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## From the PNMC Office

This week we pray for the [First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen](#) in Aberdeen, ID. The congregation is composed of friendly people of all ages and backgrounds who seek the love of God. The church's mission reflects their desire to:

*Glorify God through worship, words, and deeds.*

*Be a unified body, following Christ and submitting to God's Word and authority.*

*Lead others to faith in Jesus, locally and globally.*

*Follow God's will as taught in His Word, by the Spirit's power.*

*Grow together in maturity, wisdom, and knowledge, practicing discipleship.*

*Display God's love by loving and serving one another and our neighbors.*

First Mennonite of Aberdeen is involved in several inter-community ministries, including offering Vacation Bible School, King's Daughters and the stewardship of [Camp Palisades](#). First Mennonite is grateful for the recent leadership of Jeannie and Lyn Hershey and welcomes new pastor, Kevin Chupp, who relocated from Osceola, IN with his wife, Jessica.

**We extend our sympathies** to Pastor Simon Muange's family. Simon's brother, Balanganayi Mecky Muange, died in August at age 40. He lived in Kinshasa, DRC. He left five small children, the oldest being only 12 years old. *Our hearts go out to the entire Muange family.*

The dates and location for the **2017 PNMC Annual Meeting** have been finalized! Menno Mennonite has graciously invited the conference to come and utilize their new facility in Ritzville, WA. **Beginning Friday afternoon, June 23**, there will be educational opportunities followed by the Pastor/Spouse appreciation dinner that evening. On **Saturday, June 24**, there will be a full day of programming with worship and delegate sessions. The day will conclude with an evening meal and hymn sing. Participants will then join the folks at Menno for Sunday morning worship service on **June 25**.

*(The 2017 gathering will be simplified due to the MC USA National Assembly taking place July 4-8.)*

Our Executive Conference Minister, **Katherine Jameson Pitts** is on sabbatical through **September 10th**. If you or your congregation have needs during that time, contact your District Pastor or PNMC's Administrative Assistant, Barb Buxman, [office@pnmc.org](mailto:office@pnmc.org).

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*



### Drift Creek Camp

Registration details about the [2016 Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat](#) are now posted on Drift Creek's [website](#) and page on [Facebook](#). Activities will begin **Thursday, October 20** through **Sunday, October 23**. Whether you can come for the long weekend or short, there will be plenty of space for you to work on projects of your choosing while the Drift Creek staff takes care of all the other details. Invite a sister, a friend, a neighbor and enjoy a weekend of pampering and projects! Guests will also have the opportunity to learn new skills through an optional class using indigo.

*Register by **October 10** to reserve your spot!*

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The Heritage Center is hosting a family and genealogy seminar entitled "[Where in the World Did I Come From](#)". The program will be directed by Jerry Barkman who has given significant time to research his own family history. The event will take place on **Saturday, October 15, 2:30 - 4:30pm** at the Ivan and Pearl Kropf Heritage Center near Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR.

### West Coast MCC

Take advantage of two opportunities to support MCC by participating at regional Relief Sales in the Pacific Northwest. The [Mennonite Country Auction and Relief Sale](#) will take place **Saturday, October 1**, in Ritzville, WA and the [Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief](#) is the following weekend, **Saturday, October 8**, in Albany, OR.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Amigo Centre

The folks at Amigo Centre, in Sturgis, MI, will join Mennonite Church USA in offering a [Transitional Ministry Training Retreat](#) for individuals interested in pursuing this important ministry need. Transitional ministry has a unique place in the mission of the church. While "interim pastors" have provided preaching and pastoral care between pastors for many years, "transitional ministry" involves training to lead congregations through a process of preparation for entering a new chapter of leadership for a congregation. The presenters include Gary Martin, Tim Lehman and Cliff Brubaker who, together, have 81 years of combined experience as pastors and assisting congregations through transitions. The retreat will take place at Amigo Centre **October 31-November 4, 2016**. Download a brochure [here](#) and register by **September 17**. Call 269-651-2811 for questions.

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

[Congregational Leadership and Ministry in the Face of Sexual Abuse](#), Thursday, September 15, 2:00-3:30 pm EDT

Moderated by David B. Miller, DMin, with members of the Mennonite Church USA Panel on Sexual Abuse Prevention.

*Note: your first webinar with us is free!*

### Everence



**Andrew Reimer-Berg**, son of Don and Jennifer Reimer-Berg of Salem Mennonite Church, has received a scholarship of \$750 to pursue a degree at Eastern Mennonite University. He is attending Eastern Mennonite University of Harrisonburg, Virginia. Andrew said "Christ teaches us to be honest, responsible, and selfless. Responsibility means to spend money wisely, such as avoiding wasteful spending. This way, our money goes further, and we teach ourselves not to always expect superfluous 'stuff.'" Andrew is among 42 recipients of Everence college scholarships for the 2016-2016 academic year. The scholarship program encourages young people to explore the integration of faith and finances while helping them on their educational journeys. Nearly 200 students from across the country applied for scholarships – a benefit of being an Everence member – for the coming academic year. Recipients were chosen based on academics, leadership, community involvement and responses to an essay question.

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### Mennonite Church USA

Sixteen qualified administrators of the [Intercultural Development Inventory](#) (IDI) from across Mennonite Church USA gathered for the first time **August 9–11** in Kansas City, Missouri. According to **Iris de León-Hartshorn**, director of transformative peace-making for Mennonite Church USA, the IDI is an assessment tool that measures the intercultural competence of individuals, groups and organizations. Intercultural competence is the ability to engage effectively and appropriately with people of other cultures. An IDI-qualified administrator, de León-Hartshorn has been using the IDI with area conferences and Mennonite Church USA institutions since 2012. "The learnings of intercultural competency show that until people are able to see differences and commonalities among them, it is very hard for them to recognize power and privilege," she says. "Developing intercultural competency helps people move to a place where they can better see and understand racism within their context." Read more [here](#).

### Mennonite Disaster Service

**MDS teams are currently in Louisiana** consulting with local partners on how best MDS volunteers can serve in cleanup, repair and rebuilding. The recovery will take months, if not years, and MDS will be there the entire time. Join us in bringing hope and God's love to the people of Louisiana. If you are interested in volunteering for Louisiana please add your name to our volunteer wait list. This does not guarantee you will be placed or that MDS will be responding immediately. [APPLY NOW](#).

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 19 (submissions due by 9/12)

Oct 3 (submissions due by 9/26)

Oct 17 (submissions due by 10/10)

Nov 7 (submissions due by 10/31)

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