



# e-Bulletin

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## From the PNMC Office

The [Conference Communications Council](#) is 9am-4pm on **February 10, 2018** at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. Each congregation is invited to send one delegate and one pastor. *Other individuals who are interested in the topics being discussed are welcome on a space-available basis.* Participants will enjoy lunch together. Donations will be accepted for the meal. 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. If you have not already made arrangements to stay with friends in the Zion area and plan to instead make hotel reservations, accommodations in either Woodburn or Wilsonville are recommended. Good travel access to Zion is available via hotels near exit 283 on I-5. Please register by **February 2nd** at this [link](#).

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Albany Mennonite Church

In response to the extreme devastation in Puerto Rico, folks at Albany Mennonite wish to support reconstruction efforts there. The school of Betania Mennonite in Aibonito was hit hard, as well as all surrounding regions. Carolyn Heggen, Cathy Passmore and David Holderread all attended school there as children. On Saturday, **January 13** Albany Mennonite will host a fundraiser supper at **5pm**. Carolyn Heggen will share from her recent trip to PR and speak of the needs seen in this land of trauma. Mennonite Mission Network, in conjunction with Mennonite Education Agency, has a project to assist in the rebuilding of Academia Menonita Betania. Any raised funds will go toward this project. Questions may be directed to Nancy and Jerry Friesen [jernanf@comcast.net](mailto:jernanf@comcast.net) or [541-928-1865](tel:541-928-1865). **Please RSVP by Thursday, January 11th.** If you are unable to attend, but wish to support the project, donations can be sent by mail to Albany Mennonite Church, 3405 Kizer Ave. Albany, OR, 97322, in care of Puerto Rico.

### Drift Creek Camp



DCC is excited to host the **2018 Oregon Mennonite Women's Retreat, April 13-15**, where Megan Ramer, pastor at Seattle Mennonite Church, will be guest speaker. The weekend, entitled **Living a Life of Gratitude**, will focus on the following: *The praises and petitions of our lives rise and fall 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? We will explore: gratitude abundant, gratitude grounded, gratitude wrestled, and gratitude begotten.* In addition to sessions with Megan, there will be worship and fellowship; forest hikes, yoga, crafts, comforter-tying for MCC, opportunities to hear one another's stories, as well as discussion of the book *My Grandfather's Blessing*. For details, visit [www.driftcreek.org](http://www.driftcreek.org). The retreat is open to women of all ages, including teenage daughters.

### 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 little known 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. Story tellers are wives and a cattle boat "cowboy." If you happen to be a history buff for either American or church history, this event is for you! Lunch is \$20 per person. Please RSVP to [Gloria Nussbaum](#) by January 13 at [503-645-0616](tel:503-645-0616). More information available at [www.pnmhs.org](http://www.pnmhs.org).

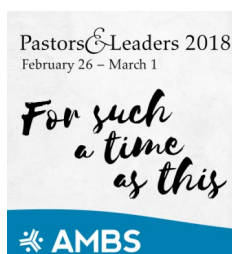
### Zion Mennonite Church

Your end-of-life planning can be a gift to your loved ones. Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR has cemetery plots and columbarium niches available. If you are interested in purchasing or have questions, call Gloria Gingerich at [503-651-2610](tel:503-651-2610).

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



In a time when many people are experiencing anxiety, trauma and upheaval, how can church leaders sustain hope among the people they serve, even when they might struggle with fear, hopelessness and exhaustion themselves? [Pastors and Leaders 2018](#) — an annual leadership conference formerly called *Pastors Week* — aims to help participants explore how “fear of the Lord” prepares them to live confidently and speak courageously at this moment in history, as well as to ground themselves in Christian practices that [keep faith and hope alive](#). The event, on the theme “For Such a Time as This,” will run from **Feb. 26—March 1** on the AMBS campus in Elkhart, IN. The event will include worship, prayer, teaching sessions, workshops and large- and small-group conversations. Teachers and preachers from the seminary community will speak on the following topics:

- [Janna Hunter-Bowman](#), Ph.D., assistant professor of peace studies and Christian social ethics: “*Going Big by Going Home: Local Responses to National Crisis*”
- [Safwat Marzouk](#), Ph.D., associate professor of Old Testament: “*Terror and Beauty in the House of the LORD*”
- [Ben Ollenburger](#), Ph.D., professor of biblical theology: “*Preachers Deaf and Blind, Servants of God the Creator*”
- Nancy Rodríguez-Lora, pastor, True Vine Tabernacle; clinical social worker; AMBS Master of Divinity student: “*Boldness Before the Throne*”
- [Allan Rudy-Froese](#), Ph.D., associate professor of Christian proclamation: sermon during Wednesday morning worship
- [Dan Schrock](#), D.Min., spiritual director & pastor; sessional instructor at AMBS: “*Forgetting Ourselves in Prayer*”
- [Rebecca Slough](#), Ph.D., academic dean and associate professor of worship and the arts: “*Be Still — Know I Am God*”

### Mennonite Central Committee



In late 2017, eight small bags of medical supplies were packed and re-packed, crossed an ocean, passed through three countries and airport security checks before finally reaching their destination – a small medical clinic on a farm near Pyongyang. MCC colleagues, Chris Rice and Julie Bell, traveled to the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK), also known as North Korea, at a time when tensions between this country and other parts of the world have been running high. The team went to DPRK to visit some of the projects supported by MCC, including providing canned meat and soybean products to orphanages and schools and agricultural support on their farm. But the faces of the North Korean medical personnel lit up as they were told about a conversation during a previous visit to a

Pyongyang farm that prompted a collaboration of people around the world. During that visit, medical staff told MCC about accidents on the farm – everything from cuts and scrapes to sprains and broken bones. Word of the need for medical supplies traveled through MCC’s regional office in South Korea and on to MCC offices in Canada and the United States. Thanks to the generosity of donors, supplies were purchased and delivered to the MCC material warehouse in Winnipeg, Manitoba, where Natalie Gulenchyn, a long-time volunteer, got involved. She cut the fabric and sewed the bags, complete with MCC’s dove logo. Everything was packed into luggage for the long journey to DPRK. Upon arrival at the clinic, Bell watched with wonder as North Korean nurses and a doctor at the clinic thanked them for the supplies. She reflected, “I am so grateful for all the hands and hearts involved in bringing these simple gifts here. Donors, volunteers, MCC workers and their families – these people made it happen. On this day, the hostilities and harsh rhetoric of current times are irrelevant. I think about the many references in the Bible to ‘do the work of God’s hands.’ *The call to carry gifts of comfort and words of peace is the only truth that matters.*”

### Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) for the latest edition of *Equipping*.

### Mennonite Disaster Service

Your gifts are at work! MDS is grateful for the generosity of donors and volunteers that offered their time and resources in 2017. Thanks to you, MDS is well positioned to respond, rebuild and restore this winter in places affected by last year’s major hurricanes. MDS will also be continuing repair projects in Louisiana, West Virginia and Saipan, to name a few. We welcome your ongoing prayers, service and financial contributions to continue the work in 2018! Learn more about MDS service opportunities [here](#).

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 22 (submissions due by 1/15)  
Feb 5 (submissions due by 1/29)  
Feb 19 (submissions due by 2/12)  
March 5 (submissions due by 2/26)

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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