



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Here is a sneak peek at PNMC's Annual Meeting in Boise, ID, **June 21-23!** We have some great things planned for our time together!

- **Glen Guyton**, the newly nominated Executive Director of Mennonite Church USA will be our guest. He's a dynamic speaker and it will be great to hear [his vision](#) for the church.
- On **June 21**, Everence will be providing a workshop on *Creating Congregational Cultures of Generosity*. A number of our congregations have attended this workshop and found it helpful. It works best if a team from the congregation can participate so encourage your folks to plan ahead. (See flyer for more details.)
- On **June 22**, RawTools will be with us. RawTools is a peacemaking organization that turns weapons into gardening tools as a vivid demonstration of what it means to "Disarm hearts. Forge peace". <https://rawtools.org/about-us/>

The next PNMC Board Meeting is scheduled for **April 20-21** in Boise, ID. *Board members will have the opportunity to attend the Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival on Saturday.*

CORRECTION: The correct meeting location for Bend Mennonite Church is **230 NE 9th Street**. The congregation meets in Heritage Hall at the First Presbyterian Church on **Saturdays at 4:30pm**. Visit www.bendmennonite.org to learn more. *We apologize for the confusion.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

The IMWRF is coming **Saturday, April 21, 2018** at the College Church of the Nazarene in Nampa, ID. Start the day early with breakfast at the Festival, browse the shops, check out the quilts and auction items, line up your bids for silent auction items and settle in for a day of fun and fundraising for MCC. **The broad category of "Relief" will be the fundraising focus.** With so many things happening in our world, from natural disasters to political issues worldwide, it seemed appropriate to designate Festival proceeds to be used for relief situations. Nate Yoder, Executive Director of West Coast MCC, will share an MCC update during the morning gathering time. Les Gufstason-Zook will also be in attendance with a song or two. "My Coins Count" and a special auction item will be featured. Watch [the IMWRF website](#) for auction updates and details as plans continue to unfold for the new one-day format of the Festival.

Mennonite Disaster Service

All are invited to attend the Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit Annual Meeting at Calvary Mennonite Church, **March 17th, 10am to 2pm**. Reports will be given about the MDS Saipan project, Wildfire response and the Oregon Unit MDS Trailer Project. Guest speakers will be Dan Moseler and Larry Johnson, United Methodist Committee on Relief, regional disaster coordinators. Lunch will be provided and an offering will be taken to support the Unit's mission. **RSVP by March 11, 2018** to Clyde Hockman at 503-263-1210.

Drift Creek Camp

PNMC women of all ages are invited to the **2018 Women's Retreat!** DCC is excited to welcome Megan Ramer as she shares her passion and reflections on **cultivating a life of gratitude, April 13-15**. In addition to the group gatherings for worship, sharing and reflection with Megan, guests will enjoy opportunities to explore DCC's beautiful surroundings, practice yoga, experiment with glass etching, participate in a book discussion, hike, knit, connect with others and more! Online registration is available [here](#).

Zion Mennonite Church

There will be more details coming soon, but please mark your calendars!

April 20 – 22, Bryan Moyer Suderman, AMBS "Reading the Bible with Jesus" and a Saturday evening concert on **April 21** at ZMC.

West Coast MCC

[Register online](#) with a \$50 non-refundable donation to MCC for the [2018 West Coast MCC Bike Ride, July 29-August 3](#) in Kellogg, ID! **Total Cost:** \$465 total. (\$50 donation on the MCC website at time of registration.) Remaining \$415 due to IMWRF (Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival) by May 1, 2018. **Youth rate:** First ten registered under age 25, cost is \$230. Any unused fees or additional funds will be given to MCC's Empowering Women Project in South Sudan. *Ride questions can be directed to [David Mathews](#).*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Church USA

[The Mennonite, Inc.](#), welcomes original submissions for the **May 2018** print magazine and corresponding online content focusing on [Love Across Borders](#). Borders can be national boundaries that separate countries as well as economic or cultural borders that keep people apart. In the United States today, government officials are increasingly targeting and deporting undocumented immigrants, including “dreamers,” who were brought here as children by undocumented parents. Many of our Mennonite congregations include undocumented immigrants. Submissions may consider these and other questions related to the theme: How is your congregation responding to the needs of undocumented immigrants? How does the church love those deemed undocumented or undocumented within an unjust immigration system? How do those of us who are technically immigrants (*meaning those not indigenous to this land*) live with and welcome those who are recent immigrants? What does God say about “aliens” and welcoming them into our lands, hearts, presence? If you are an undocumented or recent immigrant, how have you experienced the presence of Mennonites in your story? Submissions due [here](#) no later than **March 19, 2018**.

Mennonite Health Fellowship

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship (MHF) offers **educational grants** to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. The program is designed for students in health-care related fields at the masters or doctoral level. Areas of study include medical, nursing, dental, physical therapy and social work. Deadline for 2018-19 academic year is **May 15, 2018**. Look [here](#) for details. *Questions?* Contact info@mennohealth.org or [1-888-406-3643](tel:1-888-406-3643). *While the SET program is for graduate students, funding is available for any student, practitioner, or retiree in any healthcare field for projects which grow out of an Anabaptist Christian faith commitment. See the [Grant Program page](#).*

Mennonite Women USA

Mennonite Women USA partners with Mennonite Disaster Service to provide hand-crafted wall-hangings for each re-built home dedication. Because of extremely high demand, the supply of wall hangings is depleted and there is an **urgent need for the donation of house-warmer projects**. Becky Koller, volunteer coordinator for this ministry, shared, "I recently presented a wall-hanging at a home dedication, and the home owner tearfully responded, "Oh my goodness, someone who doesn't even know me made something this beautiful for me?" The wall-hangings become a **treasured, beautiful reminder** of the way MDS and MW USA care for those who have struggled with disaster. Becky reports that she is regularly sending several wall-hangings per month to the Mennonite Disaster Service home office in Lititz, PA for distribution by project managers to homeowners. Please find full instructions for sewing and sending a quilted wall-hanging [here](#).



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:

March 19 (*submissions due by 3/12*)

April 2 (*submissions due by 3/26*)

April 16 (*submissions due by 4/9*)

May 7 (*submissions due by 3/30*)

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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