



e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Office



“Come walk with us, the journey is long” are words from a South African hymn that many of us sing. It is also the calling of Mennonite Church USA and PNMC as we move into the Journey Forward process as a gathered church. The Journey Forward process is invitational – it’s about all of us sharing our stories, our experiences of God, our dreams for the future of the church. But it’s not just an invitation to gather together as a church, it’s also an invitation to move out into God’s future for the world as Christ’s witnesses. It’s an invitation to be on the move – to walk together – on this journey wherever God leads us.

In PNMC we celebrate the many ways that “we stand with our neighbors”. At our gathering last summer at Menno Mennonite Church we heard the amazing stories of how our congregations come alongside others and stand with them in a variety of ways. This year we hope to hear how we don’t just stand, we also join in journey with others and invite them to share our journey as well. ([Click here](#) for details on this year’s gathering.)

Glen Guyton, Executive Director of MC USA, will share with us at the Thursday evening Pastor Appreciation Dinner and our morning worship services on Friday and Saturday. Glen was a major force behind the development of the Future Church Summit at Orlando and in planning for the Journey Forward as an outgrowth of that gathering. While serving in the US Air Force, Glen began attending a Mennonite church, and has an inspiring story of coming to embrace the gospel of peace in a way that transformed his life.

This year Service Projects are a new addition to our time together! We have heard folks talk about how working together is a way to get to know one another more deeply. On Friday afternoon there will be several options for a mix of working in the Boise community as well as workshops that we hope will equip you with some new skills to strengthen the health of your congregation and encourage you in your journey.

On Friday night, [RawTools](#) will be with us. We are inviting the Boise community to come walk with us through an interactive worship experience where weapons of violence are literally turned into gardening implements. At a time when our country is struggling with how to stop gun violence, the witness of RawTools is powerfully relevant. We are excited to join with them and the Boise congregations on a journey of peacemaking in their city.

Mark Your Calendar:

Thursday, April 19, 7:00pm

[Bryan Moyer Suderman](#), from AMBS, performs at Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR

Friday, April 20

PNMC Board Meeting, Boise, ID

Saturday, April 21

[Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival](#), College Church of the Nazarene, Nampa, ID

Friday, April 20, 7:00pm-8:45pm;

Saturday, April 21, 9:00am-3:00pm;

Saturday, April 21, 7:00pm

[Reading the Bible with Jesus](#),

presented by Bryan Moyer Suderman; evening concert to follow at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR



Sunday, April 22, 9:30-12

Sunday School (9:30) and worship (10:45) with Bryan Moyer Suderman at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR

Saturday, May 5

Annual Benefit Auction for Western Mennonite School, Oregon State Fairgrounds, Salem, OR

Friday-Saturday, May 11-12

Work Weekend at Drift Creek Camp Lincoln City, OR

Thursday, June 21

Pastor Appreciation Dinner Boise, ID



Friday-Saturday, June 22-23

2018 PNMC Annual Meeting Boise, ID; [Registration info here](#).

Sunday, June 30, 10:30am

Spring Valley Mennonite Church’s closing ceremony, SVMC, Newport, WA

Washington Mennonite Disaster Service Unit

The Washington Unit of MDS is planning a work trip to the Pine Ridge Sioux Reservation **May 10-26, 2018**. There are currently four unfilled volunteer slots. For details, please call Carl Westphal at 360-271-5290.

Drift Creek Camp

Join with other volunteers to help “spruce things up” for the summer season at Drift Creek. Hands are needed to clear trails, deep clean the lodge, and continue work on the new caretaker cabin. Register today at [this link](#)!

Spring Valley Mennonite Church

To honor an almost 100-year history, SVMC will have a closing ceremony on **June 30, 2018**, at 10:30AM to celebrate God's faithfulness through the years. A catered lunch will follow the service. RSVP to [Bobbie Van de Veer](#), (509) 447-5534.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

PNMHS has an immediate need for a new volunteer archivist to serve both the Center and the Society. The archivist builds relationships with church and public constituencies and encourages material donations for archival storage. The archivist assists researchers, genealogists, historians, and others interested in biographical, family, institutional, and Anabaptist/Mennonite histories. Visit www.pnmhs.org for details.

Oregon Mennonite Disaster Service Unit

The Oregon Unit of Mennonite Disaster Services has a projected deficit of \$6210.38 to complete the Tool Trailer Project. Individuals or congregations can erase this deficit by mailing donations to Wendy Colvin, Oregon Unit MDS Treasurer, 10127 S Macksburg Rd, Canby, OR 97013.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization



Mennonite Central Committee

Saige Lind, a sophomore at Nathan Hale High School, and who attends Seattle Mennonite Church, has earned the grand prize of \$1,000 in the MCC U.S. Washington Office annual essay contest for her essay on mass incarceration that highlights the ways that **people of color have been targeted by the war on drugs**. Simon Graber Miller, Greta Schrag and Alistair Tollar won honorable mention prizes of \$500 for their essays. In this year's contest, Anabaptist high school students in the U.S. were invited to write about the topics of climate change, foreign assistance or mass incarceration. [Read the full story on mcc.org](#).

Meanwhile, violence in the Kasai region of the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DR Congo) continues to prevent displaced people from returning to their homes. Displaced people need food, education, hygiene items and trauma healing as they figure out ways to support themselves. Congolese Mennonites are working in partnership with MCC to distribute supplies funded by the Canadian Foodgrains Bank, MCC and numerous Anabaptist organizations around the world. The fighting, which began in August 2016 when local militia group Kamuina Nsapu and national security forces clashed, incited ongoing battles in the Kasai region. The crisis has forced 1.4 million people from their homes, including 5,000 Mennonites. Follow [this link](#) to learn more or to support MCC's work.

Mennonite Healthcare Fellowship



Did you know that MHF serves all Anabaptists in all healthcare professions including medical, dental, public health, mental health, chaplains, etc., from students to retirees? MHF offers educational grants for Anabaptist students to learn and serve in cross-cultural mission/service settings in developing countries. Deadline for the 2018-2019 academic year is **May 15**. Click [here](#) for details or send questions to info@mennohealth.org. Additionally, all healthcare workers, students and retirees are invited to the **MHF 2018 Annual Gathering, June 22-24**, at Bluffton University, Bluffton, OH. Join doctors, nurses, dietitians, therapists, chaplains, mental health workers, students, educators, and other healthcare workers and families for a weekend of worship, inspiration, learning, networking, and fellowship. The theme is “Stories of Healing”. For more details and registration, click [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 7 (submissions due by 3/30)
May 21 (submissions due by 5/14)
June 4 (submissions due by 5/28)
June 18 (submissions due by 6/11)

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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