

# PNMC Education Event

Friday, June 23, 2017

1pm -5pm

## Menno Mennonite Church

- 1. The Call and Challenge of being a Congregation** – What is your congregation’s call? What challenges do you face? How can you be part of God’s mission? Especially if you are a small congregation you may be struggling to answer these questions. In this seminar, we will assess the “strengths,” “weaknesses,” “opportunities” and “threats” facing congregations today and explore how your faith community can discover God’s call to you and join in God’s work in the world whatever your size.

Leader: James Krabill, Senior Mission Advocate, Mennonite Mission Network
- 2. Welcoming the Stranger** – The immigration crisis in the US today calls for a response from God’s people. Scripture teaches us to “welcome the stranger among you”. How can we best do that? What does it mean to be a Sanctuary church? How else might we extend God’s love to those threatened with deportation and those who come to our neighborhoods as immigrants?

Leader: Gloria James, West Coast Mennonite Central Committee
- 3. Congregational Leader Toolkit** – Do you have a leadership role in your congregation? What makes a good congregational leader? What is the role of the congregational leader to the pastor? To the congregation? Learn how to support your pastor as well as provide accountability for him/her. Examine your fiscal responsibility to the congregation. Explore ways of deepening your spiritual life as a leadership team along with carrying out your administrative work.

Leaders: Nancy Kauffmann, Denominational Minister, Mennonite Church USA;  
Brett Tieszen, PNMC Treasurer
- 4. Sister Care Training** – Sister Care is a program ministry of Mennonite Women USA that focuses on various areas of caring ministry including guiding women in how to claim their identity as God’s beloved. *What we believe about our personal worth and identity makes a difference in how we care for others.* Sister Care workshops have been presented around the world. This educational training will use the Sister Care DVD and material guiding each participant in self care and caring for others. Participating in this workshop will provide the foundation for attending the Sister Care Level II training taught by Rhoda Keener and Carolyn Heggen scheduled in Oregon in September 2018.

Leader: Kathy Bilderback, Chair, Mennonite Women USA Board