



# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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## From the PNMC Office

We pray for The International Bethel City Church, led by Pastor Simon Muange. The IBCC is a multicultural congregation in Portland, OR. Their mission is to let the name of Jesus Christ be known into all nations and declare, "We believe in Jesus Christ as Lord, Savior and the one true God that came to save the world." They extend an invitation to come and worship with them if you find yourself in the Portland area. Learn more about the IBCC ministry at their [website](#) and on [Facebook](#). The church meets at 19626 NE Glisan St., Portland, OR 97230.



The PNMC office is pleased to announce that **Jeryl Hollinger**, pastor of Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell, MT, has graciously accepted the position of Moderator-Elect.

Look for details coming soon regarding our PNMC Annual Meeting, **June 23-24** in Ritzville, WA, hosted by Menno Mennonite Church.

Keep our Mennonite schools in your prayers. Currently 5 of 6 colleges, as well as Western Mennonite School, are in leadership transition.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Drift Creek Camp

As springtime buds appear, we are invited to **tend the growth of our spirits**. How can we experience the beauty and peace of a rich daily life with God? What spiritual practices will sustain us through all seasons? Explore these questions with Marlene Kropf at the [2017 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat, Springtime for the Soul, April 21-23](#). For details & registration, visit [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org).

### Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit

The MDS Oregon Unit will hold its **Annual Meeting** at [Albany Mennonite Church](#) on **Saturday, March 18, 2017** from 10:00 am until 2:00 pm. Guest speakers include Brett Troyer, MDS Project Logistics Coordinator from Lititz, PA and Karen Parmelee from the Oregon Office of Emergency Management in Salem. Lunch will be provided by the MDS Oregon Unit and an offering will be taken to support the Unit's mission. Please RSVP to [Clyde Hockman](#) (503.263.1210) by **March 12**.

### West Coast MCC

Beth Landis, of Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship in Boise, ID is the PNMC appointee for the **West Coast MCC Board**.

*Highlights from the February meeting include:*

- Restorative Justice continues with good outcomes in local schools for decreasing violence and recidivism.
- Immigration and current political concerns have increased anxieties; staff is responding as quickly as possible.
- Alex Awad toured the west coast with presentations on Palestinian Israel updates, giving explanations, and requesting prayer for the Christians at work for peace.
- Pauline Aguilar will be retiring later this year after many years of service with quilts and empowering others to donate material resources to MCC and to relief sales.
- Global Anabaptist Peacebuilders Institute will be held in **May 2017** at Fresno Pacific University for young adults.
- Service workers are needed around the world – see [MCC website](#) for opportunities.
- MCC will be celebrating a centennial in 2020.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Do you have a love for learning? Take advantage of several [distance learning opportunities](#) through AMBS. *Your first webinar is free!* Want to learn more about what's happening on campus? Follow [this link](#).

### Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is funding an emergency water project for 10,000 families in the Iraqi town of Qayyara after residents were liberated from ISIS in August 2016. For two years, the people of Qayyara suffered under the rule of the Islamic militant group, which stole houses and possessions, enforced a strict dress code, restricted access to the outside world and imprisoned, tortured or killed those who violated their laws or opposed their rule. However, gaining freedom from tyranny also had its costs. In the process of forcing ISIS from the city, Iraqi and foreign militaries bombed parts of the city's main water treatment plant that was used as storage for ISIS weapons. In addition, as ISIS was retreating, its fighters cut power lines in the area and lit oil wells on fire. Thousands of people were left without electricity or access to clean drinking water. Residents depended upon unfiltered river water for cooking and cleaning. MCC learned of the need and in January began a three-month project to make sure all 10,000 households in the area had access to water. In addition, MCC supplied purification equipment so very vulnerable people can get free water at a central public location. In March, the United Nations Development Program will begin rebuilding the destroyed water treatment plant. Kaitlin Heatwole, MCC Iraq program coordinator, helped facilitate the project in Qayyara, the latest in a long line of projects MCC has carried out to support people affected by ISIS. "So many lives have been turned upside down by the conflict in Iraq," said Heatwole.

### Mennonite Church USA

Ervin Stutzman, MC USA Executive Director, recently expressed appreciation for PNMC's support. He indicated that over the past three years PNMC has contributed \$41,031.36. He recognized that geography can create barriers that can make isolated churches like ours feel cut off from the broader church, but notes that participation in things like the Constituency Leaders Council, *coming up March 16-18*, brings conferences together. Mennonite Church USA has faced significant challenges in recent years. Though our unity has been fractured, MC USA remains deeply committed to the Anabaptist principles articulated in Vision: Healing and Hope: "God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ, and, by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace, so that God's healing and hope flow through us into the world." The work of the church continues and MC USA remains dedicated to:

- Supporting church planters
- Training church leaders for greater cultural competency
- Initiating new policies and procedures to prevent sexual abuse and help victims of abuse find justice and healing
- Updating the churchwide guidelines for dealing with ministerial misconduct
- Planning for a "Future Church Summit" to be held in Orlando

### Mennonite Mission Network

A wealth of resources is available through [www.mennonitemission.net](http://www.mennonitemission.net). Check it out!

### Mennonite World Conference



[Renewal 2017](#) is a 10-year series of events commemorating the 500th anniversary of the beginnings of the Anabaptist movement. A day-long public conference on the theme "Transformed by the Word: Reading the Bible in Anabaptist Perspectives" was launched **February 12** in Augsburg, Germany. The gathering, which occurred some 500 years after Luther's famous appeal to *sola scriptura* launched the Reformation, explored how Anabaptist-Mennonites around the world have engaged Scripture in the past...and how Scripture continues to be relevant in our global community today. Anabaptist-Mennonite speakers from five continents and several ecumenical guests participated, with opportunities for all participants to join in worship, singing and discussion.

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 20 (submissions due by 3/13)

Apr 3 (submissions due by 3/27)

Apr 17 (submissions due by 4/10)

May 1 (submissions due by 4/24)

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