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From the PNMC Office

It's not too early to plan for the **June 19-20 PNMC Annual Meeting** in Lebanon, OR. The gathering will provide opportunities to connect with others in worship, fellowship, powerful workshops, valuable dialogue, relationship building, and much, much more!

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. ***Spanish translation services will be available!***

Kansas City 2015 Prayer: In a period of great opportunities and great challenges for MC USA, the need of committed intercessors has never been more urgent. As we approach the national convention this summer, the Kansas City Prayer Team is encouraging faith communities across the country to set aside deliberate time to anchor the church in prayer and to open ourselves to the Spirit's work among us. On **Sunday, May 17**, PNMC is sponsoring an afternoon of prayer open to all attendees of PNMC churches, with a special invitation to pastors and delegates who will be representing their local churches in Kansas City. The afternoon will include structured times of corporate intercession and worship as well as open spaces for personal prayer and reflection. Join us at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR, from 4:00 to 6:00 pm for prayer. We will conclude by sharing a fellowship meal.

For questions, contact [Meghan Good](#), retreat facilitator and coordinator of the Kansas City Prayer Team

The 2015 Mennonite Church USA Convention in Kansas City, MO, is quickly approaching. Please [register today](#) if you plan to attend!

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Anawim Christian Community

Now that the weather is turning warmer, it is easy to forget about the challenges many in our communities face throughout the year. To get a better look at just **how many are affected by homelessness** in the United States, follow Steve Kimes startling post [here](#).

Drift Creek Camp

Please consider helping the staff at Drift Creek prepare for the arrival of summer guests. The **2015 Work Weekend** begins Friday, **May 15** and ends Saturday afternoon, **May 16**. Bring a sack lunch for Friday and DCC will provide meals the remainder of the weekend. Please register at www.driftcreek.org/programs/work-weekend/. Projects include deep cleaning the lodge and cabins, replacing outside stairways, trail maintenance and more. Your support is appreciated! We have new caretakers! Their names are Mathew and Janita Miller. They just started this spring so showing up for Work Weekend is a great way to show your support and lighten the load.

Salem Mennonite Church

Salem Mennonite Church is hosting a **valley wide hymn sing** on **May 31st at 6 pm**. All are invited! Hymn requests will be encouraged. If you are willing to help lead singing, please contact Trudy McKinnell at jimtrudy@comcast.net. There will be a fellowship time afterwards, you are invited to bring finger foods to share.

Western Mennonite School

The **43rd Benefit Auction** was this past Saturday at the Oregon State Fairgrounds! Thank you to all who volunteered and supported the school! It was another great event!

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Global Youth Summit

Nearly 1,000 Anabaptist youth ages 18 – 25 from around the globe will gather for the third Global Youth Summit, an event that occurs every six years prior to the Assembly Gathering of Mennonite World Conference. This year, the GYS will be held on the beautiful campus of Messiah College. The purpose of this gathering is to **celebrate our common faith** and will involve games, activities, worship, and spiritual input around the theme of being “**Called to Share: My Gifts, Our Gifts**”. We invite you to join us in experiencing the gifts that each culture, each region, and each individual have to share. For more information, click [here](#).

Hesston College

Hesston College's Bel Canto Singers will be in the Northwest for their spring tour. The theme “ASYLUM: worth, beauty, refuge” is in response to Blaine Harden's “*Escape from Camp 14*,” which the entire freshman class read this year. The tour schedule is:

May 13, 9:30am~Western Mennonite School, Salem, OR; and at **7:30pm**~Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR

May 14th, 7:30pm~Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR

May 15th, 7:30pm~ Old Stone Church, 157 NW Franklin Ave, Bend, OR, Hosted by Bend Mennonite Church

May 17th, 10:40am~ Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church, Caldwell, ID

May 19th, 7:30pm~Kirkland Congregational Church, Kirkland, WA, Hosted by Evergreen Mennonite Church



Mennonite Central Committee

MCC has begun its first project in response to the massive April 25th earthquake near Kathmandu, Nepal. MCC workers will partner with a local organization in the remote, eastern area of the country, providing food and other essentials to affected families. Support for about 200 families in Okhaldhunga District will assist people whose homes are no longer safe and who have less than one week of food available. Priority will be given to female-led households, and households with disabled, injured or deceased family members. MCC has committed an initial \$500,000 to the emergency response. The commitment will increase, if donations exceed that amount. MCC is focusing its efforts in remote and rural areas where MCC's partners are already working on projects, from agriculture and nutrition to education, health and peacebuilding. Leah Reesor-Keller, an MCC representative in Nepal with her husband Luke, said that up to 90 percent of homes in some rural

areas are destroyed, according to reports from partners. The Reesor-Kellers are from Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont. “Often these homes are made of stone, clay, wood,” she says. “We’ve heard that many have just crumbled, and are damaged to the point they are no longer livable.” In Okhaldhunga District, families will receive enough food to last a household of five for three weeks. They will also receive emergency shelter materials, blankets and cooking supplies, flashlights, water treatment supplies and soap. The supplies will be distributed through MCC's current partner organization in the area, Group of Helping Hands (SAHAS) Nepal. Reesor-Keller said one of the biggest challenges is making contact with partners in rural and remote areas to assess their needs. “There are areas without good mobile phone access or road access and we still haven't heard from them,” Reesor-Keller said. “We are doing what we can to reach out to the most isolated and vulnerable.” MCC has been had an active presence in Nepal, through volunteers, since the 1950s. Currently MCC works with eight local partners in Nepal in 12 districts. Most of MCC's work focuses on vulnerable families in rural areas. Many of these households include migrant laborers and families headed by women.

Donate [here](#) or by calling 888-563-4676. Send checks to MCC U.S., PO Box 500, Akron, PA, 17501-0500.

Mennonite Insurance Services

MIS, located in Reedley, CA, seeks an outside sales person. The ideal candidate will be familiar with Anabaptist churches, have an outgoing personality, sales experience, and knowledge of personal lines policies. The company insures members in WA, OR, CA and AZ. Salary commensurate with experience. Excellent benefit package. For information or to apply, contact [Jerry Linscheid](#).

Mennonite World Conference

Mennonite World Conference has recently been opened to **part-time registration**, if schedules do not allow for people to attend the entire **July 21-26** event in Harrisburg, PA. Follow [this link](#) for details.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 18 (submissions due by 5/11)

June 1 (submissions due by 5/25)

June 15 (submissions due by 6/8)

July 6 (submissions due by 6/29)

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