



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Who Cares about Climate Change? *Pastoral responses to denial and despair* is a pastoral retreat hosted by PNMC, **September 9-11**, at Twin Rocks Friends Camp in Rockaway Beach, OR. The retreat is hosted by the **Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions**. Participants are invited to explore biblical, personal, scientific, and congregational aspects of climate change. Doug Kauffman, Director of Pastoral Ecology and pastor at Benton Mennonite Church, Goshen, IN, will lead along with Sarah Augustine, co-founder of the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition and executive director of the Dispute Resolution Center of Yakima and Kittitas Counties, Yakima, WA and a member of Seattle Mennonite Church, and Ken Pitts, a climate educator for Portland Metro and member of Portland Mennonite Church. **There is no cost for pastors or spouses.** Retired folks, District pastors, unassigned pastors, and chaplains are more than welcome to attend. Again, no cost! It looks like we will have space available for other leaders, so if there is someone in your congregation who is interested and could give leadership on this in your congregation they are welcome to register and come as well. No cost if they are coming with you or if your congregation does not have a designated pastor. Go to <https://mennocreationcare.org/pastoral-retreats/> to read about the retreat and scroll down for the registration form. You don't have to have long or profound answers to the question, they just want some idea of the background and concerns of those who will be there. Register [here](#). In addition, contact [Barb](#) if you are coming from a distance and wish to coordinate travel to and from PDX.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp



DCC is offering [TRAIL run/walk](#) to help raise funds for this summer's closure due to the culvert replacement at North Creek. [The Slug Run](#) will be held at 10:00 a.m. on **September 28** at Cedar Vale Events, 6486 S. Sconce Rd. in Hubbard, OR. Options include 1 mile walk/run, 5k walk/run, or virtual run (includes shirt). Cost: \$35/adult, \$20/child (6-16), kids 5/under are free to run/walk, but can purchase a shirt for \$10; \$100 family max. Post race awards: U10, 11-20, 21-35, 36-50, 51-65, 66+ prizes for first in each age group and top three male and female over all. Everyone gets a finisher medal (wood medallion)! Post-race Raffle (tickets available for purchase, \$1/each). Raffle items include yummy baked goods, DCC swag, Steel Bridge Coffee, and more. Register at www.driftcreek.org by **September 15th** to guarantee t-shirt.

Additionally, if you are a quilter or crafter, sign up now for the [2019 Fall Quilt Retreat](#) at DCC, **October 17-20**. Carve out a weekend to be pampered while you work on projects of your choosing among God's beautiful creation at Drift Creek Camp. Register [here](#).

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

Save the Date – [MCC Fall Festival](#) – October 12, 2019. What would you like to see in the Country Store? Hand crafted items for home and personal use such as home décor, soaps, lotions, jewelry, cards and gift baskets. Items for children and babies – blankets, wooden toys, books, hats, etc. Dried fruits and vegetables, nuts, herbs, tea, homemade noodles, fudge, cookies, pffernuss, honey, flavored oils and vinegars. *Sorry NO HOME CANNED items.* Fresh produce for the Farmer's Market area – onions, potatoes, squash, carrots, pumpkins, tomatoes, kale, gourds, etc. There will be a "Vintage" table again so good quality items are needed for that area. We ask that items be new or very good quality used items. Cashiers are needed for 2-hour shifts on the day of the sale. If you would like to volunteer, please contact [Donna Brubaker](#) or [Florence Gingrich](#).

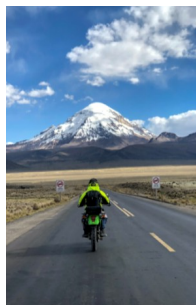
Mennonite Disaster Service

All are invited to the Region 4 Annual Meeting at the Hilton Garden Inn, 12048 Northeast Airport Way, Portland, OR on **September 14**. Josh Keefer, will speak on "The Genesis of Mennonite Disaster Service". A \$75 registration includes lunch and dinner. RSVP to [Ina Heinrichs](#) at (512) 749-2985. Hotel reservations should be made directly with the Hilton Garden Inn, 503-255-8600. A block of rooms will be held until **September 1**. Use code MDSSEP to receive the MDS negotiated price.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Central Committee



MCC Bolivia is pairing up with [Bolivia Motorcycle Tours](#) for a two-week adventure that combines the excitement of riding the diverse landscapes of Bolivia with visiting MCC supported projects related to the major themes of MCC Bolivia's program such as education, agriculture, water and urban gardening. With a diverse set of partners from the eastern low-lands of Santa Cruz to the mountains and river valleys of Cochabamba and La Paz, this trip is designed to provide an intense learning experience on contextual issues of Bolivia and how MCC partners are addressing the needs of vulnerable children and families across a wide cultural panorama. We hope to garner more people interested in support of MCC, seeing Bolivia as an example of how we are living out our call to accompany others in the name of Christ. Join us [November 3-18, 2019](#) for a thrilling ride! The tour size is limited to seven participants. Cost is \$2880, plus airfare. MCC partners that you'll visit: Stansberry, Samuelita, Fundación Abril, OBADES, Fundación Comunidad y Acción.

Mennonite Church USA

[Call to prayer and action in response to the tragedies of gun violence](#)

Lord, hear our grief...

We pray for the lives lost in Gilroy, California, El Paso, Texas, Dayton, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois, which join the climbing number of those lost to gun violence in America. Comfort the mourning, the grieving, the broken-hearted. Compel our prayers to turn into actions.

May the triggers of our streets be beaten into plowshares. May the triggers of our hearts be met with the open arms of our neighbors.

May we trust in the transformative power of your refining fire. **Forge us to be instruments of your peace.**

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. May our posture be of a readiness to steady a plowshare.

May we take hold of your olive branch that plots for peace. May the plowshare break the earth of senseless violence.

May the furrows bring us a harvest of solace, a never-ending rest from violence.

May we sit under the vine and fig, on earth as it is in heaven.

May it be so. Amen

—Adapted from a prayer by Mike Martin originally published in *The Mennonite* after a tragic shooting in Las Vegas.

Follow [this link](#) for the latest edition of *Equipping*, a monthly newsletter from Mennonite Church USA.



West Coast MCC



Registration for the 2020 MCC Centennial Bike Ride is live! The event will be based at the Aldersgate Retreat Center, near Salem, OR. It will include beautiful rides of varying lengths through the Willamette Valley to accommodate all bikers. The event is family friendly with multiple camping/lodging options. If you have never joined an MCC ride, this is the one! Registration details: *A few things of note:*

1. In years past participants paid a \$50 deposit and then the remainder closer to the event. Due to lodging commitments/contracts, **we are now asking registrants to pay a minimum of 50% up front** (with a credit card or check option). *The committee recognizes that this might pose a burden but our hands are sort of tied with our current situation. Please feel free to contact the committee with questions or concerns regarding this.* 2. You might notice that not much information is required at registration. At this point, planners are primarily seeking the number of expected participants, ages, lodging preferences and financial commitment. Additional information will be

collected at a later date. 3. **Tentative route links are posted.** Routes are approximately 50-70 miles long, but a daily 20-30 mile option will likely be offered as well. Each ride offers a great snapshot of the beautiful Willamette Valley. *Thanks to Don Yoder for getting these set up!* Riders may want to take advantage of navigation apps for guidance. (Look for more details on the website as well as route updates in case of changes.) Ride planners are eager to create an event that fits lots of abilities, ages, needs, etc. Feel free to come and ride as little or as much as you like! Aldersgate gives more opportunity for rest day activities if you want it, or for young kids to come along. The website offers more details and registration [here](#). *Unfortunately, at this time refunds cannot be guaranteed should plans change after registration. Thank you in advance for your understanding.* Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns: mccbikeride2020@gmail.com.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 2 (submissions due by 8/26)

Sept. 16 (submissions due by 9/9)

October 7 (submissions due by 10/30)

October 21 (submissions due by 10/14)

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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