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# **From the PNMC Office**

The 2015 PNMC Directories have been mailed out. If you would like an additional copy, contact <u>Barb Buxman</u>. Some information is already outdated from the summer's printing. For the most up-to-date contact details, be sure to check the Directory that is available on the <u>website</u>. If your address, phone number or email has recently changed, please send updates to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>.

Prayers are appreciated for the **Constituency Leaders Council** meeting in Ohio that begins today and ends on Wednesday. Katherine Jameson Pitts, Jack Swaim and Jennifer Delanty are attending on behalf of PNMC.

The Communidad Cristiana de Vida Nueva will celebrate the licensing of ministry for Victor Fuentes on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 3pm. The service will be held at Salem Mennonite Church located at 1045 Candlewood Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97303. *Your prayers and attendance are welcome.* 

# **PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES**

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Camp Camrec

Camp Camrec will have its annual Fall Work Weekend October 23-25. Come join us! It is a beautiful time to be at Camrec to fellowship together as we repair and clean facilities, split firewood, clear brush, and maintain trails. People of all ages and skill levels are needed. Bring boots, gloves, work clothes, and tools (rakes, hoes, shovels). The Camrec staff anticipates the weekend being a good time to gather with other camp enthusiasts and see Camrec improve. Children will also celebrate autumn with pumpkin carving and some 'trick or treating' in costume. More details <u>here</u>.

<u>The Washington Men's Retreat</u> is coming up **December 4-6.** Don't miss this opportunity to get away for a weekend of recreation, fellowship, and great food. This is a chance to spend quality time with brothers from the Washington Mennonite Fellowship. Spread the word, form carpools, and arrive after dinner on Friday. Departure will be after brunch on Sunday. Please mail <u>registration</u> to <u>camrec@nwi.net</u>. Cost is \$60 for adults (age 18 and up), \$30 for sons under 18, and free for voluntary services workers.

### **Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship**



Jaqui Eicher, a graduate of Western Mennonite School and Hesston College, has accepted a 3-year service assignment through Mennonite Central Committee. She will be among a team of teachers providing English instruction and teacher development in Indonesia. Jaqui is an active member of the Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship; a member of the Soul Cake women's a cappella music group, and has served on program planning committees for Drift Creek Camp. Her many creative gifts, delightful sense of humor and musical talents will be missed as she embarks on this next adventure.

## Western Mennonite School

Thursday, October 22 is the Mennonite College Fair. Reps from Mennonite colleges will be on campus throughout the day.

## Mennonite Village

The Mennonite Village of Albany will host its annual **Holiday Bazaar November 20 & 21** at the LakeSide Center. Festivities will begin at 8:00 a.m. on both days and end at 3:30 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday. If you love cinnamon rolls, be sure to stop by! Friday's lunch will include clam chowder in a bread bowl and Saturday's will be chili and combread. If you have handmade crafts or goods to sell and are interested in renting table space, there is room for more vendors. Tables are \$30 for the event, *including both days*. Table proceeds support the employee scholarship fund. If you're interested in participating, contact <u>Robin Keener</u> at 541-704-1086.

# **MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES**

listed alphabetically by organization

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## Dove's Nest

When you read headlines about child abuse or neglect, you may feel powerless to help. None of us can protect every child, all the time, but we can take steps to protect the children in our homes, churches, and communities. Do you have the tools you need to save a child from abuse or neglect? What is your faith community doing to protect the children in its midst? Dedicated to "empowering and equipping faith communities to keep children safe," <u>Dove's Nest</u> offers training and resources on a variety of topics related to child and youth protection. In January 2015, Dove's Nest created a <u>national Speaker's Bureau</u> of highly qualified members who are available to train across North America. Presentations *can be uniquely tailored to your faith community to meet your training and assistance needs as you work to keep kids safe*. Training examples include:

- raising awareness about the importance of a safety policy
- · developing a child and youth protection policy
- guidelines for safely incorporating abuse offenders into faith communities
- implementation information for the *<u>Circle of Grace</u>* child protection curriculum.

Speaking events may range from a 1–8 hour community training, a 20-minute sermon, or a 10-minute outreach spotlight during worship. Dove's Nest also offers presentations for Sunday school classes, children's sermons, and other church presentations. When requested, we have provided training to camp counselors, camp staff, and others who work with children and youth. Visit the Dove's Nest <u>website</u> to learn about current events or to request a training event for your faith community. Also visit the bio page for the Speaker's Bureau members for your area to see a list of their qualifications and training specialties. <u>Marlene Bogard</u>, MA, executive director, Mennonite Women USA; Salem, OR

Melissa Hofstetter, PhD, MDiv, licensed clinical psychologist (PSY25696); Pasadena, CA We look forward to partnering with you in your efforts to keep children and youth safe.

## **Gathering Place**

*The Gathering Place* is an interactive website for **Anabaptist youth leaders** to find connection, resourcing, networking, mentoring, and spiritual formation. In essence, the Gathering Place is...YOU! Visit the website <u>here</u>.



### MennoMedia

A new biography entitled *Peace, Progress and the Professor* tells the story of C. Henry Smith, who remains a model for Mennonites today. In the first half of the 20th century, Dr. C. Henry Smith wrote three books that were "the vehicles by which generations of Mennonites learned their history," says author Perry Bush, a Bluffton University professor of history. Now, nearly 75 years after the last of Smith's histories of the Mennonites was published, Bush has written a biography, *Peace, Progress, and the Professor: The Mennonite History of C. Henry Smith.* Bush notes that Smith was a man who spoke to his times and ours, while modeling the emerging role of Mennonite public intellectual. To learn more, follow this link.

## Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS currently has long-term volunteer needs. Plans are in progress for RV projects this fall in Walton County, FL, and Bastrop, TX. Volunteers are welcome at both locations. Volunteers can serve for four weeks from **Nov. 8 – Dec. 3.** Follow this <u>link</u> for more MDS news.

## West Coast MCC



Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Though SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a <u>wide variety of positions</u> in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! During their assignments SALTers are immersed in another culture, living with host families or communal settings such as dormitories or teacher housing in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin and Central America and the Middle East. Megan Reynolds, of Newberg, OR is currently serving with SALT in Guatemala City. Follow this link to read Megan's blog.

## **Upcoming e-Bulletins:**

Nov 2 (submissions due by 10/26) Nov 16 (submissions due by 11/9) Dec 7 (submissions due by 11/30) Dec 21 (submissions due by 12/14) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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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