



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

We welcome Kenneth Hawes as the half-time pastor of the Prince of Peace congregation in Anchorage, AK. Kenneth has lived the majority of his life in Fresno, CA and is currently a student at Fresno Pacific University Seminary. He plans to graduate with an M. Div. in 2018. Ken is married to Stephanie and they have six children. The three youngest children moved to Alaska with their parents and the family dog. In thinking about this major transition, Ken reflected, "I am, first, overwhelmed by the loving welcome we have received. The congregation has been very helpful and we have been treated like family. I am most excited about continuing this journey with God and my family at Prince of Peace. I am looking forward to what He has in store for in this new season with this congregation."



The PNMC website, www.pnmc.org, is updated frequently. We are happy to post service opportunities, employment vacancies, conference events and a variety of helpful resources for you to access. Hard copies of the conference Directory have been Distributed. As contact information changes, we will continually update the online version. A new page was added this week. The Pastoral Leadership Team of PNMC is committed to providing a safe place for persons who have been victims of pastoral misconduct. Instructions and contact information are now posted so that victims can be connected with an advocate. PNMC's [Sexual Misconduct Policy](#) and misconduct prevention resources are available on the new page.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

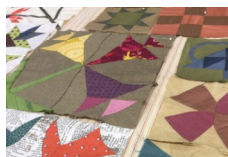
Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Country Auction

The Mennonite Country Auction has drawn people to the Eastern Washington countryside the first Saturday of October for 40 years! Held at Menno Mennonite Church, between Moses Lake and Ritzville (1378 N Damon Road, Ritzville), the Mennonite churches of Washington have raised over two and a half million dollars for Mennonite Central Committee. This year's festival will be **October 7**.

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.



Drift Creek Camp

Registration details for the [2017 Fall Quilt Retreat, October 19-22](#), are posted on DCC's [website](#) and on [Facebook](#). Whether you come for the long weekend or short, there will be plenty of space to work on your projects while the camp staff takes care of you. Invite a sister, a friend, a neighbor and enjoy a weekend of pampering and projects! Guests will also have the opportunity to learn new skills through an optional class using indigo dye. *Register by October 10.*

Camp Camrec

Washington Mennonite Women's Retreat, Camp CAMREC, Leavenworth, WA, **November 3-5, 2017**: All women are invited to enjoy great food, creativity, relaxation, fresh mountain air and worship. *Living a Life of Gratitude* will be presented by Seattle Mennonite's Pastor Megan Ramer. Attendees will reflect on the rise and fall of life's praises and petitions with the tides of "good" news and "bad" news. How do we anchor the highs and bolster the lows in order to find a steadiness of gratitude in our lives with God, neighbor, and self? *Details coming soon.*

Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship

Sunday, November 5, 2017: All are invited to join Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise Idaho to celebrate the 40th anniversary. Storytelling at 9:30 AM, service with former pastor reflections at 10:30 AM. Potluck lunch to follow.

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC seeks a Youth Ministry Leader who is passionate about developing the spiritual lives of junior and high school age youth. The position is up to half time and is to start immediately. Send resume and a letter of interest to mobleymarjorie@gmail.com. Position will remain open until filled. Job descriptions can be found at www.salemmennonitechurch.org. SMC is also seeking a full-time pastor. Details and a job description are found [here](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

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International Guest House

The practice of hospitality to those who come to us as strangers and leave as friends is at the basis of our faith as Mennonites and Anabaptists. We are in particular need of twelve-month host volunteers beginning **April 2018**. (*Those serving a full year receive a monthly stipend and health insurance while all other volunteers receive full room and board.*) Rotating duties include cleaning, maintenance, baking, gardening, and interacting with guests at breakfast & the evening tea. The three-pronged focus for volunteers is on hospitality to guests, being in community with one another, and your own personal time exploring our historic city. We are located in a friendly, established neighborhood with easy access to public transportation. Former volunteers at the International Guest House in Washington have found it to be a life-changing experience. This 50 year-old Christian ministry is under the auspices of the Allegheny Conference. For details, contact igh.dc.us@gmail.com.

Mennonite Central Committee



"The wind was a deep, threatening growl. I had knots in my stomach," says Bonnie Klassen, MCC area director based in Bogota, Colombia. She arrived in Cuba just hours before Hurricane Irma hit. After waiting out the storm for a full day, she headed to the north coast where the damage was most severe. She traveled – by vehicle, motorcycle and sometimes on foot in rubber boots – and listened as people described a storm that packed winds of more than 155 miles an hour, and seemed to hover for hours. "A lot of them talked about the sheet metal on their roof, lifting up and then banging down, over and over for hours, until it just blew away," described Klassen. "Most of the cement houses still had walls, but no roofs. Houses made of wood were tilted, or gone altogether – the remains mixed with household items like dishes.

Corn, plantain and bananas are common foods in Cuba, and Klassen says they were flattened by the storm. Klassen drove past orange and lemon groves where the ground was littered with fruit, most of which cannot be salvaged. Farmers are lamenting the loss of trees that are decades old. "We visited one farmer who had 55 kinds of trees and plants. When the hurricane came he boarded up his windows because he couldn't stand watching his trees die," Klassen says. "They were like his children." But Klassen says like many of the people she spoke with, **the farmer is determined to rebuild**. When the wind died down, the clean up began. "He cut all the big trees down, he had a plan to process the fruit into jam," she says. "It seemed to empower him as he faced something so devastating and unpredictable." To learn more about MCC's relief effort in cleaning up after Hurricane Irma, follow [this link](#).

MCC is also actively working to provide relief in México after two **devastating earthquakes**. Learn more [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA

The search committee for Mennonite Church USA's next executive director invites denomination-wide participation in a [questionnaire](#) to discern essential qualities and top priorities for the job description, and to nominate potential candidates. The survey is available in [English](#) and [Spanish](#) and will be available through **October 16, 2017**. "This is an opportunity for community discernment, and we want to encourage participation from as many people across Mennonite Church USA congregations, conferences and agencies as possible," says Joy Sutter, search committee chair. "The information collected will provide additional clarity on the kind of person we want to invite to serve in this important leadership position in our beloved church."

Mennonite Disaster Service

Please pray for our sisters and brothers in Puerto Rico who now face the daunting task of clean up after Hurricane Maria. MDS will be working with the MDS Puerto Rico Unit and MDS Region 1 to respond as soon as possible. Please also continue to pray for those impacted by Hurricane Harvey and the MDS volunteers serving in the area of Bloomington and Aransas Pass, TX. An assessment team is continuing to work in Florida in response to Hurricane Irma. Four volunteers from Lancaster County Unit are now in Florida assisting with clean up. MDS has been humbled by the outpouring of financial support for the hurricane recovery efforts. The trust donors put in MDS to respond is a tribute to the hard work and dedication of the thousands of volunteers who have served. Whether you donate, volunteer or promote MDS participation in your church, *thank you!* [Donate here](#).

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee

The West Coast MCC Border Learning tour will be **November 11-15, 2017** to Douglas/Agua Prietas. The cost is \$350/person, plus flight into Tucson, AZ. Please let Bob Buxman know by **September 30** if you are interested in participating. The following link provides an overview of what to expect during the five days: <https://mcc.org/stories/come-along-virtual-tour-us-mexico-border>. Questions? Contact Bob Buxman at 503-502-5402.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 16 (submissions due by 10/9)

Nov 6 (submissions due by 10/28)

Nov 20 (submissions due by 11/13)

Dec 4 (submissions due by 11/27)

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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