



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

We recognize that this time of year is incredibly busy, but please keep in mind that **December 31** is the last day to submit feedback about the **Journey Forward** process to Mennonite Church USA. To submit feedback or to learn more: www.MennoniteUSA.org/JF.

In Kansas City 2019, MC USA will highlight three congregations/ministries that demonstrate our *Renewed Commitments*. We know there are PNMC congregations with stories about the ways that we follow Jesus, witness to God's peace, and experience transformation by the Spirit. Here are links to the nomination forms in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). (Deadline is **December 31, 2018**.) Share your story!

Register [here](#) for the **2019 Conference Communications Council** at Zion Mennonite Church on **February 2** from 9:00am until 4:00pm. All congregations are encouraged to send a pastor and a lay leader. *Additional persons who are interested in the topics are also welcome to attend.* Michael Danner, MC USA Associate Director for Church Vitality and Engagement, will lead us in thinking about how we can **grow as both followers of Jesus and congregations engaged in mission to our community**. This annual gathering is a fantastic opportunity to fellowship with old friends, meet pastors who are new to our conference and to learn about new ventures in PNMC. We are eager to

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

CIHAN

The Council of Hispanic Anabaptist Churches of the Northwest have been offering an educational opportunity to its members called EBAFOM which is a Spanish acronym for Anabaptist Bible School of Ministerial Education. The program is a joint effort under the supervision of CIHAN and IBA or Instituto Biblico Anabautista, a division on Mennonite Education Agency. Participating students have reflected about how the course has enriched their understanding of the Bible, expanded gifts of leadership and provided a better understanding of the roots of the Mennonite Church. For years, Pastor Samuel Moran has been leading this course in Portland and McMinnville on a voluntary basis. However, the CIHAN congregations are hoping to raise \$19,500 over the next two years to support the ministry as it grows in numbers and impact. Students pay for their own materials and take turns bringing meals to share in class. Donations can come from congregations and individuals. Checks can be written to EBAFOM and sent to treasurer, Jesus Muñoz at 11665 SE 92nd Ave., Tigard, OR. 97233.

Lebanon Mennonite Church

On the first Sunday of Advent, **Dec. 2, 2018**, three people celebrated baptisms into the church! Welcome Izaiah Leggate, Janet Maddox, Will Rosling. What a wonderful way to begin this season with these new commitments to faith and discipleship!

West Coast MCC

The West Coast MCC board met in the fall in Portland. Members also attended and volunteered at the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief. *Beth Landis is a representative to the board from the PNMC conference and shares these highlights from the meeting:*

- Hearing about the **Phoenix Restorative Justice Center** as they establish their foundation by working in school systems.
- The addition to the board of a **young adult as a student intern** for two years. **Kristin Bachman** from the Hyde Park congregation in Boise represents a Mennonite attending a university in the PNMC area.
- The **need for people willing to go abroad** for 1 – 3 years with openings in México, Bolivia, China, Haiti. The new openings for SALT for fall 2019 are posted NOW so tap your young people on the shoulder and encourage them to apply.
- The need to **promote international relationships** by hosting an IVEP participant. Is your congregation called to consider this?
- Thinking about young adult programs – how to capture the imagination, recruit for SALT, and **teach peacebuilding** in our region.
- Anticipation of the **centennial of MCC in 2020**. A faith-based nonprofit that has continued to reshape and connect and maintain its focus on relief, service, and development for almost **100 years** for its constituency and its recipients! *That is amazing!*

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church, 6124 S Whiskey Hill Rd, Hubbard, invites you to their annual **Sing Your Own Messiah** on **Saturday, December 22 at 7:00pm**. The event will be directed by retired Canby High School music teacher **Tom Gingerich** and include selections from Handel's Messiah with accompaniment on piano and strings by members of the Stegmeier family. The production is free and open to singers and listeners, and sheet music is available to share. Donations gladly accepted to pay instrumentalists and soloists. Refreshments following. Zion has hosted this event annually for at least 16 years. Questions? Contact zionmc@canby.com or 503-651-2274.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Dennis Miller of Goshen, IN, was in his late 50s when he realized it was time for him to explore other vocational possibilities. "I've been in construction my entire working life," he said. "Working in the church is something I always thought about but at the same time didn't think was a realistic option for me." Miller took a leap of faith and enrolled in [Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program](#), a distance-friendly undergraduate-level non-degree program designed to serve as a starting place for Anabaptist pastoral and theological education for Christian leaders. The program pairs online instruction with an ongoing mentoring relationship in which participants discuss their learnings and reflect on their leadership skills. Participants complete introductory studies in Bible, missional leadership, Anabaptist history and theology, pastoral care, preaching and worship planning while also deepening their practice of spiritual disciplines. The Journey curriculum, which was also used for the seminary's former Pastoral Studies Distance Education program, was recently redesigned to be more flexible and accessible. It now consists of online classes that incorporate video lectures, assigned readings, brief written essays, and opportunities for participants to interact with each other and pastoral guides through discussion boards and videoconferences.

Journey participants meet with a local pastoral mentor every two weeks and gather for face-to-face Weekend Learning Events with other participants and mentors once or twice a year. Upon fulfilling the program requirements — which can take two and a half to three years — participants receive a certificate of completion. Forty-one people have completed the program since it began in 2003 and it is now available to anyone around the world!



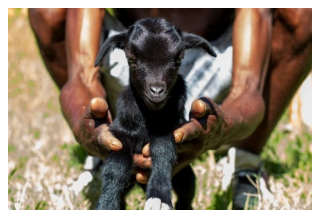
Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Considering new learning opportunities in 2019? Take a look at these [online course offerings](#) at EMS.

To [apply for admission](#) to EMS, contact Seminary Admissions at 540-432-4257.

MennoMedia

Looking for meaningful gift ideas this Christmas? MennoMedia has publications to satisfy just about everyone on your list! Choices include cookbooks, Biblical studies, books for children and youth, devotionals, hymnals and much more. Take a look at the many resources offered [here](#).



Mennonite Central Committee

If you are looking for alternatives to material gifts this year, check out all of the opportunities to help others through MCC. With MCC's Christmas Giving, you'll find great options for everyone on your list and you'll know your gifts are making a difference around the world. From goats and latrines to tutoring and peace camps — we've got 25 life-changing gifts to suit all your friends and family! To help get you started, MCC has rounded up five of its most popular gifts: [2018 gift guide](#)

Mennonite Church USA

Follow the link to read the latest edition of [Equipping](#), a Mennonite Church USA monthly electronic publication.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Check out [this list](#) of opportunities to serve with MDS and plan now for the new year. PLEASE NOTE: Folks from Lebanon Mennonite Church are planning to help on a Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) project this **January 6-12, 2019** in Lake County, CA. The project will be rebuilding houses destroyed by wild fires several years ago. If you are interested in helping, please contact Pastor Brent Kauffman as soon as possible at 541-409-3336.

Mennonite Education Agency

Iowa Mennonite School (Kalona, IA) is seeking an energetic leader with vision to **serve as principal beginning July 2019**. Iowa Mennonite School offers a Christ-centered education within the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition. The ideal candidate will demonstrate a commitment to Anabaptist faith and practice; serve as spokesperson for the school; and advance the mission and vision as set by the Operating Board. The principal will have skills in educational leadership, interpersonal communication, fiscal management, and strategic planning. The principal will be a bridge-builder who fosters a positive community atmosphere. Individuals may apply by Jan. 1, 2019 at www.iowamennonite.org/joinourteam. Questions? Call 319-656-2073.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Jan 7 (submissions due by 12/31)

Jan 21 (submissions due by 1/14)

Feb 4 (submissions due by 1/28)

Feb 18 (submissions due by 2/11)

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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