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From the PNMC Office

We pray for the [Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship](#) in Boise, ID, where Marc Schlegel-Preheim is in his third year as pastor. HPMF is involved with local organizations that work towards peace and justice and is strongly connected to a sister church in Colombia. As a community of faith, the people of HPMF highly value love, peace, justice, the life of Jesus, and having fun together along the journey.

Jim Brenneman (GC) and Lee Snyder (EMU), plan to connect with local church leaders on the topic of "The Future of Mennonite Higher Education." Jim and Lee will be at the Oregon breakfast. Jim Brenneman, Jim Caskey and Caleb Longenecker will be at the alumni gatherings.

- An early-dinner meeting is scheduled at 4pm Stahl/Giseburt Home, 2750 72nd Ave SE, Mercer Island, WA, **Thursday, May 12**.
- GC Alumni will gather at Seattle University at **6:15pm, May 12**, at the Chapel of St. Ignatius. *RSVP [here](#) or call 574-535-7565.*
- An 8am breakfast meeting will take place **Saturday, May 14**, at the Country Cottage in Woodburn, OR. *RSVP to [Barb Buxman](#).*
- GC alumni will gather at **5pm, May 14**, at Zion Mennonite. *RSVP [here](#) or call 574-535-7565.*

PNMC will celebrate with Jennifer Gingerich, of Salem Mennonite Church, who will be ordained during the 10:45 service on **Sunday, June 5**.

The 2016 PNMC Annual Meeting will be here soon! *Your invitation is posted [here](#).*

All PNMC credentialed persons should plan to attend a workshop on "Healthy Boundaries in Ministry" on **Thursday, June 23, 2016 (1-5pm)** at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. *Other church leaders are all welcome to attend.* Topics include:

- **Ethical issues relevant to keeping you sane and keeping your congregation safe** including: sexual ethics; boundary maintenance; power dynamics and differentials; mental health in the congregation; and dilemmas and resources in pastoral care/counseling.
- Information on mandatory **reporting of child abuse and neglect** for church leaders, including recognizing signs of abuse and resources on how, when, and to whom to make a report, and on the development of safety policies and practices.

Presenter: Melissa Hofstetter, PhD, MDiv Melissa is a California-licensed clinical psychologist and has served as a district elder within the PSMC. Cost: \$30 for PNMC pastors, \$50 for others. *The cost for PNMC pastors is being subsidized by the Pastoral Leadership Team. The Pastoral Leadership Team considers this training mandatory for those who hold credentials. If the cost is prohibitive please contact the PNMC office.* Register online as part of your Annual Meeting registration [here](#), or separately at [this link](#).

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Western Mennonite School

The 44th annual WMS Benefit Auction is coming up on **Saturday, May 7**, at the Oregon State Fairgrounds in Salem, OR. The **Pioneer Run** includes a 2.5 mile run/walk, 5 mile run, or 5 mile partner relay! Click [here](#) to register or sponsor a runner in your place.

Salem Mennonite Church

Save the date! All are invited to a multi-church hymn sing hosted by Salem Mennonite on **Sunday, May 22 at 6pm**. *(Note: the event's time has been changed from previous announcements.)* An evening of 4-part harmony, special music and fellowship is being planned.

Menno Mennonite Church

Menno Mennonite Church, *located at 1378 N. Damon Rd., Ritzville, WA*, is dedicating their **new Fellowship Wing** on **Sunday, June 5!** A special service of dedication will be held at 10 A.M. in the Sanctuary. Worship will be followed by a pre-harvest meal.

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. For details, contact Executive Conference Minister, [Katherine Jameson Pitts](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is requesting donations to support its response to recent earthquakes in Ecuador, where members of multiple Mennonite congregations are among 100,000 people affected by the disaster. A 7.8-magnitude earthquake struck the Pacific coast of northern Ecuador April 16, followed by another on April 20. At least 570 people have been killed and more than 7,000 injured. Multiple Iglesia Evangélica Menonita Ecuatoriana (IEME) congregations are located in Manabi Province, an area that was severely damaged. IEME, a member denomination of the Conservative Mennonite Conference, has about 1,500 members. With encouragement from Rosedale Mennonite Missions, MCC has sent disaster response coordinator David Shenk to assist in assessing needs/response. MCC has three service workers in Ecuador, working with Quito Mennonite Church as the church assists Colombian refugees there. This is a project of Iglesia Cristiana Anabautista Menonita de Ecuador, a newly formed Mennonite conference in Ecuador. The capital city of Quito was not impacted, and the workers and church members there are safe. Donations can be made [online](#) or send checks to MCC, PO Box 500, Akron, PA 17501. *Donations should be designated for the "Ecuador earthquake response."*

Mennonite Church USA

In 2014, following a workshop led by Shana Peachey Boshart on children's spirituality at a Mennonite Camping Association meeting, Rachel Gerber and Elsie Rempel lingered to chat with Boshart. Out of this conversation comes a new opportunity. [Deep Faith: Anabaptist Faith Formation for All Ages](#), is a new conference to be held **October 6–8** at [AMBS](#), Elkhart, IN. "We realized how much our ministries had in common and lamented how little contact we had with each other," says Rempel, who was then staff for faith formation for Mennonite Church Canada. (*Gerber serves as denominational minister of youth and young adults for Mennonite Church USA, and Boshart as conference minister for faith formation of Central Plains Mennonite Conference.*) "We decided to start meeting online periodically to change that and were soon sharing lots of resources with each other," Rempel continues. "Before long, the idea of a conference was birthed — one that would help other people who care about faith formation to connect and learn from each other." The planners envision the gathering to be a practical opportunity designed to empower Anabaptist pastors, teachers and lay leaders in the church to develop a robust understanding of life with Jesus and expand their imagination of faith formation for the 21st century.

Mennonite Voluntary Service

Applications for the 2016-2017 year are now being accepted! **Opportunities to serve and live in community** with others are still open in a variety of placements and locations, including teaching in Puerto Rico. Ages 20+ can apply [here](#).

Mennonite Women

Carolyn Heggen and Rhoda Keener shared the **Sister Care seminar** in Kisumu, Kenya **March 31-April 2** and in Dodoma, Tanzania **April 7-9**. A total of 85 women leaders representing all of the dioceses of the Kenya and Tanzania Mennonite churches attended. Debbi DiGennero of Eastern Mennonite Missions assisted with hosting throughout. Two women from the Democratic Republic of Congo and two from Burkina Faso attended the Kenya seminar with Mennonite Mission Network worker Nancy Frey translating the seminar for them into French. The Sister Care manual was translated into French and Swahili for these seminars. One woman responded after the seminar saying, "I appreciate the teachings that have changed my life." Another wrote: "I've learned that I should not internalize or hold pain in my heart, but choose someone to talk to." (*Carolyn Heggen is pictured here teaching in Kenya with Carren Okello translating.*) About this experience sharing Sister Care in Africa, Carolyn says: "Because of travel distances, heat and the multiple languages needed, this was a difficult trip. But hearing the women's stories, learning about the many challenges they face in their homes, communities and churches and experiencing the warmth of their responses to us and the Sister Care seminar made it a trip we will hold dear in our hearts."



Mennonite World Conference

Click [here](#) for the latest edition of *Courier*.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 16 (submissions due by 5/9)
 June 6 (submissions due by 5/30)
 June 20 (submissions due by 6/13)
 July 4 (submissions due by 6/27)

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