



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Now is the time to plan for the **Conference Communications Council, Saturday, January 10, 2015**, at Zion Mennonite Church. Each congregation is invited to send one pastor and one delegate. Contact [Barb Buxman](#) by **December 15** to reserve seats. *This is a great opportunity for PNMC leaders to connect, express concerns, and strengthen our communication as a whole.*

The PNMC Directory is printed once a year and phone numbers and addresses frequently change between publications. We do our best to keep the online version as current as possible. *If your contact information changes, please let us know.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

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

Sheri Plett Wiedenhoefer transitioned from her role as Executive Director of West Coast MCC at the end of November, 2014. She has been director for 8 years, and previously was an MCC educator for 6 years. Sheri has considered this a "dream job" and is looking forward to ongoing service with West Coast MCC in other roles. Aminata Dieye, MBA will be the Interim Director until the next director is in place in spring 2015. Aminata is a graduate of FPU with an MBA from Fresno State, and has served with MCC for 7 years as Executive Assistant, Finance Manager and Program Administrator. Ami brings strong leadership to the West Coast region through her passion, experience and skills. Ami is married and lives in the San Jose, CA area. For more information about the West Coast MCC Executive Director position, please see: <http://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/openings/executive-director-wc>.

WC MCC welcomes new Communications Coordinator, Krystal Klaassen. Krystal was raised in Reedley and is a graduate of Fresno Pacific University with Bachelor's Degree in Contemporary Christian Ministries and minor in Biblical & Religious Studies. She also received a Certificate in Bible and Mission Training at the International Bible Training Institute in England. Krystal's international travel and nine years as Pastor of Family and Children's Ministries at North Fresno Mennonite Brethren Church have uniquely prepared her for the West Coast MCC leadership team. The Communication Coordinator duties include all regional communication, volunteer recruitment, constituent and church relations, and other administrative coordination. Krystal is married to Corey with two children, Isabelle and Nathaniel, and lives in Fresno, CA. You can contact her at kklaassen@mcc.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

International Guest House, Washington D.C.

[The International Guest House](#), a Christian hospitality ministry operated by Allegheny Mennonite Conference to provide a "home away from home" for DC visitors, is in need of volunteers. In the past year, the Guest House served 2,443 guests from 66 countries and the United States. Guest house hosts are needed beginning **July 2015** for a one-year term. Other volunteers (*one month or longer*) are also needed. Volunteers receive room and board; full-year volunteers receive stipend and health insurance. Responsibilities include welcoming guests, serving breakfast & tea, baking, cleaning, laundry, maintenance. Enjoy sightseeing during free time. Contact: International Guest House igh-dc@juno.com (202)726-5808.

Mennonite Church USA

This [KC2015 link](#) contains valuable information to help you prepare for next summer's assembly in Kansas City. At its core, **convention is a faith formation event**. It is about gathering for worship, work and play, and about seeing the ways that God is transforming lives across our church. *Pray that as we come together, we will find our "hearts burning" within us, just like the disciples who met Jesus on the road to Emmaus in Luke 24.*

Mennonite Disaster Service



MDS volunteers often describe their service as being **"the hands and feet of Jesus"**. Last weekend, the hands and backs of more than 300 volunteers were working hard, shoveling the historic snowfall in New York. They worked to save roofs and help homeowners clear the massive snow drifts from their properties. Volunteers came from nearby in New York and many volunteers crossed the border from Ontario to help their neighbors in the West Seneca, NY, area. A group of 41 MDS volunteers also drove six hours from Grantsville, MD, to help with the work. MDS Early Response Team (ERT) coordinator, Glenn Weiler, of Wolcott, NY, reported that volunteers were working in trailer courts, shoveling snow off trailer roofs. They cleared driveways and walkways for elderly and handicapped persons and did some sandbagging in preparation for possible flooding. They also worked at two farms, clearing off massive barn roofs. Weiler reported that at the trailer park, "There were lots of elderly people and (local contractors) were charging them \$400 to \$800 to clean off their roofs. When we came through and did it for free, they thought we were angels. They kept asking if it was free, and what was the catch? They were flabbergasted that we would do this work for free." The volunteers were thanked over and over again, and the messages of thanks continue to pour into the [MDS Facebook page](#).

Mennonite Women USA



Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener recently led a **Sister Care** seminar in St. Helena, Trinidad for 42 women, most of whom were members of the five Mennonite Churches in Trinidad. Many thanks to Marsha Ragoonath (*pictured left*) for organizing. Women responded saying: "This seminar has transformed my thinking in terms of how I think about myself and others." "I really liked the practical aspects including how to develop spiritual friendships." "Thank you. By allowing me to look deeper into my life to share my story and be anointed with healing waters. I realized I needed this special time away with God. I have been touched. I have more strength to move ahead. Jesus and I can move ahead at the well."

Mennonite World Conference

Follow this link for the latest [MWC Info](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 15 (*submissions due by 12/8*)
Jan 5 (*submissions due by 12/29*)
Jan 19 (*submissions due by 1/12*)
Feb 2 (*submissions due by 1/26*)

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