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From the PNMC Office

School will soon resume and calendars fill up fast, so plan ahead and mark these important PNMC gatherings on yours: The Conference Communications Council meeting will be held on **Saturday, February 10, 2018** at Zion Mennonite Church. The 2018 PNMC Annual Meeting will take place in Boise, ID, **June 21-23**. *We hope to see you there!*

From Our Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

At our Annual Meeting this summer we celebrated the ways that our congregations are standing with our neighbors. We are involved in so many ways bringing God's good news to those in our communities. Our broken world is desperate for God's healing and hope. I invite you to join in praying for God's peace in our world, even as we stand with our neighbors in our cities and towns. The following prayer was first printed on "The Mennonite" website and is offered with adaptations for us to pray in these times.

They have treated the wound of my people carelessly, saying, "Peace, peace," when there is no peace.—Jeremiah 6:14

Creator and Bringer of Life, we come before you scared, unsure, anxious and needing your presence with us. Everywhere we look, the trappings of your peace may seem far from view.

We pray for leaders around the world, especially in the United States and North Korea, as they are tempted to seek solutions to conflicts through "fire and fury" and as their words inch us closer and closer to mutual destruction. We pray for the vulnerable individuals who find themselves situated squarely in the middle of these escalating conflicts.

We pray for the people and places closer to home where we see the effects of our collective brokenness. We pray for those who are threatened with hate and oppression in our own country. We pray for our leaders as they are tempted to act with political expediency and as their words continue centuries old patterns of harm. We pray for eyes to be opened to see the full humanity of God's children in every person, not just those who are like us. We pray for strength to speak out against racism, white supremacy, anti-Semitism, all prejudice and violence. We pray for courage to be people of your justice and your peace.

We repent for the places and times when we have been complicit in the buildup of a culture that trusts military might above all and that has built a for-profit industry out of making war. We repent of the times when we have silently participated in systems of oppression. We repent of times when we have not stood with our neighbors.

Give us eyes to see the places where you are at work, beckoning us away from violence and toward your peace and healing. *Amen.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church



Youth from Albany Mennonite Church reported having a great experience at Convention. Highlights included collective hymn-singing and participating in a service project.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS is offering several options for people wanting to pursue seminary course work from a distance:

One-course options with AMBS: Try out a seminary course through Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary without being admitted to a degree or certificate program. You can take up to two courses, and your first class — campus, online or hybrid — is 50 percent off. Sign up now for a fall course! www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options

Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's distance-friendly non-degree leadership development program focuses on spiritual disciplines, theological and biblical studies, character development, mentoring and gifts development to help participants deepen their faith and strengthen their leadership. The program requires one visit to the Elkhart, IN, area each year. Apply by Aug. 25 for the Fall 2017 term. www.ambs.edu/journey

Earn an MDiv without relocating: Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary's Master of Divinity (MDiv) Connect program offers you the chance to pursue a seminary degree right where you live. By taking 13–14 credit hours per year in online and hybrid formats, you can complete the 80-hour program in six years. Scholarships and financial aid are available. www.ambs.edu/mdivconnect

Mennonite Disaster Service

A Mennonite Disaster Service Region IV Annual Meeting is scheduled at the Marriott Courtyard SeaTac in Seattle (16038 West Valley Highway, Tukwila, WA 98188) on **Saturday, September 16, 2017**. The hotel is offering room block pricing for \$139.00 per night under Mennonite Disaster Service Regional Meeting. Call the hotel at [425-255-0300](tel:425-255-0300) to make reservations before the offer expires on August 25. The hotel has courtesy pickup and return from the Seattle airport.

Mennonite Men USA



A **Mennonite Men's Retreat** is planned at **Drift Creek Camp, September 29-October 1**. Along with opportunities to hike the old growth forests surrounding Drift Creek and enjoy hearty camp meals and homemade cinnamon rolls, Mennonite Men Coordinator, **Steve Thomas**, will speak on "*Making Peace with Conflict*". Conflict is everywhere. Whether at school, work or home, with people we don't like and among our closest friends, we all deal with conflict as a part of life. As difficult as it may be, conflict creates opportunities for us to grow and form healthy relationships. In this gathering, participants of all ages will engage in active exercises and have fun while learning how to make peace with conflict. Steve Thomas has worked with conflict for over 30 years in various ways as a Mennonite pastor, martial arts instructor, peace educator and adjunct professor at Goshen College. He is Coordinator of Mennonite Men USA. Steve lives with his family in Goshen, IN. DCC is excited to open the camp for this unique opportunity to enjoy the Siuslaw National Forest during one of the most beautiful and enjoyable months of the year. This will be a great opportunity for generations of boys and men to spend time together. Register [here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network

Two young adults from within PNMC are participating in one-year service terms with Service Adventure. **Bella Bowman**, of Boise, ID, will join the unit house in Jackson, MS. She is a student at Lewis-Clark State College (Lewiston, Idaho) and daughter of Joyce and Jonathan Bowman. Bella is a member of Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship in Boise. **Levi Ebersole**, of Corvallis, OR, will serve with the unit in Colorado Springs, CO. He is a student at Goshen College and son of Lisa and Joe Ebersole. Levi is a member of Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship.

Since 1989, Service Adventure has provided opportunities for young adults, ages 17 to 20, to serve in cities and towns in the United States while they live in a household community, with a leader, for 10 months. Participants have volunteered in medical clinics, tutored children, worked with senior citizens, assisted in building homes, and helped meet additional needs across North America. Mennonite Mission Network serves the church by sharing God's reconciling love in all its dimensions. We connect and support Mennonite congregations with 200 local partners from 60 countries in ministries of holistic witness to Jesus Christ. More than 300 people serve with Mission Network for one year or more on six continents. For more information about Service Adventure, visit www.MennoniteMission.net/ServiceAdventure.

CORRECTION: In the last issue of the e-Bulletin, the acronym for **SOOP** was listed incorrectly. SOOP now stands for **Service Opportunities with Our Partners**. We apologize for the confusion.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 4 (submissions due by 8/28)
 Sept 18 (submissions due by 9/11)
 Oct 2 (submissions due by 9/25)
 Oct 16 (submissions due by 10/9)

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