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From the PNMC Office

The physical distance between our churches is vast; congregations are scattered across hundreds of miles. While we in the Pacific Northwest treasure our beautiful mountains and wilderness areas, we recognize that our rugged landscape can also leave us feeling isolated. Building community requires intentional commitment. Will you consider a gift to the **Delegate Assistance Fund** so that representatives from our entire conference can participate at our annual gathering in Kalispell? Currently Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference consists of 35 member congregations. Of those 35, twelve have fewer than 25 people present on a typical Sunday morning. Typically such smaller congregations have fewer resources and it can be a struggle to send delegates to Kalispell. If each of the 23 larger churches each donated \$100—\$200 to the Delegate Assistance Fund, it would make it possible for the other twelve congregations to participate. *Information about the Delegate Assistance Fund will be included in the Kalispell 2014 registration form, which will soon be published.*

Visit pnmc.org to find out more about our upcoming conference-wide gathering, the PNMC Annual Meeting, that will be hosted by Mountain View Mennonite Church, **June 20-22**, in Kalispell, MT. Information will continue to be posted as details are finalized. Currently you will find an [information letter and lodging details](#). The theme, "Bearing Fruit and Growing," is based on Colossians 1:3-6. Andre Gingrich Stoner, Director of Holistic Witness for MC USA, will be the guest speaker. Activities for all ages are being planned! *More details coming soon.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

The MCC Sale in Nampa, Idaho is right around the corner! Make plans now to visit and participate in the sale. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), a worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, shares God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice. MCC envisions communities worldwide in right relationship with God, one another and creation. [Read more](#) about MCC's purpose and vision, priorities, approaches, values and convictions.

Western Mennonite School

You can support WMS by attending Western's 42nd Annual Benefit Auction on **Saturday, May 3rd** at the State Fairgrounds in Salem, Oregon. Visit www.westernmennoniteschool.org to find out what is needed to support the auction.



Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

2014

April 11-12
College Church of the Nazarene
504 East Dewey, Nampa, Idaho
(next to the NNU campus)

Friday, April 11

- 5 PM Quilt & Silent Auction Preview
- Shops Open
- 5:30 PM Festival Dinner
- 7 PM Summerwind Skippers Jump Rope Team
- MCC Speaker Julie Browning
- Live Auction

Saturday, April 12

- 7:30-10 AM Country Breakfast
- 7:30-11 AM Quilt and Auction Items On Display
- 8 AM Shops and Silent Auction Open
- 9:30 AM Exhibits and Children's Activities Open
- 10 AM Food Booths Open
- 10:30 AM Children's Auction
- 11 AM Kick Off and Live Auction Begins
- 1 PM Silent Auction Closes
- 1:30 PM Silent Auction Awarded
- 3 PM Sale Concludes

This antique toy tractor and trailer will be auctioned on Saturday

Come early to view the dazzling array of quilts and items that will be auctioned off at the live auction.

This real tractor will be auctioned off too!

We invite you, your family and friends to spend an hour or the day with us.

Visit our website: www.idahomrs.org

Relief, development, and peace in the name of Christ

This relief sale supports the work of Mennonite Central Committee, the relief and development agency of North American Mennonite and Brethren in Christ churches, in disaster relief, sustainable community development, and peace & justice-building.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Anabaptist Short Course: Mennonite Polity, **May 7-June 17**, (*Six weeks, online, non-credit.*)

Dr. David Boshart and Janeen Bertsche Johnson, M.Div.

Study the structure, organizations, governance, foundational documents, vision and goals, decision-making processes, leadership and identity markers of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. [Get details and register by April 16](#). (Tuition: \$200.)

Mennonite Education Agency

Business and organizational personnel who want to develop their leadership skills, enhance productivity, and profits *while* contributing to the “common good” now have the chance to enroll in an MBA program that is like no other. Three MEA institutions, Bluffton University in OH, Eastern Mennonite University in VA, and Goshen College in IN, have joined forces to launch “[The Collaborative MBA](#)” to shape “transformative leaders.” The 36-hour program will focus on “skills in entrepreneurship, shared vision development, mutual accountability, financial integrity, continuous innovation, empowerment of people and teams, and systems thinking,” said Michelle Horning, chair of the business department at Goshen. The Collaborative MBA will cover the usual topics of budgeting, strategic planning, and marketing, but also delve into aspects of personal and spiritual growth for leaders. Program Director, Jim Smucker, commented, “*Our program will have an explicit orientation toward the well-being of people, community, and planet. We will situate making profits within the context of ethical practices and contribution to the common good.*” Professors at the three partner schools possess a wide range of expertise, permitting Collaborative MBA students to choose among eight concentrations: Leadership, Health Care Management, Accounting and Financial Management, Conflict Transformation, Sustainability, Intercultural Leadership or a Self-Designed focus. Students will move through the program in cohorts that begin with one week of residential courses at one of the three schools and include a week of residency in an international setting. In the other months, coursework will be partly synchronous – with distance learners joining students and professors via interactive video conferencing -- and partly asynchronous, whereby students will pursue projects and interact with professors on a mutually convenient schedule. While organizers expect to enroll a broad range of students from a variety of backgrounds, including international, a target student is someone holding a full-time job in a small- to medium-sized business or organization, perhaps with family responsibilities, who needs to be able to pursue graduate studies in a flexible manner. For more information, visit collaborativemba.org.

Mennonite Aid Plan

If you are a member of a Mennonite, Brethren in Christ, or Missionary church on the West Coast and attend a college or graduate school on the West Coast, you could be eligible to receive a **\$500 scholarship** from Mennonite Insurance Services of Reedley, CA. The application deadline is July 1, 2014. Up to 20 scholarships are awarded annually and winners have the opportunity to receive funding multiple years. Applicants must be at least a college junior and have a cumulative gpa of at least 3.0. Applications are available when you click the scholarship tab at mennoniteinsurance.com. For questions, call 800-447-4493.

Mennonite Youth Ministry Council



Are you a youth worker or pastor and feel like you are walking alone as you do youth ministry? Do you wonder about how to be relevant in this world of change? Do you desire to have authentic conversations about your work? Do you want to share your hopes for Convention? If so, then come to [Mennonite Church USA Youth Ministry Council](#) in Kansas City, MO, **May 12-15, 2014!** YMC is an annual gathering of youth workers from across the denomination. At YMC the aim is to create a place where youth leaders can share ideas and hear feedback —the true meaning of council. The goal is not necessarily about getting answers from experts—although we will be conversing with Michele Hershberger (*Chair of Bible Department, Hesston College*), Shana Peachey Boshart (*Central Plains Conference Minister of Christian Formation*), Curt Weaver (*Youth Minister at Portland Mennonite*), and Rachel S. Gerber (*MC USA Denominational Minister of Youth and Young Adults*) who have a combined youth ministry experience of 65 years—but rather the goal is more about learning how to ask questions together and

working at the answers. So if you are looking for a safe space, a place to be honest, and a group in which to receive support and encouragement for your ministry, then YMC might be for you!

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

April 21 (*submissions due by 4/11*)

May 5 (*submissions due by 4/25*)

May 19 (*submissions due by 5/8*)

June 2 (*submissions due by 5/26*)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to brenda@pnmc.org. Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. *We welcome your feedback!*

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