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Phoenix Reflections

By Katherine Jameson Pitts

When the Conference Communications Council met in Portland in January, we considered whether or not PNMC should send our three allotted delegates to the MC USA Convention in Phoenix in light of the harsh anti-immigrant policies in Arizona. With continuing regret for the decision to hold the conference there, the consensus was to send delegates with the intent to participate fully in the planned immigration education experiences and return with fresh ideas for addressing immigration issues in our own communities.

The board appointed Eva Mendez, the CIHAN representative to the Board and Moderator-elect of CIHAN; Jenn Carreto, member of Seattle Mennonite who attended Intercultural Competency training for PNMC; and me, as Conference Minister. *Jeryl Hollinger, was appointed alternate delegate.*

We went hoping to participate in as many immigration education opportunities as possible. The wide variety of learning experiences available made it impossible to take in everything, but we each were able to participate in a variety.

As we went through the week, hearing speakers and attending seminars, we were encouraged to keep in mind how what we were learning might shape our understanding and give birth to new ideas of how the church can address what is becoming a global issue.

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.

Although the Phoenix location lent itself to focusing on U.S. immigration from Central America and Mexico, we learned that massive migration is becoming a global reality as economic and political pressure force people seeking safety and sustenance to leave their homes on often dangerous and uncertain journeys.

As delegates gathered for our final session, we reviewed the [Statement on Immigration](#) that was approved at Atlanta 2003. The most striking thing to me was the change in how we talk about immigrants and immigration. In 2003 we approved a good statement, covering the biblical basis for our views; the reality of immigration in the US; and calling one another to 8 solid action plans. But, the language spoke of “us” and “them” when we talked about immigrants. In 2013 the delegate body recognized that we are both the “us” and the “them” in this discussion. We are all immigrants from this world to God's kingdom, and MC USA includes immigrants from all over the world. This is no longer an issue of how we relate to others, but of our identity as a community with members who struggle with our broken US immigration system.

I have returned from Phoenix with more questions than answers, but I invite you to join me in continued reflection. How do we support immigrants, both documented and undocumented, as they deal with a system that is overwhelmed

and dysfunctional? **How do we move toward a position of unity and solidarity with those who suffer?** How do we engage new immigrant groups as partners in God's mission?

I'd love to hear from others who attended – did you come back with an idea? A new learning? A hope? A vision? [Email me](#) or use the PNMC page on [Facebook](#) to post thoughts!

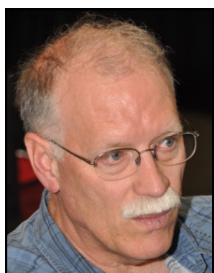


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The Delicate Delegate Balance

By Jeryl Hollinger, Conference Moderator



What a blessed experience it was to gather as PNMC in Portland June 21 and 22. Returning from those days together I felt filled to the top with stories of God moving in our lives

and congregations. The sharing in worship and delegate sessions and the informal moments of seeing and visiting with friends lifted my spirit and encouraged my life and ministry.

Calling the meeting to order on Friday morning, I looked over the many delegates who had gathered and wondered what it was that drew this group together? Why do people give so freely of money, time and energy to travel such a distance to be in meetings for two days? A week later I wondered the same thing about myself as I sat at a table participating in the delegate

assembly at the MC USA Convention in Phoenix. Why have I travelled so far and busied my life with this delegate activity?

As moderator of the PNMC assembly I came to the meeting with an agenda. There were things I wanted to say and accomplish – things our board wanted to hear delegates speak to. I felt responsible to keep the meeting focused; to not waste precious time; to clearly communicate the issues and yet come away with a sense of having heard the voice of the Spirit. The PNMC board will eagerly study the many responses given us about the role of delegates, working toward nurturing healthy congregations, the financial challenges, and the meetings in general. This will help us in choosing priorities and making decisions that will guide the conference.

As a delegate to the MC USA meeting I felt more relaxed because I did not need to be in charge or wrestle with forming the agenda. I anticipated the table discussion and wanted to get to know new people. I wanted to hear about the faith, life and experiences of the others at my table. While I appreci-

ated the careful work done by the leaders in managing our time, I looked forward to the moments we had together as a table group. The perspectives shared and the stories told gave me much to ponder and carry home.

In these two delegate experiences I felt the tension between: 1. The desire of leaders to use delegate time to explain issues and hear the counsel of the church; 2. The desire of delegates to use the table discussion as a fellowship and resource opportunity. During the years I have served on the PNMC board a constant feedback I've heard after our annual delegate assemblies is that delegates wish there had been more table discussion time. I appreciate that sentiment from my own experience. Now as moderator I can better appreciate the tension experienced by leaders. We will continue to work toward an appropriate balance. *We will continue to celebrate the opportunity we have to be church together and take joy in managing such a healthy tension.*

A New Experience

by Eva Mendez



First, I would like to thank the good Lord for giving me the opportunity to take part in the Mennonite conference held in Phoenix. It was a blessing to be a delegate representing the beautiful

Pacific Northwest Conference. I had an overwhelming yet heartwarming experience as this was my first time attending. I felt I was a part of a bigger family. I was able to witness people from different nationalities, backgrounds, young and old, united as one in the Spirit, mind and body of Jesus Christ.

Although thousands attended, we felt the absence of our Hispanic brothers and sisters. Many were unable to participate due to current immigration discrimination and harassment issues taking place in Phoenix and at the border in the name of fighting terrorism.

As each session commenced, we said a prayer for those who were unable to attend due to unfortunate circumstances. There were various pastors and speakers who spoke of their personal experiences about how their lives had been touched by our immigrant brothers and sisters. Hearing these stories made my heart break and I often found myself weeping. Speakers shared how they would meet people on the other side of the border to offer them water, food

and help bandage their wounds. For many, they had left their homes empty handed, heart broken, and with family left behind. Words of encouragement were passed on as these brave individuals moved forward on their journey.

Romans 12:4-5

⁴ For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, ⁵ so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.

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**Pacific Northwest
Mennonite Conference**

PNMC at Phoenix

PNMC was well represented at the Mennonite Church USA Phoenix 2013 Convention. From Meghan Good, pastor at Albany Mennonite, delivering an inspiring message to adult worship one evening, to Dave Stutzman, district pastor, ably serving as head usher for the adults, assisted by Lynn Miller and Carl Hege, PNMCers were all around. Wendell Amstutz served as an interpreter; Carolyn Heggen and Weldon Nisly led learning experiences. Duncan Smith, as chair of the Leadership Development Committee, brought the ballot to the delegates. Iris de León-Hartshorn, as MC USA Staff, spoke to the delegates several times, appearing once in an astronaut suit! Not to mention the youth, their sponsors, and delegates from many of our congregations who filled the halls. Many PNMCers serve the national church in various roles -- Larry Hauder and Charlotte Hardt as MC USA Executive Board members; Judy Miller, Lin Rush and Marlene Kropf as Mennonite Education Agency board members; Charlotte Duerksen on the MennoMedia board; Sarah Kraybill Burkhalter on The Mennonite board. *Please accept my apologies if I've forgotten someone.* It is good to know that we have a voice and are using it, in the wider church.



Above: Craig Gingerich, David Gingerich and Wendell Amstutz.

Right: Youth from Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR, gathered in Phoenix.

For more convention reports:

<http://convention.mennoniteusa.org/get-connected/phoenix-flyer/>

In the Shadow of the American Dream

By Jennifer Carreto



Having never attended an MC USA Convention, I was unsure of what to expect. But I found it to be a joy meeting people from around the country and hearing how others live out faith in their communities. *This was a gathering of passionate, committed people.*

I was impacted most by the trip to the U.S. - Mexican border at Nogales. Being a child of immigrants, I went into this experience thinking I had some familiarity with the realities of immigration. My father entered the US illegally from Mexico when he was 16 and my mother came legally from Portugal when she was 17. They never spoke in detail about their experiences, but made it clear that many sacrifices were made so that I might be born a US citizen, affording realities that they had only dreamed of. Growing up in the shadow of this American dream, I kept my head in the books and did my best to honor their unspoken stories.

In Nogales, those stories came to life, hitting my ears and spirit with a new depth that could not be ignored. We met with a couple who served in ministry by walking the desert and leaving jugs of water at strategic points along popular crossing routes. They spoke of finding people clinging to the edge of life; severely dehydrated parents clinging to their children; the injured left behind by coyotes (*human traffickers*) paid to take them across. They even spoke of finding bones of those who didn't make it. It is estimated that for every person found, three more are not found; three who will be taken by the graveyard the desert has become.

This couple shared some personal belongings that they found while out delivering water. Items that no longer belonged to anyone, things that spoke of unanswered hopes and gave no answer as to the fate of those who once carried them. They passed around notebooks, inscribed with poems from loved ones left behind, filled with conjugated verbs for the aspiring English-language learner and even palm-sized prayer books and copies of the New Testament, sand falling from between tattered pages.

As I held the New Testament and flipped through its pages, I wondered about the hands that had held it before me. I wondered if this person had made it out of the desert alive. Perhaps they were still out there, wandering, praying for life while we sat comfortably, each with our own water bottles. I wondered, in their darkest moments, on the journey, before they dropped this book, did they feel God was with them?

Holding that book, I started to cry, knowing that I am lucky enough to never have endured such a test, with my life on the line. I cried because no one should know the pain of that loneliness and certainly no one should die alone, shrouded in its darkness.

I left Phoenix seeing my parents in a new way, better understanding the cost of the American dream, recognizing the cost of my own American reality, and understanding that there is an undeniable urgency to the importance of this issue.

Yes, this was personal considering my family history. However, let us not think that the urgency for action is somehow distilled by our relative generational distance from the migrant story - *for we are all on a journey and certainly all immigrants to this land.*

Let us not think that because immigration looks differently here in the Northwest or because the circumstances are not so clearly tied to life and death, that there is any less urgency to step into darkness and be an example of Love to all who are literally thirsty or hungry, regardless of their ethnicity or citizenship status. Let us instead realize that the need for us to step in on behalf of our neighbor is indeed a personal call for all people of faith. And even more importantly, let us live into that call.



Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference

Portland, Oregon - June 21-22, 2013



The PNMC conference is made up of 37 congregations in six states; Alaska, Idaho, Montana, Oregon, Washington and Utah. We meet annually to discuss the business of the conference as well as to hear how God is at work in other congregations. Thirty-two of our member congregations sent representatives to the June gathering with 160 in attendance. Enjoy reading the reflections below of folks who attended and consider sharing your story on Facebook:

Tim Gannett:

As someone new to Mennonites, going to the conference was completely a learning experience. I got a better understanding of how the church is structured, but it raised questions about how the different congregations within conference are connected to each other. I got the most out of meeting delegates from other congregations and hearing what is going on in other congregations, what their concerns are, what issues they're dealing with, and so on. It drove home the diversity of congregations, and their diverse needs and resources. It was a valuable experience for stepping back and looking at the church in a broader, regional context, challenging me to think through how each congregation can support others and build stronger connections--one thing brought up was that the regional conference might be able to facilitate support for various projects by sharing information about needs with individual congregations and allowing them to take offerings for specific purposes, or to go specifically to the region for such purposes. Simply discussing these ideas with delegates from very different places and congregations was incredibly valuable.

Joy Wahnefried:

I went to the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference as a delegate for my church. I was driving down to Portland knowing that I was about to walk into a room full of more pastors than I have ever known. I knew full well that things might be brought up from the past, but for the first time I wasn't afraid. More than anything I was curious.

Would old ways replay themselves? Would new patterns emerge? Or maybe just maybe I could be accepted?

Encouraged? Could this be a weekend of healing?

I admit that I spent most of the time being overwhelmed. Trying to figure out what was happening, where I should be, and what I could eat safely was a huge task all on its own. But on top of that I was navigating old fears and my lack of extroversion. Some moments the only thing I could do was breathe and know that no matter what I was okay in my skin.

But then slowly it began happening. Mostly I was unaware, caught off guard, and completely surprised. I began not just talking to pastors but laughing with them. They thought I was funny. So many of them hugged me goodbye and blessed me on my way that I can't count. At one moment during our last worship service the Conference Minister anointed me and prayed for me. I'm still overwhelmed and tears come to my eyes when I think about the love and acceptance and healing I found this weekend. I returned home so full of emotions that I find it hard to speak about my weekend.

Rachel Joy:

I went to conference curious about what Mennonites are like beyond my home congregation, since PMC has been my main exposure to this denomination in the 9 years since I made my baptismal commitment within this generous group of people. I expected that I would be confirmed as an outsider. To go as a representative of PMC, to be told to show up at the table and be myself, was my first clue that **the love of God is greater than our differences.**

I learned that we are a region including churches of many sizes, speaking multiple languages, of varied ages and many

different leadership and mission styles. Some said they addressed challenges with fasting and prayer, others with potlucks and social retreats. I spoke with people from Boise and Seattle, who shared urban concerns about how to organize and worship. The re-organization process that Seattle Mennonite has recently been through shone through as vitality in the faces of the representatives I met from Seattle, and reminded me that as we talk about our future at PMC, other congregations have been through change and offer resources and encouragement.

I expected business to be a lot of discussion about things I might not know much about, but as we talked about the role of delegates, about how PNMC can help congregations better, and about conference finances, things about which I had almost no prior experience, I learned that the people around my table, and at the tables around the room, were concerned about preserving the movement of Spirit in our dialogue. **Questions were as welcome as opinion.** That attitude of openness finally convinced me that perhaps, after all, I do really and truly belong in this group. As Katherine Jameson Pitts said at the beginning of one business session, the ear can't say it's not part of the body because it's not a toe. I finally, amid the many voices and ears and hands and feet at PNMC, believed it, and accepted myself as a member of this body.

At the seminars I attended, following my interest in global issues such as poverty and interculturalism, I was happy to find that others share my concerns. We are nowhere near perfect in our diversity, but we are working together to find a way to speak God's love in ourselves, with each other, and throughout the world.

Remembering the Past, Driven to the Future in Unity & Hope

United Assembly of NW Mennonite Conferences of Mexico

By Samuel Moran,
Mexico Passion Based Ministry

A gathering was held in Navojoa Mexico, **April 12-14, 2013** between pastors and leaders of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Mexico (IEMEM) and the Conference of Evangelical Mennonite Northwestern Mexico (CIEMNM).

The meeting was promoted by John and Doris Miller (*pictured below*), with support from PNMC through the Mexico Committee; Samuel Lopez from Lancaster Mennonite; Mennonite churches in Indiana and local Councils of Northwest Mexico.

During the Assembly, participants raised awareness of the need to

implement the command of Jesus to "be one" and look for the possibility that both conferences develop a joint leadership training program to benefit congregations in both groups.

As an introduction, John Miller and Samuel Lopez shared the historical foundation of both conferences. Then Willi Hugo Perez, president of the Latin American Anabaptist Seminary SEMILLA, (Guatemala) presented the topics: "The Call to Unity" and "The Biblical Basis of Hope". Finally, Samuel Moran of Portland, OR, presented a summary of the leadership training offered through Global Disciples which Pastor Moran completed last year.

The Assembly was marked by expressions of brotherhood. A strong desire to continue building relationships was evident among those in attendance.

The Assembly allowed Simon Rendon, Rick Troyer and Samuel Moran (PNMC Mexico Committee) meet with Samuel Lopez, John Miller and Mexican Conference Leaders. Together they addressed business issues and drafted a proposal reflecting the discerning process experienced at the assembly.

The proposal states:

"Pastors and leaders of the Evangelical Mennonite Church in Mexico and the Evangelical Mennonite Conference Northwest Mexico gathered in Navojoa, Sonora, April 12-14, 2013. After hearing the Word of God and being motivated by the Holy Spirit, we recommend to the Board of IEMEM, and the Council of Pastors CIEMNM, that a steering committee be appointed to design a plan of approach for leadership development."



The PNMC Mexico Committee asks for prayers for the unity of our Mexican brothers and their leaders. Pray also that God will help us discern the best way to support future projects.

PNMC Finance Report - Summer 2013

By Harold Nussbaum, PNMC Treasurer

The end of June marked that we were five months (42%) through the fiscal year. A summary of the general fund income and expense as of June 30 is shown right:

PNMC continues to be blessed by the strong support of every congregation. In spite of these difficult economic times, congregational giving is slightly higher than budgeted. Other income includes almost \$28,000 from the Clarence & Ruth Reeser estate.

Expenses are running slightly below budget. The 2013 Annual Meeting in Portland resulted in \$5,100 more in income than expenses, compared to a loss of \$3,600 last year. The Peace Mennonite property also shows a surplus of \$2,400 as expected. Looking toward a sustainable future, congregational support will need to increase about 7% to eliminate the overall budget deficit.

June 2013 Year to Date

	Actual	Budget	%
Church	\$43,965	\$42,417	104%
Other Income	\$31,348	\$2,308	1358%
Total Income	\$75,313	\$44,725	168%
Total Expenses	\$62,162	\$63,182	98%
Income vs.	\$13,151	\$(18,457)	(71%)

Individual contributions can greatly help support the work of PNMC. Contributions can be sent to: PNMC, P.O. Box 301036, Portland, OR 97294. Online gifts using debit or credit cards are welcome at the [PNMC website](https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pacific-Northwest-Mennonite-Conference/234830199869321).

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(no sign-in required)

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Oregon Fall Festival for World Relief Soon to Celebrate 30 Years!

On **October 12, 2013** the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief celebrates 30 years of supporting the global ministries of Mennonite Central Committee. Mark your calendar for this annual event, coming to the Linn County Fair & Expo Center in Albany. By participating, you can make a difference for people around the world – and have a great time doing it.

Over the last three decades, the festival has raised more than \$2.2 million for MCC. Donations for this year's auction are starting to come in, including Timbers tickets, beach getaways, a KitchenAid mixer, and furniture. The sooner you let us know of your donation, the more your item can be publicized. Contact auction director **Tim Steiner** at 503-381-6436.

Our quilters are hard at work on the 2013 quilting challenge, creating unique quilted aprons and table runners. Instructions are posted at oregonfestivalforworldrelief.com (highlight the banner for "2013 Quilts" and click on "Quilt Donation Information" below it). For more information, contact Margery Barkman at 503-266-7854 or msbarkman@canby.com.

Finally, volunteers of all ages and abilities are wanted for festival set-up, sale activities, and clean-up. To learn about volunteer opportunities, contact **Mark Diller**: at 541-990-8439 or at markd@mennonitevillage.org.



Mennonite Country Auction

October 5, 2013, Ritzville, Washington

Oregon Festival For World Relief

October 12, 2013, Albany, Oregon

Idaho Mennonite World Relief Sale

April 11-12, 2014, Nampa, Idaho



Western Mennonite School 16th Annual Golf Tournament

September 7th 2013
Lebanon, OR



- * Registration 8:00 AM
- * Shotgun start 9:00 AM
- * \$95 Adult/\$75 Student (grades 6-12)
- * Carts, lunch & range balls included
- * Registration deadline: August 28
- * Every registered golfer can play a free practice round the week prior to the tournament.

For more info & online registration go to:
www.westernmennoniteschool.org
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PNMC Ministerial Updates

Summer 2013

Gary Hooley began as interim pastor April 1 at River of Life Church in Sweet Home, OR.
Simon Muange was ordained June 8, 2013 at Int'l Bethel City Church.
Duncan Smith completed his term as interim pastor at Salem Mennonite June 30, 2013.

Sam Adams, Amanda Detweiler and Angela Boss formed a leadership team at Bend Mennonite Church July 10, 2013.

Todd Lehman completed a one-year term as Minister of Youth & Community Center Coordinator and began as pastor at Salem Mennonite August 6, 2013.

Bob Buxman ends as interim pastor at Zion Mennonite August 31, 2013.

Miguel Castillo will begin as pastor at Warden Mennonite Church September 1, 2013.

Church Connections

International Bethel City Church (OR)

By Lucy Muange

"Make my name known in the nations and in denominations," said the Lord, in a loud and clear voice, in the ears of his servant Pastor Simon Muange. In 1990, when Simon and his beautiful wife Lucy sought the Lord through prayer and fasting. The couple served at their Pentecostal home church Eglise Cite Bethel (*in English: Bethel City Church*) located in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) in the city of Kinshasa. After they received this message, they continued serving at their home church, trusting that God would help them accomplish the mission he had given.

Years passed and in 1995, Simon was invited to come to the United States. Five years later, his wife and five of their children, joined him in Woodbridge, VA. In Woodbridge they attended the Evangelical Church of Christ. Initially Simon was the only one working, but Lucy soon started working too in order to support their large family. With hopes of being better able to raise their family, they moved to Portland, OR in 2002. Little did they know that this was where God planned for them to start their ministry. In Portland, the Jubilee Church welcomed them. The congregation was comprised of mostly Congolese individuals who provided a warm environment for Simon and his family. But Simon felt God calling him to start a ministry in Portland, so he started Bethel City Church (Bethel) in his home with his family and stopped attending Jubilee Church.

A few months after Bethel started, Jubilee Church died and members dispersed. The house became too small for the members of Bethel and they started renting out a school cafeteria. The church eventually moved to the basement of a Baptist Church on 82nd Avenue in Portland. This building was sold but Bethel was not notified in advance, so the church moved back to the house. The congregation was desperate for a place to worship. During this time of struggle looking for a space, Bethel was invited to rent space in the



Peace Mennonite Church building, *now called Sanctuary*. The Bethel congregation continues to rent the building today.

In the summer of 2007, something amazing happened, Bethel was recognized in Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference at Nampa, Idaho. God used many Mennonite servants of God, such as former Conference Minister Duncan Smith, the late Dr., Zook, Pastor Steve Kimes, former Conference Minister Iris de León-Hartshorn and so many more servants in this process of recognition. Today, Bethel is among the many churches represented in the PNMC.

Bethel also has a ministry called "MANA FROM HEAVEN." The ministry is a bridge of generosity and compassion for families around the world, its main objective is evangelism and family counseling. The ministry assists orphans, elders and widows in the DRC with basic needs. The ministry collects used items such as shoes, clothes, dishes, pans, silverwares, backpacks, school supplies, bikes, etc. and sends them to families in the DRC. Future plans include building a compassion center (*which will include a school and a clinic for orphans*) in the DRC. The first will be in the Kasai province, and later in other provinces. The ministry appreciates your generosity in sharing gifts of used items. Please contact Lucy Muange at lucybethelcc@gmail.com, or call 503-847-5187, or 503-839-8281.



Above: Simon and Lucy Muange
Middle and Bottom:
The exterior and interior of
**International Bethel
City Church.**
Worship services:
Sundays 10:30 a.m. 1:00 p.m.

Please remember the Muange family as they grieve the loss 20-year old **Michael**, who passed away suddenly July 31 of undetected heart disease.

News link.

Details of a foundation in his honor will be posted.



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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*

Sept. 7, *Western Mennonite School Golf Benefit*, Lebanon, OR

Sept. 15, *PNMHS Fall Meeting*, Albany, OR

Sept. 27-29, *Mountain View Mennonite, 100th Anniversary*, Kalispell, MT

Oct. 5, *Mennonite Country Auction*, Ritzville, WA

Oct. 12, *Oregon Fall Festival*, Albany, OR

Oct. 17-20, *Fall Quilt & Scrapbook Retreat*, Drift Creek Camp, OR

Oct. 18-20, *WA Mennonite Women's Retreat*, Camrec, Leavenworth, WA

Nov. 8-10, *DCC's Annual Meeting & Family Camp*, Lincoln City, OR

Feb. 8, 2014, *Conference Communications Council*, Portland, OR

April 4-6, 2014 *OR Mennonite Women's Retreat*, Lincoln City, OR

June 20-21, 2014 *PNMC Annual Meeting*, Kalispell, MT

July 19-20, 2014, *Filer Mennonite, 100th Anniversary*, Filer, ID

July 19-20, 2014, *Prince of Peace, 25th Anniversary*, Anchorage, AK

* 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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