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## From the PNMC Office

This week we pray together for [Evergreen Mennonite Church](#) in Kirkland, WA where Jessica Wright is the interim pastor. The church began as an outgrowth of Seattle Mennonite Church in 1991 for people residing in the areas east of Seattle. They strive to equip members to speak the good news of Jesus Christ, primarily to individuals and communities on the east side of Lake Washington. Evergreen Mennonite Church emphasizes biblical teaching and the traditional Mennonite values of social consciousness and justice, believer's baptism, pacifism, and the identification, nurture, and use of spiritual gifts. The members of Evergreen Mennonite Church strive to be a caring community, promoting spiritual maturity and faith in action through personal involvement with individuals and the community, taking seriously the call of discipleship.

We also join in prayer for [Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church](#). The congregation, based in Caldwell, ID, has been part of PNMC since 2003, after convening for two years as an Anabaptist house church. Currently the congregation is led by a pastoral care team. The congregations states, "God calls us to be a loving, growing, and welcoming community. By following the Holy Spirit and maintaining a relationship with Christ, we seek to live as witnesses of Him, offering healing and hope to the world."

*Mark your calendars!* The 2017 Conference Communications Council meeting will be held **Saturday, February 4** at [Albany Mennonite Church](#). The gathering will begin at **9:00 am** with the first half of the day being spent with Alex Awad, former Dean at Bethlehem Bible College. The morning dialogue will focus on the proposed resolution on Israeli-Palestine issues that will be voted upon at the Mennonite Church USA Delegate Session in July at the Orlando Convention. The latter half of the day will include worship, fellowship and congregation-to-congregation sharing.



Did you know that PNMC's own Leo Hartshorn has put together a fabulous resource to prepare you for the upcoming [Mennonite Church USA Convention](#)? [Love is a Verb](#) is a fantastic study on the rich spiritual practice of love. Even if you are unable to attend the Convention, this resource is invaluable for developing a more loving perspective when it comes to interacting with our families, friends, neighbors, congregations, communities and the world.

Congregations, look for information coming soon about the [Lilly Endowment Pastors Assistance Fund](#)! This Everence grant opportunity can help your pastor reduce his or her educational, medical or other eligible debt! The fund offers matching grants, therefore pastors need to raise half of the amount needed. To jump start that process, PNMC will be offering \$300 for those who apply to the program.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

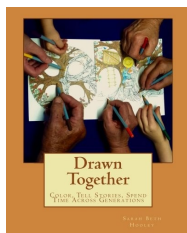
*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Western Mennonite School

Western's [Visitors' Day](#) is coming up on **Friday, November 11**. This is a great opportunity for prospective students to visit campus, meet the staff and interact with students.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization



### MennoMedia

Looking for gift-giving ideas? Herald Press has a new [Amish & Mennonite Quilt](#) adult coloring book and MennoMedia has published a new coloring book that encourages generational family members to gather around for coloring and conversation. The resource is designed by former PNMC Board member, Sarah Hooley. Take a look [here!](#)

*And along those same lines, Trudy McKinnell, of Salem Mennonite Church, continues to offer [giant coloring sheets](#) through Mennonite Women USA, which include new designs for Advent.*

### Mennonite Central Committee

From October through March 2017 more than 30,000 volunteers for Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) will fill more than half a million cans with meat for people in need overseas. The volunteers team up with MCC's mobile meat canning crew who travel to about 35 different locations across Canada and the U.S. to can turkey, beef, chicken and pork in MCC's mobile cannery. Joey Graber is one of these volunteers. The corn, soybean and cattle farmer from just outside of Freeman, S.D., has helped MCC can for more than 20 years, he says. Graber has been on the receiving end of these food shipments, too. From 1985 to 1987 he volunteered with MCC in Haiti, where he saw food shipments arrive. On learning tours to Nicaragua and Honduras, Graber saw how effective these donations were in meeting the basic needs of impoverished, hungry people there. "That's why I do it. I know how beneficial it is," Graber says. "It's just as important to be on this side of it as it is to be on the other side distributing." The canned meat is distributed to people in Haiti, Ethiopia, Ukraine and other places where protein sources are difficult to purchase locally. In the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea) canned meat is distributed through our partners, Christian Friends of Korea. Graber expects that he and the South Dakota-area volunteers will can at least 13,500 pounds of chicken between Nov. 14 and 15. "It's a great community-wide gathering," he says. "It's something people in the area have done since I was a kid." This year, the meat canning truck will stop in Winkler, Man., as well as its regular stops in the central and eastern U.S. and Ontario. To see when the mobile meat-canner is coming to a place near you, look [here](#).

### Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) to read the latest edition of *Equipping*.



### Mennonite Men

The Mennonite Men Board of Directors is pleased to announce Steve Thomas of Goshen, IN, as their new Coordinator. Steve brings extensive experience in ministering to men and has served at numerous Mennonite congregations as a pastor. Thomas is a graduate of Hesston College, Goshen College and the Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. "We are excited about having Steve Thomas join us as Coordinator and look forward to serving the men of our denomination with him", says Lonnie Bartel, Mennonite Men's board president. "Steve brings excellent qualifications and experience to our organization, especially in the area of men's retreats."

Thomas will begin his work with Mennonite Men **November 1st**. Mennonite Men is a constituency group dedicated to both men's ministries and service through the JoinHands program which raises funds for Mennonite churches building their first meeting places.

### Mennonite World Conference

The latest edition of the MWC *Courier* is available [here](#).

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 21 (submissions due by 11/14)

Dec 5 (submissions due by 11/28)

Dec 19 (submissions due by 12/12)

Jan 2 (submissions due by 12/26)

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