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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. Spouses are welcome to participate with a \$150 registration fee. If you are not a pastor or spouse and would like to attend, please contact Barb Buxman for details and availability. Register [here](#). In addition, contact [Barb](#) if you are coming from a distance and wish to coordinate travel to and from PDX.

Post MennoCon19 resources, including worship speaker videos and worship songs can be found [here](#). *Items of note:* In addition to appointing adult delegate(s) each congregation in MC USA can now appoint a single “youth delegate” age 16-21 to attend. These youth delegates will have full voting and speaking rights at the delegate sessions at national convention. MC USA delegates also passed a Church wide Statement condemning the USA government’s [abuse of child migrants](#). on the Abuse of Child Migrants resolution. Learn more about all of MennoCon19 news, photos and highlights at [www.mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce](http://www.mennoniteusa.org/kcsauce).

## 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](http://www.driftcreek.org) by **September 15th** to guarantee t-shirt.

### Menno Mennonite Church

The Menno congregation in Ritzville, WA is pleased to welcome their new pastor, Bryce Miller. He and his wife Emily Toews along with their two children have arrived.

### 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.

### Portland Mennonite Church

PMC celebrated the ordination of **Reverend Brianne Kruger** on **August 4**. Brie was affirmed for ordination on April 29th by the Pastoral Leadership Team of Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference. She serves as a chaplain at the Portland VA Medical Center.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Online courses (Sept. 3 – Dec. 13) include Creation Care: Theology, Ethics and Spirituality; History of Christianity in Africa; Human Development and Christian Formation; Psalms; and Strange New World of the Bible 1. AMBS is also offering 13 campus courses (Sept. 3 – Dec. 13), including Apocalypse Against Empire: The Book of Revelation; Christian Attitudes Toward War, Peace and Revolution; God's Shalom and the Church's Witness; Preaching; Sexuality and Colonialism; and more. **Get 50 percent off your first course for credit!** (nonadmitted students only). AMBS graduates can audit a campus course for only \$90/credit hour. Learn more or register [here](#).

### Anabaptist Witness

Two new calls for submission: The Anabaptist Witness publication is calling for submissions to the April and October 2020 issues. The April issue will be an unthemed, omnibus issue. Please consider submitting work on any of the key issues facing Anabaptist and Mennonite churches in mission. The October 2020 issue is themed "Displacement: Land, Indigenous Peoples, and Mission," and will explore the connections between the displacement of peoples, environmental degradation, and mission. Read more [here](#).



### Mennonite Mission Network

Mennonite Mission Network's new *Missio Dei* booklet, *Not just disciples, but disciple makers* by Marvin Lorenzana, is out now! "Biblical discipleship," says Marvin Lorenzana, "is only complete when a faithful disciple of Jesus learns—in an intentional and relational way—how to make *another* faithful disciple of Jesus" (p. 3). Not many church members really believe or practice this, of course, despite the fact that Jesus actually called the very first disciples to leave their fishing nets and follow him, so that he could send them out to "fish for people" (Matthew 4:19). This booklet raises important questions about the difference between being *disciples of Jesus* and being *Jesus' disciple makers*. Try out the questions on page 21 with your small group, Sunday school class, or ministry team. They are certain to generate a lively conversation and, potentially, a call to action! Order information available [here](#).

### West Coast MCC

Thanks to the strong work of Brett Tieszen, Curt Weaver and Barb Buxman, the registration for the [2020 MCC Centennial Bike Ride, August 9-14, 2020](#) is live! They worked tirelessly on every detail and are amazing volunteers! The event will be based at the Aldersgate Retreat Center, outside of 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 and lodging options. If you have never joined an MCC ride, this is the one! Registration details: <https://www.oregonfestivalforworldrelief.com/bike-2020.html> *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: <https://www.oregonfestivalforworldrelief.com/bike-2020.html>.

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](mailto:mccbikeride2020@gmail.com).

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

August 19 (submissions due by 8/12)  
Sept 2 (submissions due by 8/26)  
Sept. 16 (submissions due by 9/9)  
October 7 (submissions due by 10/30)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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