

# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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## From Our Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

*There is much going on in our world/country and we are all seeking to be responsive in faithful ways to the needs of those in our communities...*

At Orlando 2017, the delegates of MC USA passed a resolution on [Israel and Palestine](#). I encourage you to read through that again, thinking about your setting and how your congregation can be part of the commitments that we made in Orlando. In particular, is your congregation ready to build a relationship with a synagogue in your area? The resolution suggests that conferences might commission congregations to do this. Consider yourself commissioned! Consider yourself also commissioned to reach out to the Muslim community in your area! Build relationships, listen deeply, and learn from your neighbors.

*In PNMC we stand with our neighbors!*

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Et Cetera Shop

All are invited to a 40-year anniversary celebration for Et Cetera Shop in Lebanon, OR, **September 8-9, 10am-5pm**. Activities will include storewide sales, kids' activities, refreshments and more. Support MCC through purchases made in the thrift store and support men and women in developing countries by purchasing their unique fair-trade gifts. If you were a volunteer, write your story or share it with staff and receive a special gift. Questions? Call [541-258-5614](tel:541-258-5614).

### First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen

We look forward to celebrating the Licensing toward Ordination service for Kevin Daniel Chupp on **Sunday, September 10**.

### Drift Creek Camp

Want to spend some time with friends or family? Consider this retreat opportunity together with your congregation's men's group or with your sons or grandsons. The Mennonite Men's Retreat at DCC, **September 29-October 1**, will focus on **Making Peace with Conflict**. Programming will be led by Steve Thomas, U.S. Coordinator for Mennonite Men. Steve has worked with conflict for over 30 years as a Mennonite pastor, martial arts instructor, peace educator and adjunct professor at Goshen College. Questions? Visit [mennonitemen.org](http://mennonitemen.org)

### Portland Mennonite Church

PMC is hosting a Hymn Sing with Ken Nafziger and Marlene Kropf on **September 30 at 7:00 pm**. Ken recently retired from Eastern Mennonite University as a Professor of Music. He was also the Music Editor of 'Hymnal: A Worship Book.' Marlene is a retired Professor of Spiritual Formation at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), among many other things. Everyone is welcome. For more information, contact Portland Mennonite Church [\(503-234-0559\)](tel:503-234-0559).



### Mennonite Country Auction

Washington State's MCC Sale is coming soon! Mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 7** and plan now to attend the [Mennonite Country Auction and Relief Sale](#) in Ritzville, WA.

### Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

It's soon going to be [Fall Festival](#) time and many volunteers are needed for a successful sale. Volunteers are needed to assist with the quilts part of the sale. Assistance is needed both for setup on Friday and with the many tasks on Saturday during the auction. For additional information or to volunteer, please contact Anita Lindberg at [503-930-1455](tel:503-930-1455) or at [palindberg@gmail.com](mailto:palindberg@gmail.com).

Learn more about the 2017 Quilt Challenge [here](#).

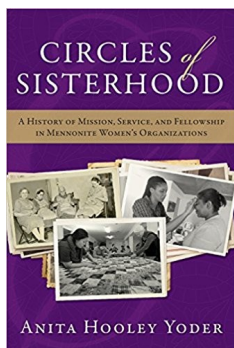
## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS President, Sara Wenger Shenk, has offered a powerful prayer for the people of Charlottesville, VA, and for all of us, as we wrestle with the aftermath of last month's racial conflict: [Prayer for the peace of Charlottesville](#).

Learn more: [Community faces shock, grief over imposed violence](#), in *The Daily Progress*, Aug. 12, 2017. For more perspectives from Mennonites in connection with the events in Charlottesville, as well as a list of resources for undoing racism and oppression, see "[Charlottesville renews call to resist white supremacy in community, church](#)" (website of *The Mennonite*, Aug. 14, 2017). Interviewed for the article were AMBS alumna Sarah Thompson (MDiv 2011) and Janie Beck Kreider (MDiv 2013) as well as Regina Shands Stoltzfus, who has served AMBS as an adjunct faculty member and staff member.



### MennoMedia

*Circles of Sisterhood: A history of Mission, Service and Fellowship in Mennonite Women's Organizations*

The saga of Mennonite women's organizations is a story of struggle and triumph, productivity and misgivings, questions and celebrations. During the twentieth and twenty-first centuries, women's groups have offered Mennonite women a means of serving others by sewing clothing, laboring over quilts, rolling bandages, and packing school kits. Women's groups have also provided Mennonite women the opportunity to test their skills as leaders and give voice to callings they felt in a church that has not always valued their gifts for ministry. In this vibrant portrait of Mennonite Women USA, Anita Hooley Yoder paints with both broad and subtle strokes the one-hundred-year history of an organization that nurtures local church women's groups and connects Mennonite women across the world.

Available [here](#).

### Mennonite Disaster Service

Cities across Southeast Texas are experiencing extreme flooding due to Hurricane Harvey and the resulting rains. Mennonite Disaster Service is already looking at ways to be helpful in the storm's aftermath. As always, MDS looks for the places to serve that may be overlooked by the media spotlight but where there are many needs. You can read more about it [here](#).

*Let us join together in prayer for the people in the path of the storm and may we contribute generously to the relief work of MDS.*

For more information on service opportunities, call Josh Carson at [800-241-8111](tel:800-241-8111) or email [jcarson@mds.mennonite.net](mailto:jcarson@mds.mennonite.net).

# Respond. Rebuild. Restore.

### Mennonite Central Committee

MCC has boldly issued a statement regarding the violence that erupted in Virginia last month:

*"While we Anabaptist Christians have been willing to join other movements for justice, we have too often been slow or unwilling to join the struggle for racial justice, failing to see white supremacy as the violence that it is. As MCC, we confess and repent such hesitancy and even blindness, which exacts an ongoing physical and spiritual toll on our sisters and brothers of color and leads to spiritual and moral decay for white people. MCC rejects white supremacy and its violence in all forms—including white racism, white silence, white fragility and white privilege—as a scourge that continues the legacy of trauma inflicted on people of color. White supremacy and racism deny the dignity of each person."* Read the entire statement [here](#).

### Mennonite World Conference

Follow [this link](#) for the latest MWC news, including the Anabaptist response to violence in DR Congo.

### The Mennonite, Inc.

Writers are invited to contribute original submissions for the November 2017 print magazine issue and corresponding online content focusing on **Transition**. Submissions are due to [Editor@TheMennonite.org](mailto:Editor@TheMennonite.org) no later than **September 8, 2017**. More details can be found online: <https://themennonite.org/november-transitions/>.

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 18 (submissions due by 9/11)

Oct 2 (submissions due by 9/25)

Oct 16 (submissions due by 10/9)

Nov 6 (submissions due by 10/28)

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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