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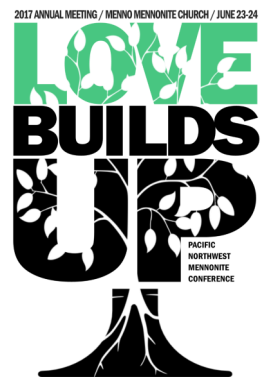
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From the PNMC Office

We turn our attention and prayers to our brothers & sisters from **Calvary Mennonite** and the **Roca de Salvación** congregations. Over 25 years ago, Zion Mennonite and Calvary Mennonite partnered to reach out to the Hispanic community in the Canby, Aurora, Hubbard, and Woodburn area. From that vision and mission, Iglesia Menonita Roca de Salvación was formed and currently worships with Calvary Mennonite. Due to changes in our current governmental administration concerning immigration, **our brothers and sisters are concerned and fearful**. Our people are affected by possible changes to DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals), permanent residential status, and border crossings. Both Zion and Calvary have a continued commitment to be sanctuary churches. All three congregations are working towards acquiring proper documentation, especially for those children that were born or brought to the United States.

All are invited to PNMC's 2017 Annual Meeting in Ritzville, WA, **June 23-24**. The purpose is to build up congregations through workshops 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](#), where **Lyn and Jeannie Hershey** begin as interim pastors on **May 15**. Look to the PNMC website for details, including registration, the Delegate Handbook, schedules, hotel info and more! *Ritzville is a busy place with many summer events scheduled. If you plan to attend, book your accommodations as soon as possible in order to guarantee lodging.*



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Camp Camrec

Camp CAMREC's Nature Retreat (*formerly Birds and Blossoms*) will be held **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 generally relax with friends. All ages welcome! More information at camrec.org. Questions? Contact [Anita Stokes](#), 206-721-1902.

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, ID. The Friday night speakers are **Ben & Beth Weisbrod**, who have been serving in West Africa with MCC. 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 and humor in a way that only Ted could deliver. A discussion about mental illness will follow. More details [here](#).

Zion Mennonite Church

"THE UNHEARD VOICE OF THE CHRISTIANS OF THE MIDDLE EAST" will be heard **Sunday, April 9**, at Zion Mennonite Church, in Hubbard, OR, when **Dr. Alex Awad** will preach during the morning worship; share and take questions during Sunday School, during a potluck following the worship service, and again during Zion's Second Sunday hour (5:30-6:30pm). Dr. Awad, a native of Israel/Palestine, is a former Methodist missionary, Professor Emeritus and former President of Bethlehem Bible College in the West Bank. At BBC he has often partnered with Mennonite mission and service workers, and has shared and presented to delegates and attendees at MCUSA's 2015 convention, and more recently to PNMC pastors and leaders. Like most Middle Eastern Christians of various denominations (*Catholic, Orthodox, Protestant and Evangelical*), Dr. Awad is sympathetic to Jewish and Muslim neighbors, friends and family members, and has worked for peace between them. During the Sunday School hour, Dr. Awad will share the Palestinian Christian perspective on Biblical interpretation, including what it says about militant Zionism. During the potluck he will share personal perspectives and stories about peacemaking in the midst of hostility and militancy. The evening session will be more informal and conversational. Dr. Awad brings a **fresh voice** to an ancient conflict, one resonant with faithfulness to Jesus Christ and Christ's compassion for all.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

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).

MDS volunteers are needed in the Saipan Northern Mariana Islands. To learn more about this unique opportunity, visit the recent post and learn more about this unique opportunity on the PNMC [website](#).

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](#) (SET). A SET grant provides travel and living subsidies to enable graduate students in healthcare professional study programs to take a study term in a cross-cultural mission setting in a developing country. MHF also helps with facilitation and coordination of such an experience in cooperation with various Christian agencies. Examples of eligible students in the field of medicine, dentistry, or students in Masters programs for nursing, social work or physical therapy. The term of service must be at least 4 weeks, but 6-8 weeks is preferable. The application deadline for the 2017-2018 academic year is **May 15, 2017**.

Mennonite Women

Sister Care Enrichment leadership training in Guatemala, Argentina, and Colombia:



From **Oct. 2016-March 2017**, Carolyn Hegggen and Rhoda Keener led three advanced Sister Care leadership training seminars for 90 women from 20 countries in Central and South America. Many of the participants had been teaching Sister Care to others and these trainings provided a review of the original seminar as well as additional

“going deeper” materials for each of the seminar’s four units. Women responded, saying: “You carried us by the hand to these places that we don’t often go. In this journey where there is pain we also find hope,” and, “We feel transformed and we are going home different than we were when we came. God has used you to give inspiring tools for us.” Carolyn and Rhoda will lead a similar three-day training in India in October. *Photo by Linda Shelby*

Mennonite World Conference

In light of the recent kidnapping and unthinkable death of United Nations worker, Michael J. Sharp, the following MWC article on the work of the church in the DRC is of particular relevance: [“Congoese Counter Violence with Prayer and Workshops”](#).

We share our deepest sympathies with the entire Sharp family during this time of tremendous loss.

PNMC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7-8, [Fresno’s 50th Anniversary MCC Relief Sale](#), Fresno, CA

April 9, [Dr. Alex Awad](#), Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR

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 & Youth Gathering](#), Drift Creek Camp, Lincoln City, OR

June 23-24, [PNMC Annual Meeting](#), Menno Mennonite Church, Ritzville, WA



Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Apr 17 (submissions due by 4/10)

May 1 (submissions due by 4/24)

May 15 (submissions due by 5/8)

June 3 (submissions due by 5/29)

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