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## From the PNMC Office

**Health update on PNMC District Pastor, Gary Jewell:** *The Yoder/Jewell family wants to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words and support over the past couple of weeks. Gary had elective open heart surgery December 18th, followed by major complications. We thought God was calling him home on the 22nd, but apparently was not ready for him yet. We are so thankful for Gary's slow, but steady progress of healing. He left the ICU on the 31st, continues to be on dialysis and his liver function is returning. His feet need to heal from lack of circulation and he needs to gain his strength back. —Jan Yoder*  
To follow Gary's healing progress, a [Caring Bridge](#) has been established.

The Conference Communications Council is **Saturday, January 10, 2015** at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. The day will be full of sharing, conversation, and discernment. Agenda items include issues the PNMC Board is working with and exploring what is happening in sister conferences. We will look at what is going on within our own conference as well as around MC USA regarding LGBT concerns. Participants will break into smaller groups to discuss topics such as how PNMC manages resources, church planting and how conference relates to organizations within PNMC. *It will be a very full day!*

Concerned about issues dividing Israel and Palestine? Thinking about your role as a Christian in influencing a peaceful resolution? Come to "Conversations for Peace in Palestine and Israel," an Mennonite Central Committee U.S. event with J. Daryl Byler, a former MCC representative in Palestine, Israel, Iran, Iraq and Jordan. Byler currently serves as executive director for Eastern Mennonite University's [Center for Justice and Peacemaking](#).

**Friday, January 23, 2015, 10:00a.m. at Albany Mennonite Church**

**Friday, January 23, 2015, 7:00p.m. at Salem Mennonite Church**

**Saturday, January 24, 2015, time TBA at Portland Mennonite Church**

**Sunday, January 25, 2015, 11:00a.m. & 7:00 p.m. at Seattle Mennonite Church**



## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Drift Creek Camp

DCC is looking to hire new staff, preferably a couple, to live on-site and serve as **Caretakers**. Duties include hosting groups, cleaning, supervising teen volunteers, assisting with food service and maintaining the camp's buildings, grounds and equipment. This service opportunity includes housing, seasonal meals and a monthly stipend. For a job description and application, contact [info@driftcreek.org](mailto:info@driftcreek.org).

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The annual meeting of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society (PNMHS) will be held **Saturday, January 31, 2015**, at 12 noon at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. There will be a \$10/person luncheon and a special speaker. **Please RSVP by calling (503) 266-6447 or by emailing us at [pnmennonite@canby.com](mailto:pnmennonite@canby.com). Payment in cash or check can be made at the door. Everyone is welcome** and PNMHS members are especially urged to attend because we will be voting on the updated by-laws and electing 2015 board members. Questions, contact Jerry Barkman at [jbarkman@canby.com](mailto:jbarkman@canby.com) or [503-266-7854](tel:503-266-7854).

### Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church

[Evergreen Heights](#) has called their first pastor, Kathy Bilderback, who has served on the pastoral care team for the last number of years. Kathy will help guide the congregation through the next steps of the chosen goals as a result of working through the purposeful plan and rewriting the church's mission statement. *The folks at Evergreen Heights are excited about what God has in store!*

### Lebanon Mennonite Church

Mike Rinkin, of Compassion Ministries in Albany, OR, will present a workshop addressing **depression and mental illness** at Lebanon Mennonite Church, **Saturday, January 24**. Today, more effective depression treatment is available than ever before. The seminar is free and the church will provide lunch. Plan to arrive by 8:30 for the 9:00 to 3:00 workshop. Mike Rinkin, who has a son with a mental illness will conduct the seminar. Questions? Please contact [Mike Rinkin](mailto:Mike.Rinkin@compassionministries.org) at (541) 928-6382. To register, contact [LMC](mailto:LMC@compassionministries.org) at 541-258-5789.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS Pastors Week, January 26-29, 2015

Where Culture Blurs Theology: What *is* an Anabaptist Christian? is the theme for the AMBS Pastors Week. Speakers bring different points of view to how we honor all ethnic heritages that are part of the Mennonite Church. Greg Boyd, Drew Hart, Janet Plenert and Elizabeth Soto Albrecht explore what it means to be an Anabaptist today. Learn more: [www.ams.edu/pastorsweek](http://www.ams.edu/pastorsweek).



#### Leadership Clinics, January 26, 2015

*The Word Wore Red: A.K.A The Bible Doesn't Have to be Boring.*

Led by Meghan Good, pastor, Albany (OR) Mennonite Church

**Dare to "get down and dirty" with Scripture**, writes Meghan Good in a post on [The Circle](#), the new Church Leadership Center blog. Meghan Good has served as pastor of [Albany Mennonite Church](#) since 2009. She is a frequent preacher and lecturer at churches and universities across the country. Her blog [Mud Pie God](#) offers short devotional reflections and feature articles exploring the nature of biblical interpretation. And although she has been accused of many things, being boring is not generally one of them. In addition to leading the Leadership Clinic, Meghan will also preach in [Pastors Week worship](#) on **Tuesday, January 27**.

### Goshen College

GC students enjoy art and music this month! **The Faculty Recital**, featuring GC associate professor of music and baritone Scott Hochstetler (*former music teacher at Western Mennonite School*) along with voice instructor and mezzo-soprano Rebecca Dengler Kaufman is **Friday, January 23** at 7:30pm at the Music Center's Rieth Recital hall. Then on **Sunday, January 25**, marks the **Annual Eric Yake Kenagy Visiting Artist** public lecture at 7pm. This year's artist is Bob Emser, a sculptor from Eureka, IL with 30+ years of experience. His extensive body of work, dating back to 1978, can be seen in municipalities, sculpture parks, and museums in cities around the world. *His exhibit at Goshen College will run through March 1, 2015.*

### Mennonite World Conference

Leaders of Anabaptist/Mennonite healthcare institutions and healthcare professionals will hold a conjoint meeting during an international leadership summit **July 20-21, 2015**, under the sponsorship of Mennonite World Conference and Mennonite Health Services. The summit's sponsors state that leaders from Anabaptist/Mennonite-affiliated healthcare institutions have not gathered in this way before, and other health professionals have seldom participated in similar inter-disciplinary meetings. Participants will address topics such as Anabaptist theology and health, women's health, health technology, end-of-life health care, Anabaptist vision for global health, sustainability, and the culture of peace, church and hospital partnership in Zambia. They will also discuss a vision for creating a Mennonite World Conference-based global health network. Today more than 150 Anabaptist-affiliated health and human service institutions serve others around the world as a truly global witness. Some organizations are large, mature, and complex. Others are small and less institutional. But all share a common commitment to **expressing the love of Christ in caring service**.

César García, General Secretary of Mennonite World Conference, said, "Come join us. Let's walk together on the road of healthcare. Let's stand in an interdependent and cross-cultural way with those who are sick and suffering. Let's enjoy the hope that brings together a compassionate, global community to support those who need to be touched by God's healing." Rick Stiffney, President and Chief Executive Officer of Mennonite Health Services, said, "The witness of the broad Anabaptist/Mennonite community of faith is a witness that cares for the whole person – body, mind, and spirit. The church, wherever it has flourished, has developed healthcare ministries, schools, and other expressions of justice and peace." Stiffney added, "In era when many religious communities are fracturing, healthcare ministry – the loving care for others – **can draw us together in common cause**. Common cause can offer opportunities to reach out to others for encouragement, prayer, sharing best practices, and building relationships for peer learning." Stiffney concluded, "This leadership summit will afford participants an excellent opportunity to build a network of deeply committed healthcare leaders and professionals who know that we stand stronger together than when we stand alone." Follow this [link](#) for details or contact [Ronald Yoder](#).

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 19 (submissions due by 1/12)

Feb 2 (submissions due by 1/26)

Feb 16 (submissions due by 2/9)

Mar 2 (submissions due by 2/23)

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