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PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Anawim Christian Community

Winter has come early this year! If you have a **spare blanket or an extra sleeping bag**, could you let Anawim have it? With the cold weather comes frequent daily requests for blankets as people try to survive on the streets. Please drop off donations at 19626 NE Glisan or 3733 N Williams, Portland, OR.

Portland Mennonite Church

Friends and family will gather **Saturday, December 6**, to remember and give thanks for the life and ministry of **Marcus Smucker**. The service will begin at 3:30 pm at Portland Mennonite Church (1312 SE 35th Avenue, Portland, OR 97213). A reception with light refreshments will follow. Marcus was pastor of Portland Mennonite Church from 1963 to 1979. He went on to teach at what was then Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He served in many other capacities - counselor, consultant, coach - in many settings throughout the Mennonite Church. *Everyone is welcome*. For more information, call the PMC office (503-234-0559).

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee

Ninety riders and volunteers participated in the **West Coast MCC Bike Ride** in northern Idaho the first week in August.



Ken Lind, Allen Lind, Carl Snyder, and Norm Lind, *pictured above*, enjoy the Trail of the Coeur d'Alene, a paved bike path through mountains, valleys, and along streams. The group biked one day on the Hiawatha Trail, the "crown jewel" of all the Rails to Trails rides in the country, traversing trestles and going through tunnels. Another day, 25 riders completed a "century day", a 100-mile day. The group raised money for water projects in Zambia for a total of \$46,000. The group also enjoyed delicious food prepared by John Eads, head cook, as well as observing local wildlife as they rode.

The **Reedley Peace Building Initiative** continues to make a huge difference in the lives of many youth. To see what's new at West Coast MCC, visit this [link](#).

Zion Mennonite Church

ZMC is extending an invitation to all to attend its annual **Sing Your Own Messiah**, an unrehearsed selection of choruses and solos from Handel's oratorio, **Saturday, December 20 at 6:30 pm**. All are welcome to either join in the singing or just listen. There will be a time for fellowship and refreshments afterward. Zion is located at 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Goshen College

To help youth groups raise money to attend the 2015 convention in Kansas City, Goshen College has developed a fundraising program. Youth will have the opportunity to sell bags of “[Menno’s Best](#)” organic coffee, grown by small-scale farmers that GC students have worked with during the college’s Study-Service Term in Peru’s mountainous Chanchamayo Province. The beans are harvested and shipped to Goshen where they are roasted locally and sent from the college’s student-run coffee shop, Java Junction. Five dollars from each \$12 bag will go directly to youth groups and one dollar will go toward MCC or MMN. The remaining funds will pay fair prices for the beans, shipping, roasting and packaging. When bags are delivered, they will be personalized with a “blend” label specific to each youth group. This limited-time only fundraiser and product will be available through **June 2015**. Learn more at [mennosbest.org](#).

MennoMedia

During the upcoming Thanksgiving season, the folks at MennoMedia would like to express gratitude for their customer support. In celebration of the season, MennoMedia is offering several books on sale through their web store. Follow this [link](#) for titles.

Mennonite Church USA

The **Corinthian Plan now has open enrollment 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 between November 15 and December 31, 2014 coverage will start 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](#) (316-281-4255.)

The November 2014 edition of the MC USA newsletter, *Equipping*, is available [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service

Two years after parts of the East Coast were devastated by the winds and water of Hurricane Sandy and many families are still displaced. **MDS volunteers continue working** to repair and rebuild homes in the hard-hit communities of [Far Rockaway, NY](#), (Queens) and [Crisfield, MD](#). Over two thousand MDS volunteers have worked in these two communities since the storm. The tally of jobs completed in Far Rockaway is over 100, but what each job means to a homeowner’s life is what matters. Read more of this story, featured recently in The New York Times, at this [link](#), and note that former Portlanders, Bill and Esther McCoy have been actively involved in the clean-up efforts.

Mennonite Mission Network



Ria Jewell of Spokane, WA, began a one-year term of [Mennonite Voluntary Service](#) in **August 2014** in Seattle as event and office coordinator with Art With Heart. Art with Heart's mission is to help children overcome trauma through creativity. They makes art journals and other therapeutic resources available to children faced with divorce, illness, violence or loss of someone important to them. A 2014 graduate of Eastern Washington University, Cheney, WA, Jewell is the daughter of Jan Yoder and Gary Jewell, and a member of Shalom Church in Spokane, part of Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. Rooted in the spirit of Jesus, MVS invites adults, age 20 and older, together for Christian ministry for one- to two-year terms in 13 locations in the United States. Since the program began in 1944, thousands of volunteers have had the opportunity to live out their faith through this program of Mennonite Mission Network. Mennonite Mission Network is the mission agency of Mennonite Church USA and exists to lead, mobilize, and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. Mission Network envisions every congregation and all parts of the world being fully engaged in mission.

Mennonite World Conference

Each year, Anabaptist-related churches throughout the world are encouraged to worship around a common theme on a Sunday close to **January 21**, usually the fourth Sunday in January. On that date in 1525, the first Anabaptist baptism took place in Zurich, Switzerland. **World Fellowship Sunday** provides an opportunity to remember our common roots and celebrate our worldwide koinonia. Worship resources and additional information are available [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 1 (submissions due by 11/24)
Dec 15 (submissions due by 12/8)
Jan 5 (submissions due by 12/29)
Jan 19 (submissions due by 1/12)

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