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From the PNMC Office

Come and share the stories of **God at work in our midst** at the PNMC Annual Meeting. Your invitation, information and registration can be found [here](#).

This week we pray for **Salem Mennonite Church** and **Comunidad Cristiana de Vida Nueva**. The congregations share a location in Keizer, OR and work together to serve their community. The Southeast Keizer Community Center was established 15 years ago by a group in Keizer which included SMC folks. Eventually SMC took more interest in and ownership of the program. Members of Vida Nueva and SMC volunteer in the center. One hour each Friday evening is set aside for games, crafts and conversation, followed by a meal. A week-long day camp is offered in July for children and mothers served by the center.

Goshen College staff Jim Brenneman and Lee Snyder plan to be in the Pacific Northwest to connect with church leaders on the topic of "The Future of Mennonite Higher Education." A breakfast meeting will take place at **8 AM on Saturday, May 14** at the Country Cottage in Woodburn, OR. Please contact [Barb Buxman](#) if you plan to attend. A similar dinner meeting will take place in Seattle, WA on **Thursday, May 12** and an alumni gathering following. *More information to follow regarding the Seattle Area meetings and whom to contact for reservations.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship

The contact information for Lauresta Welyt at HPMF has changed. Please use the following email address: hydeparkmf@gmail.com. (Marc Schlegel's email address remains the same as listed in the PNMC Directory.)

Prince of Peace

We are a small, vibrant congregation in Anchorage, [seeking a half time pastor](#) to live and work in Alaska's biggest city. Together with a Mennonite house church in Fairbanks, we are the Anabaptist voice in Alaska. Each year we support our Service Adventure unit in Anchorage along with various other organizations. We embrace our role as an Alaskan Roadhouse church for Mennonites and other believers passing through for a season or longer, and for those who decide to make Alaska home.

Salem Mennonite Church

Save the date! All are invited to a multi-church hymn sing hosted by Salem Mennonite on **Sunday, May 22 at 5pm**. An evening of 4-part harmony, special music and fellowship is being planned. *More details coming soon.*

Western Mennonite School

The 44th annual WMS Benefit Auction is coming up on **Saturday, May 7**, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR. Check the [school's website](#) for additional activities and ways to get involved.

West Coast MCC

Global Anabaptist Peacebuilders: June 16 - 24, 2016

The GAP Institute provides a week long experience for young adults to learn modern issues from theological, economic, and environmental perspectives. Field trips, activities, and hands-on experiences make engaging difficult issues exciting and meaningful. It will give participants the framework to take action in their own communities.

Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP): Summer positions available!

Sharing With Appalachian People (SWAP) is seeking summer staff for three month assignments in Kentucky and West Virginia. Job site coordinators utilize volunteer labor to accomplish home remodels/repairs, while meals coordinators plan balanced, nutritional meals for volunteers. Summer staff are a critical component of SWAP's successful ministry, as they help facilitate the weekly SWAP service groups working on housing repair for low-income persons. *Summer staff vary in age from 19 to 70+, receive meals, lodging and a weekly stipend.*

Thrift Store Manager position: The MCC Thrift Store in Rancho Cucamonga, CA, is looking for a new manager!

The shop manager is responsible for the daily operations of MCC Thrift Store Rancho Cucamonga. This person is responsible to the board of directors and relates to the broader MCC Thrift shop Network.

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MENNONITE CONFERENCE

TELL ME THE STORY



Psalm 107: 1-3

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MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Anabaptist Disabilities Network serves congregations, families, and persons touched by disabilities to nurture ever more inclusive communities. Resources offered and/or recommended at www.ADNetOnline.org covering a broad range of disabilities including, physical, emotional, intellectual, developmental, and mental illness disabilities. Consultation available to congregational leaders, groups, and individuals. ...because **Faith communities are transformed** when individuals with disabilities and their **God-given gifts and experiences enjoy full inclusion in the Body of Christ**.

ADN has published three books in the Supportive Care series that congregations can order from MennoMedia for \$8.99 each.

- *Circles of Love*: Stories of congregations caring for people with disabilities and their families
- *Supportive Care in the Congregation*: Providing a congregational network of care for persons with significant disabilities
- *After We're Gone*: A Christian perspective on estate and life planning for families that include a dependent member with a disability.

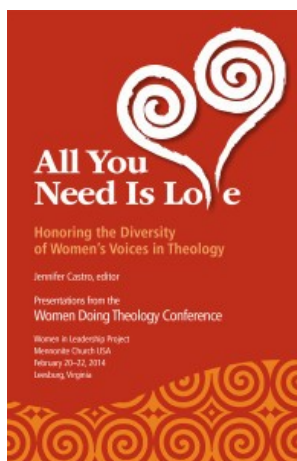
Questions? Email ADNet@ADNetOnline.org or call 877-214-9838.

Mennonite Central Committee



Speak out for peace! Students at Mennonite colleges recently participated in the **2016 C. Henry Smith Peace Oratorical Contest**. Each speaker applied the Christian peace position to a contemporary concern in 1,500 or less words. The contest, established in 1974 by the directors of the C. Henry Smith Trust, offers students an opportunity to discuss peacebuilding and social justice issues. The intercollegiate competition is administered by the Peace and Justice Ministries of MCC. Undergraduate students from every Mennonite and Brethren in Christ college in North America are eligible to participate. The **2016 winner at Eastern Mennonite University was Bethany Chupp**, a senior Psychology major from Canby, OR. Her speech, entitled Standing at the Door, is posted [here](#). C. Henry Smith was an American Mennonite historian and professor at Mennonite colleges and the University of Chicago. He taught history for nearly 50 years at the collegiate level and is well-known for his numerous books on Mennonite history and his particular attention to the peace commitments of the Mennonite tradition.

Mennonite Church USA



Twenty of the papers presented at **All You Need is Love: Honoring the Diversity of Women's Voices in Theology**, the first Women Doing Theology Conference hosted by the Women in Leadership Project (WLP) of Mennonite Church USA, are featured in a book now [available online](#). "I've spent a lot of time with these essays, and every time I came back to them I encountered something new — a new insight, a new idea, a new thought, a new challenge," says WLP Coordinator Jenny Castro, who edited the 216-page collection from the February 2014 conference, which was held in Leesburg, Virginia. "This collection offers people across Mennonite Church USA and the broader church fresh perspectives on self, God and our role in the world." Castro says the collection reflects diverse voices of women doing theology across the denomination addressing the question, **"What does it mean to love in the midst of a world rife with struggle and oppression?"**

The authors of the papers in the collection share their biblical and theological reflections on expressions of Christian love through a variety of topics, including disability, technology, farming, yoga, business, sexual ethics, birth and infant loss. They explore Christian ecofeminism, feminist perspectives on the crucifixion, Christian and indigenous identities, and scriptural authority. They share personal stories of receiving insight, guidance and healing.

Contributors include *Laura L. Brenneman, Tracy Neufeld, Christine J. Guth, Blanca R. Vargas, Suella Gerber, Sarah Ann Bixler, Anita Hooley Yoder, Claire DeBerg, Meg Lumsdaine, Katerina Friesen, Catherine Thiel Lee, Dorothy Yoder Nyce, Sarah Augustine, Erica Lea, Cathy Stoner, Maria C. Hosler Byler, Lindsay Mustafa Davis, Jane Hooper Peifer, Janet Stauffer, Kimberly Penner and Julia Feder.*

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 2 (submissions due by 4/25)
 May 16 (submissions due by 5/9)
 June 6 (submissions due by 5/30)
 June 20 (submissions due by 6/13)

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