



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

The PNMC Annual Meeting is in a few short weeks! We hope you will join us for Eastern Washington 2017! This year's gathering will be hosted by both the Warden and Menno congregations, but take place at Menno Mennonite, located midway between Ritzville and Moses Lake. If you've never visited this part of our region, now is the time to plan a trip! Come for the worship; the fellowship and community; the commitment to our conference and to each other. Give yourself the gift of growth through one of **Friday, June 23rd's** intensive [learning experiences](#) when knowledgeable instructors have a breadth of knowledge and experience to share. Visit pnmc.org to register before the **June 12** deadline and download your copy of the Delegate Handbook, schedule and ballot. We look forward to seeing you there! *Consider this wonderful opportunity to connect with others from across the conference.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship

Like many Mennonite congregations across the country, folks at HPMF are working at offering hope and promoting peace in their city, one yard sign at a time. Read the story here: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/news/local/article150696157.html> or watch interview with HPMF administrator, Lauresta Welty here: <http://www.idahostatesman.com/news/local/community/article150626787.html>.

International Bethel City Church

Folks in the Portland area are invited to attend a summer concert at IBCC on **Saturday, July 1, 2017**. The purpose of this event is to bring people of different cultures and values together to **experience the love our Lord Jesus Christ**. The gathering will include networking, dancing and a variety of foods to enjoy. *This will be a big event!* In addition to a stream of car washes, the church is looking for other means of raising funds to cover the hosting costs, such as singing and dancing at different Mennonite churches and events. IBCC also hopes to make and sell African donuts. If you are interested in supporting this ministry, the folks at Bethel are ready and willing to serve! To inquire, contact Grace by phone at [\(503\) 875-1956](tel:(503)875-1956) or via Bethel email: ibccpdx@gmail.com.

Pacific NW Mennonite Historical Society

PNMHS and the Kropf Heritage Center are looking for **writers of stories**. At this time we have one interview that needs written material for the website and future interviews will be scheduled. Not only does this introduce us to very interesting people, but we learn the intersection of faith and living from some very ordinary folks among us by whom we are encouraged and inspired. Contact <http://www.pnmhs.org/> or Pat Hershberger wphershberger@gmail.com. You may also come by the Heritage Center on Whiskey Hill Rd. next to Zion Mennonite Church and visit with volunteers on any **Wednesday, 9 AM – 3 PM**.

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 47th Ave SE, Albany, OR). Rick Stiffney from Mennonite Health Services will be a special guest. *All are welcome!*

Western Mennonite School

Thank you to all who attended and/or prayed for Western Mennonite School's 45th Benefit Auction! God has again shown incredible faithfulness through the generosity of His people. **Over \$157,000 was raised** to make it possible for WMS to continue equipping students for lives of faith and learning! Please join the school in praying for the interview and hiring process for a new Executive Director/Principal; selection of new board members; for new families to choose WMS to educate their children, and for seniors who graduated on June 3!



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Bridgefolk.net



Registration is open for the 16th annual Bridgefolk Conference, “Pilgrimage toward Christian Unity: *Beginning with Baptism*,” **July 27-30**, at Seattle University. Bridgefolk is a grassroots movement of sacramentally-minded Mennonites and peace-minded Roman Catholics who come together to celebrate each other's traditions, explore each other's practices, and honor each other's contribution to the mission of Christ's Church. Seattle Mennonite Church has the opportunity to extend hospitality as the conference comes to the West Coast for the first time this summer. Conference participants will visit Seattle Mennonite and hear Lead Pastor Megan Ramer describe the Mennonite experience of being the church in the Pacific Northwest. The ecumenical journey will then proceed to St. James Cathedral. Other speakers will report on the Mennonite partnership with the SU School of Theology and Ministry and highlight discoveries from the recently-concluded Trilateral conversations on baptism that the Mennonite World Conference held with Lutherans and Roman Catholics. John Rempel will bring a draft of the Trilateral report and invite conference participants to help shape the final document. A hymn sing, led by Ken Nafziger, and a footwashing service & agape meal are well-loved features of every conference. Tony Brown will share spirituals and songs of resistance. The conference planning team includes Bridgefolk founders Marlene Kropf and Weldon Nisly, Stanley Kropf, Seattle Mennonite Church members Pat Shaver, Larry Scheffler, Dirk Giseburt and Marilyn Stahl, and Brenda Bellamy of St. James Cathedral. The full conference schedule and registration information are available at www.bridgefolk.net. *Newcomers are warmly welcome to attend and help extend and deepen our conversation and friendship!*

Mennonite Church USA

- Follow [this link](#) for informat from Everence to see what a [Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity](#) training event can do and has done for churches that want to reignite the call of generous stewardship.
- Follow [this link](#) for information about the Jewish and Palestinian Voices for Peace Tour.
- Follow [this link](#) for information about the “Healthy Boundaries” training that took place for church leaders in Kansas City to:
 1. Increase awareness of the need for healthy and appropriate boundaries in the clergy/congregant or spiritual teacher/student relationship
 2. To illustrate the impact of appropriate versus inappropriate boundaries in promoting effective ministry
 3. To provide clergy and spiritual teacher with guidelines and suggestions for developing appropriate boundaries and necessary self-care strategies.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Follow [this link](#) to learn about summer service opportunities.

Mennonite World Conference

Over the past 30 years, Mennonite World Conference (MWC) has been in conversation around the possibility of a name change. In 2016 the Executive Committee tasked the Faith and Life Commission to lead a process to bring a recommendation to the General Council in 2018 and for decision in 2021. Regional representatives will pursue conversations and gather feedback. A formal request from leaders of the Brethren in Christ Church in the USA who experience a sense of exclusion motivated the current conversation. Learn more [here](#).

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.

Save the date: **August 5 & 6** - Singer **Kim Thiessen** and guitarist **Darryl Neustaedter Barg** will be in the Northwest for two MCC fund raising concerts. The **August 5** concert will be in the Portland area, and the **August 6** concert will be in the Lebanon area. **Kurt Hildebrand**, former country representative for Haiti will also be present to share. For more information, contact Barb Buxman, bbbuxman@gmail.com by email or by phone at [503-502-5402](tel:503-502-5402).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 19 (submissions due by 5/12)

July 3 (submissions due by 6/26)

Aug 7 (submissions due by 7/31)

Aug 21 (submissions due by 8/14)

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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