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From the PNMC Office

We extend our deepest sympathies to Eliza (Hochstetler) and Seth Gingerich of Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. Eliza's brother, Caleb, and wife, Hannah, were involved in a tragic accident on January 19 that seriously injured Caleb and took Hannah's life. The couple had been serving with Service Adventure in Jackson, MS. As unit leaders, Hannah and Caleb lived with and mentored a group of four young adults. They provided a safe space for participants to process experiences, develop faith, and discover vocations. *Hannah was loved deeply by the unit.* Renee Neufeld, a member of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church, and former Anchorage SA leader, will move to Mississippi and provide leadership support for the group while they process the tragedy. *Please pray for Caleb, their families, the Jackson team, Renee Neufeld, and the Mission Network community in mourning this loss.*

Together, we pray for Albany Mennonite Church. Gary Jewell, of Spokane, WA, is currently serving as interim pastor. *He shared the following prayer concerns and congregational updates:*

- We are in the middle of the pastoral search process. Pray that the right qualified candidates will emerge and that the process will move forward in a timely way. Pray for the search committee as they process candidate profiles.
- After a careful survey, it was decided to end the Service Adventure program after over twenty years. It has been a rich ministry, but it was determined that it was time to put our focus in new directions. *Pray that God will guide the congregation in new missional ways.*
- AMC now hosts Mid Valley Gleaners, though not a church ministry, it is a partnership that is meeting a great need by providing healthy food and healthy social connection for lower income members of the Albany community.
- Nine members traveled to southern California to experience life on the border. Participants must now integrate what they saw/read/heard into everyday life. Jill Baker, local high school counselor, reflected on her students whose lives are affected by immigration. She said, *"The wall is not merely a border town issue. It's an Albany, OR, issue. It's a human issue. It's a Jesus issue. We have been encouraged to approach peace-making with this framework: see the injustice, immerse within that people group, contend with that people group, and watch for (and celebrate) moments of restoration."*
- It was good to have Andrew Nord home for winter break from Woodstock, *Asia's oldest international boarding school*. Andrew will return to Mussoorie, India for the remaining semester of his junior year. *Andrew's father, Chris, attended Woodstock while his family served with MCC in Bangladesh.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp



DCC is excited to host the 2017 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat, April 21-23, where Marlene Kropf will be guest speaker. The retreat has grown over the past decade to include women of all ages, including teenage daughters. The weekend, entitled Springtime for the Soul, will focus on developing daily spiritual practices; *living this life, the daily life, well*. In addition to sessions with Marlene, there will be worship, and fellowship; forest hikes, yoga, crafts, comforter-tying for MCC, opportunities to hear one another's stories and explore spiritual direction, as well as discussion of the book *Altars of the World*. For details, visit www.driftcreek.org.

West Coast MCC

WC MCC Executive Director, Nate Yoder, hosted a gathering at Salem Mennonite Church for pastors and locals interested in Mennonite Central Committee. The organization's 2016 Annual Report and this message of gratitude were shared. For nearly a century, MCC has sustained its mission of being a *worldwide ministry of Anabaptist churches, sharing God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice*. Migration issues have been relevant since MCC's inception when assistance was provided to Mennonites fleeing from Russia and Ukraine. For decades MCC has focused on providing RELIEF through food and emergency supplies; DEVELOPMENT through long-term efforts to restore the environment and build financial independence for communities; and PEACE by investing in sustainable justice initiatives in areas where conflict exists. In addition to its international work, MCC has invested in restorative justice programs and building educational opportunities in the western United States. Borderland Immigration Tours are being organized by former PNMC pastor Jack Knox and his wife, Linda, in southern AZ. *(A tour is scheduled for late April)* Young adults between the ages of 18 and 30 are encouraged to explore opportunities through GAP (Global Anabaptist Peacemakers) Institute in Reedley, CA, as well as SALT, SEED, SWAP, and Summer Service programs to discover life-changing experiences locally and around the globe.

2017 MCC Benefit Concerts: Saturday, August 5 at the home of Hess-Yoder home & Sunday, August 6 at the home of Dennis & Sue Stutzman.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

The [Church Leadership Award](#) is a scholarship program intended to encourage and support outstanding Mennonite students with gifts for ministry as they prepare to serve the church. This award provides a **full-tuition grant to a new student beginning a Master's program**. The recipient may receive this grant for two or three years by meeting certain conditions. Awards are available based upon prior recipient's graduation. Application deadline is **February 15**. Scholarship information is available [here](#).

Everence

Don't miss this month's learning opportunities through Everence Webinars!

Budget basics and beyond: Monday, Feb. 20 – 2 or 8 p.m. EST

Designed for pastors, church leaders and others interested in church budgets. Discuss what congregations can do to get people excited about giving, what a church budget should do and the four basic church budget models.

Presented by Beryl M. Jantzi, Stewardship Education Director.

Women and Money: Tuesday, Feb. 21 – 2 or 8 p.m. EST

Addresses the specific financial hurdles faced by women of all ages, preparing financially for the future, plus quick, easy ways to launch an investment plan. Presented by Shari Beck*, Financial Advisor and Rhoda Blough, Stewardship Consultant. For information, contact

[Melissa Short](#) at (800) 222-5054 or visit [Everence.com](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service

All are invited to attend the 2017 Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit Meeting at **Albany Mennonite Church on Saturday, March 18, 2017**, from 10 am - 2 pm. Guest speakers will be Brett Troyer, MDS Binational: Project logistics Coordinator, from Lititz, PA; Karen Parmelee, Oregon Office of Emergency Management: GeoHazards Awareness Coordinator, from Salem, OR; and a discussion how to carry out our Oregon Unit MDS Trailer Project. Lunch will be provided by MDS Oregon Unit and an offering will be taken to support the Unit's mission. Please RSVP to Clyde Hockman (chockman@canby.com) or (503-263-1210) by **March 5, 2017**.

Mennonite Church USA

Momentum continues to build for the [Mennonite Health Assembly](#) and [Mennonite Education Agency](#) (MEA) [Education Leaders Gathering](#) (ELG), scheduled for **March 9-12** in Jacksonville, FL. More than two dozen workshops are confirmed, covering a wide range of topics. Those include "Living Well and Talking Truthfully at Life's End," "Leading an Intercultural Team," "Nonprofit Boards: How Shall We Govern?," "What Does It Mean to Be a Mennonite Church-Related Institution?" and "Creating Organizational Alignment and Stakeholder Engagement."

Read more [here](#).

PNMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 11, WMS Benefit Concert, Western Mennonite School, Salem, OR (3pm and 7pm)

March 9-12, Drift Creek Quilters Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

March 18, Oregon MDS Unit Annual Meeting, Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR

April 7-8, Fresno's 50th Anniversary MCC Relief Sale, Fresno, CA

April 21-23, OR Mennonite Women's Retreat, Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

April 21-22, Idaho Relief Sale, NW Nazarene University, Nampa, ID

May 6, Western Mennonite School Benefit Auction, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR

June 23-24, PNMC Annual Meeting, Menno Mennonite Church, Ritzville, WA

Aug. 5 & 6, MCC Benefit Concerts, Saturday (N. Valley) at Hess-Yoder home; Sunday (S. Valley) at Dennis & Sue Stutzman's *Featuring Winnipeg-based artist Kim Thiessen.*

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 20 (*submissions due by 2/13*)

Mar 6 (*submissions due by 2/27*)

Mar 20 (*submissions due by 3/13*)

Apr 3 (*submissions due by 3/27*)

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