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## From the PNMC Office

Please mark your calendar for the Conference Communications Council meeting at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR, on **Saturday, January 10, 2015**. One pastor and one delegate from each congregation should attend.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Drift Creek Camp

Registration is open for DCC's 2014 Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat, **October 16-19**. For more details, click [here](#).

### Mennonite Central Committee

Mark your fall calendar! [The Mennonite Country Auction](#) is **October 4** in Ritzville, Washington and the [Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief](#) on **October 11** in Albany, Oregon! Try these five ways you can help make the festival successful, *and make a difference for neighbors worldwide*:

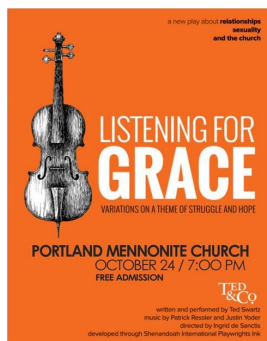
1. Make a donation to the auctions!
2. Use your cooking and crafting skills to make items to sell.
3. Purchase supplies for school kits.
4. Make a wall hanging or quilt.
5. Participate in Penny Power.



### Oregon Mennonite Residential Services

In addition to operating group homes, Oregon Mennonite Residential Services has also begun providing supports to families and individuals in their own homes. If someone you care about experiences an intellectual or developmental disability and you have questions about available services, please contact OMRS at [info@omrs-dd.org](mailto:info@omrs-dd.org) or call Karen Litwiller at 541-812-7735. *Please note that the email address listed in the September 1st edition was incorrect. info@omrs-dd.org is the correct email.*

### Portland Mennonite Church



Ted Swartz, of TED & Co, is coming to the NW this fall. Ted performed *Slightly Left of Normal* in 2009 and *Can I Buy an Enemy* as part of **Peace Pies and Prophets** in 2013. Our hope was that these events would serve our broader region and we were privileged to have many other folks from the PNMC join us. On **October 24** we hope you will do so again... [Listening for Grace](#) is Ted's latest creation and it has been extremely well received across the church. That it has done so during a time when the church is struggling with our internal relationships around questions of sexual identity is a testament to Ted as an artist. Ted's belief in stories as **powerful tools of transformation in our lives and our faith is a belief rooted in the Biblical story itself**. The play *Listening for Grace* is at its heart simple story telling. We hope you will join us and come prepared to go on the imaginative journey that all good stories provide. Admission is free; an offering will be held to help support the work of Ted & Co and cover the costs of bringing the play to the NW. Please join us on **Friday, October 24**, at 7 pm.

### Western Mennonite School

The Annual Benefit Scholarship Banquet is **Saturday, September 20**. Please be in prayer as people have the opportunity to see and hear the impact that God has made on students' lives through the education provided by Western Mennonite. Pray that attending families would consider Western as a place to send their children, and that God would instill a generous heart to all who are present. Several seats still need to be filled, please contact [Charlene Schultz](#) for more information, [503-363-2000](tel:503-363-2000).

**Employment Opportunity:** A [Female Dorm Leader](#), 10 month commitment, hours vary. Housing, food, car insurance (up to \$150), and \$500 provided monthly. Contact Sara Gilliam at [503-363-2000](tel:503-363-2000). *Please join us in praying that position will be filled by late September.*

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Peace and Justice Support Network

The Advisory Council of Mennonite Church USA's Peace and Justice Support Network (PJSN) is coming to Oregon for its fall meeting. While in Oregon, they would like to meet with any PNMC peace and justice folks, pastors, or district pastors who have interest in connecting with them. **Two open house "brown bag" lunchtime meetings are being planned.** No RSVP required. Bring your own lunch if you wish. **Thursday, September 18**, noon to 1p.m. at Portland Mennonite Church, and **Friday, September 19**, noon to 1 p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church. The advisory council consists of six members from around MC USA (Ohio, VA, IN, NM, CA, OR) who provide support and feedback to Jason Boone, Coordinating Minister for PJSN. If anyone is interested in meeting with the advisory council but cannot meet during the lunchtime meetings, please contact [Dave Hockman-Wert](#).

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

#### Where Culture Blurs Theology: What *is* an Anabaptist Christian?

Pastors Week 2015, January 28-31

Speakers Greg Boyd, Drew Hart, Janet Plenert and Elizabeth Soto Albrecht will reflect on four questions: *What do you see in Anabaptism that is needed for the church today? Where shall we find a vision for the Mennonite church in North America? What binds us together as Anabaptists? How do we honor and value each other's ethnic heritage rather than throwing out all that is strong and right and beautiful about ethnicity in favor of some kind of "post-ethnicity"?* [Learn more about Pastors Week.](#)

**Study in Guatemala in January!** The AMBS course, *Theology in Latin American Perspective*, will be based at SEMILLA, the Latin American Anabaptist seminary in Guatemala City, Jan. 5-23. Class discussion, readings and field trips will explore issues of poverty and conflict, peace and justice in the context of the rich theological heritage of Latin America. Co-teachers will be bilingual: [AMBS professor Jamie Pitts](#) and a SEMILLA instructor. For information and to register, visit the [course page on the website](#).

The registration deadline is **September 29**.

### Fresno Pacific University

Now is the time to submit a proposal for *Mennonite/s Writing VII: Movement, Transformation, and Place*. The deadline is **October 1, 2014**. Submissions should be either **creative or critical** pieces. Please encourage the writers in your life to consider it, too. The full call for proposals and links for submissions can be found on our web site [www.fresno.edu/mennos-writing](http://www.fresno.edu/mennos-writing). The writing conference will take place March 12-15, 2015. Registration details will soon be available on the [website](#).

### Mennonite Central Committee

Young adults serving with MCC's International Volunteer Exchange Program (IVEP) and Serving and Learning Together (SALT) finished orientation in late August and are now on the field, ready to serve. See a [collection of photos](#) from orientation. Maybe you'll recognize someone!

### Mennonite Church USA

The latest edition of the *Equipping* newsletter is available [here](#).

Learn more about **KC2015** in the Convention Issue of *On The Way*, available [here](#).

### In Other News

On **September 21**, a massive wave of people from across the country - environmentalists, unions, indigenous people, faith groups, and more - will fill the streets in New York City for the [People's Climate March](#). In Portland, Quakers are joining thousands of Oregonians to rally and march in solidarity. The People's Climate March in PDX starts at **3pm September 21** at the "bowl" in Waterfront Park, south of the Hawthorne Bridge at SW Naito Parkway & SW Madison. We Friends will sing together and carry a [giant dove](#): a symbolic call to nurture Peace on Earth by stabilizing the climate. Historic Peace Churches, *Quakers, Mennonites and Brethren*, are invited to participate. For more information, visit [EcoFaith Recovery](#). *Questions? RSVPs?* Contact [Anna Barnett](#) of Multnomah Friends Meeting.

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 6 (submissions due by 9/29)  
Oct 20 (submissions due by 10/13)  
Nov 3 (submissions due by 10/27)  
Nov 17 (submissions due by 11/10)

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