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## From the PNMC Office

If you are responsible for compiling a written report for the PNMC Delegate Handbook, please submit to [Barb Buxman](#) by **April 1**.

April is **Child Abuse Prevention Month** and [Dove's Nest](#) has developed many helpful resources to share with congregations and organizations that serve children. Resources includes educational videos, a resource list, a children's story for worship and much more. Faith communities are encouraged to take time during April to consider the plight of abused children and find practical methods to end child abuse and neglect in the communities where we live, work, and worship. "Child Abuse Prevention Month is an excellent opportunity for congregations and church leaders to discuss the church's role in preventing and ending child abuse and neglect," said Dove's Nest co-founder, Dr. Jeanette Harder.

Nelly Moran Ascencio is planning to participate in the "Come and See Learning Tour" to Israel and Palestine **April 17-29**. The trip cost is \$3,100.00. Nelly has received a grant of \$1,000.00 from Mennonite Church USA. If you are interested in assisting with her remaining travel expenses, please send donations to the PNMC office.

Is your congregation interested in becoming a **community of generosity**? Everence will host a workshop in Oregon in May on just that topic. Participating congregations will be invited to send a team to learn more about generosity and stewardship. If your congregation is interested in learning more, please contact [Katherine Jameson Pitts](#).

Mountain States Mennonite Conference is delighted to announce the three winners of the **Anabaptist Songwriting Challenge**. The top three selected were (in no particular order): Linda Dalke, "Drawn In, Sent Out" (Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR), Jeremy Kempf, "True Evangelical Faith" and Patrick Ressler, "Camina Conmigo (Walk with Me)". Also included in the top ten were Leo Harshorn, of Portland Mennonite, and Sadie Gustafson-Zook, who is formerly of Portland and a recent counselor at Drift Creek Camp.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization



### Drift Creek Camp

Please visit [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org) and register today if you wish to attend the **2015 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat**. DCC is pleased to welcome Jennifer Gingerich at this year's gathering. The theme, *Finding Grace in Transitions*, will appeal to women of all ages. The retreat is scheduled for Friday through Sunday, **April 10-12**. Registration is \$99.

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The next public PNMHS meeting will be **April 19, 2015** at Lebanon Mennonite Church (2100 S. 2nd St.) at 2:30 pm. The gathering will celebrate thirty years of faithfulness in raising funds for Mennonite Central Committee through the Oregon Festival for World Relief. Long-time West Coast MCC board member, Bill Braun, will be the speaker. He was part of the original team that started the OR sale and he served with MCC in Kentucky. Visit [www.pnmhs.org](http://www.pnmhs.org), or email [pnwmennonite@canby.com](mailto:pnwmennonite@canby.com) for more information.

### Western Mennonite School

Congratulations to the Girls' Varsity basketball team in winning the 2A State Championship Title! The boys brought home the 6th place trophy to mark head coach Gary Hull's tenth trip in a row to the state tournament! Thank you to all our fans for supporting the teams!

#### The A cappella Choir Tour:

**Friday, March 27:** Rock of Ages, McMinnville, OR, 6:30 p.m.

**Saturday, March 28:** Hope Village, Canby, OR, 3:00 p.m. & Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR, 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, March 29:** Logsden Neighborhood Church, Logsden, OR, 10:30 a.m.

Please join WMS in praying for our *Spring Spiritual Renewal Week* that will take place **March 30 to April 2!**

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

One of the best ways to explore AMBS educational programs is to immerse yourself in its learning community at the [Seminary Preview Days](#). These day-long sessions include time to participate in classes, interact with faculty, and meet current and other prospective students. Upcoming dates are **Friday, March 27** and **Friday, April 24**. To register, follow this [link](#).

### MennoMedia

[Simply in Season](#), co-authored by Cathleen Hockman-Wert of Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, serves up more than three hundred recipes organized by season, along with a popular and expanded fruit and vegetable guide. This 10th anniversary edition transforms a beloved cookbook with recipes and stories linking food and faith into a visual masterpiece with colorful photographs to help cooks learn how to prepare local and seasonal produce. This new edition includes gluten-free and vegetarian labels, menus to guide meal planning, and is available with a spiral bound hardcover. The book is part of the World Community Cookbook series published in cooperation with Mennonite Central Committee. *Proceeds help support this worldwide ministry of relief, development, and peace.*

### Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Central Committee U.S. offers giving options for U.S. workers who decide to witness for peace by redirecting war tax dollars to efforts that nurture life and build justice. People who redirect war taxes withhold a percentage of their income taxes when filing returns, inform the Internal Revenue Service that they are doing so, and contribute that money to another cause. *This is not a legal option, yet many who do so hope that someday Congress will provide a legal alternative to paying taxes for war.* This year, participants can apply their money to MCC partner New Profile, based in Israel, through its “[Turning toward peace](#)” program. New Profile provides educational materials and counseling to young people seeking to avoid military service, among them conscientious objectors, and supports those who go to prison because of their choice. Funds also can be given toward MCC’s [Summer Service program](#), which supports young adults of diverse backgrounds in the U.S. who participate in six to 10 weeks of summer leadership development. Both programs support young people who are working for the good of others, not for their destruction. Meanwhile, out of concern that taxes be used for peace instead of war, MCC U.S. submits a “letter of anguish” with each quarterly report of employee income taxes to the Internal Revenue Service. The letter laments that the U.S. government uses the income taxes of MCC U.S. employees to pay for war despite Jesus’ call to love all people, not harm them. According to the War Resisters League, approximately 45 percent of the Fiscal Year 2016 federal budget is allotted for military-related purposes.

### Mennonite Church USA

The latest edition of *Equipping* is available [here](#). Information is included about identifying church delegates for the [2015 Convention](#), as well as registration links for: [Youth Ministry Council 2015](#); [Kansas City 2015 Convention](#), and [Mennonite World Conference](#).

### Mennonite Disaster Service

There are a **variety of MDS service opportunities** available for the **spring of 2015**. Most month-long assignments include everything from directing projects, cooking, working as an office manager or directing work crews. For details about week-long opportunities, call (800) 241-8111 or email [bschrag@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:bschrag@mds.mennonite.net). Remember the variety of ways you can give to MDS — volunteer your time, give money through cash donations, planned gifts, bequests and traded securities. You may also sign up to receive timely MDS project MDS project updates when you “Like” [Mennonite Disaster Service on Facebook](#).

### Mennonite Mission Network

Marisa Smucker, a Costa Rican-born Goshen College graduate, has recently joined Mennonite Mission Network as a Church Relations Associate. Included in her coverage regions is PNMC. To learn more about Marisa, follow this [link](#).

#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Apr 6 (submissions due by 3/30)  
Apr 20 (submissions due by 4/13)  
May 4 (submissions due by 4/27)  
May 18 (submissions due by 5/11)

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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