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From the PNMC Office

Conference Communications Council 2016: "Belonging to Christ"

Jan. 9, 2016, 9am-4pm at Salem Mennonite Church

Each congregation is invited to send two persons -- one pastor and one lay leader if possible.

Conference Communications Council is a time for representatives from all PNMC congregations to meet together for worship, dialogue, and discernment. In addition to times of worship and sharing, this year we will explore together what it means to belong -- to a congregation and to a conference and denomination. We will take time to review the outcomes of the church-wide meetings held this summer and reflect on how those experiences are affecting PNMC congregations as well as to discuss individual congregations' practices around membership. Lunch will be provided by donation. Please register your delegates at pnmc.org.

The Campoz family is deeply grateful for PNMC's immediate and generous support! Through your giving, the Campoz family, from the Jerusalén Iglesia Menonita congregation, has been able to address their urgent housing needs. The PNMC community responded quickly to provide more than \$3,000 to enable the family to move from the church building, where they had been residing, into an apartment on **Friday, December 4**. *If additional funds come in, they will be set aside to be available for future emergency needs within the conference.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Anawim

During this time of cold temperatures and icy rain, remember the ministry of Anawim and their efforts to bring **hope and healing** to the homeless in Gresham.



Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat

The planning committee for the 2016 retreat is thrilled to welcome **Marlene Bogard**, Mennonite Women USA president, as the guest speaker with the theme, *Experiencing Sanctuary*. The weekend gathering will take place **April 8-10** at Drift Creek Camp. Participants will enjoy relaxation, time in nature, creative outlets, learning from one another, worship and singing together and building community. Need a gift idea for the special women in your life? Contact info@driftcreek.org and a beautifully calligraphed registration certificate will be mailed in time for holiday gift giving.

This is a great "experience" gift for mothers and daughters, friends, sisters, etc.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Save the date! Marlene Kropf will share stories at the PNMHS Annual Meeting, **January 16**. Guests will gather at **12 Noon** at Zion Mennonite, share a light lunch, then hear from Marlene. *More details coming soon.*

Western Mennonite School

Take advantage of the following opportunities to enjoy the WMS music program directed by Emily Grimes:

Monday, December 14, 9:30am: High School choirs performing at the Capitol in Salem.

Tuesday, December 15, 7pm: The Middle School Choir will perform on campus.

Thursday, December 17, 7pm: The High School choirs will perform on campus.

Zion Mennonite Church

All are invited to Zion's annual **Sing Your Own Messiah**, an unrehearsed selection of choruses and solos from Handel's oratorio, directed by Tom Gingerich, **Saturday, December 19** at **7:00 pm**. Guests are welcome to either join in the singing or simply enjoy the music. There will be a time for fellowship and refreshments afterward. *The event is free, but donations are appreciated.* Zion is located at 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

MennoMedia

Herald Press is offering discounts on popular [MennoMedia](#) publications in this holiday season. Check out the [website](#) and discover savings of 30-70% off select titles, now through Christmas.

Mennonite Church USA

In response to the [Churchwide Statement on Sexual Abuse](#), which was passed by the Delegate Assembly of Mennonite Church USA at its biennial convention in Kansas City this summer, the Executive Board staff Cabinet has called together a panel to continue the work of **healing and prevention of sexual abuse** within the denomination. The newly appointed panel will work together over the next two years to carry out the commitments described in the churchwide statement to prevent sexual abuse.

Mennonite Central Committee

If you are a high school student, do not forget to apply for **MCC's annual public policy essay contest**. This year's themes include climate change, police militarization, and returning from prison. The submission deadline is **January 22, 2016**. Cash rewards of up to \$1000 will be given to essay contest winners. For more information, visit [this link](#). *Teachers and youth leaders may find these resources and guidelines useful for Sunday School and small group discussions as well.*

Michael and Lisa Bade, from Seattle, and former MCCers in Cambodia are leading a **tour to Cambodia in February**. See <http://michaelbade.com/Cambodia-tour.html> for details or write to badetours@gmail.com.

Mennonite Mission Network

None of Mennonite Mission Network's five international workers working in and near Paris was injured in the mid-November bombings. However, Janie and Neil Blough, Brad and Brenna Steury Graber, and Linda Oyer have been profoundly touched by the violence. "It took a while to confirm that our workers in Paris were all safe. I found them to be **sad, concerned and prayerful**," said Tim Foley, director for International Ministries. "It is just right that Mission Network has workers in places where lives are at risk, where pain and suffering is happening, where the peace and love of God is so badly needed. I am truly humbled that Linda, Brad and Brenna, Neal and Janie **continue to live and serve** in Paris."

Neal requested prayer for France and the network of countries involved in this conflict, such as Syria, Iraq, Lebanon, Russia, and the United States. He also hopes that French churches will be instruments of peace and will help prevent the stigmatization of Muslims. He said on the Sunday after the attacks, prayer was offered "that the Muslims of France know that they are loved by Christians."

Mennonite Women USA



Trudy McKinnell is a graphic designer in Salem, Oregon and a member of Salem Mennonite Church. She has put her creative talents to work to provide a unique gift idea that not only nourishes the creative soul but also benefits Mennonite Women USA. Trudy has created an assortment of amazing [coloring sheets](#) that can both provide moments of relaxation and contemplation or decorate your table! There are various patterns and sizes to choose from to fit your gift-giving needs. *Imagine all the great conversations you might have with family and friends as you gather around your table! Or, perhaps you might need a little "retreat" time of your own after the company has left.* Either way, all profits benefit [Mennonite Women USA](#).

Mennonite World Conference

The latest edition of MWC's *Courier*, is now available [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 21 (submissions due by 12/14)
Jan 4 (submissions due by 12/28)
Jan 18 (submissions due by 1/11)
Feb 1 (submissions due by 1/25)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to 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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