



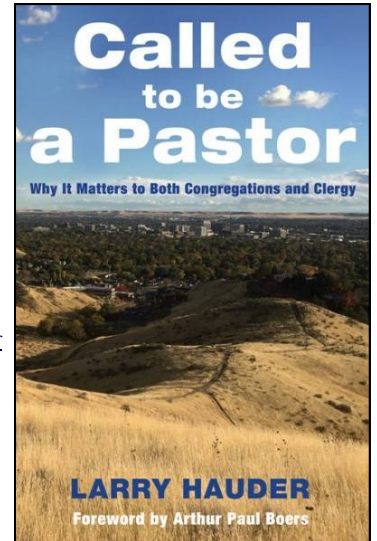
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## From the PNMC Office

The annual [Pastor's Retreat](#) will be **November 3-5, 2015**, at the [Menucha Retreat Center](#) in Corbett, OR. The District Pastors will meet **Nov. 3** from 10 - 5. Pastors will gather between 4 and 5:00pm to have dinner. The retreat will conclude after lunch on Thursday. \$100 per person. All persons with active PNMC credentials are invited. Spouses are also welcome to attend.

The 2016 Conference Communications Council meeting has been scheduled: **January 9, 2016**, 9am to 4pm, at Salem Mennonite Church, located at 1045 Candlewood Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97303.

WIPF and Stock Publishers has released Larry Hauder's new book, [Called to Be a Pastor: Why It Matters to Both Congregations and Clergy](#). This book captures the pastor/congregation insights that come from a successful pastoral career: First, as a church planter, later as a judicatory with oversight of thirty-five congregations, and, most recently, as a consultant to a broad range of denominations. First time readers have claimed this book to be thought provoking, inspirational, and enlightening! The book is a how-to resource with a memoir touch, describing the essential but delicate partnership between clergy and congregation.



## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Drift Creek Camp



Registration details about the **2015 Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat** are now posted on Drift Creek's [website](#) and page on [Facebook](#). Activities will begin Thursday afternoon, **October 15** through Sunday, **October 18**. Whether you can come for the long weekend or short, there will be plenty of space for you to work on projects of your choosing while the Drift Creek staff takes care of all the other details. Invite a sister, a friend, a neighbor and enjoy a weekend of pampering and projects! Guests will also have the opportunity to learn new skills through an optional dyed silk class where participants can experiment with creating designs on silk scarves using melted beeswax. *Register by **October 1** to reserve your spot!*

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

[The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society](#) is seeking an **Archivist and Librarian** at the Ivan and Pearl Kropf Heritage Center in Hubbard, OR. Currently, help is needed for two part-time volunteer positions. For more information, please contact Don Bacher at [541-974-1068](tel:541-974-1068) or [bacher@proaxis.com](mailto:bacher@proaxis.com).

### Portland Mennonite Church

On **Sunday, August 30**, Portland Mennonite Church will **celebrate Rachel Ringenberg Miller's last day** and send her and her family off to the next chapter in their lives as Rachel leaves to become lead pastor of Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, Kansas. There will be a reception after the worship service that morning, to which everyone is invited to bring a card or note sharing a memory or good wish. Summer worship services begin at 9:30.

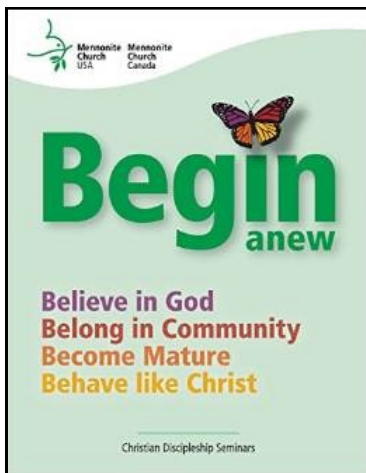
## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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### International Guest House

Volunteer staff are needed at [The International Guest House](#) in Washington, D.C. (3 months or full-year) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House (a ministry of *Allegheny Conference*) serves both international and US travelers. Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House. Monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance available for full-year volunteers if needed. Hospitality duties include cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking, hosting breakfast & tea and welcoming guests. Great location for sightseeing and exploring the many facets of the National City. For information and an application contact: Judy Nord [judymarknord@verizon.net](mailto:judymarknord@verizon.net) (301)985-6858 or International Guest House [igh.dc.us@gmail.com](mailto:igh.dc.us@gmail.com) (202)726-5808.



### Mennonite Church USA

Are there people in your congregation or community who are new to the Christian faith or who want to grow in discipleship? *Begin Anew* is a 16-session series of studies to make disciples in small groups and congregations. Based on the idea that Christianity is a combination of believing, belonging, becoming, and behaving, the course is designed in a holistic way to bring about a clear faith in God as known in Jesus Christ; a solid sense of belonging in a family of loving people, and a disciplined lifestyle. This new lifestyle leads to becoming joyfully involved in ministries in the church and in God's mission in the world. This resource is for anyone interested in growing in Christian faith from an Anabaptist perspective, regardless of their background or previous church experience. *Begin Anew* is a joint project of Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. The sessions grew out of the congregational work and writing of the following individuals: Palmer Becker of Kitchener, Ont.; Howard Wagler of South Hutchinson, KS; and Marion Bontrager of Hesston, KS. The author discusses the interaction of these elements that have become familiar in current discussions about faith, church, and mission.

Save the date! Mennonite Church Planting Summit, **March 31 – April 2, 2016**, New Orleans, LA. Gather with more than one hundred Mennonite church planters, coaches, and leaders involved in planting the seeds of God's reign in many different contexts around our country. We will be hosted by a Mennonite church plant in New Orleans. [Details to follow.](#)



### Mennonite Central Committee

Near the town of Minova in eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo, 276 families who were forced from their villages by armed groups are now growing their own gardens and working in a communal garden. These gardens, planted for the first time this year, provide **food and dignity** to people who can better support their families by working their own rented land instead of relying on inconsistent day labor in other people's fields. While the gardens were growing, families received distributions of corn, beans, oil and salt to help them through the transition from day labor to gardening.

This three-year project, funded by Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC) account at Canadian Foodgrains Bank and carried out by MCC's partner, Eglise du Christ au Congo, is accompanied by education for the families' children through MCC's Global Family education program. In Eastern Congo MCC also is supporting a repatriation project with Rwandan refugees and communal trauma healing workshops. The long-term hope is for an end to violence so families can return to their villages. To learn more about this project, visit this [link](#). (MCC Photo/Matthew Lester)

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 7 (submissions due by 8/31)  
Sept 21 (submissions due by 9/14)  
Oct 5 (submissions due by 9/28)  
Oct 19 (submissions due by 10/12)

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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