



# e-Bulletin

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## From the PNMC Office

Spring is a time for sowing seeds. The [SeedNW grant program](#) has resources available to use to partner with congregations in new ways of planting God's message in our world! The SeedNW Committee is also looking for members. If you are excited about sharing resources and helping congregations plan ways to reach out this could be the place for you! Contact Katherine Pitts for details.

The 2015 Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, MO, is quickly approaching. Please [register today](#) if you plan to attend! If your congregation is unable to send a delegate, please contact [Hannah Heinzeker](#) in order to contribute input in the [delegate survey](#). Hannah may also be reached at 574-523-3025.

In preparation for the MC USA Convention, Ervin Stutzman will be at Salem Mennonite Church on **Tuesday, May 5th at 7:00 pm** to meet with the Kansas City delegates and other persons. There will also be an **afternoon prayer retreat** on **Sunday, May 17th at 4:00 pm** at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. The prayer gathering will be led by Meghan Good and Pat Hershberger.

Due to health complications, Jerry Kaiser has resigned as pastor at **First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen, ID**, effective immediately. *Please hold Jerry and Allene in your prayers.*

Don't miss two upcoming **learning opportunities** presented by the [Lombard Mennonite Peace Center](#) in Lombard, IL. [Healthy Congregations Workshop](#), **May 1-2, 2015**, St. Matthew Lutheran Church, Beaverton, OR (*Group discount available [here](#).*) [Mediation Skills Training Institute for Church Leaders](#), **October 5-9, 2015**, Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Portland, OR. *For questions, call 630-627-0507 or email [admin@LMPPeaceCenter.org](mailto:admin@LMPPeaceCenter.org).*

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](#).

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Anawim Christian Community

There are as many as 600 with out homes in Gresham, OR. Some live in cars, some camp, some sleep on couches. But they could all use some help. If you are interested in making a difference, consider attending **Introduction to Homeless Ministry**, a two-hour session, led by Pastor Steve Kimes, to find ways to serve in a safe, loving environment. There are four opportunities to attend:

**Saturday, April 11, 10am-12pm** at Anawim Christian Community, 19626 NE Glisan, Gresham, OR

**Tuesday, April 14, 6:30-8:30pm** at St. Henry's Catholic Church, 346 NW 1st St., Gresham, OR

**Thursday, April 16, 6:30-8:30pm** at Trinity Lutheran Church, 507 W Powell Blvd, Gresham, OR

**Saturday, April 18, 6:30-8:30pm** at East Hill Foursquare Church, 701 N Main Ave, Gresham, OR

Register [here](#) or contact Anawim at [anawimcc@gmail.com](mailto:anawimcc@gmail.com).

### Mennonite Village

Lend a hand and participate in an old fashioned **barn raising** at the Mennonite Village, **Saturday, April 11**, from 8:00 a.m. until noon. *More information in the attached flyer.*

### 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.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

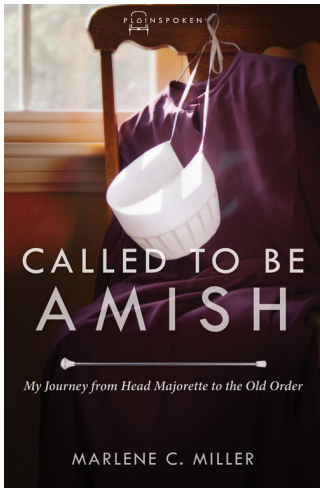
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### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Janice Yordy Sutter will present an online seminar entitled **Funeral Planning: An Anabaptist Approach, Wednesday, April 22**, at 2pm. As a leader of a community of faith, the pastor has a unique role in helping to shape a service that enables the expression of grief and remembering in ways that assist with healing, while giving voice to the hope of Christian faith. Participants will talk about the logistics of planning and leading funerals and memorial services. We will also give attention to the role of the congregation in the funeral, and the pastor's part in assisting the congregation in doing its important work. [Get details and register by April 18.](#)

### MennoMedia

Fewer than one hundred people have joined the Old Order Amish—and stayed—since 1950. Marlene C. Miller is one of them. Miller is the author of a new Herald Press book entitled *Called to Be Amish: My Journey from Head Majorette to the Old Order*. She joined the Amish church as an adult and has been an ardent member of the Old Order Amish for 46 years. She and her husband live on a farm in Ohio, surrounded by their nine children, more than 40 grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. In this rare memoir, Miller recounts her unhappy and abusive childhood, how she throws herself into cheerleading and marching band, and then falls in love with a young Amish man, Johnny Miller, on a country ice-skating pond. Against the wishes of both sets of parents, and with an unplanned pregnancy, the two get married and begin a family. Miller shares her unusual journey as she deals with bitterness and depression and then the warm embrace of her new Amish community. Through conversion, she finds God's love, dons an Amish dress and prayer covering for the first time, and is baptized. Miller writes about the strain of having 10 children as a young mother, running a hundred-acre farm, and facing accidents and tragedy. Miller toys with walking away. Turning Amish proves to be anything but plain and simple for this former majorette. The book is the second in a recently launched series from Herald Press, Plainspoken: Real-Life Stories of Amish and Mennonites. *Called to Be Amish* is available for \$12.99 USD from MennoMedia at 800-245-7894 or [www.MennoMedia.org](http://www.MennoMedia.org), as well as at bookstores.



### Mennonite Education Agency

Students from across the country, including the A Cappella choir from Western Mennonite School, will travel to Goshen, IN, for the **Mennonite School Council Choral Festival**. A festival concert is scheduled **Sunday, April 12 at 3:00 pm** at Goshen College.

### Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS Oregon Unit's annual meeting will be held **Tuesday, April 14th** at Lebanon Mennonite Church. Plan to arrive by **6pm** for dinner; the meeting will follow. Kevin Froese, coordinator of the MDS bi-national Partnership Home Project and member of the Washington MDS Unit, will provide an update on the recovery effort for the 2014 fires in Northern Washington. Lebanon Mennonite Church is located at 2100 South Second Street, Lebanon, OR. For more information, please call Bob Smith at [541-231-3875](tel:541-231-3875).

### Mennonite Mission Network

Have encounters with food challenged your understanding of community? Are you concerned with issues of food and justice? Are you learning to farm and care for the land God has given us? [Anabaptist Witness](#) is eager for you to share your reflections and experiences through writing and photos for publication in our print issue or [blog](#). Submissions are accepted through **May 1, 2015**. Read the complete call for submissions [here](#). Anabaptist Witness is now on Facebook! [Join the conversation by liking our page.](#)

### Mennonite World Conference

In case you missed the latest MWC news, here is the March edition of [Info](#). This issue of the Mennonite World Conference pre-Assembly newsletter includes photos along with brief descriptions of program elements being planned for the **July 2015 Assembly** to be held in Harrisburg, PA.

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Apr 20 (submissions due by 4/13)  
May 4 (submissions due by 4/27)  
May 18 (submissions due by 5/11)  
June 1 (submissions due by 5/25)

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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