

# Evangel

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## Our Vision: Healing & Hope

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.

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## Winds stir, horizons broaden at 2010 Annual Meeting

*Meghan Good, Pastor of Albany Mennonite Church*

I attended many annual conference meetings with my family over the course of my childhood, due to my father's pastoral positions. Over the years most of the details have faded—aside from vivid recollections of a few traumatic “icebreaker” games—but what remains in my memory from those experiences are mainly sensations: a sense of widening, as though the world had stretched and grown and had more room for me in it, and a

sense of fresh, blowing air in which everyone breathed deeper.

The PNMC gathering in Anchorage was my first time attending an annual conference as a pastor now myself, but what I found was an experience not unlike those I remember from childhood.

Staring at the Alaskan mountains, I was shocked at the Creator's unapologetic extravagance, and God got a little bigger. Listening to David Radcliff's convicting explanation of the effects of human consumption

on God's creation, I grieved the plight of the polar bears, and the world got a little bigger. Sitting around a delegate's table with one ear secretly tuned to the back of the room, I marveled at the music of the interpreter's voice, and the church got a little bigger.

I'm thankful we have a regular opportunity to gather and to stir the air together. When we step outside our own walls, the Wind begins to feel a little stronger and the horizon a little broader, and that is something to celebrate.

## Gratefulness grows in Anchorage

*Rose Marie Barber, Pastor of Eugene Mennonite Church*

In reflecting on my time in Anchorage, the word that comes is gratefulness: gratefulness for the people who spent hours of time and energy planning for and carrying out the meeting, and gratefulness to Eugene Mennonite Church for making it possible for me to attend.

As the meetings progressed, I also found something else for which

to be grateful. Coming recently to PNMC after being with another conference for the past forty years has been a sometimes difficult transition.

Yet, as I sat with the other delegates in the “blue sky” session, brainstorming together about what we might look like and do as a conference, I soon became aware that I was a part of something much bigger than myself.

I am a part of a congregation that is a part of a

conference that is a part of a denomination that is a part of the broader Christian church which is all a part of God's work in the world.

As I heard the ideas and comments from different tables, I was filled with a deep gratefulness to God for calling me to serve in PNMC. I look forward to continuing to be a part of PNMC and to see where God leads us.

## A Word from our Conference Moderator



*A warm welcome to our new Moderator, Linda Dibble, who has agreed to serve a two-year term. Linda previously served as Moderator Elect and has served PNMC in various capacities over the last 5 years. She is actively involved at Albany Mennonite Church and lives on the Dibble family farm with her husband and parents. She has four adult children and four grandchildren. We are blessed to have her leadership in PNMC!*

Reflecting on the delegate sessions and worship services in Anchorage, I marvel how God uses so many persons ensuring that our annual meetings actually happen. The Prince of Peace Mennonite congregation and Planning and Worship Committees are applauded for significant involvement in organizing shuttles, supplies and equipment, seminar leaders, meeting rooms, planning worship services and more.

David Radcliff, of New Community Project and speaker for our worship services, called the Mennonite Church to be faithful in caring for the many seen and unseen wonders in the world and to recognize that “poverty and wealth are the chief causes of starvation and environmental damage.”

David urged us to do our homework, seek the truth, and to get over our “embarrassment of being eco- friendly”; to recognize our direct responsibility to others globally; and to understand that there is a “definitive action between what we do here and how it affects those in other parts of the world.” David stressed that we need “to be models for a system that shows God’s hope to others and to our earth.” Global warming is **not** the problem – the problem is greed, selfishness, and apathy.

Delegate sessions called us to faithfulness as we deliberated what it means to be Anabaptist in the Pacific Northwest, and how we communicate our call to our regional congregations and communities. We came away with three major areas of agreement: 1) Discipleship (allegiance and

following Christ, service, lifestyle); 2) Peace and justice; 3) Hospitality.

MC USA asked delegates to consider how the Arizona Immigration Law might impact Mennonite Convention 2013.

Table group questions included:

1) How will our decision to go or not to go affect us as a community of faith?

2) What are the implications for us as a faith community to lose a significant number of Latino brothers’ and sisters’ attendance at Arizona 2013?

3) What might be alternatives that stay faithful to who we are in following Jesus?

Written responses will aid myself, Iris and Isaac Hooley (PNMC’s representatives) in compiling our regional response for MC USA’s Leaders Forum this September.

The final important item introduced was *Dwelling in the Word*, presented by Iris de León-Hartshorn, PNMC Executive Conference Minister. She spoke about the ‘soul’ of PNMC and who we are, and led us through a time of dwelling on Luke 4:16-30. Afterward, we wondered what God is inviting us to do through this passage. Later this fall, congregations will be encouraged to participate in a region-wide *Dwelling in the Word* – we wait to see where God calls us!

Finally, thank you to retiring Board members for your energy, support, and love for the church, demonstrated these past number of years. We welcome new Board members and thank you for your willingness to walk with our region in this way.

~ Linda Dibble



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## A Word from our Executive Conference Minister

What can I say about Anchorage? Wow! There was a wonderful spirit and participation by everyone. The hospitality from Prince of Peace Mennonite Church was warm and welcoming. Pastor John David Thacker and the congregation put a lot of time and work into coordinating the annual meeting in their beautiful state. Thank you so much.

The times we had together were filled with worship, meaningful work and fellowship. The theme "Caring for God's Creation" could not have had a better location than the awesome splendor of Alaska. The presentations were challenging, mixed with music, readings and prayer. Our worship leaders, Rod Stafford and Don Bacher, did a great job of integrating the worship with David Radcliff's presentations. David shared about how we are called to be good stewards of God's creation and at times, advocates for the care of creation.

People seemed to be energized by the table time with discussions ranging from conference documents to dreaming of our future together. We spent time dwelling in the Word together and I really appreciated everyone's engagement with Luke 4:16-30.

In early August, *Dwelling in the Word* packets will go to each pastor, chaplain and spiritual director in our conference. The packet will also be shared through our e-Bulletin and website so everyone

can access it in both English and Spanish. My hope is that we will all engage together in dwelling in the Luke text. I am excited to hear the stories during 2010-2011 as God speaks to us through this body of believers.

We also spent time acknowledging the changes and transition PNMC has gone through during the last few years. Dave Hockman-Wert finished his term as conference Moderator. Dave did tremendous work leading the conference through a time of transition. People shared their appreciation for Dave's work and also acknowledged Board Members Audrey Lowen, Pedro Olvera and Victor Vargas for their work as their terms ended.

Linda Dibble was commissioned as the new Moderator. She will continue the work of further defining PNMC's new structure and moving the conference forward. She is joined by newly elected board members Jeryl Hollinger (Moderator Elect) and Jennifer Sottolano. Joseph Penner and Mario Bautista will also join the board as appointed members.

Also my heartfelt thanks for the behind-the-scenes work of Barbara Buxman, PNMC Administrative



Assistant, and Brenda Zook Friesen, Communications Specialist. They prepared the handbook and handouts, as well as completing a myriad of tasks for a successful conference.

Our time was full. We hope this issue of the *Evangel* will give you a glimpse of the annual meeting in Anchorage. May we be open to hear God speak to us throughout this coming year.

~ Iris de León-Hartshorn

## Dwelling in the Word Luke 4:16-30



Participants dwell in the Word together

### Major Decisions from Anchorage 2010

- ✦ PNMC Organizational Structure document was approved (Supplements Bylaws)
- ✦ Constituency Group proposal from CIHAN was approved
- ✦ Delegates affirmed new board members (listed above)

### New Appointments confirmed

*Pastoral Leadership Team:* Lynn Miller, Zion Mennonite (4 yrs)  
*Technical/Communications Support Team:* Patrick Buller, Seattle Mennonite; Jon Dilbone, Albany Mennonite  
*Theological Education & Pastoral Development Team:* Marilyn Stahl, Seattle Mennonite (4 yrs)

For more Anchorage reports (including video!) visit

[http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual\\_Meetings/Anchorage\\_2010](http://www.pnmc.org/Meetings/Annual_Meetings/Anchorage_2010)

## Church Connections: Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Salvación

*Jesús Muñoz, Church Member*

In 1991, a vision was born in the English-speaking Calvary Mennonite Church to proclaim the gospel to the Hispanic population. Pastor Scott Bolsinger noticed injustice in the Hispanic population, thought about a mediator between the Anglos and Hispanics in this area, and began to look for a person to minister among the Hispanic community.

In 1996, Roca de Salvación was born under the care of Pastor Ramiro Hernández and his wife, Martha. They began working mainly in Canby and gathered a group of 25 people. In 2003, Pastor Hernández and his wife moved to the state of Iowa, where they are currently ministering in a new work.

For a period of two years the church was without a pastor, supported by the leaders and pastors of CIHAN, in addition to the elders and pastor of CMC. In June 2005, Pastor Victor Estrada came with his wife, María Teresa, and their son, Caleb, to assume the care of the church with a new dynamic commitment and responsibility. He continues to this day as the pastor of Iglesia Roca de Salvación.

Currently there is an average of 115 people attending including children, visitors and invited guests. The church only has 35 members at the moment.

Among the various ministries that exist, we can mention the Men's Ministry. Through the sport of basketball, they attract many young people to whom they are speaking about the Word of God and praying for their needs. This happens two times a week.

A beautiful ministry that was formed three years ago (with those who were children at that time, but now are young people) is the Music Ministry. The hard work of taking time to teach notes, rhythms and styles is bearing fruit in

that now we count on a young and enthusiastic worship group that has served as an inspiration to other churches. We can see that when God calls someone to serve him, it is not really a matter of that person's age.

One-on-one evangelism is work that all of us members do, telling others what God is doing in our lives.

Something that has characterized our church has been the friendly treatment with all its members and visitors, always giving them the first place, forming a family atmosphere, like the pastor says, "A CHURCH FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY" without any type of distinctions.

The preaching of our pastor is a transparent and authentic preaching that allows us to hear the voice of God in each of his sermons. The majority of our church is young families that have come from different countries and cultures. We are a group of believers that is happy and full of energy and desire to serve God and our neighbor.

The biggest challenge for our church is to persevere as a community of faith, united in the same spirit to continue proclaiming the greatness of the kingdom of God, making our church a home for the family of God, and in that way being the visible body of Christ fulfilling the mission of Matthew 28:19.

We think that what distinguishes Roca de Salvación and makes it unique from other churches is the following:

- ☞ The unity of our church - which rests on a committed leadership that works alongside the pastor.

- ☞ A pastoral team - that always resolves its problems mainly in the light of the Word of God and his statutes.

- ☞ Hospitality - always receiving and supporting people that visit us.

*Receive greetings from our Pastor, Victor Estrada*



Jesús Muñoz (Roca de Salvación) and Orfilia Moran (Ministerios Restauración) *Dwelling in the Word* in Anchorage

“ ... like the pastor says, 'A church for the whole family' without any type of distinctions.”



## Church Connections: First Mennonite of Aberdeen

*Jerry Kaiser, Pastor, and Anne & Carl Hege*

The following words by Eldon Harder, author, church historian and Deacon Emeritus are posted on a brass sign outside First Mennonite Church:

*When the Aberdeen-Springfield irrigation tract was opened to settlers in 1905, canal builders and land promoters invited German speaking Mennonite farmers to come to Idaho to help settle this area. Mennonite settlers came from various places in America. They came mainly to farm but as they established their farms, they also helped build the canals; they built homes, organized a church, conducted schools, started businesses, founded a hospital in American Falls and began the Aberdeen community. At first some of the settlers lived in tents, and the first Sunday School in Aberdeen met in a tent on the first Sunday in October 1906. The first Mennonite congregation organized on July 4, 1907, under the leadership of Rev. Jacob Hege.*

The first building, completed in 1910 is still being used; the east wing was added in 1938, and the brick Fellowship Hall was added in 1972.

Since its birth in 1907, the church has had many significant ministries. Since 1958, one of our ongoing ministries has been camp ministry. The church operates a summer Bible camp program for Junior and Senior Youth, grades 4-12, as well as family camp on Labor Day



**First Mennonite church building and fellowship hall**

weekend. The Mennonite Church Palisades Camp is located in the Targhee National Forest near the Snake River and the Palisades Reservoir. Other significant ministries include a community Vacation Bible School program and an outreach to community children for Sunday School.

This summer the church is hosting Matt Weaver as a student pastor. Matt is a Bluffton University student and participant of the MCUSA Ministry Inquiry Program.

First Mennonite has an official membership of 220, with some of these members scattered all over the U.S. Many of our members are senior citizens. The big challenge is what will First Mennonite look like in the future? In the past several years, numbers have declined as the farms in rural America get larger and after the children go off to college, they seek vocations elsewhere.

First Mennonite may not be as large

as in days gone by, but its membership has a special commitment to serving God and community in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ by supporting one another as well as the Aberdeen community. We are very strong on hospitality and the church uses its facilities as a ministry to the Aberdeen community. First Mennonite of Aberdeen Mission statement proclaims:

*We **Praise** God in worship*

***Lead** people to faith in Jesus*

***Build** Christian character*

***Offer** Christian friendship and support*

***Serve** others in love.*



**Lodge at Palisades Camp**

## PNMC Finance Report *from Ed Miller, PNMC Treasurer*

### 2010 Financial Trend

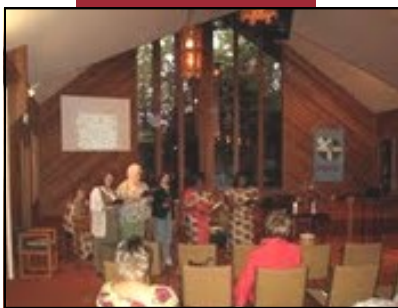
As I write this, we are in the 6<sup>th</sup> month (July) of our PNMC Fiscal Year. As of the end of June, income has been tracking pretty close to budget. Expenses have been somewhat variable. We do not yet have a final accounting for the Anchorage 2010 annual meeting expenses, but there will likely be a shortfall of income to meet all expenses due to the smaller number of persons attending and the distance involved.

A mid-year report will be issued through the e-Bulletin after July's transactions are recorded and the reporting for the annual meeting is complete.

### Financial Report at Anchorage 2010

A brief financial "State of the Conference" presentation was made at Anchorage. The PowerPoint slides are on the PNMC website at: <http://pnmc.org/Teams/Finance/Reports>. One of the slides shows the last eight years income and expense history of PNMC. The dark portion of the bar for each year shows the congregational contributions and the lighter portion shows all other income. The line graph shows the total expense for each year. It should be noted that the years 2003 – 2006 reflect the effect of the Vision Funds as income and the expenses of the additional staffing which was supported by those funds.

## Closing Worship & Celebration May 30, 2010



PMC Women share in song



Closing worship service



Iris de León-Hartshorn, Exec Conf Minister, worships with former PMC pastors, John Hess-Yoder (l) and his wife, Beulah, and Elmer Friesen (r) and his wife, Hilda



Former pastor Duncan Smith (l) talks with Harold Nussbaum, Ken and Barbara Roupp

## Remembering the rich history of Peace Mennonite Church

*Jeanne Zook, Peace Mennonite member*

This church began in 1924-25 as the Alberta Community Mennonite Church in Northeast Portland in a storefront building. Miss Catherine Niswander of Ohio was sent by the Home Missions Committee of the General Conference Mennonite Church and of the Pacific District Conference to plant a church in the city.

The church grew under several pastors in the largely blue collar, Germanic neighborhood, gathering together a number of Mennonites who had moved into Portland from rural Oregon and other states. They purchased a small church building in June, 1929. The congregation was formally organized as a church with 11 charter members on June 29, 1931.

The congregation prospered and had about 35-45 members and attendees in the 1950's, at times rising to 70-80, counting the Sunday School. They first excavated a basement and later added a baby care room, but the size of the property was so small that it would not allow for further expansion. In 1965, the congregation decided to purchase a nearby church building which easily accommodated the growing group. Intensive home visiting brought in many people.

A Voluntary Service unit was started with one couple to minister to needs of elderly neighbors, which grew quite large and expanded into multiple outreaches, primarily focused on "home repair" and building access ramps. Summer Bible Schools were held yearly. The active youth group helped the VSers to run bike clinics and other activities for neighborhood children.

The area demographics began to change and saw an increase in the elderly, renters and racial diversity. Many of the young people started moving further East in the city. With membership declining, the current pastor (Elmer Friesen '71-'83) stated the need to move closer to where the membership was living.

After selling the building in 1972, a large tract of 7 lots facing onto N.E. 197<sup>th</sup>

and Glisan Street was purchased. The church building was built ('73-'77) primarily with volunteer labor, both local and people from the Midwest. The new building was dedicated in 1977.

In 1974, the congregation bought the adjacent property including a small house and barn. This made it possible to undedicate the street that would have run between them, adding considerable space to the campus. The congregation used the barn as a community recycling center for about 30 years, closing it in 2009. An additional nearby property became available around 1985 and was purchased for a parsonage.

The congregation experienced several short pastorates in the 90's, one of which ended with pastoral misconduct that severely damaged the group. After a three-year hiatus with supply pastors, a one-year interim pastorate by John Fries ('93-'94), William Higgins served for 12 years ('94-'06), and the congregation grew larger and stabilized. A ministry to homeless and mentally ill people, Anawim Christian Community, began and flourished.

The congregation has welcomed African members, and International Bethel Church, an African immigrant congregation, rented space for services. A Hmong congregation also has been renting space for services for several years. A garage was remodeled for the PNMC office, which has now become a computer lab for the Bethel Church.

Gary Clelland served a two-year, half-time pastorate while attending George Fox Seminary. Attendance has dropped during the past 5 years. The congregation has become "grayer" and financially challenged to support the building expenses and pastoral salaries. After a period of discernment with our half-time Interim Pastor, Duncan Smith, the congregation regretfully chose to discontinue holding services on May 30, 2010. The PNMC has received the buildings and remaining assets of the group and is discerning what the next chapter will be for them.

## PNMC Board of Directors

**Linda Dibble** (2012) Moderator  
**Jeryl Hollinger** (2014) Moderator Elect  
**Charlotte Derksen** (2011) Secretary  
**Ed Miller** (2011) Treasurer  
**Jeanne Rempel** (2011) At-Large  
**Isaac Hooley** (2012) At-Large  
**Joseph Penner** (2012) At-Large  
**Mario Bautista** (2012) CIHAN  
**Pat Senner** (2013) At-Large  
**Jennifer Sottolano** (2014) At-Large

## PNMC Ministerial Updates

**Sam Adams**  
*River of Life Fellowship*  
Ended term: June 30, 2010

**Terry Rediger**  
*Menno Mennonite Church*  
Ended term: June 30, 2010

**Matthew Yoder**  
*Menno Mennonite Church*  
Called to pastor: July 25, 2010

**Amy Epp**  
*Seattle Mennonite Church*  
1-yr Sabbatical begins Sept 1

**Sarah Klaussen**  
*Seattle Mennonite Church*  
1-yr Interim Assoc Pastor begins Sept 1

## PNMC District Pastors

**Wendell Amstutz:** Oregon CIHAN, Centro Cristiano Pentecostes, Comunidad Cristiana de Vida Nueva, Iglesia Cristiana Roca de Salvación, Iglesia Menonita Pentecostes, Ministerios Restauración, Jerusalén Iglesia Menonita

**Iris de León-Hartshorn:** Prince of Peace Mennonite, Anawim Christian Community

**Byron Gingrich:** Portland Mennonite

**Larry Hauder:** Evergreen Heights Mennonite, Filer Mennonite, Peace Community Mennonite

**Jeryl Hollinger:** Menno Mennonite, Warden Mennonite

**Brent Kauffman:** Albany Mennonite, River of Life Fellowship, The River Mennonite

**George Leppert:** First Mennonite, Hyde Park Mennonite

**Al Lind:** Calvary Mennonite, Eugene Mennonite, Pacific Covenant Mennonite, Zion Mennonite

**Cecil Miller:** Mt. View Mennonite, Shalom, Spring Valley Mennonite

**Lynn Miller:** McMinnville Mennonite, Salem Mennonite, Western Mennonite

**David Morrow:** Evergreen Mennonite, Seattle Mennonite

**Duane Oesch:** Emmaus Christian Fellowship

**Rod Stafford:** Bethel City Church, Peace Mennonite Church, Springwater

**Dave Stutzman:** Corvallis Mennonite, Lebanon Mennonite, Logsden Neighborhood Church, Plainview Mennonite Church, Prince of Peace Community



**New Moderator, Linda Dibble (left), thanks former Moderator, Dave Hockman-Wert and his wife, Cathleen, for their contributions to PNMC**

## a (short) review of *The Naked Anabaptist*

*Rev. Dr. Leo Hartshorn*

Stuart Murray has written a significant introduction to the Anabaptist tradition stripped of the cultural and ethnic baggage associated with the groups descendant from the 16<sup>th</sup> century movement (Mennonites, Hutterites, Amish).

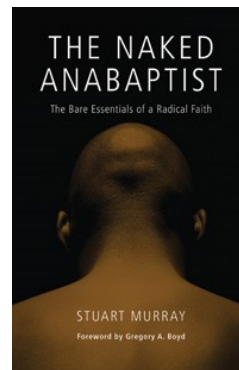
Murray's reflections on the Anabaptist tradition grow out of his work with the Anabaptist Network, begun in 1991 in the United Kingdom, which in turn emerged from the groundwork done by the London Mennonite Center. The Anabaptist Network affiliates with leaders and congregations, predominantly from other church traditions, who are interested in drawing from the well-spring of Anabaptist thought. This book emerged as a resource for answering many questions arising

from those interested in the Anabaptist tradition.

The major chapters of the book present the essence of the Anabaptist tradition through reflections on seven core convictions, which are more contextual theology than doctrine. I can only briefly outline them: 1) Jesus is our example, teacher, friend, redeemer and Lord; 2) Jesus is the focal point of God's revelation; 3) Western culture is slowly emerging from the Christendom era, which distorted the gospel; 4) The frequent association of the church with status, wealth and force is inappropriate for followers of Jesus and damages our witness; 5) Churches are called to be committed communities of discipleship and mission, places of friendship, mutual accountability, and multivoiced worship; 6) Spirituality and economics

are interconnected; 7) Peace is at the heart of the gospel. Also included is a chapter on Anabaptist history, a final chapter on the weaknesses and limitations of the Anabaptist tradition, resources, and a study guide.

As one who was first attracted to Anabaptism from outside its historic ethnic traditions, this book resonated with my own long held view that the Anabaptist tradition is a treasure for the post-Christendom church and for its ancestors who have often taken it for granted or who, like the biblical Jacob, have sold their "birthright" for a pot of Evangelical beans.





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Promote personal spiritual development,  
Nurture healthy congregations,  
Make strong connections, and  
Call each other to fulfill God's purpose for the world.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS\*

**Sept. 10-11:** *West Coast MCC meeting*, Eugene, OR

**Sept 14:** *Mennonite Polity Course*, Portland, OR

**Sept 15-16:** *Mennonite History I Course*, Portland, OR

**Sept 19, 4 pm:** *Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society Fall Meeting* featuring **Common Threads: Anabaptist and African American Songs and Stories of Suffering and Hope**; Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR

**Oct 2:** *Mennonite Country Auction*; Ritzville, WA

**Oct 2:** *OR Mennonite Festival*; Albany, OR

**Oct 8-9:** *Sister-Care Seminar* (Mennonite Women) at Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church, Caldwell, ID

**Oct 15-16:** *Sister-Care Seminar* (Mennonite Women) at Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR

**Oct 22-23:** *Sister-Care Seminar* (Mennonite Women) at Menno Mennonite Church, Ritzville, WA

**Nov 9-10:** *Mennonite History II Course*, Portland, OR

**Jan 12-13, 2011:** *District Pastors Annual Gathering*, Portland, OR

**June 24-25, 2011:** *PNMC Annual Meeting*, Western Mennonite School, Salem, OR

**July 4-9, 2011:** *Mennonite Church USA Convention*, Pittsburgh, PA

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Keynote speaker, **David Radcliff**, challenges and inspires participants regarding caring for God's creation, the theme of this year's annual meeting



Jeryl Hollinger, Moderator Elect, (l) presents the Peace Mug to Jack Knox (r)

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Many, many thanks to **Don Bacher** who served as **PNMC Photographer** in Anchorage and contributed all the photos from Annual Meeting in this issue.



Delegates in session (left to right): Mary Gingerich, Portland Mennonite Church; Rose Marie and Mike Barber, Eugene Mennonite Church; Charlotte and Roy Derksen, Evergreen Mennonite Church