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"Were not our hearts burning within us
while he was talking to us on the road, while he was
opening the scriptures to us?"
(Luke 24:32)

By Katherine Jameson Pitts

This year the theme of our Annual Gathering is drawn from this verse in Luke. As Jesus once opened the scriptures to those disciples on the road to Emmaus, and the fire of the Spirit burned within them, together we want to open ourselves to the power of scripture to speak to us in our time together. We are excited to have Marlene and Mike Bogard with us as our worship speakers. Marlene was a leader in the development of resource materials for the MC USA Year of the Bible. Mike is coming to Western Mennonite School as a Bible Teacher this fall. Together they have many years of experience preaching and teaching in the church and church schools.

In addition, we are hoping to have a number of workshops that will focus on the ways we read, teach, and experience scripture. *If you have something you would like to share in a workshop, please contact Katherine Pitts as soon as possible!* Plans are also underway for activities for those who are not delegates to be involved with service, study, and recreation activities.

Knowing that the wider church is in the midst of conflict and seeking to discern the will of God and the movement of the Spirit in our time and place, there is no better place for us to turn than to scripture. Join us in **Lebanon, June 19-20, 2015**. May our hearts burn within us as we open the scriptures together! Registration information will be available at pnmc.org.

Our Vision: Healing & Hope

God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world.



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Reflections from Our Executive Conference Minister

By Katherine Jameson Pitts

During the last year I have been involved in numerous meetings where the future of Mennonite Church USA was a central topic. And at most all of those meetings, we have been invited to reflect on the 24th chapter of Luke as part of our time together. Jesus has been resurrected, the women and disciples have seen that the tomb is empty without knowing exactly what that means, and then some of them encounter Jesus on their way to Emmaus. They don't recognize him, even as he teaches them from scripture, until they sit down to dinner together and he breaks the bread. Then they begin to see and to understand what has happened to them, and what is just beginning to happen.

I'm not sure how Luke 24 became the scripture that guides us at this time in church life, but as we turn to it again and again, there always seems to

*"Were not our hearts
burning within us
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on the road,
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scriptures to us?"*
Luke 24:32

be something new that speaks to us in our time of uncertainty and conflict. Perplexed, terrified, amazed, sad, astounded, startled, terrified (again!), disbelieving are some of the

descriptions of the disciples in this passage, and certainly I have felt all those emotions about the future of Mennonite Church USA and Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference's place in it! But then Jesus appears with words of peace, and another emotion enters into the disciples' hearts – joy.

As we prepare for our PNMC Annual Gathering and for the Mennonite Church USA Convention this summer I invite you to dwell in Luke 24. Where is Jesus speaking peace to us? Where are we experiencing joy? All those other emotions are real and a normal reaction to the uncertainty we are living through, but the presence of Christ in our life together brings something else. *May the power of God's peace and the wonder of joy in Christ fill our hearts in the days ahead.*

Conversations for Peace

By Jeanette Flaming



Daryl Byler, Director of the Center for Justice and Peacebuilding of EMU, gave presentations in several area churches in the PNMC the last weekend in

January. "Conversations for Peace in Palestine and Israel" was his focus; this was part of a 2014 MCC U.S.

initiative to itinerate Daryl throughout the Mennonite Conferences for 1 weekend each month for a year.

Daryl and his wife, Cindy, recently completed a term as MCC Representatives in Palestine and Israel, Iran, Iraq and Jordan. He has spent many more years studying related issues. The goal is to understand and weave Biblical and Political understandings in the search and longing for peace.

At one session, Daryl described the hopeful signs of many local and broader groups of people working together for peace in this troubled

area; this includes Jews, Palestinians, Christians and Arabs- seeking to provide for the betterment of all who live in the region.

Byler provided additional written materials including postcards addressed to our congressman with a request for supporting a comprehensive peace that promotes justice and equality for all who live in the area; it is believed this is the only way peace and security is possible for anyone.

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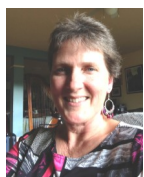
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The Great Northwest!

By Jennifer Delanty, Conference Moderator



When I was a youngster, my parents never took us on trips outside the Pacific Northwest. We traveled across Washington and Oregon extensively to visit our relatives. There were camping trips, days at the beach, and one particularly memorable 1969 sojourn to survey the indigo splendor of Crater Lake. And yes, for those of you aware of my father's passion for trains from last year's annual meeting in Kalispell, we also once chased locomotives in eastern Oregon and Idaho -- and anywhere else Dad spied them chugging along.

After my parents divorced, my father regularly took us hiking in the majestic Columbia River Gorge during our weekends with him in Portland. Then when I was 12, my intrepid mother put three of her four children in her Volkswagen Beetle and drove us all the way to Nebraska and back for her high school class reunion.

That long trip across several states revealed a truth to me my parents already knew: the Pacific Northwest is a magnificent region. Now I understood why we never boarded a plane together

to go elsewhere. Sure, the rest of the world was out there to see, but it didn't hold a candle to home sweet home. I am grateful my parents grounded me with a deep knowledge and love for this geographic region.

When I was confirmed to serve on PNMC's Board in 2012, I initiated a self-imposed challenge to visit as many congregations as possible across our five-state region. This nicely dovetailed with my enjoyment of traveling around the Pacific Northwest, and it brought an even greater blessing: the opportunity to become acquainted with many of you. Visiting your communities, worshipping together and listening to your joys and challenges is a wonderful privilege. I am grateful for your gracious hospitality that is a hallmark of our collective faith tradition. It is also terrific fun participating in your special events, like a recent mental health workshop at Lebanon Mennonite Church, and during the same weekend, Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship's tacos and trivia night, a fundraiser for their youth ministry.

To date, I have worshipped with 16 of our churches, plus a joint service of Boise-area congregations in 2013. Thank you to those of you who have already welcomed and given me a chance to spend time with your

congregation. I hope to visit as many more as possible before my term of service concludes next year. Please inform me of your church's special events and anniversary celebrations, and I will do my best to attend as my schedule allows. You can reach me at jadelanty62@gmail.com.

PNMC's District Pastors and Executive Conference Minister do a lot of traveling across our conference to help support pastors and strengthen connections with you, our member congregations. I see evidence of their good work as well as yours when I visit your communities. I like to think of our conference as **a constellation of stars**. For each of the areas in which you reside, your God-blessed congregation is the star that burns brightly in your community, and also as part of PNMC and Mennonite Church USA. May God continue to bless and uplift all you do!

Mennonite Insurance Services (Reedley, CA) seeks an outside sales person. The ideal candidate will be familiar with Anabaptist churches, have an outgoing personality, experience in sales, and knowledge of personal lines insurance. The company insures members in WA, OR, CA and AZ. For more information or to apply, contact jerry@mennoniteinsurance.com

Oregonian Serving with MVS



By Joshua Schlabach

I am Joshua Schlabach, and I recently graduated from Goshen (IN) College and am now part of the Tucson MVS unit. I am working as a volunteer at Community Home Repair Projects of Arizona (CHRP). Here at CHRP, I have been working with many different people learning many aspects of home repair ... repairing floors, working on swamp coolers, replacing water heaters, working on roofs, and building wheel chair ramps for clients.

CHRP has been a rewarding place to work. CHRP only works on houses that fit into the low income range. This has given me many different views of peoples' lives. I've been surprised to see the creative ways that people find to live in houses despite the need for major

repairs. Another interesting thing I have come across working with CHRP is the huge range of different people in similar situations having completely different outlooks on life. This has changed my own perspective on life.

Another rewarding thing about CHRP is the thankfulness of people. When people are in great need and do not have the means to do something about it, such as fix something in their house, they can show great thanks for just small little repairs. I feel that working with CHRP is a great way to show God's love to other people. The people working at CHRP don't care that they are volunteers; they just want to help others and show love toward other people.

Josh, a native of Turner, Oregon, has also served summers as a counselor at Drift Creek Camp.

Don't miss opportunities to participate in PNMC's summer camp programs:

CAMP CAMREC DATES:

July 20-24 Junior Camp (gr. 9-12)
July 25-30 Jr. High Camp (gr. 6-8)
July 31-August 2 Pre-Jr. Camp (gr K-2)
www.camrec.org

DRIFT CREEK CAMP:

June 19-21 Parent and Me (gr K-2)
June 21-26 High School Camp
June 28-July 3 Grades 7 & 8
July 5-10 Grades 5 & 6
July 12-17 Grades 3 & 4
www.driftcreek.org

CAMP PALISADES:

July 5-9 Junior Youth (gr. 4-7)
July 9-12 Senior Youth (gr. 8-12)
CampPalisades

Language as an Important Peacebuilding Tool

Reflections from a Bible Translator

By Cara Ediger

At the end of March, Boko Haram was responsible for 40 deaths and intimidation in the northeastern part of Nigeria. The question of Boko Haram in Nigeria has an almost ominous connection to the work of Wycliffe and SIL International, and brings me to a conversation I had with a colleague and a West African ambassador before my recent visit back to Oregon.

At Christmas, the Wycliffe and SIL International office here in DC use about 100 tins, each filled with cookies (made by a supporting church), as calling cards to foreign embassies and development networks to say ‘thank you’ for their hard work. Sometimes the gift opens the door to talk to others about our work. We have networks concerned with Latin America, Africa, and Asia. I distributed tins with one colleague who is based in Niger, in West Africa.

One fortunate meeting with an ambassador was at the embassy of Togo, where the national language is French. As we were entering, my colleague greeted the person behind us in French and asked him if he worked there. To our surprise, he was the ambassador! Oops! My colleague diplomatically laughed at himself and continued the conversation. The ambassador led us to his office. As the conversation progressed, it led to the presence of Boko Haram in Nigeria and Niger and the surrounding influence of fear and intimidation. I learned that Boko Haram, like ISIS, has a strong motivation for ‘advocating’ against foreign influence within the West African region. This includes a western-based education system and writing systems based on western language, like Latin characters. At this point, it was strangely convenient to mention that the work of Wycliffe and SIL International is to advocate for developing writing systems and education based on indigenous, local languages that are more acceptable to the learning community.

This opportunity with a West African ambassador has stayed with me ever since. As I follow political developments and other activities that could influence our work in Africa, the question of peace-

building often comes up. As a Mennonite, I grew up in a historic peace church which believes that peacebuilding can come from Christian motivations, and that they are activities that coincide with the world’s reconciliation to Christ and to each other, as in **2 Corinthians 5:16-20**,

“So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people’s sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ’s behalf: Be reconciled to God.”

One question that often comes out of this context is, ‘Could, Wycliffe and SIL as a Christian community, advocate peace-making through language development?’ Could our presence in developing countries in Africa and Asia be seen as a preventative measure to a rise in terrorists like Boko Haram and ISIS in other countries that are frustrated by western influence and desire to have a place where they can freely speak their own language, and learn in school using writing systems developed by their own community?

In fact, Wycliffe and SIL International is present in Nigeria. I keep in touch with a friend and colleague I met at the Canada Institute of Linguistics in 2011 who continues to work in language assessment, identifying language vitality and development, and Bible Translation needs in Nigeria. The SIL headquarters in Nigeria is located away from the general presence of Boko Haram, but as a Christian community, they work to support the local churches who may be more affected by the presence of the terrorist group. I invite you to pray along with me for the Christian churches, including the Church of the Brethren that have been affected by the violence and terror of Boko Haram. Pray for protection and a strong spiritual network that would be a support to them against forces like

Boko Haram that seek to harm. Bible translation work in minority languages in the country can be a primary source of spiritual comfort for many who do not speak French or English well. I invite you to also pray for Wycliffe and SIL missionary workers, like my friend, who work to support the Christian church there.

On an ending note, I would like to ask for prayers for preparation for travel. This spring I will visit the McCoys (formerly of Portland) in Lancaster PA, and hopefully go to the MCC office. I will be working in Ethiopia (in East Africa) from May 18-June 14. I will be in a peaceful country, where there has been a strong history of Christianity and a favorable language policy to all of its 80 languages. I will also be at the Mennonite Church USA conference in Kansas City the first week of July.

Along with your prayers for my travel and work, you can also aid the work of Wycliffe and **Mennonite Mission Network** by sending money in support of my work with these agencies. I am a volunteer and your financial support makes my work possible. If interested, you may go to my page at Wycliffe.org where I have an account (I am only a Mission Associate with MMN, so I do not have an account there): Your support in whatever form (prayers, emails, letters, money) are much appreciated!

Let us also thank God for the risen Christ and what that new life means for us!



Cara Ediger, pictured above while working in Uganda in 2013. To follow Cara’s blog, visit Languagesandpeace.com



If you know of someone age 17-20 looking for a wonderful and meaningful experience to be a part of, please consider [Service Adventure](#). If you are an adult ages 25+ and you want to be challenged and stretched, consider joining the program as a unit house leader. And, either way, please check out [the website](#) to learn more about it and many other service opportunities offered through Mennonite Mission Network.

Service Opportunities for Young Adults in Albany, OR

By Jill Sniers Baker

Service Adventure is a Mennonite Mission Network program for young adults ages 17-20. Program participants go “all in” for a year of their lives. They live in community with others in the program and with a unit leader or two. They volunteer 35-40 hours per week. They worship in their household and in a local church community. They learn and explore the area in which they serve.

The Service Adventure Unit in Albany, OR has been active since 1990. Every year, the church welcomes a new group of volunteers and leaders with open arms and open hearts. While work placements vary depending on the location of the unit, Albany volunteers generally are placed in local schools, nursing homes, a homeless shelter, or at the Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Volunteers come from all around the United States, Canada and Germany. This year, in Albany, there are three participants: Rebecca Schrag (Newton, KS), Sebastian Reim (Dresden, Germany), and Sam Schamp (Hamburg, Germany). Each day, the participants go to their respective work placements and serve the people of their community.

The Albany location allows for a large variety of “excursions” in and around the Pacific Northwest. Once or twice per month, the unit travels around the region exploring God’s creation, seeing the sites, or learning about the area. For example, this year the unit’s trips include Crater Lake, the Oregon Caves, the coast more times than we can count, Portland, Eugene, Seattle, and San Francisco.

This type of program is unique. It provides young people the opportunity to safely test out living in adulthood. It allows for real-life learning to take place nestled in a community of people that believe in you, love you, and support you. And, it allows a community of people to welcome in a fresh group of energetic, enthusiastic and giving young adults.

As a leader in this program, I am continually challenged and strengthened by my experiences. I have reached **new depths of love** and new levels of “crabby”. I have cried tears of frustration and tears of pure joy and contentment. I have understood a little bit better what Jesus means when he asks us to love, to forgive, and to give grace. And, I know that this program has changed me for the better.

Mennonite Choir Festival *By Trevor Oyer, Senior and Student Body President at Western Mennonite School*



Mennonite high school choirs meet annually at the Mennonite Secondary Council (MSC) Choir Festival to sing as one big choir. This year's festival

was held at Goshen College and hosted by Bethany Christian High School in Goshen, IN. I am a member of Western Mennonite High School's a Cappella choir, the only choir at MSC from west of the Rocky Mountains. We definitely traveled the greatest distance to participate.

We, along with fourteen other choirs, arrived in Goshen on April 10th. After each choir sang an individual song, we were sent off to our host homes. On Saturday, the mass choir rehearsed for over six hours on seven different songs. It was a long day, but worth it in the end. Our director, Dr. Eugene Rodgers, from the University of Michigan, did a fantastic job and made the rehearsals very fun, yet

focused. There were 458 students in the mass choir so this was not an easy task.

On Sunday, most of the choirs sang at their host church's morning service. This was cool for our choir because our director, Ms. Emily Grimes, grew up in Goshen and we got to sing at her home church, Berkey Avenue Mennonite Fellowship. Ms. Grimes said, “As a former MSC student participant, it was surreal to witness this event from a director’s perspective, especially in my hometown! I was reminded again of the power of music to connect us to each other and to our Creator.”

At the concert each choir sang their individual song. Then all 458 students got up onto the risers. **Singing with that many people was incredible!** I got chills several times and soaked up every second on stage.

This was my second year going to MSC and each year has brought many

memories that I will hold onto forever. As mentioned before, singing with over 450 voices was simply amazing. Jo Polivika, also in Western Mennonite's a Cappella choir, said, **"Singing with the mass choir was the most complete form of worship I have ever experienced."**

Not many teenagers my age will get a chance to be a part of such a powerful event. It was also crazy for me to see how many Mennonites there are in the eastern half of the United States. My host families in the two years of my MSC experience were beyond great and the hospitality and care shown to me in my time in their homes was eye opening. I will always be thankful for them not only opening up their homes but also for the love and kindness they treated me with. The Mennonite Choir Festival has very much impacted my life. Singing in the mass choir and staying at host homes has made me appreciate the hospitality and love of Mennonites.

Treasurer's Report

By Brett Tieszen, PNMC Treasurer

The Fiscal Year 2015 (FY15, which ended January 31), PNMC ended with a \$10,900 surplus. Noteworthy income items:

- Sizable unexpected contributions from Zion (\$5450 over expectations) and Menno (\$5500 over) Mennonite Churches pushed member church contributions over budget.
- Individual contributions were \$1243 (32%) higher than expected.

- Registration payments for last year's annual meeting in Kalispell came in \$4441 higher than expected.
 - Rental income on the Sanctuary property (formerly Peace Mennonite) came in \$7341 over expectations. Expenses were over budget by a slightly larger amount.
- Most expense lines came in under budget:
- Staff expenses came in under budget.
 - The pastor's retreat was cancelled due to weather. The hosting center refunded our deposit, which had been paid in the prior fiscal year. Because the deposit was recorded as an expense rather than an asset, the refund of the deposit was recorded as

- a reverse expense under the PLT.
- Expenses from the annual meeting in Kalispell came in \$5031 under budget.
- Spending on the Sanctuary property was \$7558 over budget. (Income from the property was similarly over budget.)
- Designated Funds Expense was zero due to an accounting change; designated gifts received by PNMC are now expensed through the Designated Expenses line (reported below normal income/expenses).
- Administrative expenses were the one category which was over budget due to translation expenses and insurance costs coming in far higher than was budgeted.

KC 2015 Call to Prayer

In a period of great opportunities and great challenges for Mennonite Church USA, the need of committed intercessors has never been more urgent. As we approach MC USA's national convention, 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. PNMC is sponsoring an afternoon of prayer open to all PNMC congregations, 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. We will conclude by sharing a fellowship meal.

Sunday May 17

4 pm – 6 pm, (meal following)

**Zion Mennonite Church,
Hubbard, OR**

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



	Actual	Budget	Difference	Percent
Church Contributions	\$ 141,826.80	\$ 135,884.00	\$ 5,942.80	104.37%
Other Income	\$ 61,420.45	\$ 48,998.09	\$ 12,422.36	125.35%
Total Income	\$ 203,247.25	\$ 184,622.09	\$ 18,365.16	109.93%
Total Expenses	\$ 192,330.77	\$ 208,236.90	\$(15,906.13)	92.36%
Net Income	\$ 10,916.48	\$ (23,354.81)	\$ 34,271.29	-46.74%
Designated Contributions	\$ 23,471.08			

DCC 2015 Work Weekend



May 15 & 16

get your feet dirty!

WORKING TOGETHER TO PREPARE FOR SUMMER PROGRAMMING!

LEFT: Youth from Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship participated in the Menno's Best fundraiser to help support their trip to KC 2015. The group sold 100 bags of coffee which raised \$1600. Their other fundraisers have included: homemade/decorated Christmas cookies, trivia and taco night, Soul Cake (a women's quartet from the congregation) offering singing Valentine's at the church retreat, and doing various Set up/Clean Up jobs at the church. In late April there will be a concert and coffeehouse featuring strawberry shortcake and local vocal and instrumental groups. The youth aspire to raise \$11,000. They are close to reaching that goal!

Visit the PNMC Facebook page
for photos and upcoming events.
(no sign-in required)

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Pacific-Northwest-Mennonite-Conference/234830199869321>

Church Connections

Iglesia Menonita Pentecostés (OR)

By Romualdo Velazquez

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The Mennonite congregation in Woodburn is an old church with a lot of history. The group started in 1963 with Pastor Samuel Hernandez and his wife Dana, along with seven families. The entire congregation worked in the fields, so they also met there. In nice weather, they would meet under a tree to worship and hear the word. During the fall and winter, they rented a venue called Belle Passé, located in a cemetery, so they could have a sheltered location. They would get up early to clean, set tables, and chairs for all who assisted since the space was also rented for special events. They asked God for a church for two years. They prayed, and they found a building, called The Christian Church, for sale. The asking price was \$6,000; a lot of money for a tiny group of laborers. They were not able to raise the money on their own. But, **they had faith.** They prayed for that church, and when Pastor Samuel Hernandez spoke with the Christian Church about buying options, the sellers allowed them to pay it off in monthly payments. The congregation's prayers were answered, and they remain in the same location today.

Initially theirs was the only Hispanic Christian congregation in Woodburn. In 1981, the congregation was named Iglesia Menonita Pentecostes. Meanwhile, Pastor Samuel Hernandez and his wife Dana departed for Goshen, IN to serve the Mennonite church in other projects. In his place, Pastor Victor Vargas came from Costa Rica to serve as a pastor. (*Pastor Samuel Hernandez passed away two years ago.*)

Today, 125 attend, including many young families, children and teens. The Mendez and Puente families have been



members since the beginning. Several other families have been involved for more than 25 years, Ascencio's, Collazo's, Velazquez's, Estrada's, Anselmo's, Fuentes', Hernandez's, and Sanchez's.

We desire to continue serving Woodburn, but we have a problem. Our building has endured a lot, including an earthquake. It is aging and needs many repairs. We have done our best to conserve it and make repairs, but the list of needs has gotten longer than what we can manage.

Project Nehemias 2, was initiated to address the needs of our building. We have seen God's hand move. The members have gotten closer and work together to accomplish our common goals. It has become a dream of ours, and we won't stop until it is done. We have faith, just like the people that started this congregation.

The project is broken up into two phases. The first phase covers the roofing, windows, plumbing, heating air conditioning, and electricity. Phase one will cost \$250,000. The second phase is to complete the rest of the projects. The cost of phase two is \$750,000.

We have hosted several fundraisers. The women's ministry has sold dinners and tamales. The congregation has organized a massive yard sale that was held in the church parking lot. In addition to selling used items, the youth created carnival games and families sold food, including tacos, drinks, and various desserts. A small concert wrapped up the day.

The church has worked hard to raise money, but we need help. The task is enormous. We are reaching out to others. We need prayers, but we also need financial support in order to reach our goals. This is a huge project. **We need our brothers & sisters.**

Iglesia Menonita Pentecostés

198 E Lincoln Street ~ Woodburn, OR 97071

*Services are on Sundays at 10:00 am,
We have a worship service and Sunday school,
Sunday evening worship is at 6:00 pm..
Wednesday evening Bible Study is at 7:00 pm.
Friday evening prayer service, at 7:00 pm.
Our purpose has remained the same, to serve
God and the Woodburn community.
We have proclaimed Woodburn for Christ.*



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PNMC Ministerial Updates

Spring 2015

Jerry Kaiser retired as pastor of First Mennonite Church, Aberdeen, ID, on March 13, 2015.
Lynford Hershy began as interim on April 26, 2015.
Larry Moskwik began serving at Spring Valley Mennonite Church, Newport, WA, in Spring 2015.
Marc Schlegel-Preheim will be ordained at Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship in Boise, ID, on May 10, 2015.
John David Thacker will complete his pastorate at Prince of Peace, Anchorage, AK, on May 17, 2015.

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Unassigned: Western Mennonite Church, Menno Meeting (SLC)

Our Mission Statement is to:

Promote personal spiritual development,

Nurture healthy congregations,

Make strong connections, and

Call each other to fulfill God's purpose for the world.

PNMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

May 2, *WMS Benefit Auction*, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR

May 5, *Ervin Stutzman to visit PNMC*, Salem Mennonite Church, Keizer, OR

May 15-16, *Work Weekend*, Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

May 17, *KC 2105 Prayer Gathering*, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR

May 31, *Hymn Sing*, Salem Mennonite Church, Keizer, OR

June 13, *Barn Raising, Phase 2*, Mennonite Village, Albany, OR

June 18-27, *Global Anabaptist Peace Institute*, Fresno, CA

June 19-20, *PNMC Annual Meeting*, Lebanon, OR

June 30-July 5, *MC USA Convention*, Kansas City, MO

July 19-21, *Mennonite Health Services Annual Gathering*, Harrisburg, PA

July 21-26, *Mennonite World Conference 2015*, Harrisburg, PA

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