



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office



Now is the time to register for PNMC's 2018 Annual Meeting! The gathering will take place at the **First Presbyterian Church, 950 W. State St., Boise, ID**. To learn about Boise-area lodging options, click [here](#). The cost for attending is \$100 per person. If that exceeds what your budget allows, please do not let the cost prevent you from attending and pay what you are able. If you would like to help cover the expenses for others to attend, please consider an extra contribution. We look forward to seeing you in Boise! To register, click [here](#). Limited space is available in host homes. If you prefer staying with someone from Boise, contact [Renee Johns](#). Please visit the [PNMC website](#) for conference updates and information.

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.

We pray together. . .

For hope – to see beyond ourselves, outside our walls, and to become good listeners.

For the Word -- in the Bible and the moving of the Holy Spirit to be the foundation of our lives and draw the church deeper into prayer.

For courage -- to speak truth in love and respect

For leaders -- may the Lord continue to provide men and women to lead in PNMC and in MC USA.

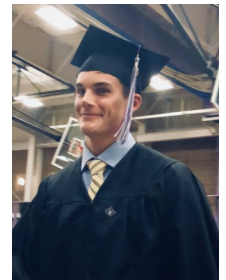
May we find joy in the process and our conversations ahead just as we are thankful to share in this table conversation today. Amen.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Bend Mennonite Church

Oliver Wisseman graduated from [Goshen College](#) on **April 29, 2018** with a Business degree. Oliver is a member of Bend Mennonite Church. He is the son of Darrel and Janette Wisseman of Prineville, OR. Following graduation, Oliver will pursue a career with Edward Jones.



International Bethel City Church

Beginning **May 20**, IBCC will meet at Clear Creek Church, [4100 SE 182nd Avenue, Gresham, OR 97030](#). If you have questions, Lucy may be reached at 971-517-2108 or 971-336-6537 and Simon may be reached at 503-839-8281 or 971-517-2183.

Filer Mennonite Church

Filer Mennonite Church, Filer, ID, will celebrate Pastor Tim Gascho's ministry on **Sunday, June 3**. Guests are invited to attend the morning worship service at 11:00, followed with a fellowship meal. *Guests are asked to bring main dishes, desserts will be provided.* After the meal there will be opportunities to share stories about Pastor Tim's life in Idaho and to celebrate his ministry. His transition into retirement status will be marked with a celebratory cake and ice-cream. For questions or to RSVP, please call 208-731-7439. *Note: No gifts please. However, there will be a box for cards or monetary gifts for Tim to add to his photo equipment.*

Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship

Alexi Ebersole, a junior at Corvallis High School, will join a team of other teens in Mennonite Mission Network's [Youth Venture](#) program. His team will travel to Barcelona, Spain from late June through mid-July. The team will assist MMN workers, Alisha and Joshua Garber, serving in Barcelona, along with their son, Asher. The Garbers serve alongside Comunidad Evangélica Menonita, focusing on youth outreach and congregational mission. Service components will include helping teach English to the church's youth and kids from the neighborhood, as well as helping with the cleaning and maintenance of the church facilities. To support Alexi in this service opportunity, follow [this link](#) or send designated contributions by mail to: Youth Venture, Mennonite Mission Network, PO Box 370, Elkhart, IN 46515-0370.

Drift Creek Camp

Cooks are needed over the summer on the following dates: **July 1-6; 8-13, and August 10-12; 13-16 and September 28-30**. Assistance with transition cleaning between rental groups is needed **July 29, August 10, 19 & 26**. If you can assist with any of these volunteer needs, please contact info@driftcreek.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Prepare for a ministry of spiritual direction: The AMBS Church Leadership Center will offer the Spiritual Guidance Seminar (SGS) and Advanced Spiritual Guidance Seminar (ASGS) on campus in 2018–19; this two-part supervised program is for those who want to become spiritual directors or to make spiritual guidance a part of their ministry. Instructor: Dan Schrock, D. Min. Early registration deadlines: August 8 (SGS); September 5 (ASGS). For more info: ambs.edu/lifelong-learning/seminars.

Center on Conscience and War

The National Commission on Military, National, and Public Service is at work right now to determine the fate of Selective Service (Draft) Registration, and they need to hear from people of conscience! A [series of public meetings](#) have been announced between now and September, and the [public comment period](#) has been extended through September. Please attend a public meeting in your area if you can, and/or please submit written comments. The Commission is scheduled to report its findings to Congress in 2020. *CCW staff met with Commission staff in April and found them to be sincerely engaged and very interested in the views and concerns of conscientious objectors.* Please weigh in with your voice of conscience! For more information, please call 202-483-2220 or visit centeronconscience.org.

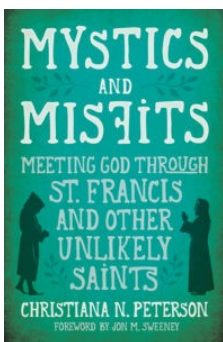
Goshen College

Included in GC's list of [outstanding athletes](#) is [Spencer Aeschliman](#) of Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR. Spencer is a junior, studying Physics and the son of Margaret and Jeff Aeschliman. Spencer is currently on Study and Service Term in Senegal. GC sophomore and Pre-Med major, Stephanie Dilbone, from Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR, has begun her Study and Service Term in Peru. Stephanie is the daughter of Jon and Lisa Dilbone. Two students, Skye Mckinnell, daughter of Jim and Trudy McKinnell, and Stuart Aeschliman, son of Jeff and Margaret Aeschliman, both from Salem Mennonite Church, are currently studying Ecological Economics in Ecuador. To learn more about Goshen's SST program, click [here](#).

International Guest House

The practice of hospitality for those who come as strangers and leave as friends grows out of our faith as Mennonites and Anabaptists. IGH volunteers in Washington, DC live this teaching of Jesus in their interactions with guests from all over the world. The work involves running a household – cooking, maintenance, cleaning, and meeting the needs of the guests. Short-term volunteers (two months service) are needed beginning this summer. (*Those who have volunteered previously are welcome to come for shorter periods.*) Volunteers receive free room and board, two days off per week and the enriching experience of living in community with others holding similar values. Visit igh-dc.com for more details.

MennoMedia



What can saints and mystics teach us about faith, ourselves, and life in community?

With untested ideals and a thirst for adventure, Christiana Peterson and her family moved to an intentional Christian farming community, Plow Creek, in the rural Midwest. It sounded like a simple and faithful way to follow Jesus, not to mention a great place to raise kids. In *Mystics and Misfits: Meeting God through St. Francis and Other Unlikely Saints*, Peterson shares her discovery that community life is never really simple. She needs resources beyond her own to weather the anxiety and exhaustion of trying to save a dying farm and a floundering congregation. Peterson turns to Christian mystics like Francis of Assisi, Simone Weil, and Dorothy Day to find **sustenance for the everyday struggles** and unique hardships of community life. With a contemplative's spirit and poet's eye, Peterson leads readers into an encounter with the God of the sometimes "wild" mystics and "weird misfits." Along the way, she helps readers discover new perspectives on simplicity, hospitality, contemplation, church, and death.

Mennonite Church USA

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

Mennonite Disaster Services

Do you own or have access to an RV? Forest fires struck parts of British Columbia in July 2017, burning for more than two months. **MDS will be building a new home** for a couple in Hanceville, west of Williams Lake. Volunteers will park their RVs on the property of the new build and enjoy the gorgeous mountain scenery. MDS is looking for RV volunteers to serve in 4-week blocks: **June 2-28; June 30-July 26; July 28-July 23 and July 25-Sept 20**. For details on these and other service opportunities, visit www.mds.mennonite.net.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 4 (submissions due by 5/28)
June 18 (submissions due by 6/11)
July 2 (submissions due by 6/25)
Aug 6 (submissions due by 7/30)

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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