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## From the Conference Moderator, *Jennifer Delanty*

During our Kalispell annual meeting in June, delegates discerned working together on a concrete project would help **foster unity** and strengthen our relationships with each other. To that end, we want you to be aware PNMC's Passion-Based Ministries exist for the purpose of encouraging communication between congregations, which can in turn inspire collaborative mission activities. The NW Mexico Liaison Ministry and Seed NW Team are two examples of a Passion-Based Ministry. Often developed organically and informally, such collaborations can evolve to seeking conference recognition and/or support. We would love to hear what ideas may generate from your prayerful consideration.

## From the PNMC Office

The Corinthian Plan will have open enrollment beginning **November 15, 2014** through **February 15, 2015**. The Corinthian Plan is the Mennonite Church USA sponsored health coverage plan. MC USA congregations currently not participating in The Corinthian Plan may join during this time by going through the application process. *(If a congregation joins during before December 31, 2014 4 coverage will begin January 1, 2015. If a congregation joins between January 1 and February 15, 2015, coverage will start the first day of the month following enrollment.)* Congregations can choose to apply for coverage during times of the year outside of open enrollment, but have to go through underwriting. For information on enrolling contact [Denise Henke](#) or [Duncan Smith](#), Corinthian Plan Interim Director, Mennonite Church USA, [1-866-866-2872 ext. 34255](tel:1-866-866-2872).

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Mennonite Central Committee

Thank you to all who contributed in many ways at the **Oregon Fall Festival for World Relief**. Your efforts produced a great total – nearly \$105,000, \$12,000 more than last year's total and this number does not include the \$10,000 anonymous donation nor does it include the nearly \$29,000 raised via the presale events. There are a few expenses yet to be covered, but it seems that the total income will be nearly \$155,000, *one of our highest revenue sales*. We are very thankful for generosity of so many and are grateful for our opportunity to contribute to the needs around the world. Again I thank everyone for your tremendous contributions.

*-Ron Litwiler, Fall Festival Board Chair.*

### Portland Mennonite Church

Don't miss [Listening for Grace](#) at Portland Mennonite Church **Friday, October 24, at 7 pm**. The production comes at a time when the church is struggling with internal relationships around questions of sexual identity. 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**. 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.

### Lebanon Mennonite Church

Plan to attend the **Trauma & Resiliency Workshop** at Lebanon Mennonite, **Saturday, October 25**.

### Drift Creek Camp

The **2014 Annual Meeting & Family Camp** are coming up **November 7-9**. Jim Anderson, of Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, will present his reflections on **Birds and the Bible** at the Sunday morning gathering. *For details visit [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org).*

### Western Mennonite School

*Dona Nobis Pacem* | Give Us Peace: Come hear [Western Mennonite School's](#) Middle School Choir, Concert Choir, Jazz Band, A cappella Choir, and Western Singers on **October 22 at 7:00pm**. Considering WMS for your student? **Visitors Day is November 12**.

### Western Mennonite Church

WMC is seeking a .25FTE Youth Leader. Contact Kay Nussbaum at [raykay@teleport.com](mailto:raykay@teleport.com) for job description and application.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

One of the best ways to explore the educational programs at AMBS is to immerse yourself in its learning community. Visit campus for a seminary preview day to participate in classes, interact with faculty, and meet current and other prospective students.

Opportunities for this academic year include **November 21**, **March 27** and **April 24**. To register, click [here](#).

This book truly has the power to change the world  
—BILLY AND KAREN HERRICK, FROM THE FOREWORD

### MennoMedia

What if reconciliation is central to the biblical message? And what if Christians, who have been missing the mark for millennia, are waking up to the reconciling mission of God? ***Reconcile: Conflict Transformation for Ordinary Christians***, by international mediator John Paul Lederach serves as a guidebook for Christians seeking a scriptural view of reconciliation and practical steps for transforming conflict. Order [here](#).

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CONFLICT TRANSFORMATION  
FOR ORDINARY CHRISTIANS

John Paul Lederach

### Mennonite Church USA

The **Constituency Leaders Council** met **October 6-8** in Schiller Park, IL. Eighty-two leaders from across Mennonite Church USA gathered to share ideas and provide feedback on important issues. Themes of hope, the importance of Scripture, the reassurance of God's presence, a call to love each other, and the power and necessity of granting and receiving forgiveness reappeared throughout the gathering. To read more, visit [www.mennoniteusa.org/conversations-on-the-road-to-emmaus/](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/conversations-on-the-road-to-emmaus/). To learn more about developing and submitting resolutions for Mennonite Church USA's 2015 national conference, *follow this link*.

The application deadline has been extended to **January 1, 2015** for the **Anabaptist Songwriting Challenge**. The challenge, sponsored by the Mountain States Mennonite Conference, is intended to promote the musical arts among MC USA constituents and to broaden the musical spectrum of Mennonite congregational and communal music. Songs with lyrics that espouse Anabaptist/Mennonite values such as non-violence, reconciliation, communal life, etc. are encouraged. Three winners will each be awarded \$1000. For details, visit [www.anabaptistsongwritingchallenge.org](http://www.anabaptistsongwritingchallenge.org).

**DREAMer funds available!** Scholarships are available from Mennonite Church USA to help with college or trade school tuition costs for undocumented young adults who are part of a Mennonite congregation or attend a Mennonite college/university. These funds come from the **DREAMer Fund**, which was originally established to help DREAMers apply for deferred action to be able to live and work legally in the U.S. At the Mennonite Church USA 2013 convention in Phoenix, more than \$27,000 was raised for this fund. However, due to the uncertain future of immigration reform, many DREAMers have been hesitant to apply, so the use of the fund is being expanded to include educational assistance. The next application deadline is **January 30, 2015**. Learn more [here](#).

Follow this [link](#) for the October edition of MC USA's *Equipping* newsletter.

### Mennonite Disaster Service

Do you have time to dedicate and a willingness to serve? Do you have a desire to help others in need? Visit [MDS](#) for a full list of urgent needs and winter work project opportunities.

### Mennonite Education Agency

Have you asked yourself, "Why should our family consider a Christian education and how might we afford it?" These questions of how to integrate faith and finances are addressed by a new video sponsored by Mennonite Schools Council (MSC) and produced by Everence Financial. The short video features parents and grandparents sharing why Christian Mennonite education is important to them, the impact this education has had on their families, and how they coped with the expenses. View video [here](#).

#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 3 (submissions due by 10/27)  
Nov 17 (submissions due by 11/10)  
Dec 1 (submissions due by 11/24)  
Dec 15 (submissions due by 12/8)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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