

e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Office

Want to know what our Executive Conference Minister is up to? Check out **Katherine's blog** at <u>pnmconferenceminister.tumblr.com</u> to join her in visiting congregations, attending meetings, and searching for signs of God's reign among us. In addition to conference happenings, she promises occasional theological reflections and comments on the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*.

The PNMC Board invites you to join them in praying for the congregations that belong to our conference. Each edition of the e-Bulletin will include the name of a congregation or two for which to pray. This week we join together in prayer for Albany Mennonite Church in Albany, OR. The congregation loves being challenged by their pastor, Meghan Good and describe their congregation like this:

We are followers of Jesus who are seeking to...

- Worship God with everything we have
- Love our neighbors and our enemies
- Pursue peace and justice for all people
- Care for each other through all stages of life
- Enjoy Life together



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Camp Camrec

Immediate opening: Washington Mennonite Fellowship (WMF) seeks a year-round Camp Facilities Manager for Camp CAMREC, located in the heart of the Cascade Mountains twelve miles from Leavenworth, WA. The Facilities Manager is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and physical operations of the camp. Must have strong maintenance experience and skills, along with the ability to work collaboratively. Responsible for the management and maintenance of camp facilities, grounds and forest resources at CAMREC, in addition to coordinating camp activities with the Program Director. Qualifications include: Committed Christian life that embraces the Anabaptist-Mennonite faith, resonant with the purposes of the camp; the ability to relate to a wide variety of ages and people; good communication skills; an energetic motivator and self-starter; commitment to practical forest management. Maintenance experience with plumbing, electrical, structures, fixtures, mechanical systems, carpentry, grounds keeping, operating machinery, tractors or vehicles... snow removal. Send resume to Andy Royce, 6221 50th Ave NE, Seattle, WA 98115.

Western Mennonite School

Visitors Day: February 10, 8:00 a.m. – 2:45 p.m.

Students in grades 5 through 11 and their parents are invited to spend a day on Western's campus sitting in on classes, speaking with administrators, and touring campus. Register online at www.WesternMennoniteSchool.org or call Rich Martin at 503.363.2000.

WMS Benefit Concert: February 13, 3:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m.

The WMS A cappella choir will be hosting their Annual Benefit Concert in the WMS Chapel to raise funds to attend this year's Mennonite Schools Council Music Festival which will be held in Kalona, IA.

Mountain View Mennonite Church

MVMC is participating in a Mennonite Disaster Service project in Detroit, MI the week of February 14 – 19, 2016. There is room for additional volunteers if other folks from PNMC are interested in joining the work crew. Contact <u>Jeryl Hollinger</u> to learn more.

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Zion Mennonite Church

All are invited to attend the 44th Annual Quilting Workshop at Zion Mennonite Church, February 18, 19 and 20 from 10 am - 3 pm each day. There is no admission charge but donations are appreciated for the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia. There will a large display of quilts and each step of quilt making will be demonstrated along with special demonstrations each day. Homemade soup will be available from 11 am - 1 pm on a donation basis. More information can be found on the church website at this link.

Drift Creek Camp

Plan now for spring events at DCC! The 2016 Women's Retreat, featuring guest speaker, Marlene Bogard, President of Mennonite Women, USA, will take place April 8-10. The weekend will center around ideas of *seeking, creating and experiencing sanctuary*. Women will find opportunities to connect with one another or find time for personal quiet; space for creativity, rest, community and worship.

Ever miss the carefree days of childhood? Do you wish that there would be summer camp for grown-ups or families? Consider a new opportunity where **campers of all ages** are invited spend a weekend at DCC exploring the woods, playing in the stream, learning about the unique riparian rain forest that surrounds camp....Rekindle the wonder, come to DCC's new Nature Camp, April 29-May 1. Learn more about both programs at <u>www.driftcreek.org</u>.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Hurry! Today is the deadline to apply for the **full tuition scholarship** opportunity at AMBS!



Mennonite Central Committee

Nine months after Nepal's massive earthquakes, many residents continue to live in temporary shelters made of salvaged materials, tarps and sheet metal. Residents have endured one monsoon season, when moisture seeped in and spoiled food and bedding in some homes. Now that it's winter, when temperatures dip into the 30s and 40s, many are worried about what comes next. Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) is assisting families as they await government support for construction of new homes. In December 2015, blankets, mattresses, plastic sheeting, tarps and jackets were distributed to about 30 households in Bhasbhase, in Nepal's Dhading District. More than 30 districts across Nepal are still struggling with the impact of the 7.8 magnitude earthquake, as well as a second quake a few weeks later. More than 8,200 people died and

more than 488,000 homes were affected. Toilets and drinking water systems were heavily damaged. In Dhading District, 59 percent of homes were totally ruined and 25 percent were partially damaged. While Nepal's government is promising financial support for people whose homes were destroyed, efforts have been hampered by an ongoing political crisis and a critical fuel shortage. Juliana Yonzon, MCC's program coordinator in Nepal, said thousands will spend several more months in temporary housing, sometimes with poor sanitation facilities. We are worried about the hygiene impact, especially for children," Yonzon said. "Their immune systems are weakened by the cold, making them more susceptible to pneumonia." Since mid-December, MCC and its partners have provided 1,280 households with blankets and winter jackets in multiple districts. The Nepal government hopes to have permanent housing ready or underway before the next monsoon season in May. Working alongside local partners, MCC plans to support the most vulnerable in four districts by helping them access rebuilding funds. MCC hopes to support the training of masons and carpenters to work on new housing. MCC would also build model homes as examples of how earthquake resistant housing should be done, eventually donating the homes to families chosen by the community. Yonzon said as MCC works with partners in several communities, she's impressed with the resiliency of "Through earthquakes, fuel blockades, they still get up each morning and do what they can to earn an income, take care of their children and deal with a situation that is not ideal," Yonzon said. "I hope that we can help them as they work together to rebuild their lives."

Mennonite Health Services

Attention Healthcare Workers! Registration is now open for Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship's Annual Gathering, June 17-19, 2016 in Estes Park, CO. Plan now for this weekend of workshops, worship, networking, and sharing together with other healthcare professionals. Visit www.mennohealth.org/annual-gathering-2016.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 15 (submissions due by 2/8) March 7 (submissions due by 2/29) April 4 (submissions due by 3/28) April 18 (submissions due by 4/11) 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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