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Through New Eyes: What's a PNMC Board Retreat?

by PNMC Board Member, Jack Swaim, of
Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise, ID

As a new member, I was excited and full of questions about my first Board Retreat: *What is our purpose? Would we accomplish something for our congregations? What would I take back home?*

The "area conference" is the basic unit through which congregations have membership to Mennonite Church USA. PNMC currently includes 35 congregations and ten board members. We met in Portland for two days in September and were thrilled to be joined by Nancy Kauffmann. Nancy is an experienced MCUSA denominational minister who relates to six area conferences (including PNMC); she also supports MCUSA by helping match candidates with openings in churches, boards, and committees. Reasons for our board retreat included refreshing our five-year goals; discussing training opportunities for church leaders; and making time for worship, prayer, relaxation, and fun.

The heart of the board's responsibilities is to provide counsel, encouragement and resources to help create and maintain *healthy congregations* so God's healing and hope flow through us to the world. Sounds great—but how do we contribute to healthy congregations?

For starters, we revisited five-year goals and their supporting action plans and

measures. The goals will be refined after the Executive Conference Minister position is filled (*note: we are blessed to have Dave Stutzman as our interim*). The goals will center on several themes: (1) developing lay leadership; (2) promoting communication among congregations, their delegates, and pastors; (3) encouraging mutual support and respect; (4) supporting youth through an event with an opportunity for personal development; (5) enabling sufficient financial support; (6) promoting service; and (7) working out positive relationships with congregations who may be considering joining or leaving PNMC. The board's goal discussion was inspired by contributions from the PNMC annual gathering of delegates in June.

Nancy Kauffmann led us in a valuable experience to get to know ourselves better, and to share as part of our individual and collective journeys. A short summary can't convey the power of this activity. It involved constructing a personal timeline. We each constructed a timeline that encompassed key life events, sorted into high and low points, then clustered into phases of our development. We then mapped out an overlay of how we experienced the spirit of God during each period. The sharing of experiences helped us discover insights about our spiritual journeys—past, present, and future. At times we laughed while other reflections brought tears. We got to know

each other better so that we can work more effectively with each other, as well as function more effectively with our congregations and families. I'm already looking forward to our next one-day meeting in November and to our next annual retreat.



MCUSA leader, Nancy Kauffmann facilitated conversations at the PNMC Board Retreat.

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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PNMC Moderator reflects on autumn events



It has been a busy season for PNMC's Board of Directors. The former Peace Mennonite parsonage was sold in September allowing us to pay off the loan and repay the conference for incurred expenses during the marketing of the house. The two-day Board Retreat was in September (*see Jack*

Swaim's article) and was facilitated by Nancy Kauffmann, MC USA Denominational Minister. Dave Stutzman, Jeryl Hollinger, and I attended the Constituency Leaders' Council meetings the last full week of October. And finally, the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) invited PNMC leaders and local leaders for dinner and conversation on Oct. 29th.

We met with MEA at Portland Mennonite Church – *thank you for your hospitality!* There was a question and answer-style session in which MEA wondered how they could assist PNMC, congregations, schools, and other agencies with educational needs. One exciting topic was the discussion about the possibilities for localized and online course availability from the Mennonite colleges. This could be especially helpful for both lay leaders, pastors and staff persons who desire a more complete

understanding of Anabaptist theology, peace and social justice issues, preaching, teaching, conflict transformation, and more. These course possibilities could certainly assist those who are in process of credentialing for ministry.

We received information that the Mennonite Learning Network links educational and church resources. Several ideas on how we could implement this linkage in our area were discussed.

There is growing awareness that the Mennonite Church could be a leading advocate for the Anabaptist voice to many – even if those who are interested don't become Mennonite.

It was a privilege to meet MEA Board members and I thank them for taking time and initiative to hear what we feel our needs are here in the Northwest. *-Linda Dibble*

Our Unsung Heroes

*By Dave Stutzman,
Interim Conference Minister*

On 10-5-2011, two 20th century revolutionaries died. One, a household name, was Steve Jobs. With great fanfare we've heard about the impact of his life. Few would recognize the name of the other, although what he helped accomplish revolutionized the lives of many. His name is Rev. Fred Shuttlesworth. While he lacks Job's recognition, or that of his co-worker, Rev. Martin Luther King, he was one of the most instrumental activists in the Civil Rights movement. He was a man of dogged determination and deep faith in the transforming power of Jesus Christ. A survivor of brutal beatings and bombings, he worked for the civil rights of all people in spite of being threatened, maligned, and persecuted repeatedly. He is hailed an unsung hero.

Unsung heroes: *people who do important, courageous, and life-changing work with little recognition.* Their labor is often unappreciated. There are people in our conference that fit that description. With opportunities to observe their work, my appreciation has grown and so has my conviction that they truly are unsung heroes. I'm speaking of our District Pastors (DPs). Like most unsung heroes, you may not know their names. They are Wendell Amstutz, Charlene Epp, Larry Hauder, Gary Jewell, Brent Kauffmann, George Leppert, Al Lind, Cecil Miller, Lynn Miller, and Duane Oesch.

DPs faithfully serve one to six congregations, essentially on a voluntary basis. These important links to the conference and denomination, care for your pastor(s) and your pastor's spouse. They might fill the pulpit when your pastor is gone. They listen, help, suggest

resources when your congregation faces challenges or leadership changes.

Since serving as Interim Conference Minister, I've had the *privilege* to relate closely with District Pastors. I have appreciated extended conversations and enjoy reading their monthly reports. They are true servants, willingly giving themselves to encourage and support pastors and congregations. They do it, not for material gain, but out of love for God and the church. Like Rev. Shuttlesworth, they are determined people of faith. They believe in the transforming power of Jesus Christ and their efforts impact the lives of others. I am pleased to call them friends, colleagues, and fellow servants of Jesus. I also call them *unsung heroes*.

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**Pacific Northwest
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Pastor/Spouse Retreat

by Rachel Ringenberg Miller, Pastor of Community Life, Portland Mennonite Church

What gets pastors out of the office? A retreat at Menucha Retreat and Conference Center! Menucha is situated high above the Columbia River Gorge in Corbett, Oregon. A total of 35 traveled to the Pastor & Spouse Retreat from all over PNMC.

Participants gathered for morning worship led by Wendell Amstutz followed by "Dwelling in the Word" based on Philippians 2, led by Iris de León-Hartshorn.

Meghan Good, pastor of Albany Mennonite, presented on the Millennials (people born after 1980) and the church. In conversations with young adults, Meghan has learned that Millennials are not looking for the traditional church experience. Meghan asked, "How do we worship God?" and "Do we know what our Good News is?" She emphasized that *relationships are key*. The underlying concern was that if young adults are not attending church, what is the fate of not only Mennonite Church USA, but of all denominations? For the Good News to continue we need people in the church to share it.

Wendell Amstutz, (CIHAN District Pastor), Iris de León-Hartshorn of Portland and Pedro Olvera, of Salem also shared. Wendell reflected on Meghan's presentation in the



Pastors' Retreat worship with Wendell Amstutz.

immigrant churches. Pedro and Iris discussed the welcoming question in relation to immigrant churches. Both shared their experiences growing up in immigrant churches, and how, as they became young adults, did not feel a sense of belonging. Eventually they started attending Anglo churches. They commented on not feeling a strong sense of belonging in either the Latino or Anglo worlds so they "floated" between the two. Wendell posed these questions for reflection: *"What would happen if we no longer defined our belonging in church by physical birth and birth family culture, but by spiritual birth and kingdom culture? What would change?"*

The conclusion was that both Anglo and immigrant churches are struggling with the question of how to be/do church in 2011 and onward. Discussion ensued, with no real answers, but with the knowledge that we are working with the same issues.

Nonetheless, the heaviness of the topic did not keep people from having fun! On Saturday afternoon a group went hiking, while others took time to

read, reflect, rest, and enjoy fellowship. The weekend was a mix of theological reflection and conversation which made for a balanced retreat.

Values Based Leadership Training

Jeryl Hollinger, Linda Dibble and Jana Gingerich traveled to Laurelville in September where they were among 45 attendees at **Values Based Leadership Program** in Pennsylvania.

The session focused on "Leading from the Inside." Participants learned about centering and nurturing the soul of leadership, behaviors and practices. The three will attend the next session in February focusing on "Leading Others to be Their Best."

VBLP is celebrating its 10th year of training through an Anabaptist lens. If interest grows, hopes are to bring the program to the west coast. To inquire, contact [Linda Dibble](#).

“ *I was enriched and inspired by the stories of others who serve as leaders. To be more aware of my own strengths and blind spots helps me realize there is always room for improvement and growth.*

-Jana Gingerich, Zion Mennonite Church

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PNMC Treasurer

by Harold Nussbaum

We are very grateful for the strong support of every congregation, especially in these difficult economic times. Other income includes \$18,000 for Annual Meeting registration and offerings, which are offset by \$15,500 in expenses.

Income and expenses are running very close to budget. Some savings have been experienced during the Executive Conference Minister transition, with the Interim Conference Minister only serving part-time.

As we approach year-end, please consider making individual contributions to the work of PNMC. Contributions can be sent (made out to PNMC) to the PNMC office. PNMC also welcomes online gifts using debit or credit cards at: <http://www.pnmc.org/Home/Donation>.

	September Year to Date			Total Year	
	Actual	Budget	%	Budget	%
Church Giving	\$83,902	\$81,108	103%	\$135,797	62%
Other Income	\$26,844	\$6,648	404%	\$10,600	253%
Total Income	\$110,747	\$87,756	126%	\$146,397	76%
Total Expenses	\$120,356	\$107,135	112%	\$159,778	75%
Income vs. Expense	\$ (9,609)	\$ (19,379)		\$ (13,381)	

Life Abroad

MCC workers tell their story

By Michael Bade

After a year in Cambodia, there hasn't been a day I thought I was home in Seattle. I awaken to roosters, pigs, and motorcycles as well as the soothing sounds of geckos, tropical birds and our neighbor's baby laughing. The coolest part of the day is sunrise. By 9:30 a.m. I can be sweating typing at my computer. I now understand why people don't work from 12 to 2 each afternoon.

My wife, Lisa, and I have positions with MCC that build on our education and experience. Lisa is an Education Advisor. She meets with schools, families and teachers to plan a new education strategy for MCC in rural Cambodia. I use video production & photography skills to help a local organization get their story to a wider audience.

Like anywhere, it's the people that make the difference. Cambodians are wonderfully polite and kind; smiles are always returned. Despite the chaotic traffic with cars, bikes, Tuk Tuks and motos in all directions, people don't show frustration. Older people like us, (we are in our 50's) are respected. Cambodian girls want white skin. A little fat around the middle is good too!

But underneath the smiles people are struggling. Many are laborers working on farms for just enough to eat. Most farmers toil to grow only enough rice to feed their families. Teachers struggle to get a few dollars a day. Rural women work in fields, cook over wood that has to be purchased or foraged, raise children, clean house, fetch water and even run small roadside stands. Children are often pulled from school to help at home or in the fields, much like it used to be in North America. Clean water, malaria and dengue fever are problems. Inadequate healthcare is a problem. An estimated 80% of Cambodians don't have toilets or clean running water.

As if that wasn't bad enough, it has been raining hard. Unlike soft Seattle rain, it is more like the rinse cycle in a car wash. It has been raining hard in Laos, Vietnam, Thailand and China, all of which empty into the Mekong River. The Mekong normally rises in



Cambodian women carrying fish, one of the few remaining food sources. Vegetable gardens and rice fields have disappeared in the flooding. People must pay to travel by boat close to an hour to get basic food. With no refrigeration this means it is expensive for these cash poor farmers to eat. Wells have also become contaminated so it is difficult to find potable water.

Cambodia during the wet season providing needed water and nutrients to the soil. But this year it has been raining so long and hard and over such a huge area that the Mekong is overflowing. 90% of the Prey Veng Province where we live is under water. The Angkearthdei School MCC works with has 5 feet of water inside the classrooms. Our house had 3 feet of water downstairs for a week.

Normally mature rice can be partially salvaged if it is underwater for less than 15 days but we are now over 30 days. Day laborers haven't had work for over a month, many farmers have lost 100% of their crop. My friend Sam Ang who has higher land than most, lost 60% of his crop in the first 15 days, another portion in the next 15, and now has seen that what is left has been eaten by displaced rats. "It is all gone," he told me this morning, shaking his head sadly.

Chickens here are free range so farmers had to kill them for food as there is no ground to range on. Cattle are hungry and tied up on the main highways if they are dry. But the problems have only begun. Rice can't be planted until the water recedes. Then it will take 100 days to harvest. People are hungry. Children don't get enough to eat during good times, their fate is hard to imagine.

As the water recedes, health organizations predict a spike in sanitation, water and insect born diseases. Seeing the suffering for the last

month has made me sad, frustrated, and even angry that I can't fix things.

The MCC team here in Prey Veng: Daphne and Ryan Fowler, Mok Aim and my wife Lisa and I have been visiting the Red Cross, Angkearthdei School and other local partners seeing how and if MCC can help. With encouragement and support from Andy and Lana Miller, who oversee MCC work in this region, we are working toward an MCC response. This process has felt like MCC working at its best. The fact that we are already working here in relationship with local people means we can get fairly reliable on the ground assessments of the real problems people are facing in order for MCC to respond in a responsible way. MCC will share more information as plans develop.

Being "on the ground" means we have had to wade through water, mud and animal feces to get to our house. I listened to my neighbors relieve themselves in that same water every morning next door because they don't have a latrine. I am reminded how privileged I am when I can take a simple shower. But this is why we are here and this is why people support MCC so faithfully in prayer, relief sales, thrift shops and by serving around the world. To read Michael's blog:

<http://www.michaelbade.wordpress.com>

For video:

<http://www.youtube.com/user/michaelbade?feature=mhec>

Serving Seattle

By MVS Unit Leader, Amanda Roth

Each August new volunteers are welcomed to the **Mennonite Voluntary Service** unit in Seattle where they live in community and serve local non-profits.

Laura Schlabach is a graduate of Goshen College and volunteering in the marketing department at Grist.org helping with social media campaigns.

Kelsey Landes, an Eastern Mennonite University alumna, volunteers at Treehouse, helping youth in foster care achieve academic success.

Chloe Mathonnet-VanderWell, a GC alumna, serves at a housing program for men assisting residents with grocery shopping and transportation.

Sarah Rich, a Goshen grad, works at Washington Trails Association. She is able to spend some time outside restoring trails, and also utilizes her journalism skills to write articles for WTA.

Jessica Wright, a Bluffton graduate, serves as a volunteer coordinator at the University District Food Bank.



2011-12 Seattle MVS Unit: (L to R) Laura Schlabach, Kelsey Landes, Chloe Mathonnet-VanderWell, Sarah Rich, Jessica Wright

They have settled into their placements well and are doing much-needed work. Their agencies are grateful for the unique perspective and experience they bring. In addition to their placements, some have been exploring ways to get involved in our communities, whether in our sponsoring congregations or in the Seattle area.

Program leaders met with national staff in Kansas City this fall to discuss program goals. Consistent with other MMN service opportunities (DOOR, Youth Venture) volunteers are now being asked to raise funds to cover a portion of their service. MMN believes

this fundraising can be accomplished by any young adult interested in service through strong connections to their communities. MVS staff is exploring various ways to promote stronger connections between our volunteers, the sending and receiving congregations and the local communities.

Local Relief Sales Support MCC

By Bill Dyck & Chris Lehman

The sky was sunny in Ritzville, WA the first of October where people gathered at Menno Mennonite Church for the 34th annual Mennonite Country Auction & Relief Sale. Smells from food booths lingered in the air, people were visiting and bidders were assigned numbers while recording artist, Sherri Farmer, sang hymns and gospel songs.

The auction started with the traditional loaf of bread, which is used for

communion on Sunday's worship service. The loaf sold for \$1600! The highest ticket item at this year's sale was the "Colorwash Irish Chain" quilt which sold for \$2500. The "Trip Around the World/Star King" quilt, made by the MCC Quilt Room, Ephrata, PA, raised \$2100. When the day ended, over \$105,000 for Mennonite Central Committee had been raised.

One week later on October 8, the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief was held in Albany. In its 28th year, the Oregon festival raised nearly \$90,000.

Oregon's top-selling "Star Spin" pattern was hand quilted by members of Portland Mennonite and sold for \$1800.

As the crowd gathered, Michael Chapman, the MCC West Coast Director of Resource Generation, introduced

the opening loaf of bread, baked the night before by Festival director, Ron Litwiller. Chapman held up the loaf and said, "As I smell this loaf, I am reminded of the hundreds of thousands of people that MCC is helping to feed."

"Drumming for Peace," led by Leo Hartshorn, was a new feature at the Oregon sale. More than two dozen kids of all ages participated in a vigorous 30-minute drumming lesson, in which the lessons were about more than just making music, but also about sharing and accepting others.

2012 RELIEF SALES:

Idaho: April 14

Washington: October 6

Oregon: October 13



Leo Hartshorn "drumming for peace."

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Church Connections

Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, (OR)

By Dave Hockman-Wert

In a strange way, CMF owes its existence to Saddam Hussein. Iraq's invasion of Kuwait led to a US response that raised the possibility of war. Because they felt that our country's military response was driven by dependence on oil, Christian Peacemaker Teams called churches to observe an "Oil-Free Sunday" on October 21, 1990.

A collection of folks from Corvallis who attended (and usually drove to) nearby Mennonite Churches stayed in town and met in someone's home. They continued to meet periodically and by the spring of 1991, decided to create a new congregation. Two years later, the group had grown and moved into Westminster House, a campus ministry building at Oregon State University.

In a more substantial way, though, CMF owes some of its character to Reba Place Fellowship in Chicago, where two founding members had recently been living. CMF began with a vision of being a ***"church without walls," focused less on establishing a traditional institution and more on looking outward.*** The budding fellowship decided to hire no pastor and to own no building, thus freeing tithes for external needs.

When people hear that CMF has no pastor, they are surprised to learn that it has an attendance of 50-60 and has been functioning for 20 years. Many similar groups are either small house

churches or eventually "grow up" to be more like a "typical" church with a pastor, building and larger budget. But CMF has survived successfully with this model. Some even feel that being "pastorless" is what makes us unique. When the question arises whether CMF should hire a pastor, a common response is "If you want a church with a pastor, there are lots of options, but not many choices like ours."

Not having a pastor or staff does create challenges. Volunteers do everything, including preaching, serving on the four-member Pastoral Team, planning worship, teaching Sunday School, and leading youth group, as well as setting up chairs, vacuuming carpets, printing bulletins and lining up more volunteers! Sometimes just pulling off a weekly service feels like a great accomplishment.

CMF doesn't do many outside "ministries." However, we do provide support for the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, which is likely due to several members being former MCCers. We take charge of a week at the women's cold weather shelter. And CMF has members on the leadership teams of Mennonite organizations in the Pacific Northwest and beyond.

Although CMF has strong ties to the larger Mennonite world, it is no enclave of "cradle Mennonites." More than half of the 60 adult participants are from non-Mennonite backgrounds. Many work for OSU, and while there are advanced degrees in the group, only one or two have seminary training.

Not having a pastor is especially noticeable at baptisms, marriages or funerals. Thankfully, neighboring churches have been generous with their spaces, and outside pastors have been wonderfully helpful when called.



CMF rents Westminster House, a 1924 historic landmark, from United Campus Ministry. It is located across the street from OSU.

I can't end without mentioning two things that CMFers enjoy sharing: music & food. Several musical groups have formed here, but one that has endured is the More-with-Less Band, which plays together every Christmas. Made up of a wide range of ages and talents, we include anyone who has ever played a band instrument.

Finally, if you find yourself in Corvallis on a Sunday morning, be sure to stop by Westminster House for our service at 10:30. But don't worry about lunch, because you are welcome to stay for potluck, *which happens every week!*



(Left) Every CMF graduate receives a comforter in the student's favorite colors tied by the congregation. (Right) Weekly potlucks are enjoyed.

PNMC Ministerial Updates

Sarah Roth Mullet began serving as Youth Director and Community Center Coordinator at Salem Mennonite.

Leo Hartshorn began serving as Interim Pastor of ZMC September 1, 2011.

Meg Lumsdaine left Spring Valley and temporarily relocated to Reedley, CA with her family.

Meghan Good was ordained at Albany Mennonite Church on November 13, 2011.

Church Connections Evergreen Heights (ID)

By Leona Oesch

In 2001 First Mennonite, a 100-year old church in Nampa, was going through some convulsive changes. By Thanksgiving, many families were painfully looking for a different place to worship and work. A small number began meeting in homes to process the pain and pray for healing, forgiveness and a path to wholeness.

Christmas season found us meeting at Doug and Connie Dorsing's home for a Sunday morning worship time; fellowship meal; children's Christmas program, and cutting fresh boughs to take home. While gathering greenery, an eagle flew overhead. It felt like a symbol of God's promise to lead and give us strength.

Conference Pastors, Larry Hauder and Duncan Smith, met with us several times in 2002. Their guidance



and counsel was needful and supportive. They affirmed a plan that emerged from our discussions. A Pastoral Care Team provided spiritual leadership for our small, fledgling group. Mike Oesch, Connie Dorsing, Doug Gross and Duane Oesch agreed to serve in this capacity.

In June 2003, we were accepted into PNMC membership. **Participating in the mission and body life of the conference and larger Mennonite Church has been a priority.** Part of our mission statement reads: "In praise and worship to God, our mission is to be a loving community where people can find healing and hope through a relationship with Jesus Christ and where Jesus' example is followed in daily living...We believe that life-giving love, rather than life-threatening force, is the way of Jesus in response to violence and conflict. We commit ourselves to loving relationships and the way of peace."

Currently, 35-45 attend regularly. Education, using denominational material, is a vital part of our congregation. A thriving ministry in which we participate includes CATCH, a local organization that unites churches, government, and local businesses to provide housing for homeless families.

Intersecting our Upsidedown Kingdom values with our local community has been a challenge. This challenge makes our witness a unique



Above: Children enjoying Bible School activities.

Below left: People of all ages participating in worship songs during the 2011 Bible School.

light on a hill. We accept it as our call to find ways to relate to and be inclusive of those who are mentally ill, developmentally delayed and who are rejected by their families and society.

We will celebrate a 10-year anniversary in March. We are grateful for God's placing us in Caldwell on a five-acre wooded property that was formerly a special events center. It has been a safe haven for many who have passed our way and needed refuge on their journey through troubled times.



Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat

April 13-15 at Drift Creek Camp: "Companions on the way"

Guest speaker, **Linda Nafziger-Meiser**, will lead discussions focusing on the idea of *walking with each other as we walk with God*.

Luke 13:10-17 tells the story of Jesus healing the bent-over woman. At the heart of the text there is a pivotal sequence of Jesus' actions that holds power for women today: in verse 12 and 13, Jesus sees her, calls her, speaks freedom to her, and lays his healing hands on her--and she immediately stands up straight, praising God.

The retreat is meant to provide renewal for mind, body and spirit for women of all ages and from any region. In addition to worship and gathering, there will be elective activities including hikes, journaling, art, knitting, massage, cooking, and a book discussion group. For details or to register, visit www.driftcreek.org.

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Our Mission Statement is to:

Promote personal spiritual development,

Nurture healthy congregations,

Make strong connections, and

Call each other to fulfill God's purpose for the world.

PNMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

January 20-21: *Member Care*, Portland Mennonite

February 17: *Preventing Clergy Misconduct*, Zion Mennonite

February 18: *Safe Sanctuary Training*, Zion Mennonite

March 16-17: *"Worship & Culture After Christendom"*, Albany Mennonite

March 18: *Historical Society Spring Meeting*, Calvary Mennonite

April 13-15: *Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat*, Drift Creek Camp

April 14: *Idaho Relief Sale*, Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, Idaho

May 5, *Western Mennonite School's Benefit Auction*, Jackman Long Building, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem

June 21-23, 2012: *PNMC Annual Meeting*, Moses Lake, WA

* Details for the events above can be found on the PNMC Calendar (pnmc.org/Calendar) or in archived e-Bulletins (pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin).

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