

PACIFIC NORTHWEST MENNONITE CONFERENCE 2017 BALLOT with BIO

PNMC Board of Directors positions

At Large -- Jenna Schlegel-Preheim – Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship – Jenna is married to Marc, pastor of Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship where they attend. Jenna is a therapist at a community mental-health clinic. She enjoys being outdoors and riding her bike.

Treasurer -- Brett Tieszen – Portland Mennonite Church – Brett has been part of Portland Mennonite Church since 2010 and was employed as the church administrator from 2011 to 2016. In March he completed an accounting program at Portland State University and currently works as the accountant for an association of food processors. He enjoys reading and board games, but with wife Karen and two sons, Oliver 3, and Henry 11 months, doesn't get to spend much time on hobbies.

Gift Discernment Team

Joseph Penner -- Salem Mennonite Church – Joseph is married to Erin Boers and he owns and operates a small coffee roasting company in Salem, OR 'Steel Bridge Coffee, LLC.' He enjoys jogging, cycling, and playing soccer.

Brent Kauffman – Lebanon Mennonite Church – Brent's wife is Debbie and he is Lead Pastor at Lebanon Mennonite Church. He is also a District Pastor for Albany, and Bend Mennonite Churches. Brent's long history in PNMC and his outgoing nature equip him well to help discern leadership in PNMC that is representative and gifted.

Pastoral Leadership Team

Linda Dibble – Albany Mennonite Church -- Linda is a graduate from George Fox Evangelical Seminary with an MA in Spiritual Formation; has a BS in Business Management; and a Certificate in Human Resources Management. Linda works as a special projects chaplain assistant at Mennonite Village in Albany, is currently on Western Mennonite School Board of Directors, has served on the PNMC Pastoral Leadership Team, and manages the small farm she, her husband, and parents live on. Linda and Rob have six grandchildren, worship at Albany Mennonite Church, and enjoy going to the Oregon coast for refreshment.

Amy Epp – Seattle Mennonite Church -- Amy Marie Epp has been a pastor at Seattle Mennonite Church for 12 years, working with children, youth and their families as well as in worship and preaching. Both at church and in life outside of work, Amy enjoys engaging the creative arts, especially textiles and quilting and more recently hand-lettering. This time of year, Amy is planting her garden and hoping the slugs won't eat the zucchini. She shares her life with her spouse Joe Hamilton and her children Naomi and Orië, aged 10 and 2.

Sanctuary Property management – board appointment – Barb Buxman – Barb is married to Bob Buxman and they attend Portland Mennonite Church. Barb has been Administrator for PNMC for eight years. She works from home where she enjoys entertaining, baking, and sharing time with her children and 4 grandchildren, Megan, Sam, Anika and Eli who live nearby.

West Coast MCC Board representative from PNMC – board appointment – Pedro Olvera – Salem Mennonite Church – 3 year term – Pedro is a Mortgage Broker in Salem, Oregon. Pedro is married to Ninet and has two daughters, Amanda and Cesia. Pedro enjoys playing music at church as well as volunteering at Drift Creek Camp with his family.