



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

In the weeks that have passed since our June gathering, there is still much to ponder and celebrate!

From Beth Landis, Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise ID:

What was new?

- RAW Tools, a small blacksmith shop set up one evening to turn guns into garden tools, also attended by community folks
- Service projects – food bank, thrift store, homeless day shelter
- Visit to Congressional offices to talk about immigration
- Pre-conference event – Everence workshop on congregational giving
- An all-vegetarian menu & urban downtown setting

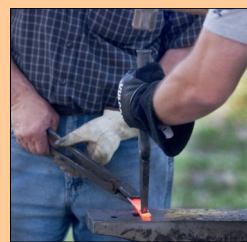
Highlights?

- From congregations – many mentioned children, including after school programs, vacation Bible school, young families, and pastoral interns
- From worship – Glen Guyton, (paraphrased) *"I am not here to save Mennonite Church USA, but to support and enable congregations"*
- From seminars – Q and A with Glen, about his background and vision for the Mennonite Church; Congregational giving – patterns, tools, trends, resources from Everence; Healthy boundaries for pastors and lay leaders; Historical society presentation with request to your congregation to preserve your stories; Journey Forward – a Bible study, worship series, and small group discussion guide leading towards Kansas City Convention in 2019
- From delegate session – how would we use a grant to promote healthy congregations?
- Music, laughter, conversation, and prayer

From John Gingerich, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR:

"I enjoyed the Annual Meeting; it was great to participate in the worship services and the get-acquainted workshop led by Glen Guyton, which is the primary reason which I wished to attend, and I was not disappointed. I was impressed by the [Friday evening worship](#) featuring Raw Tools, as well as the beautiful and well-chosen folk singing and meditation led by Megan Ramer. The service included stories from two women who had experienced gun violence in their families. Hearing their journey toward healing was a very meaningful and memorable experience. Conference Historian, Gloria Nussbaum led a "Blessings Shared" interactive workshop introducing participants to the history, value and examples of Ethical Wills encouraging our churches to offer leadership in writing Ethical Wills and suggesting the book *"Ethical Wills; Putting Your Values on Paper"* by Barry K. Baines as a textbook."

"At the annual meeting of Pacific Northwest



Mennonite Conference in Boise, one of my highlights was getting to participate in the powerful **Raw Tools** service, held outdoors on a city street corner. Several unexpected gun donations showed up that evening and

each one was taken to the saw, the forge, and/or the anvil on its way to transformation from a tool of death and destruction to a tool that gives and nurtures life. Local press published some fabulous photos and wrote a great article with the headline "Mennonite blacksmiths forge guns into garden tools." I thought to myself "Would THIS become the next thing Mennos were known for." So the next time someone at the airport learns I'm a Mennonite pastor, instead of asking about horses and buggies (or Mormons), they might say, "Wait... Mennonites... Are you the blacksmith people that pound guns into garden hoes?" Yes, why yes we are."

-Pastor Megan Ramer, Seattle Mennonite Church

Follow link to article in *Idaho Press* [here](#).



2018 Annual Meeting, Boise, ID

From the PNMC Office

There are a few dates to mark on your calendar:

Conference Communication Council -- **February 2, 2019**, Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR

PNMC Annual Gathering -- **June 21-22, 2019**, Albany Mennonite Church, Albany, OR

MC USA Convention -- **July 2-6, 2019**, Kansas City, MO

Eugene Mennonite Church has called Steve Kimes to be their pastor starting **September 1, 2018**. We rejoice with them and invite you to join in prayer that the transition goes smoothly for the Kimes family and EMC.

Kenneth Hawes, Pastor of Prince of Peace Mennonite Church, Anchorage AK was licensed toward ordination on **August 5, 2018**. We give thanks for his ministry there and pray for the Hawes family and the Prince of Peace congregation as they journey together.

We are in the final stages of updating the PNMC Directory for the year. Please notify Brenda@pnmc.org at your earliest convenience if there are changes needed for your personal or congregational listing.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Camp Camrec

Washington Mennonite Fellowship (WMF) seeks a year-round [Facilities Manager for Camp Camrec](#). Located in the heart of the Cascade Mountains, Camrec is just twelve miles from Leavenworth, WA. The Facilities Manager is responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and physical operations of the camp. This includes management of camp facilities, grounds and forest resources at Camrec. In addition, this includes coordinating with the Executive and Program Directors in regards to camp activities and groups. Applicant must have strong maintenance experience and skills, along with the ability to work collaboratively. The full job description is available [here](#). Please contact David and Saralyn Jantzi at director@camrec.org or call 509-548-7245 for questions.

Drift Creek Camp

Registration details for the [2018 Fall Quilt and Scrapbook Retreat](#) are posted on Drift Creek's [website](#) and page on [Facebook](#). Activities will begin **Thursday, October 18** through **Sunday, October 21**. Whether you can come for the long weekend or arrive on Friday, there will be plenty of space for you to work on projects of your choosing while the Drift Creek staff takes care of all the other details. Invite a sister, a friend, a neighbor and enjoy a weekend of pampering and projects! *Register by **October 1st**.*



Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

Summer is the perfect time to start thinking about donations for the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, coming up on **October 13**. **Auction donations** - Start planning with your Sunday School class or small group to work together to donate vacation packages, tickets to concerts or sporting events, or new outdoor or garden equipment. Contact Stan Oyer, the auction coordinator with your ideas at oregonfestivalauction@gmail.com. **Pre-Sale Donations** - There will not be any pre-sale fundraising events this year. If you would like to send a check to offset sale expenses, send to Barb Buxman at OMFWR, 11424 NE Skidmore St., Portland, OR 97220. You will receive a donation receipt.

Zion Mennonite Church

ZMC will commemorate its 125th Anniversary on **Sunday, September 23, 2018**! John D. Roth, Goshen, IN, will be the guest speaker. *Look for more details coming soon about the morning and afternoon celebration.*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Central Committee

A significant part of MCC's relief work is the Meat Canning that happens throughout the year at locations east of the Rockies. Each year, nearly 600,000 pounds are canned. This year, MCC has requests for 27 containers of meat from 16 partners, but staffing is only available for 1/2 of the mobile canning crew. If this crew cannot be fully staffed, it may require MCC to reduce its canning capacity. The current projections forecast only being able to send 10 containers to less than 5 partners. While the canning does not take place in our region, MCC asks you to join in praying for this urgent need. Additionally, you may know someone who could serve on the crew. If so, please personally "shoulder tap" them and encourage them to apply. The job description for this role can be found [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 20 (submissions due by 8/13)

Sept 3 (submissions due by 8/27)

Sept 17 (submissions due by 9/10)

Oct 1 (submissions due by 9/24)

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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