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## From the PNMC Office

The PNMC Annual Meeting is a wonderful opportunity to strengthen our congregations and our conference connections. The event will be hosted by [Menno Mennonite Church](#). Visit [pnmc.org](http://pnmc.org) where registration details are now available! We are pleased to include (optional) intensive [learning experiences](#) on Friday afternoon, **June 23**. The knowledgeable instructors have a **breadth of knowledge and experience to share**. We hope attendees will take advantage of this great opportunity to address pertinent topics:



- **The Call & Challenge of being a Congregation** – What is your congregation’s call? What challenges do you face? Presented by James Krabill, Senior Mission Advocate, Mennonite Mission Network
- **Welcoming the Stranger** – How do we respond as a people of faith to the current immigration crisis? Led by Gloria James, West Coast Mennonite Central Committee
- **Congregational Leader Toolkit** – New to congregational leadership? Want to develop your skill? Presented by Nancy Kauffmann, MC USA, and Brett Tieszen, PNMC Treasurer
- **Sister Care Training** – Sister Care is a program ministry of Mennonite Women USA. This program recognizes that what we believe about our personal worth and identity makes a difference in how we care for others. *Workshop participation will provide the foundation for Sister Care Level II training taught by Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen scheduled in Oregon in September 2018.* Led by Kathy Bilderback, Chair, Mennonite Women USA Board

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### CIHAN— Council of Hispanic Anabaptist Churches of the Northwest

This week, we join in prayer for our brothers and sisters from our Hispanic congregations. At its April meeting, the PNMC Board affirmed support of a recent recommendation from CIHAN’s **Commission on Immigration Matters!** The Board encourages PNMC congregations to join in support and participate in these actions, as outlined below:

*The Commission on Immigration Matters! for the Council of Hispanic Anabaptist Churches of the Northwest (CIHAN) first recognizes that, facing the political changes in the country, neither our churches nor our institutions can offer legal solutions for our immigrant families, but we urge these actions in our churches to prepare and defend our families facing the threat of mass deportations.*

1. **Prayer:** Together, let us cry out to GOD to give strength to His people, that we do not give ground to fear and desperation.
2. **Declaration:** Let us confess our need to one another in the church so we can support each other openly and in solidarity.
3. **Preparation:** Let us encourage and help families to get documents that may keep families together: passports for their children—American-born or foreign-born — and to designate temporary guardians for the care of their children in case of parents’ absence. We can look for resources to help those in need.
4. **Organization:** Let us organize church networks of first responders for aiding our families in the moment of emergency with: child-care, transportation, information on attorneys and how to contact a loved one who has been detained, etc. Let us organize information sessions to provide our families with critical information and contacts.

*For the Commission: Pr. Angel Campos, Luz Maria Maya De Campos, Pr. Wendell Amstutz | A PDF copy of the recommendation is available [here](#).*



### Drift Creek Camp

Nearly fifty women gathered for the **Oregon Mennonite Women’s Retreat** at Drift Creek Camp, **April 21-23**. **Marlene Kropf** shared her years of wisdom and study, encouraging participants to become more attuned to the spiritual aspects of daily living; to utilize all of our senses as we expand our capacity to pay attention as we see evidence of God in the world around us. Marlene led the group in meditations, invited discussions, offered spiritual direction and invited women to participate in an oil-anointing service. Florence Gingrich and Linda Dalke led worship and singing and the group learned Linda Dalke’s original song [“Fruit from the Vine”](#) which she wrote to commemorate Mennonite Women USA’s 100th Anniversary celebration.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES, *continued*

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### Mennonite Disaster Service (Oregon Unit)

More volunteers are needed over the next two weeks to help with finish work at the Calaveras MDS Project in California. If you or someone you know would be available to help complete this work, please notify [John Colvin](#) or [John Eshleman](#).

### Mennonite Village

A 70th Anniversary celebration is planned at Mennonite Village on **Sunday, July 30, 2017**. A worship service will begin at 2:30 pm outside under a big tent next to Quail Run (2525 47<sup>th</sup> Ave SE, Albany, OR). Rick Stiffney from Mennonite Health Services will be a special guest. *All are welcome!*

### Western Mennonite School

- The WMS 45<sup>th</sup> [Annual Benefit Auction](#) on **Saturday, May 6!**
- 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 6-12<sup>th</sup> grade students. *Come see how WMS can serve your family!*

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### West Coast Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is providing two upcoming **Border Learning Tours**, **July 22-26** and **November 11-15**. Each tour costs \$70/day/person, or \$350 for the 5 days, which includes van rental, food and lodging. Participants need to arrange and pay for travel to Tucson. Each tour is limited to 12 persons. This [link](#) provides a good overview of tour activities. If you would like to participate, contact [Bob Buxman](#) ASAP to reserve a spot.

### Mennonite Church USA

Step Up - Youth wanted for participation in the Future Church Summit in Orlando

About 40 spots remain open for the Step Up program – an opportunity for high school age youth to participate in the Future Church Summit at this summer's Mennonite Church USA Convention in Orlando. This opportunity was initially open to only three youth per conference. Now, any interested youth attending convention may participate. Participants will attend an orientation seminar and be included in table groups during the **July 6-8** Future Church Summit. Details and a registration link can be found [here](#).

### International Guest House

Volunteer staff needed at **The International Guest House** in Washington, D.C. with flexibility of two months to a full year (currently scheduling 2018-19) for the ministry of Christian hospitality. The Guest House (a ministry of Allegheny Conference) serves both international and US travelers. Volunteers are provided full room and board in the Guest House and a monthly stipend of \$140. Health insurance is paid for full year volunteers if needed. Rotating hospitality duties include cleaning, laundry, maintenance, baking, gardening, and hosting breakfast & the evening tea. The service emphasis is on hospitality to guests and being a community to one another. The house is located in an established neighborhood with access to buses for exploring this historic city. For inquiries and an application contact: Sara Fretz-Goering ([sarafretzgoering@gmail.com](mailto:sarafretzgoering@gmail.com)) or current staff at the International Guest House ([igh.dc.us@gmail.com](mailto:igh.dc.us@gmail.com)) (202-726-5808)

### MennoMedia

MennoMedia, in consultation with Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada, is developing a new collection designed to replace Hymnal: A Worship Book (1992), Sing the Journey (2005), and Sing the Story (2007). This new collection will take into account the breadth of the Mennonite Church, the diverse ways Mennonites sing and worship, and will be available in bound and digital formats. This new song collection is to be owned by, and used throughout the denominations. Your feedback is desired in order to build a solid collection of music styles. Please follow [this link](#) for details.

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 15 (submissions due by 5/8)  
 June 5 (submissions due by 5/29)  
 June 19 (submissions due by 5/12)  
 July 3 (submissions due by 6/26)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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