



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office



It's not too early to make lodging arrangements for our upcoming [2019 Annual Meeting](#) in **June**. *Another event is scheduled at the Linn County Fairgrounds the same weekend so hurry to guarantee a place to stay.* Follow [this link](#) for a listing of hotel and camping options in and around the Albany area. Please keep in mind that some locations offer discounts, but there are reservation deadlines. Options are filling quickly, so don't delay.

The Annual Meeting is a time for growth and development within our conference. Please keep in mind that the offered workshops and worship are not just for delegates, everyone is welcome! If you want to learn more about our conference, non-delegates are also welcome to the table during delegate sessions. Even if you are unable to vote, you are always welcome to listen and learn from one another.

We are excited to welcome PNMC's own **Iris de Leon Hartshorn** who will be preaching during opening worship on **Saturday, June 22**. Iris is the Associate Executive Director for Operations for MC USA and has given leadership to the [Journey Forward](#) process. Our worship music will be led by the praise band from Roca de Salvación. The closing worship service will provide an opportunity to hear from some of the newer voices among us during a time of sharing. To register online, follow [this link](#). *We hope you will join us.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Salem Mennonite Church

Salem Mennonite Church invites you to a valley-wide hymn sing on **Sunday, June 2, at 6:00 pm**. We will sing from any of the three hymnals, and you will have a chance to call out your favorite. Bring light finger foods to share in the fellowship hall afterward.

Albany Mennonite Church

Albany Mennonite is seeking an enthusiastic, relational follower of Jesus to hire as their 1/4-time youth coordinator. If you have interest or questions, please contact Nancy Friesen at Nancynfriesen@gmail.com or Pastor Peter Epp at pastor.peter@albanymennonite.org.

Local Mennonite Disaster Service Units

The MDS Washington Unit would like leadership and a team to help finish two homes near Omak, WA. The projects would begin the first week of June. Some volunteers are lined up, but they a crew leader/director that is familiar with construction is needed. Contact [Clyde Hockman](#) if you are interested. A full listing of **volunteer opportunities** is available [here](#). John Colvin and Harold Miller will soon return to Saipan to do house assessments with a small team from MDS as per request of FEMA.

Think Globally, Act Locally...in Kalispell, MT: *It is becoming more common to receive calls at Mountain View Mennonite Church from the area hospital or other agencies saying they heard that there are people at the church willing to help disabled persons who need a ramp or to make their bathroom more accessible. Pastor Jeryl directs these calls to Maylon Peters who coordinates our local Mennonite Disaster Service unit, which is becoming known for its willingness to help people in the community who need a hand with construction due to a medical condition or disability.*

At 6:00 pm on the first Monday of each month the Montana MDS group meets at Perkins for supper (free pie night) and to discuss what is going on with MDS. Some folks in the group have gone to MDS projects in other parts of the country - most recently in March Maylon Peters and John Stutzman were in Wharton, TX to help with a project. But more and more attention is being given to local needs...

This past Saturday was an example. A group convened at 9:00 am to build a ramp for a home. The homeowner has a terminal illness and is mostly bedridden and her husband is beginning 9 weeks of radiation treatment for prostate cancer. Their home needed to be made wheelchair accessible. Thus, a call to MDS! The MDS trailer, with all its tools, was pulled into place. An MDS sign was posted by the road. Maylon arranged for the materials. Cal Brenneman, Maylon Peters, Rob Schrock and Rich Lapp showed up to do the construction. By 11:30 am the ramp was completed with the homeowners extremely grateful for what had been accomplished! They handed Maylon a check for the materials. The labor was free. What a blessing to be part of a group so dedicated to serving in this way!

A good time was had by all. I was amazed by the efficiency and capability of our skilled group. May the goodwill grow.

-Jeryl Hollinger, Pastor at MVMC

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Meghan Good, D.Min., encouraged the 20 graduates at the 73rd AMBS commencement to embrace a ministry of celebration. “Our primary work,” Good said, “is to proclaim to the world its glorious destiny and to rejoice ahead of time in the victory that is overcoming everything.” During the ceremony on **Saturday, May 4**, she reflected on one of her favorite passages, 2 Corinthians 2:14-17, where Paul envisions Christians as the captives of Christ’s victory parade. Captives in Roman military parades were walking to their deaths, but Paul’s metaphor suggests that the captives are celebrating, which means they “must know something that no one else does,” Good said. “We are commissioning you for a ministry of celebration. We are sending you out as the world’s most joy-filled captives,” Good declared. “Wherever you go from here — wherever God’s call takes you — you are going to wear your weakness openly and declare at the top of your lungs, ‘Look what the power of God has done! The God of the universe is toppling tyrants, beginning here with me. Praise God that I’ve been taken captive by the mercy of the Lamb.’” She explained that practicing ministry as a captive means remembering that God will heal the world, whether we wake up early and engage in that work or spend a day eating Cheetos under the covers. It is about “getting over ourselves” and letting go of the idea of one’s indispensability, instead focusing on “the incredible joy of getting to participate in this story,” Good told the graduates. *Read the full story [here](#).* Included in the graduating class was **Brian Miller O’ Leary**, originally of Seattle Mennonite Church.

Have you dreamed of obtaining a seminary degree but are not able to relocate? AMBS is launching a new on-line [Master of Arts: Theology & Global Anabaptism](#) (MATGA) degree. The 46-credit hour interdisciplinary academic program can be completed over four years on a part-time basis. To learn more about this opportunity, follow [this link](#).

International Guest House

“I was a stranger and you took me in.” Matthew 25:35. [The International Guest House](#) in Washington DC (*under the auspices of Allegheny Mennonite Conference*) seeks to put these words into action through its mission of Christian hospitality. Volunteers are needed for short stints of four to six weeks this summer and beginning in January to help the hosts in cleaning, cooking, gardening, and interacting with guests who may come from all parts of the world. Room and board provided with two days off each week. The house is located near bus routes, bike paths, and there are ample parking spaces. For inquiries or an application, please call IGH (202-726-5808) of sfretzgoering@yahoo.com.

Mennonite Church USA

Thinking about attending [MennoCon19](#), **July 2-6** in Kansas City but haven’t registered? Follow [this link](#) to get all the details. Meet the MennoCon19 worship speakers and hear a bit about what they are preparing for worship at [this link](#). For the latest news from MC USA, follow [this link](#) for the May edition of *Equipping*.

Mennonite World Conference

The **April 2019** edition of *Courier* is available [here](#).

HESSTON COLLEGE NORTHWEST TOUR:

The Hesston College Bel Canto Singers will present the program “Grant Us Peace,” which was inspired by the college’s International Peace Day Celebration. Meet our students and faculty, reconnect with Hesston College, and perhaps remember your own Hesston Experience!

Tuesday, May 21, 7pm
Seattle Mennonite Church

Friday, May 24, 2:30pm
Western Christian School

Friday, May 24, 7pm
Salem Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 26, 10:45am
Zion Mennonite Church

Sunday, May 26, 7pm
Portland Mennonite Church

Tuesday, May 28, 7pm
Bend Mennonite Church

Wednesday, May 29, 7pm
Albany Mennonite Church

Directed by Russell Adrian
Included in the choir is Jared Oyer from Zion Mennonite Church

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 3 (*submissions due by 5/27*)
June 17 (*submissions due by 6/10*)
July 8 (*submissions due by 7/1*)
Aug 5 (*submissions due by 7/29*)

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