



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

The PNMC Gift Discernment Committee is beginning its work on the ballot for 2019. We always appreciate nominations for the PNMC Board, Pastoral Leadership Team, and Gifts Discernment team. Contact Jeryl Hollinger jhollinger@centurytel.net for additional information.

The Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) meeting was held last week at Hesston Mennonite Church in Hesston, KS. The CLC is a convocation for conferences and recognized constituent groups to worship and pray together, to encourage faithfulness, to share ideas and resources, to process concerns, and to provide discernment and give counsel to MC USA Executive Board and to each other on issues of life and faith in Mennonite Church USA. PNMC representatives in attendance were Jeryl Hollinger, Jack Swaim and PNMC Executive Conference minister Katherine Jameson Pitts. Jeryl Hollinger reflected in anticipation prior to the event, "As I look over the list of 62 participants who will be there I recognize many friends from around the country and look forward to dreaming and praying about the ministry of the church in this wider context. I usually experience these gatherings as encouraging and strengthening my joy of being on this journey with so many other committed people. When we conclude the meeting at noon on Saturday MC USA Executive Director, Glen Guyton, is giving a closing talk which I look forward to. He titled it, *The Joy of Being an Anabaptist*."

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Disaster Service, Oregon Unit

The Mennonite Disaster Service Oregon Unit Annual Meeting is planned for **March 23, 2019**, beginning at 10:00 am at Zion Mennonite Church, 6124 S Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR 97032. Elizabeth Soto Albrecht, Professor at Lancaster Theological Seminary and MDS Coordinator for Puerto Rico, will be a guest speaker. She is the author of *Discipleship and Mission*, the current Adult Bible Study Quarterly. She will be reporting on the recovery efforts in Puerto Rico. Michelle Hamrick, American Red Cross Senior Disaster Program Manager and ORVOAD (Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster) President, will also be a guest speaker. She will share about the role of ORVOAD and its members in disaster response in Oregon. Reports from 2018 service projects will be shared and the new MDS Oregon Unit Tool Trailer will be on display. Please RSVP by March 17, 2019 to [Clyde Hockman](mailto:Clyde.Hockman@pnmc.org), Oregon Unit Secretary, [503-263-1210](tel:503-263-1210). *Lunch will be provided.*

Camp Camrec

The Washington Mennonite Fellowship has several upcoming events that will be held at Camp Camrec in Leavenworth, WA. First there will be a quilting retreat **March 14-17**. A few weeks later, WMF will host a **Women's Retreat April 5-7**. The weekend will offer times for fellowship, relaxation, food, and fun! Participants are invited to morning times of worship and on Saturday afternoon the schedule will be open for taking a hike, reading, enjoying the luxury of a nap or making items to sell for the Mennonite Country Auction craft booth. Guests who enjoy cooking are invited to help prepare dinner. Registration is available at www.camrec.org.

Mountain View Mennonite Church

The Mennonite Disaster Service Unit at MVMC in Kalispell, MT, is planning to travel to Wharton, TX, **March 24-31**, to assist on MDS project. A few spots are still available for additional volunteers. If you have interest in traveling with the MVMC team, please contact info@mountainviewmennonite.org. You may also be interested in checking out the church's new website at mountainviewmennonite.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 7-10: Drift Creek Quilters, DCC

March 14-17: Washington Mennonite
Quilt Retreat, Camp Camrec

April 5-7: Washington Mennonite
Fellowship Women's Retreat,
Camp Camrec, Leavenworth, WA

April 12-14: Oregon Mennonite Women's
Retreat, featuring Melanie
Springer Mock, DCC

April 13: Idaho MCC Sale, NNU, Nampa, ID

May 10-11: DCC Work Weekend, Lincoln City, OR

June 21-22: PNMC Annual Meeting,
Albany Mennonite, Albany, OR

July 2-6: MC USA Convention
Kansas City, MO

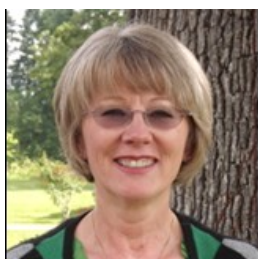
Idaho Mennonite World Relief Sale



The 2019 Idaho Mennonite World Relief Sale is coming up! Mark your calendars for April 13, 2019. The annual sale is held at the [College Church of the Nazarene](#), located at 504 E. Dewey in Nampa, ID. The morning will kick-off with a Country Breakfast (egg & potato strata, bacon, cinnamon rolls, fruit & drinks) beginning at 7:30 a.m. Follow [this link](#) for a full schedule and list of the day's activities or follow [this link](#) to take a peek at quilts and other items that will be available for purchase. **Katherine Smith**, (pictured left) will be this year's speaker. She grew up in Seattle, WA and graduated from Whitworth University in 2015 with a B.A. in Speech Communication. She then participated in MCC's SALT program as the Human & Community Development Assistant in Sololá, Guatemala at a woman's co-op. After her year of service abroad, Katherine moved to Tucson, AZ where she began a one year service worker position with MCC as the Site Coordinator at a migrant shelter for families seeking asylum in the U.S. Katherine has continued her work with MCC and is now the Border and Migration Outreach Coordinator for the West Coast office.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization



Linda Dibble, a chaplain and member of the MC USA Executive Board, has been called as the nominee for moderator-elect. Dibble has served in several capacities in broader church leadership and she currently serves on PNMC's Pastoral Leadership Team and chairs the Albany Mennonite Church Leadership Team. She is also a PNMC District Pastor for the Lebanon and Eugene congregations. Her nomination has been approved by the Executive Board and was affirmed at the Constituency Leaders Council meeting held March 1.

"Linda comes to the moderator-elect role with a non-anxious presence to lead and guide during celebrations as well as challenging times," said Cal Zehr, chair of the [Leadership Discernment Committee](#) (LDC). "I sense that her training as a spiritual director equips her to listen closely in deliberation and create space for all voices to be heard."

Dibble works as a special projects and interim chaplain at Mennonite Village in Albany, OR. She received an M.A. in Spiritual Formation from George Fox Evangelical Seminary in 2016 after 20 years of working in accounting. She holds a B.S. in Business Management and a Certificate in Human Resources Management. She also serves on the Western Christian School Board of Directors.

The moderator-elect is selected by the LDC, and if affirmed by delegates at the [MC USA Convention](#) in Kansas City. Dibble will serve two years as moderator-elect followed by two years as moderator and chair of the Executive Board, presiding over the 2023 MC USA Convention.

Dibble said she accepted the nomination after prayer and consulting with family and church leaders. "I felt if I was being asked to serve in this role that God was leading me to say yes," said Dibble. "For me, part of learning how to be a servant is recognizing that leadership and connecting people are some of my gifts and that people find value in that."

"The LDC selected Linda because she comes with a desire to carry forth the MC USA vision into the future," said Zehr. "She has a love for God and the church which showed throughout her service as the moderator of the Pacific Northwest Conference during times of reorganization and leadership transitions."

Dibble also manages a five-acre Christmas tree farm that she and her husband own, where she has grown and sold vegetables as well. "I enjoy working in the dirt and in the flower beds with all of God's color. It's therapeutic," said Dibble.

She and her husband have four adult children and six grandchildren. She said they enjoy going to the Oregon coast for refreshment and riding on their recumbent tadpole trikes.

"My prayer for the church is that we would be faithful," said Dibble. "That we would listen through the hard discussions that come and be able to love and bless those that disagree with us. And that's really hard to do, so I'm also preaching to myself."

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 18 (submissions due by 3/11)

Apr 1 (submissions due by 3/25)

Apr 15 (submissions due by 4/8)

May 6 (submissions due by 3/29)

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