



# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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## From the PNMC Office

This week we join together in praying for our brothers and sisters of the Flathead Valley at [Mountain View Mennonite Church](#) where Jeryl Hollinger is pastor. The active congregation just came through an enriching weekend focused on anti-racism, followed by their annual fair-trade International Gift Festival. Their desire is that the “yeast” of these events expand in and around them. They are currently in the process of selecting the recipient of their annual Peacemaker –of-the-Year Peace Quilt award to be given at the community MLK Jr. celebration in January. Jeryl asks, *“Pray that as a congregation we will grow in supporting one another through the challenges of life while also being the light of Jesus in our community.”*

The [2017 Conference Communications Council](#) meeting will be held **Saturday, February 4**, at [Albany Mennonite Church](#), beginning at **9:00 am**. The morning will be spent with Alex Awad, former Dean at Bethlehem Bible College. Dialogue will focus on the proposed resolution on Israeli-Palestine issues which will be voted upon at the MC USA Delegate Session in Orlando. *The afternoon will include worship, sharing and fellowship.* Register [here](#).

If your congregation is interested in providing financial support to alleviate pastoral debt, information is available [here](#).



## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Albany Mennonite Church

During the busy-ness of the holiday season, you are invited to slow down and wait during a day-long retreat led by Juel Russell (Salem Mennonite Church). As a group and individually we will wait -- with patience, with God's people, and in hope -- anticipating the celebration of the coming of our Savior and Lord. We will gather on **Saturday, December 17, 2016**, from 9:00am to 4:00pm at Albany Mennonite. The \$20 cost includes lunch. Register [here](#).

### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Mark your calendar! The 2017 PNMHS Annual Meeting is scheduled for **Saturday, January 21** from noon until 3:00pm at Zion Mennonite Church. [“Crossing the Loange: Congo Pax Service and the Journey Home”](#) will be presented by Larry Graber of Dallas, OR. The program and lunch is \$20/person. Please contact [Gloria Nussbaum](#) to RSVP by Friday, January 13.

PNMHS is in the Ivan & Pearl Kropf Heritage Center at 6030 South Whiskey Hill Road in Hubbard, OR and is open on Wednesdays, 9:00a.m.—3:00pm. It is staffed by volunteers Mike Barber, Archivist/director, Shirley Martin, family histories; Carolyn Gingerich, librarian, and John Gingerich, technology specialist, Margaret Shetler, Archivist emeritus. The volunteers are happy to assist with questions. If you would like to make an appointment, call 503-266-6447.

### Zion Mennonite Church

ZMC pastors Mathew Swora and Jana Gingerich, along with Kara Kropf and Karen Tro, recently attended the AMBS [“Deep Faith”](#) conference which focused on faith formation for all ages. Three keynote speakers — John Roberto, president of Lifelong Faith Associates; Rachel Miller Jacobs, assistant professor of congregational formation at AMBS; and Brian Quan, lead pastor of Toronto (Ontario) Chinese Mennonite Church — addressed the conference, which featured daily worship, various workshop choices and optional evening activities. Nearly 30 workshops addressed topics of: physical and emotional dimensions of faith and learning, specific faith formation resources, age-group dynamics from children to grandparents, and various other aspects of worship and Christian education. Evening activities included a nature walk, conversation groups, a coffeehouse exploring contemporary song choices and a tour of the adjacent Mennonite Church USA offices.

From Kara Kropf: *It is very hard to capture what the last 3 days have been. Anabaptist faith formation: spiritual renewal, hope, energy, passion for Jesus & the church, diversity, relationship, the value of our youth & all ages....literally deep faith. Thank you, Zion Mennonite Church, for your willingness to invest in this conference!*

Mark your calendar! [Zion Mennonite Church’s](#) annual Sing Your Own Messiah is **Sunday, December 18, 3:30pm**.



## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Amy Marie Epp is a pastor from [Seattle Mennonite Church](#) and has worked in Worship, with children, youth and families for over 10 years. She, too, participated in [Deep Faith: Anabaptist faith formation for all ages](#). Epp reflected that, "Because of the conference subtitle, I went with a pretty narrow expectation. It's one I was looking forward to, but narrow nonetheless. I hoped to engage the question of how to work at education and formation inter-generationally. What I came to experience was not wholly what I expected but was still pretty exciting." Read more [here](#).

### Goshen College

As churches prepare for the celebration of Christ's birth, Goshen College offers an online spiritual resource to help believers make time and space in their hearts and minds to welcome Advent, even in the midst of busy schedules and hectic lives. Beginning today, **November 21**, and culminating on Christmas Day, Goshen College students, faculty and staff will provide weekday reflections based on lectionary Scripture passages. Many writers will reflect on the Advent theme: "[The Holy Way: Walking in the Way of God's Heart](#)," taken from Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada worship resources. The devotions will reflect honestly on the Scriptures and offer words of assurances of faith. The spiritual offerings will include poetry, personal stories, reflections and prayers, all intended to more closely examine the call to change and follow Christ. Subscribe to receive the [daily e-mail](#) or [read them online](#).

### Mennonite Church USA/Mennonite Mission Network



At the recent [Constituency Leaders Council meetings](#), Mennonite Church USA executive director Ervin Stutzman announced that over the past three years a group of generous donors has made gifts toward the loan balance of the new Elkhardt, IN, offices. The bank loan, taken out at the time the building was completed in

January 2012, is now paid off – years ahead of schedule. The *Joining together, Investing in hope* campaign, which raised money for the building, had three goals:

- ~Provide an energy-efficient, accessible and functional environment for Mennonite organizations for at least the next 50 years. *This goal was achieved in January 2012.*
- ~Closer collaboration among six Mennonite organizations, and reduced costs, through shared space, services and equipment close to the [Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary](#) campus.
- ~Lower the annual facilities costs of these organizations from \$270,000 to \$170,000 per year, including an annual capital improvements reserve of \$50,000, freeing at least \$100,000 per year to support program ministries. *In addition to the \$6 million in original facility costs, the campaign raised \$3.2 million to support the ministries of [Mennonite Mission Network](#), [Mennonite Church USA Executive Board](#), [Racial/Ethnic Ministries](#) and the [Global Mission Fellowship](#).*

### Mennonite Disaster Service

For a list of winter service opportunities, follow this [link](#).

### For Clarification

We apologize for any confusion caused in the last e-bulletin regarding new coloring book publications. The new [Amish & Mennonite Quilt](#) adult coloring book from Herald Press is available [here](#). The multi-generational coloring book, [Drawn Together](#), was designed by former PNMC Board Member, Sarah Hooley, and is available [here](#). And Trudy McKinnell's [giant coloring sheets](#) are available through Mennonite Women USA at this [link](#).

### PNMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec. 17, [Advent Retreat](#), Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR (9-4)

Dec. 18, [Sing Your Own Messiah](#), Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR (3:30pm)

Jan. 21, [PNMHS Annual Meeting](#), Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR (12-3)

Feb. 4, [PNMC Conference Communications Council](#), Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR (9am)

March 9-12, [Drift Creek Quilters](#), Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

April 7-8, [Fresno's 50th Anniversary Relief Sale](#), Fresno, CA

April 21-23, [OR Mennonite Women's Retreat](#), Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

April 22, [Idaho Relief Sale](#), NNU, Boise, ID

May 6, [Western Mennonite School Benefit Auction](#), Salem, OR

June 23-24, [PNMC Annual Meeting](#), Menno Mennonite Church, Ritzville, WA

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 5 (submissions due by 11/28)  
Dec 19 (submissions due by 12/12)  
Jan 2 (submissions due by 12/26)  
Jan 16 (submissions due by 1/9)

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