



e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Office

Glen Guyton has been elected to serve as the new executive director of MC USA. He will begin a three-year term beginning **May 1**. We look forward to welcoming him as guest speaker at our Annual Meeting in Idaho, **June 21-23**. Read more about him [here](#).

At our Conference Communications gathering in February, table groups ended their time together by writing a prayer for our denomination as we participate in the **Journey Forward** process. Over the next months we invite you to join us in praying for our church with these prayers.

Lord, lead me away from worry and into hearing.

Shepherd me from my agenda that I may be drawn forward in the Spirit.

Lead me from rigidity into passion, out of my desires into openness to others, away from my fears and into your love.

May I have the passion to follow your Spirit into the fullness of Christ. -Amen.



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church

Bryan Suderman will perform at AMC on Thursday, **April 19 at 7:00pm**.

See more information about this artist below under Zion Mennonite Church.

Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

Plan to attend the IMWRF, **Saturday, April 21** at the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa, ID. Start early with breakfast at the Festival, browse the shops, quilts and auction items, line up your silent auction bids and settle in for a day of fun and MCC fundraising. The broad category of "Relief" will be the focus. With so many things happening in our world, from natural disasters to political issues worldwide, it seemed appropriate to designate proceeds for relief situations. Nate Yoder, Executive Director of West Coast MCC, will share an MCC update during the morning gathering time. Look for performances by Les Gufstason-Zook, My Coins Count and special auction items! Watch [the IMWRF website](#) for updates and details for the new one-day format.

Salem Mennonite Church

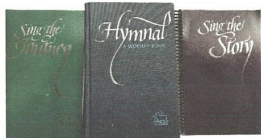
Valley-Wide Old-Fashioned

Hymn Sing

Sunday, April 8

6:00 pm

at Salem Mennonite Church



You are invited to come join us in song.
Be ready to request your favorites!

Refreshments afterwards

Zion Mennonite Church

All are invited to hear [Bryan Moyer Suderman](#), from AMBS, at Zion Mennonite Church for "[Reading the Bible with Jesus](#)".

Friday, April 20:

6:45-7:15PM Registration and refreshments

7:15-8:45PM Session 1

Saturday, April 21:

9-10:30 AM Session 2

10:30-11AM Coffee Break

11-12:30: Session 3

12:30-1:30 Lunch

1:30-3PM Session 4

Concert for all ages: 7PM

Sunday, April 22

9:30-10:30 AM Combined Sunday School

10:45-12 Worship

Offerings will be accepted. Lodging options available nearby in Canby and Woodburn.



Listen [here](#).

Spring Valley Mennonite Church

Spring Valley Mennonite Church will have a closing celebration **Saturday, June 30, 2018**. All are invited to come and share favorite memories of the congregation over the past 92 years. More details coming soon. Questions? Contact [509-447-5534](tel:509-447-5534).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

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. Volunteers at the [International Guest House](#) live this teaching of Jesus in daily interactions with guests from all over the world. The work consists of managing the household and providing thoughtful hospitality. The program is in current need for short-term volunteers beginning this summer who can serve at least two months. (Training requires at least two weeks). Free room and board and two days off per week. This 50 year-old ministry is under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference. For information, contact Sara at volunteer@igh-dc.com.

Mennonite Church USA

Plans are underway for the third **Woman Doing Theology (WDT)** conference organized by MC USA's Women in Leadership (WIL), **Nov. 8-10** at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. The conference theme will be *Talkin' Bout a Revolution: Dialogue, Practice and the Work of Liberation*. It will build on the foundations laid in the past two conferences, which explored love and connection (2014), and power (2016). "We understand revolution to mean a radical change," said Jenny Castro, coordinator of WIL. "As a community of Anabaptist Christians, we're seeing the need — the urgency — for revolution. And we realize that to really live into it, we still have a lot to learn." WDT conferences have been held in various contexts among Mennonites in the U.S. and Canada since the 1970s. According to Castro, WDT of the 21st Century is only possible because women have been doing this work for years. "We continue to work toward the same goal as our foremothers and sisters, seeking a time when the theology that forms us is shaped by the Spirit of God manifest in all people," said Castro. [Read more here.](#)



Follow [this link](#) for the latest edition of *Equipping*. A [personal reflection](#) on leadership written by Iris de León-Hartshorn entitled *Leadership: God Calls Broken Vessels* is included as well as a message of hope from [Katherine Jameson-Pitts](#) in relation to her involvement with the Journey Forward. In case you missed it, learn about Jack Swaim's work on the Journey Forward Writing Team [here](#).

Mennonite Central Committee

We Will Speak Out: MCC is hosting free webinars to help you help your congregation create a community of care for those affected by harm, and find life-giving ways to talk about [healthy sexuality](#), [healthy masculinity](#) and [how the church should respond to sexualized violence](#). See [flyer](#) for more details.

Mennonite Creation Care Network

The Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions (CSCS) is partnering with the [Mennonite Creation Care Network](#) to engage pastors in working against climate change. Pastor Doug Kaufman, Goshen, IN, has been appointed as [director of pastoral ecology](#). Kaufman will develop a curriculum and lead learning experiences that enable church leaders to teach, preach and lead in ways that respond to climate change. More broadly, he hopes to help leaders connect with the theological underpinnings and personal experiences that can help them integrate creation care more fully into the life of the church. "I want to help shape Mennonites into people who care about climate change," Kaufman says. In his mind, this is not just an intellectual endeavor; it involves the heart as well and leads to acts of caring that prevent or mitigate climate change.

Mennonite Mission Network

Follow [this link](#) for urgent volunteer needs through [SOOP](#), (*Service Opportunities with Our Partners*). Opportunities include:

- Serving as hosts **May– July** at [Menno-Hof](#), the Mennonite-Amish visitors center in Shipshewana, IN.
- [Mennonite Education Agency](#) is requesting assistance at [The Hopi Mission School](#) in Kykotsmobi, AZ as they prepare to re-open later this year. Needed is someone willing to live onsite for two to three months to coordinate volunteers and clean/organize the facilities.
- [Drift Creek Camp](#) is seeking volunteers to cook and back the last two weeks of summer camp, **July 1-6** and **July 6-13**.
- [Youth Venture](#) – Time is running out! Application deadline is **April 1st**. Check out [this video](#) to learn more.

Mennonite Women USA

Executive Director: MW USA seeks a strong, visionary leader and fundraiser to direct the overall mission and vision of empowering women and women's groups within the Mennonite Church. The [Executive Director](#) supervises dispersed staff and coordinates and develops the various ministries, programs, publications and promotional material. This [full-time position](#) requires working independently, but also part of a team; excellent verbal and written skills, including public speaking, and ability to build relationships with persons of diverse backgrounds. Involves travel. Send resume and three references to Board Chair, [Kathy Bilderback](#), by **April 30**.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

April 2 (submissions due by 3/26)
 April 16 (submissions due by 4/9)
 May 7 (submissions due by 3/30)
 May 21 (submissions due by 5/14)

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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