



Pacific Northwest
Mennonite
Conference

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e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Plan now to attend the [2019 Annual Meeting](#) at Albany Mennonite Church, **June 21-22**. Our theme is **Sharing the Journey Forward**. Mennonite Church USA has invited us all to participate on a journey forward, seeking to be a people who *follow Jesus, witness to God's peace, and experience transformation*. We look forward to hearing about how this is happening in your congregation and in your community. Come prepared to share your stories and hear from other PNMC congregations about our journeys as God's people in this time and place.

There will be Education Events for everyone! These will be opportunities to dig deep into a topic, gain new skill and insights to strengthen congregational ministries. *Options include:*

Friday Morning

Healthy Boundaries 201: Social Media and the Internet

New technologies present new challenges. As pastoral leaders, our ethical boundaries need to extend to the virtual world as well as the real world. How do you manage your online presence? Your use of email, social media, and even texting? After a brief refresher on the basics of healthy boundaries, we will explore how to maintain appropriate boundaries while being connected in our tech-driven world. This workshop is required for those who have active ministerial credentials in PNMC or who currently hold ministry positions in PNMC congregations. (*If you cannot attend, please contact Katherine to make other arrangements.*) Other congregational leaders are welcome.

Friday Afternoon-- 3 options

Following Jesus: Being Missional Disciples, led by Marvin Lorenzana, *Mennonite Mission Network*

Effective disciple-making takes place through close relationships. The Missional Discipleship Initiative (MDI) strengthens congregations and their ministries through intentional, authentic, and relational disciple-making. This workshop will equip you on how to use **Missional Discipleship Groups** (MDGs) as a tool for providing a meaningful discipling experience. Relational disciple-making isn't for the impatient. Although **MDI's implementing process** lasts eight months, the work of disciple-making takes years. This seminar will be presented in Spanish, with simultaneous interpretation into English.

Witnessing to God's Peace: Peace Church 2019, led by Katherine Jameson Pitts and Colin Saxton, *Everence*

Being a peace church is core to who we are as Mennonites but what does it mean today? As we work on justice issues has our peace witness gotten sidetracked? How do we strengthen our understanding of what it means to be people of peace in our current cultural and political climate? Looking at the roots of our peace testimony, engaging the challenges we face today, and claiming the tools we need to be people of peace we will explore ways to practice and proclaim peace as the core of the gospel.

Experiencing Transformation: Responding to Trauma and Building Resilience, led by Sue Park Hur, *MC USA*

Many of those in our congregations and communities have experienced trauma of various kinds. Violence leads to trauma; unhealed trauma leads to recurring violence against self and others. But it doesn't have to be that way. Individuals and communities can learn skills for addressing trauma, healing relationships, and building resilience which improves the well-being of all. Based on STAR training originally developed for community leaders after the attacks of 9/11 in New York and Washington this will be an introduction to working with trauma and how it affects your community and congregation.

Friday Evening

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society is hosting a showing of John Ruth's video "European Anabaptist Heritage" at 7pm.

Saturday

Saturday will provide a variety of opportunities for worship, sharing stories, building relationships, strengthening our shared ministry, exploring resources from MC USA agencies.

Visit www.pnmc.org for schedules and registration. Though our conference covers a vast geographical area and we are scattered across land divided by mountain ranges and rivers, this once-a-year assembly brings us together in body and spirit. Let us gather together where all are welcome at the table, delegate or not, for warm hospitality, delicious food, worship and fellowship, *as we journey forward*.



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Disabilities Network

Anabaptist Disabilities Network (ADN) is announcing a new Barrier-Free Grant program that offers financial assistance to congregations for projects that facilitate barrier-free community life. This is one of several ways that ADN is a partner with congregations to create mutual awareness, caring support, and accessibility education. Grants range from \$100-500. For more information, please contact the ADN at 877-214-9838 or click [here](#) to download a grant application.

Mennonite Church USA

Planning to attend [MennoCon2019](#) July 2-6 in Kansas City, MO?

Craig Stinson of Western Mennonite Church is looking for someone to share a hotel at convention.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Looking for meaningful ways to spend your summer? Consider many volunteer opportunities through Mennonite Disaster Service! Current worksites are located in South Carolina, British Columbia, South Dakota and Puerto Rico. For **dates and details**, visit [this link](#).

Follow [this link](#) for a recent *Mennonite World Review* article highlighting the experiences of MDS volunteers of all ages.

Mennonite Education Agency

Thomas Stuckey of West Unity, Ohio, has been appointed **interim executive director** of Mennonite Education Agency (MEA). He is expected to serve for approximately a six-month period, with possibly a longer tenure while a search for a new executive director takes place. Stuckey has served as a member of the MEA board since 2014 and was a member of the church/school relations committee that developed the updated relationships between MEA and the Mennonite schools of higher learning. To read more about Stuckey and the mission of MEA, follow [this link](#).

Mennonite Women USA



A **Compassionate Care** seminar for international student couples led by Carolyn Heggen (*psychotherapist specializing in trauma healing*), Rhoda Keener (*Sister Care Int'l director for Mennonite Women USA*), and host, David B. Miller (*AMBS Church Leadership Center teaching associate*) was held at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary, March 31-April 2. The group included (front l-r) Pratik and Shabnam Bagh with Shanice (Elkhart/India), Rianna and Benjamin Isaac-Kraus (Elkhart/Canada, Germany), Ger Her and May Yang (Minneapolis/Thailand); (second l-r) Esther Muhagachi (Elkhart/Tanzania), Rhoda Keener, Carolyn Heggen, Jonah and Memee Yang (Minneapolis/Thailand), Pamela Obonde (Kenya); (third row l-r) Amos Muhagachi (Elkhart/Tanzania), David Miller, Don Neufeld (MMen Canada, observer), Steve Thomas (MMen USA, observer), Mike Sherrill (*Mennonite Mission Network Asia Director, observer*), Patrick Obonde (Elkhart/Kenya). Not pictured: Cyneatha Millsaps (*MW USA executive director*)

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 20 (*submissions due by 5/13*)

June 3 (*submissions due by 5/27*)

June 17 (*submissions due by 6/10*)

July 8 (*submissions due by 7/1*)

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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HESSTON COLLEGE BEL CANTO SINGERS NORTHWEST TOUR:

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