

e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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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** to meet our budget giving goals—and those budget goals are modest: as in past years, the conference has set a deficit budget, which is realistic but ultimately unsustainable. Your gift today can help PNMC continue its mission of supporting healthy local congregations tomorrow! 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*.

Please note that the schedule for e-Bulletin publications will be shifted for January 2018. With the Christmas and New Year's holidays, the publications will be posted on the 2nd and 4th Mondays rather than in the usual 1st and 3rd weeks. Thank you for your flexibility.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Mark your spring calendar for **May 18-19, 2018.** The autumn leaves will have fallen, snow will have melted, cobwebs would have collected and it will be time to...spruce up camp! Plan now to assist the small camp staff with spring cleaning and summer camp preparations!

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

<u>PNMHS</u> 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 <u>Gloria Nussbaum</u> by January 13 at (503)645-0616.

Salem Mennonite Church

SMC is happy to announce that **several positions have been filled**. John Regier is the congregation's new Youth Leader and Joshua Stringer is the new director of the Southeast Keizer Community Center that meets Friday nights at the church. Craig Morton is serving as an interim pastor while the congregation continues to search for a lead pastor.

Zion Mennonite Church

All are invited to ZMC's annual Sing Your Own Messiah, Saturday, December 9 at 7pm with selections from the beloved oratorio, accompanied by piano and a string ensemble. No rehearsals. Directed by Thomas Gingerich. Free but donations are encouraged. Refreshments following.





MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Pastors and leaders are invited to the AMBS campus **February 26-March 1**, for <u>Pastors and Leaders 2018</u>. The week will include worship, prayer, teaching sessions, workshops, and large and small group conversations to explore together how "fear of the Lord" prepares us to live confidently and speak courageously in this moment in history. Taking our cues from Scripture and learning from the experiences of the global church, we'll ground ourselves in the Christian practices that keep our faith and our hope alive. Various Leadership Clinics will be available on Monday, February 26.



Mennonite Central Committee

Displaced people who recently **received food and shelter supplies** distributed by Mennonite churches in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) have seen unimaginable horrors. MCC and the Congolese Mennonite churches have been working on a response plan for several months. Security and logistical challenges along the way delayed the response until now. Nevertheless, MCC's representative in DR Congo, Mulanda Jimmy Juma, says the assistance came at a crucial time and met needs that weren't being addressed by other organizations. "Most displaced people are in very dire situations," he says. "Very few organizations are providing assistance, despite the high level of need. In the name of Christ, MCC with other Anabaptist groups want to help meet the needs of these vulnerable people who are suffering because of the crisis in Kasai." Read more <u>here</u>.

Mennonite Church USA

The board of The Mennonite, Inc. is accepting applications for the position of <u>Executive Director</u>. The Executive Director functions as chief executive officer and brings broad vision to The Mennonite as a content delivery system for MC USA constituents and beyond, helping the organization to develop programs and services appropriate for the digital age. The Executive Director is responsible for publishing and administration, management of staff, and maintaining denominational relationships. The Mennonite is a multimedia and print publication and organization connected to Mennonite Church USA.

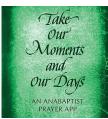
Mennonite Disaster Service

MDS is grateful to the Atlantic Coast Conference volunteers who packaged **2000 food parcels** in mid-November that will be sent to Puerto Rico through a partnership with Mennonite Central Committee. To see a video of the parcels being packed <u>click here</u>. Meanwhile, as MDS gears up for long-term recovery in hurricane affected locations like Texas, Florida, and Puerto Rico, work continues in places like Louisiana, West Virginia and Saipan. For a full list of service opportunities, click <u>here</u>.

Mennonite Health Assembly

Registration is open for Mennonite Health Assembly, 2018, which will be held March 8-10 at the Sheraton Hotel in Pittsburgh, PA. Details are available <u>here</u>.

MennoMedia



With Christmas just a few weeks away, look to Herald Press for all of your baking inspiration!

In addition, a new free Anabaptist Prayer App makes *Take Our Moments and Our Days* prayers for Ordinary Time and Advent through Pentecost available to <u>Apple</u> and <u>Android</u> users in an easy-to-navigate format, as close at hand as your digital device. Features include navigation to a recommended service for the date and time of day, tracking to keep your place in the sequence of services, an ability to call up particular services, introductory materials and extensive indices that enable searches for particular texts. See related article: <u>Mobile app extends global reach of Anabaptist prayer book</u>.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Dec 18 (submissions due by 12/11) Jan 8 (submissions due by 1/2)* Jan 22 (submissions due by 1/15) Feb 5 (submissions due by 1/29) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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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