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From the PNMC Office

The PNMC Board invites you to join in **praying for the congregations that belong to our conference**. This week we join in prayer for [Anawim](#) and [International Bethel City Church](#). Anawim and IBCC both minister in East Portland on the PNMC Sanctuary property. They reach refugees, persons without housing, and others seeking the healing power of God's grace.

Update on Jose Campoz: He is resting at home, but continues to feel tired and weak due to his weakened heart. He will undergo additional tests and doctors are keeping a close eye on his heart and lungs. *Please continue to keep Jose in your prayers.*

There have been several updates to the PNMC Directory. Please check the website for current listings. Please use 3590 W. 18th Ave., Eugene, OR 97402 rather than the printed PO Box for **Eugene Mennonite Church** and please change the email addresses for **Menno Mennonite Church** to @gmail.com. *Access to the Directory is password protected. Contact [Barb Buxman](#) if help is needed.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC will host the Salvadoran Human Rights Association (ASDEHU) 2016 speaking tour on **Thursday, March 10 at 7pm**. Bethany Loberg, of SMC, currently works as an interpreter for the organization and will be at the event entitled **"The New Generation of Salvadoran Human Rights Defenders—Standing up to Disappearance in the Midst of Violence"**. Speakers include human rights legal defender Marina Ortiz, Founder and Director of ASDEHU. Relatives of recently disappeared youth will share their stories in hopes of raising awareness El Salvador's history of extreme repression and threats. The country currently struggles with a complex situation of violence, rooted in long-time economic inequality, gangs and deportation. The numbers of disappearances among young people is on the rise; *over 2,000 in 2014*. ASDEHU works with relatives of disappeared youth, providing legal counsel and seeking full investigations and trials. The U.S. is complicit in the roots of the current violence and American solidarity in support of human rights defenders remains crucial.

Camp Camrec

The Washington Mennonite Women's Retreat will be held **April 8-10, 2016** at Camp Camrec in Leavenworth, WA. The theme, **"Crossing Barriers; Finding Grace in Unexpected Places"** will be facilitated by the Reverend Helen McPeak, a wife, mother, and life-long Episcopalian. She has served far-flung dioceses in California, Nevada, and Washington. Born into the Episcopal Church and entering professional vocation through Campus Ministry in northern California, she preaches Christ in congregations, campuses, camps, retirement communities, clusters and other manifestations of God's mischievous and abundant Spirit. Her passion for inviting bolder experiences of Jesus brings challenge within her introverted self and throughout the communities she loves. Helen currently serves congregations in the Skagit Valley, an hour north of Seattle. *Join the Washington sisters for a weekend of rest, recreation and spiritual renewal!*

Et Cetera Shop

The Et Cetera Shop is looking for board members who are interested in **supporting MCC** through the Thrift and Fair Trade store in Lebanon, OR. If you are available at least three - five hours every two months to be part of this ministry, please call Martha Detweiler at [541-401-3159](tel:541-401-3159) or the shop ([541-258-5614](tel:541-258-5614)) and ask for Sheri or Lynn.

Eugene Mennonite Church

Could your congregations use **mission banks** from Mennonite Mission Network? Eugene Mennonite Church has twelve they would like to pass on. Please contact Rose Marie Zook Barber at peaceofeugene@gmail.com.

Western Mennonite School

The A cappella choir, directed by Emily Grimes, will be performing in the Willamette Valley at the following locations:

Friday, March 18: 3pm at Mennonite Village and 7pm at Albany Mennonite Church

Saturday, March 19: 6:30pm at Kingwood Bible Church; *additional Saturday performances at Mt. Angel Abbey and Multnomah Falls, TBD*

Sunday, March 20: 10:45am at Zion Mennonite Church; 2:30pm at Hope Village and 6pm at Salem Mennonite Church

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

You don't have to be on campus to continue your lifelong learning. Take a look at these [online opportunities](#).

Mennonite Church USA

The March edition of *Equipping* is available [here](#).

Register for **Sent 2016: A gathering of Mennonites planting Jesus-centered communities, March 31–April 2** in New Orleans. This church planting summit is open to people who are testing a call to church planting as well as church planters, pastors, missiologists and conference leaders. Participants will explore concrete ways to work together more strategically across the church and will launch a national church planting network for ongoing learning and collaboration. Spanish translation will be provided. Hosts: Pastor Karl Bernhard and *Iglesia Amor Viviente*. Sponsors: Mennonite Mission Network and Mennonite Church USA. Registration is \$60 (*includes meals*); a shared hotel room costs \$80/person per night (must book by March 10). Lodging and travel scholarships are available. [Learn more here](#).

Are you a veteran, or do you know someone who is? We are seeking groups to try out the six-week Sunday School curriculum “**Returning Veterans, Returning Hope: Seeking Peace Together**” and share their feedback. The curriculum focuses on how the church can play a part in healing, drawing from biblical reflection, the latest understandings of trauma and moral injury and the experiences of veterans themselves. This is a project of the Peace and Justice Support Network, a partnership of [Mennonite Church USA](#) and [Mennonite Mission Network](#). See pjsn.org/vets or contact [Jason Boone](#) to learn more.

Check out [The Gathering Place](#), an interactive website for Anabaptist youth leaders to find connection, resourcing, networking, mentoring, and spiritual formation. Join us for book studies, study circles and webinars, or watch archived videos and listen to podcasts. *Recent topics include a webinar on today's media and its impact on youth, a discussion on contemporary Anabaptist peace witness and a podcast on bullying.*

Would you like to be part of Mennonite Church USA's new storytelling project, **#Love is a Verb**? MC USA is exploring the idea of love in action — highlighting stories of individuals, families, congregations, communities and agencies across the country who are living out the transformative love of Christ all around them. Write for the Menno Snapshots blog, submit a feature story idea or congregational service snapshot, nominate a love song of the month, or tell us what you think “love is ...” at mennoniteusa.org/mennolove.

Mennonite World Conference

Follow [this link](#) to view images of congregational gatherings around the world for Fellowship Sunday 2016.

IN OTHER NEWS

For the past 57 years, [Fellowship of Reconciliation](#) (FOR) Oregon and FOR Western Washington have held a retreat at the scenic Seabeck Conference Center west of Seattle, WA. This year, FOR-USA, an ecumenical organization, is co-hosting the event as part of its centennial celebrations. “Preserving the Peace” will take place **July 1-4, 2016**. Oregon FOR has allocated \$4,000 for scholarships and FOR-USA is matching that amount in partnership for the scholarship program for youth and young adult peace and justice activists and scholars, ages 15-34. Speakers include **Jamila Raqib**, the executive director of the Albert Einstein Institute and a close colleague of Dr. Gene Sharp on nonviolent revolution, and **Erica Chenoweth**, a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and author of *Why Civil Resistance Works: The Strategic Logic of Nonviolent Conflict*. A special nonviolence training track will be open to youth and young adults, led by FOR Bayard Rustin Fellow **Rev. Osagyefo Sekou**. Additional speakers and workshops will also be led by peace and justice activists, as well as FOR-USA staff and national council members. [Learn more here](#).



Upcoming e-Bulletins:

April 4 (*submissions due by 3/28*)
 April 18 (*submissions due by 4/11*)
 May 2 (*submissions due by 4/25*)
 May 16 (*submissions due by 5/9*)

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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