



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Are you thinking about year-end giving? PNMC needs an additional \$27,600 in giving from congregations and individuals from now until **January 31**. Your gift today can help PNMC continue its mission of supporting healthy local congregations tomorrow! Give to PNMC today at this [convenient link](#). *Your generous support is deeply appreciated.*

The [Conference Communications Council](#) is 9am-4pm on **February 10, 2018** at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. Each congregation will send one delegate and one pastor. *Other individuals who are interested in the topics being discussed are welcome on a space-available basis.* Agenda items are still being worked out, but in follow up on the Future Church Summit, time will be spent on the Mennonite Church Journey Forward process. *So mark your calendars and look for emerging details and register at this [link](#).*

Nancy Kauffmann, who has served as PNMC's Denominational Minister to Mennonite Church USA, has announced her intent to retire on **May 1, 2018**. Nancy has served as denominational minister for MC USA for over seven years. Kauffmann reflected, "While I love my work, I have inner peace that it is the right move. I am open to seeing what God has in store for me. I am excited!"



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization



Drift Creek Camp

It's that time of year again! DCC is seeking energetic young adults to serve as camp counselors. Visit driftcreek.org for details.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

[PNMHS](#) extends an open invitation to its annual meeting and luncheon, **January 20, 12:00p.m.** at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. *Conscience over Convenience*, will highlight stories from World War II's Civilian Public Service program. CPS offered a non-violent military alternative, but it involved more than just young male conscientious objectors. It included wives, children, and churches. *Perhaps your own parents and grandparents chose to serve through CPS rather than the military?* Join us for seldom told personal stories of people who made difficult war-time choices. Lunch is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to [Gloria Nussbaum](#) by January 13 at [\(503\)645-0616](tel:(503)645-0616).

Western Mennonite School

The Middle and High Schools will perform a Christmas choir concert on **Tuesday, December 19** at 7:00pm.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

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. Check out our course list for Semester Two (Jan. 9 – May 4). www.ambs.edu/academics/one-course-options
Sample courses include Church and Race; Christian Formation in the Congregation; Anabaptist History and Theology; Strategic Peacebuilding; and Spiritual Practices: Intentional Living in an Age of Diversions.

Everence

A college scholarship is one of the potential benefits of doing business with Everence. The [Everence scholarship program](#) encourages young people to explore the integration of faith and finances while helping them on their educational journeys. Eligible students can be chosen to receive scholarships of \$750 from their area Everence office. Three of those recipients then are chosen for additional, national scholarships – one of \$1,250 and two of \$250 – which means the top three will receive grants totaling \$2,000 or \$1,000. Recipients are chosen based on academics, leadership, community involvement and responses to an essay question. “We look for students who excel in school but go beyond that to get involved in their communities,” said Kenda Mishler, Member Benefits Manager for Everence. “Our scholarship recipients set an example by making the most of their time and talents.”

Hesston College



Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series: Before the Unthinkable Happens: Confronting our Role in Injustice

The 2018 Anabaptist Vision and Discipleship Series (AVDS) offers a hands-on process **where issues of oppression are addressed and begin to be dismantled.** Specific leadership strategies will be applied to race relations, gender inequity and economic injustice. Pastors, lay leaders and community participants from many faiths will ask tough questions and find hope for future work. AVDS 2017 focused on how to respond to trauma-related tragedies as communities and congregations in faithful, responsible ways. This year's conference addresses the underlying causes of human-made tragedies. We'll raise challenging questions like, “*What are some underlying systems of oppression that make the unthinkable more likely to happen?*” “*What does it mean to fight injustice like Jesus did?*” AVDS is pleased to partner with: Kansas Leadership Center, Wichita, KS, whose innovative approach to civic engagement will help to develop skills to clarify our purposes regarding these issues, begin outcome plans and impact our culture. Teacher, author and activist Dr. Drew G.I. Hart from Messiah College (Mechanicsburg, PA), will strengthen our understanding of a biblical theology of justice around a broad range of cultural inequity in order to become faithful disciples and ethical believers. More details [here](#).

Mennonite Central Committee

Want to make a difference in the life of a young adult? Mennonite Central Committee is currently looking for **partner agencies** that can provide IVEP participants with a wide variety of vocational experiences. [Watch the video to learn more!](#)

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) for the latest news from MC USA.

In February 2018, *The Mennonite* magazine will celebrate its **20th anniversary** in its current form as the official publication of Mennonite Church USA and we want to hear from you. Send us your memories of *The Mennonite*: reflections on your favorite stories, authors that have been important or reasons you've relied on this publication. You can send your short reflections (200 words or less) to Editor@TheMennonite.org. Responses received by Jan. 1 may be included in the February 2018 issue of the magazine.

The Mennonite, Inc. also welcomes original submissions and contributions for the March 2018 issue and focusing on **Spiritual resilience**. *Submissions are due by January 20* to Editor@TheMennonite.org. You can read a full description of the March 2018 theme [here](#).

Mennonite World Conference

Anabaptists around the world are playing an active role in **caring for refugees** and MWC has shared stories this past year from Angola, Canada, Ecuador, Germany and the United States. Congregations, individuals and organizations are going out of their way to provide basic needs and spiritual supports to people who have had to leave their homes, not by their own choice. It is amazing to hear what churches can do. Read these stories [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 8 (submissions due by 1/2)
Jan 22 (submissions due by 1/15)
Feb 5 (submissions due by 1/29)
Feb 19 (submissions due by 2/12)

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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