



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

As summer draws near, it is a good time to remember those serving at [Camp Camrec](#) in Leavenworth, WA, owned by the Mennonite congregations in Washington state. Camrec (*Chumstick Area Mennonite REtreat Center*) is nestled on 240 acres in the east foothills of the Cascade Mountains where douglas and grand firs, ponderosa pines, vine maples, and wildflowers abound. In addition to the work involved in preparing for summer, Directors Saralyn and David Jantzi report that recent joys and requests for prayer include:

- We are thankful for Jesse and Amanda, Camrec's new Facilities Managers. We pray for to have more counselors and volunteers to make summer a success! *And continue to be thankful for the dedicated staff and volunteers that have been coming back year after year.*
- We pray for all the kids that will be affected by summer camps, for enrichment and spiritual development.
- We pray for ongoing discernment as we dream about where Camrec is going in its future.

Camrec is located near Leavenworth so if you plan to attend the 2017 PNMC Annual Meeting in Ritzville, **June 23-24**, consider a visit and discover the rich and renewing gifts of God's creation found uniquely at Camrec.

The purpose of the PNMC Annual Meeting is to build up congregations through educational events that add skills, to enrich our conference through fellowship that creates relationships, and build up our witness to the world through inspiring worship, and challenging one another to greater faithfulness. Our **Love Builds Up** theme comes from **1 Corinthians 8** in the discussion of meat offered to idols; realizing that eating or not isn't the issue, *the spiritual well-being of our brothers and sisters is*. The event will be hosted by [Menno Mennonite Church](#). Visit pnmc.org where registration details are available this week! *Book your accommodations as soon as possible in order to guarantee lodging.*



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Camp Camrec

CAMREC's Nature Retreat (*formerly Birds & Blossoms*) will be **May 19-21, 2017**, coinciding with the Leavenworth Bird Festival. Come to hike, bike, take photos, do a little journaling or artwork, do a little collecting (mushrooms, fossils, flowers) and relax with friends. *All ages welcome!* More info at camrec.org. Questions? Contact [Anita Stokes](#), 206-721-1902. (*Please commit by April 22.*)

Drift Creek Camp

DCC looks forward to hosting the **2017 Women's Retreat, April 21-23** where Marlene Kropf will be speaking. If you would like to attend, please call Brenda Kauffman at 971-600-1244 or email info@driftcreek.org to register.

DCC's annual **Work Weekend** is coming up **May 19-20**. Please register [online](#).

Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

The 11th annual [Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival](#) is **April 21 & 22** at the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa. **Ben & Beth Weisbrod**, who have been serving in West Africa will share on Friday night. Learn more about MCC [here](#).

Portland Mennonite Church

Laughter is Sacred Space will be presented by Ted & Co. at Portland Mennonite Church, **Saturday, April 29, 7:00PM**. Ted will walk you through his relationship with friend and business partner, Lee Eshleman, who took his own life in 2007. The production is honest, funny and vulnerable, and reveals the unique journey of working as a comedic actor under the shadow of a mental illness. It offers hope in a way that only Ted could deliver. A discussion about mental illness will follow. More details [here](#).

Western Mennonite School

- Pray for Spiritual Renewal Week (**April 17- 21**). Pray for speaker Jim Ramos and for the week to have a lifelong impact.
- **Save the date** for the WMS 45th [Annual Benefit Auction](#) on **Saturday, May 6!** *Please contact the school if you are interested in donating items or baking pies for the Pioneer Pantry (503.363.2000).*
- Attend **Visitors Day** on **May 10**. The WMS community is excited for the 2017-2018 school year and the opportunity to provide a Christ-centered education to 6-12th grade students. *Come see how WMS can serve your family!*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations: June 12-30. With an eye on challenges facing the Muslim community today, this three-credit-hour AMBS course examines foundational Islamic narratives and texts and how Muslims have interpreted these in law, doctrine and spirituality through the centuries. Instructor: **Jacqueline Hoover**, a teaching affiliate in Islamic Studies and Muslim-Christian Relations at the University of Nottingham (U.K.) and a minister in the Mennonite Church. This course can be taken for credit or audit.

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is excited to be moving forward with a **service worker position in Tucson, AZ**. This position will involve working with migrating families from Central America, know your rights presentations, coordination of Borderland tours, and other immigration services. This is a great opportunity for a person interested in social work or immigration services/law. Applicants must be bilingual. More information is available [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA

The latest edition of *Equipping* is available [here](#). An article on **Loving our Enemies**, written by Rod Stafford, lead pastor of Portland Mennonite Church, is included in the newsletter and available [here](#). Iris de León Hartshorn has also contributed an article on **God Calling the Remnant**, [here](#). Follow [this link](#) to read about Ervin Stutzman's 2018 plans to retire.

Mennonite Disaster Service

The Oregon Unit of MDS is purchasing and equipping a tool trailer for use in disaster relief in the Pacific Northwest. Any churches with collected funds for this **MDS Tool Trailer Project** should forward them to our Oregon Unit MDS Treasurer, [Wendy Colvin](#) (503-263-1636).

Follow [this link](#) for an up-to-date list of MDS service opportunities.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) encourages students in healthcare professions to learn and serve in cross-cultural/mission settings in developing countries. To further this aim we provide educational grant funding for a **Student Elective Term**. The application deadline is **May 15, 2017**.

Mennonite Women USA

A group of women from all over the United States representing Iglesia Menonita Hispana USA, Mennonite Women USA, Mennonite Mission Network, Everence, PNMC and CIHAN recently gathered at Portland Mennonite Church for the first Sister Care seminar with Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen presented entirely in Spanish! May the ministries of these women spread as they return to home congregations across the country.

Peace and Justice Support Network

Are you feeling powerless and frustrated in the present political climate? Do you feel like doing something about it rather than complaining from your armchair? The Peace and Justice Support Network of Mennonite Church USA is starting to promote "**Peace Circles**" which are small groups that operate with the goal of participants identifying a peace/justice issue they are passionate about and then taking action on that issue. They operate like a small group for a limited time, 6 weeks, and incorporate Scripture study and group support/accountability. You can find more information [here](#).

PNMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 21-22, **Idaho Relief Sale**, College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, ID

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

April 29, **Ted & Co**, Portland Mennonite Church, Portland, OR

May 6, **Western Mennonite School Benefit Auction**, Salem, OR

May 19-21, **Nature Retreat**, Camp CAMREC, Leavenworth, WA

May 19-21, **Work Weekend**, Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

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



Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 1 (*submissions due by 4/24*)

May 15 (*submissions due by 5/8*)

June 5 (*submissions due by 5/29*)

June 19 (*submissions due by 5/12*)

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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