



e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Office



The [2016 PNMC Annual Meeting](#) will take place this week at [Zion Mennonite Church](#) in Hubbard, OR. As you are aware, road construction is underway and the church is not accessible on Whiskey Hill Road from Hubbard. Please refer the Zion Mennonite Church [website](#) for directions. The church address is 6124 S. Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR 97032.

As final preparations are made, we ask that you **pray for this important time together**. Pray that we may have wisdom and grace with one another as we seek to be faithful to God's calling. We will gather to hear the story of God at work in our world through the incarnation of Jesus Christ, and through the life of his body, the church. *Come prepared to listen and to tell the story!*

We will begin each day in worship with **Chuck Neufeld**. Chuck served in various capacities throughout his life. Through his songs, stories, and talks, Chuck communicates a **deep commitment to community, peace, justice, and service**. He believes that a dedicated response to Christ's call requires compassionate action and redemptive living, and that this results in radically altered lives and communities.

Click [here](#) for the daily conference schedule! Check [here](#) for the delegate agenda! Click [here](#) for the Delegate Handbook!

Delegates, please print your own copies of the [Delegate Handbook](#) and any other pertinent information from the [website](#). Hard copies of these documents will not be available at conference; please bring your own. Thank you!

In addition to receiving reports from the Executive Conference Minister, Treasurer, and Moderator, and acting on the Gift Discernment Team ballot, delegates will be asked to give direction to the future of PNMC through collaborating on questions such as *"How can we put the SEED fund money to good use? What should PNMC look like in 10 years? Where does theological education for congregational leaders best happen in PNMC? How could the Annual Meeting be re-imagined?"*

Weekend workshops include opportunities to acquire new skills, make connections, and learn from other congregations' experiences. We will enjoy bluegrass music by Jericho Road along with fresh blueberry pie from Gingerich Farms. *(Folks who are unable to attend the whole gathering are welcome to enjoy the Friday evening festivities!)* Alternate activities are being planned for those who are not delegates as well as activities for children and youth. The assembly will end after a traditional Mexican meal on Saturday evening.

In addition to the conference gathering, this week we look to [Seattle Mennonite Church](#). Seattle Mennonite will celebrate its 50th Anniversary in November of 2018. The congregation invites prayers for discernment during their Season of Jubilee, which began in May. SMC also invites prayers for their ongoing Community Ministry in addressing homelessness in the community through the newly formed Lake City Partners Ending Homelessness which got its own 501(c)3 and under the leadership of Pastor Melanie Neufeld.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Menno Mennonite Church

If you were unable to attend the **dedication service of the new fellowship wing** at Menno Mennonite Church in Ritzville, WA in early June, you may catch a glimpse of the service here:

[Worship/dedication service—part one](#)

[Worship/dedication service—part two](#)

[Worship/dedication service—part three](#)

[Worship/dedication service—part four](#)

Salem Mennonite Church

[Salem Mennonite Church](#) seeks a leader, passionate about **developing the spiritual lives of junior and high school age youth**. Does this sound like a calling for you? Position to start **September 1, 2016** or earlier if desired. Send your resume and a letter of interest to yutziesell@gmail.com. *Resumes will be accepted through June 30, 2016.*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Meet the 2016 AMBS graduates [here](#).

Make 4 Hours Count: How to Streamline Bible Study for Ministry

October 26-December 6: An online short course: 6 weeks, non-credit, \$200. Early registration deadline: **October 5**

Dr. Mary H. Schertz, AMBS Professor of New Testament

This course is for **pastors, Bible study teachers, and other church leaders** who have some education, experience, and background in Bible. *Other interested students would be advised to first take an introductory Bible course or comparable seminary study.*

The problem the course addresses is **how to fit preparation of a biblical text that one wishes to use in ministry**—a sermon, teaching a class, or other use—**into a full, real life** with its interruptions, short windows of opportunity, and many demands. Mary's passion is to help leaders discover texts in ways that **help them help** their own people to discover texts.

Mennonite Central Committee

A big thank you to everyone who attended or contributed to the **2016 Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival!** The tenth annual event was a record one for money raised and contributions sent to M.C.C. It also seems to be growing in attendance and popularity each year. This year a total of \$60,000 will be sent to M.C.C. This includes \$1560.32 to "My Coins Count", \$5675.00 to the Syrian Crisis project and \$52,764.68 to the "as needed most" funds. Also, over 100 school kits and 30 health kits were assembled and will be sent to M.C.C. Again, the support of each Idaho Mennonite Church is greatly appreciated, and each donation is important. Please mark your calendars for the 2017 IMWRF on Apr. 21 and 22 in Nampa.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Urgent Long-term (Leadership) Volunteer Needs: Detroit, Michigan— Assistant cooks needed **July 11 – August 12**

Family Project: Volunteers and families are encouraged to sign up for the two Family Project locations this summer in Camp Assiniboia (Manitoba) and Camp Silver Lake (Ontario). Families will work together to build cabins and other structures, with age appropriate work wherever possible. Both projects will run from **July 17—August 12**, with groups serving for one week at a time.

MDS monitoring Alberta fires -Update: The first group of Fort McMurray residents was allowed to return to their homes this week. MDS representatives are planning to make an assessment visit from Jun 19-21. We continue to network with government officials and other organizations in the area to be ready to be involved when appropriate. For more information or to sign up, call Evelyn at (866) 261-1274 or e-mail epetersrojas@mds.mennonite.net.

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) to see how MC USA leaders responded to the recent tragedy in Orlando.

Click [here](#) for the latest issue of *Equipping*.

MennoMedia

Adult Bible Study (ABS), MennoMedia's **premier faith formation curriculum for adults**, begins a new six-year cycle this fall of studying the whole Bible. The outlines for weekly lessons, based on eight biblical themes, were developed by the Committee on the Uniform Series, an ecumenical group of Christian educators and publishers in which MennoMedia participates. Anabaptist pastors, teachers, and lay leaders in Canada and the United States write the study materials. ABS Online offers "just in time" commentary that relates the Bible studies to current events in the church and in the world. Estudios Bíblicos para Adultos, a Spanish-language version of ABS, is also available. "The themes provide a helpful way to see connections between the Old and New Testaments," commented James E. Horsch, ABS editor emeritus. "We are particularly excited about a New Testament unit featuring women who were called to minister." Horsch served as chair of the Committee on the Uniform Series during the development of the 2016–22 study cycle. "ABS offers meaty, relevant, Anabaptist commentary that invites spiritual growth and practice," said editor Sharon Williams. "ABS is great for congregations looking for Sunday school or Bible study curriculum that draws people into God's Word and results in a closer walk with Jesus in the world." More information about ABS and EBA is available at www.MennoMedia.org/abs or 1-800- 245-7894. Individual and bulk subscriptions are available.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

July 4 (submissions due by 6/27)

Aug 1 (submissions due by 7/25)

Aug 15 (submissions due by 8/8)

Sept 5 (submissions due by 8/29)

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