



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

We hope that each of you were able to find glimpses of hope as you celebrated Christ's birth with friends and family. We also wish you a **happy new year!** May we *work together* to show God's love to others as we seek justice, love mercy and walk humbly.

This week we join together to pray for the **First Mennonite Church** and **Centro Cristiano Pentecostés**. The two share a building in McMinnville, OR, and are led by Pastor Simon Rendon. Both churches would love to see their congregations grow. Simon shared that there are many challenges for their aging populations and that your prayers are coveted. In addition to prayers for strength, Simon requested prayers for Manuel Bautista who is struggling with cancer and for Simon's wife, Socorro, who faces health issues. *Did you know that a group from Centro Cristiano gathers to pray every Sunday morning at 6:00 a.m.?* They spend two hours each week praying for every church in the conference so that the hand of God will be manifest in our lives and communities.

Please register ASAP for the [Conference Communications Council](#) which will begin at 9:00 a.m. on **Saturday, February 4**, at [Albany Mennonite](#). Each congregation is invited to send one lay leader and one pastor, or two lay leaders if there is no pastor. *If you don't fit that criteria, and would still like to attend, please contact [Barb](#) to see if space allows for additional participation.* Register [here](#).

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Plans are coming together for the **2017 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat** at Drift Creek Camp, **April 21-23**. All PNMC women are invited and encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity to hear guest speaker Marlene Kropf. *More details coming soon!*

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Students from George Fox University's fall term Professional Writing class, taught by Polly Peterson, recently partnered with PNMHS to help communicate the mission and work of PNMHS. Melanie Mock, editor of the Historical Society's newsletter, and Board President Pat Hershberger, came up with the creative idea for the two organizations to work together. A portion of the collaborative results will appear on the [Historical Society's website](#) beginning with an introductory video by Emily Hamilton. Additional items that will gradually be added include a new brochure, a number of written and recorded interviews, and a collection of photographs. The PNMHS Board and volunteers were grateful for the privilege to connect with the students and for the opportunity to tell our Mennonite story. To *learn more*, visit the [website](#) or ask any board member or volunteer to share their experience.

The 2017 PNMHS Annual Meeting is **Saturday, January 21** beginning at **12:00pm** 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**.

Western Mennonite School

Due to the December snow storm, the high school Christmas concert has been rescheduled for **Thursday, January 5 at 7:00 pm**. Click [here](#) to learn more about the **#WMSTogether** challenge.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 16 (submissions due by 1/9)
Feb 6 (submissions due by 1/30)
Feb 20 (submissions due by 2/13)
Mar 6 (submissions due by 2/27)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to brenda@pnmc.org. Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. *We welcome your feedback!*

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