoefer** as their new Executive Director. She replaces **Bob Buxman**, who recently was named Pacific Northwest Director of Church Relations for the organization.

Ms. Wiedenhoefer has worked for many years with MCC and the Mennonite Church. Her training and experience in administration and ministry will equip her to make strong contributions to MCC West Coast.

In his new half-time position, Mr. Buxman will encourage support for MCC's global missions via sharing stories, answering questions, recruiting volunteers, and staying in touch with alumni. A resident with his wife, Barbara, of Portland, Oregon, Bob is available to preach in churches. For more information, contact him at bbuxman@mcc.org or 503-504-5402.

Western Mennonite School has named **Heidi Brubaker** the new public relations director for the school. Ms. Brubaker replaces **Andrea Wall**, who now serves as Director of Advancement for WMS.

Heidi brings experienced leadership and an understanding of communications within non-profit organizations to Western. Formerly on staff with Community Food Bank, Tucson, Arizona, she also served as an assistant department manager at Nordstrom in Salem, Oregon. Heidi received her BA in English Literature from Northern Arizona University. Heidi, her husband Sim, and their children, Ellen and Jacob, are members of Salem Mennonite Church.

Former PNMC Moderator **John Willems** has been appointed Ambassador to Churches for Oregon Mennonite Residential Services and MCC. John will primarily serve churches in Oregon.

Zion Mennonite to Hold Quilting Workshop

Have you ever seen the beautiful quilts being auctioned at annual MCC Benefit festivals and wondered just what goes into making such lovely objects? Have you wished you could do it, too? An opportunity to learn first hand from veteran quilters is on the horizon.

From Feb. 22-24, 2007, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR, will host its 35th annual Quilting Workshop. The free event will be taught by the women at Zion Mennonite who have been giving quilting demonstrations at various events for many years. Although there is no charge to attend the workshop, donations will be accepted for a Mennonite Central Committee project. Homemade soup, bread and dessert will be served for lunch. For further information, contact Zion at 503-651-2274.



Making Golden Years Shine Brightly The Mennonite Village Way

By John W. Kollaer, Foundation Director

Mennonite Village, a continuing care retirement community in Albany, Oregon, has been providing Christ-centered care for its residents since 1947. Today more than 700 people are served by the Village.

What makes the Village such a wonderful place to live? Village staff believe it is the caring relationships that develop between themselves and the people who make Mennonite Village their home.

Take for example the story of Clay, one of our CNAs, and Tony, a Health Care Center resident, who enjoyed a golf outing together. Tony talked frequently about how much he used to love to play golf, so Clay decided to take him along the next time he went golfing. Arrangements were approved by Tony's family, and off they went. Tony was happy just to ride along in the cart and enjoy being on the course, but on one of the holes, Clay helped him up to the tee. Tony hit the ball about 70 yards! Both Clay and Tony had the best day golfing together, and the memories of that day will not soon be forgotten.

Festival Seeks Board Director

Oregon Festival for World Relief is presently seeking a successor to Festival board chair Jerry Friesen. Jerry completed his four-year commitment to the Festival board in 2006. The vice chair position has also been vacant for several years.

If you are interested in joining the present leadership team to give new direction and energy to the Festival board and help organize the 2007 event, to be held October 13, 2007, please contact Linda Pauls (503-623-6041, jlاد_pauls@msn.com) or Gerry Langstraat (541-

Each Christmas, the residents show their appreciation to staff by making donations to the Employee Assistance Fund. These donations allow Mennonite Village to provide food and gifts for employees who need a little extra financial aid. We are truly blessed to have the opportunity to work in such a caring environment.

help over the holidays. Comments from the employees expressing their gratitude are passed on to the residents in the bi-weekly Village Update. One employee, a single mom with three daughters, was thrilled when she was presented with gifts for her family.

In August 2005 the administration decided to help employees get their kids ready to go back to school. With the list of supplies that students are required to purchase getting longer each year, it's becoming a real hardship for some families. A \$50 gift card was made available for each employee's school aged child. The cost of this project was expected to be about \$2000.

Once the word got out, the requests started pouring in. The Village was shocked when the total topped \$6,000! In 2006 more than 150 kids were helped through this effort. But that's not all the story. Even more exiting was the response from the residents when they heard what staff were doing. Donations from residents totaled more than \$5,000 in 2005, and in 2006 we received more than \$6,500 for this program!

Giving is such an important aspect of living at the Village. Employees go the extra mile to make sure the residents receive the Christ-centered care they deserve. In turn, the residents give back to the employees in appreciation. Residents and staff alike agree they are "blessed" to work in such an environment.

MDS Worker Undeterred by Cancer

By Esther and Bill McCoy

Sandy Zook, member of Portland Mennonite Church, has found a way to continue serving Mennonite Disaster Service clients in spite of her return of cancer. She is no longer able to go away to serve because of medication regimens and energy level, but over a period of months she gathered some of her friends together to piece and tie 14 comforts to be sent along with project directors friends to MDS sites to be given out to homeowners who have lost so much.

Prior to packing the comforts, they were brought to a Sunday Worship service and dedicated for God's service.

Each comfort had a picture of her along with her name, address and phone number, so one by one she is enjoying the cards, notes, and phone calls of grateful persons who received a comfort and heard her story.

One of the highlights for Sandy was knowing that her granddaughter, Samantha Zook, accompanied the PMC youth group to Bayou La Batre, Alabama, was able to present a couple of the comforts to homeowners. Needless to say, this was a highlight for Samantha, also. Sandy continues to gather her friends for the fellowship of comfort making knowing she is also bringing a service to others at the same time. May Sandy, also, feel blessed is our prayer.

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Sandy Zook, center, with pals Karla (left) and Viola Nussbaum.

Conference Calendar

March 2-3, 2007 - Part I of "Mennonite Doctrinal Distinctives", a PNMC course taught by William Higgins at the PNMC Office, 19532 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR. Registration/Info: office@pnmc.org, 503-492-4216.

March 20-22, 2007—*Here I Stand* Leadership Seminar by Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, Bridgeport United Church of Christ, Portland, OR.

March 24, 2007 - Oregon Mennonite Historical & Genealogical Society Meeting, 2:30 p.m., Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. Speaker: Historian/Author John L. Ruth. Dinner follows at 6 p.m. Reservations required for dinner. Info: 503-873-6406.

May 4-5, 2007 - Part II of "Mennonite Doctrinal Distinctives", a PNMC course taught by William Higgins at the PNMC Office, 19532 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR. Registration/Info: office@pnmc.org, 503-492-4216.

May 5, 2007 - Western Mennonite School Benefit Auction, Jackman Long Building, Oregon State Fairgrounds. Information: 503-363-2000.

May 16-19, 2007— Western Mennonite School Spring Drama. Info: 503-363-2000

May 31-June 1, 2007 - WMS Spring Concerts. Info: 503-363-2000.

June 15, 2007 - WMS Alumni BBQ. Info: 503-363-2000.

June 22-24, 2007 - Albany-Corvallis 2007, PNMC's annual meeting, this year at Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR.

July 2-7, 2007 - San Jose 2007— Biennial Churchwide Convention of MC USA, San Jose, CA. Info: www.sanjose2007.org.

August 12-17, 2007 - Bike Oregon's Willamette Valley Ride to benefit Oregon Mennonite Residential Services. Registration/Information: Brent Kauffman, kauffmanjb@netzero.com, 541-409-3336 OR Dave Miller, darami@bendbroadband.com, 541-974-1012.

October 13, 2007- Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, Albany, OR

Have an event to list in our coming events calendar? Send info to Sue Palmer at office@pnmc.org Submission deadlines on Page 2.