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From the PNMC Office

Conference Communications Council: *Belonging to Christ*

January 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.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Marlene Kropf will share stories of her journey at the [PNMHS Annual Meeting, January 16](#). She is an ordained Mennonite minister, retreat leader and spiritual director. She grew up in the Willamette Valley and moved to Indiana in 1983, where she spent most of her professional working life. Marlene is Professor Emerita of Spiritual Formation and Worship at AMBS and served as Minister of Worship and Spirituality with MC USA for nearly 25 years. Guests will gather at **12 Noon** at Zion Mennonite, share a light lunch before the 1:00 meeting. **RSVP by January 8** to [Gloria Nussbaum](#) or 503-645-0616.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

2016 Pastors Week: The Bible Says *What?* Discovering Scripture Anew in Jesus' Company, January 25-28.

Pastors Week offers a variety of learning opportunities. Presentations are geared to pastors and other leaders, but all are welcome!

In addition to presentations from Jewell Gingerich Longenecker and Bryan Moyer Suderman, several Leadership Clinics and workshops will also be offered. Follow [this link](#) for registration details. Sign up now and save! Discounts are still available through January 7 for first-time attendees, shoulder-tapping (bring a friend who has never attended), scholarships, and pastor and spouse pairs.

Mennonite Disaster Service

RV Program and short-term volunteers are currently being scheduled for assignments during the winter months, January through April. To schedule a week, e-mail ahurst@mds.mennonite.net or phone Alicia at [\(800\) 241-8111](tel:(800)241-8111).

West Coast MCC

Online registration for the [MCC San Juan Island Bike Trip](#) goes live **January 10**. Details:

-limited to 80 people; \$425 per rider; \$50 deposit holds your spot, *remaining balance due by June 2016*.

-The first 10 people age 19-25 (i.e. college students) receive a 50% discount.; children 5 and under are free, but must be registered.

-Food allergies cannot be accommodated. Vegetarian options/variations should be available with a variety of fruits and vegetables. Those requiring vegan or gluten-free options may need to bring their own replacements. *Questions?* Contact [Trish Handrich](#) at [503-201-7605](tel:503-201-7605).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 18 (*submissions due by 1/11*)

Feb 1 (*submissions due by 1/25*)

Feb 15 (*submissions due by 2/8*)

March 7 (*submissions due by 2/29*)

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