



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC OFFICE

The 2020 Conference Communications Council will take place February 1 at Portland Mennonite Church at 9:00am. The annual event is an opportunity for representatives from PNMC churches to connect with one another, share congregational news and worship together. Michelle Armster and Karin Kauffman Wall from Mennonite Central Committee, Central States, will attend. The two will ask big questions and lead an exploration about expanding intercultural competency. *We want to be a diverse church, we want to build bridges across cultural divides in our communities, but where do we even start? Once we've started, how do we go deeper?* Plan now to send pastors and representatives to participate.

Did your pastor miss the Pastoral Responses to Climate Change retreat? Good news! There is another west coast opportunity to engage in this important conversation. The program will be offered **January 31-February 2, 2020** at St. Paul's Commons Retreat and Conference Center in Los Angeles, CA. This will be the fifth pastoral retreat on climate change from CSCS and Mennonite Creation Care Network. Registration details are posted on the MCCN [retreat page](#). *Curious about what other churches and organizations are doing about Climate Change? Take heart! We are not alone!* Refer to [this list](#) to see what others are doing!

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

First Mennonite Church, Aberdeen, ID

Kevin Chupp will be ordained at First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen in Aberdeen, ID, on **Sunday, November 24, 2019**.

Zion Mennonite Church

The 2019 Sing Your Own Messiah will be **Saturday, December 21, 7pm**, at ZMC.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The PNMHS Annual Meeting & Fundraiser is coming up **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. The featured program, entitled "The Lady Is Our Shepherd", is the story of Mennonite women pastors in the Northwest. The program will be moderated by Marlene Kropf. More details will be coming soon. Please call 503-266-6447 for questions.

Albany Mennonite Church

On October 18-19, 2019, a group of women from AMC met at the beautiful Oregon coast for a **Sister Care Retreat** facilitated by Jill Baker and Twila Lehman. It was a meaningful time for reflection, relaxation, reconnecting, and learning/reinforcing how to be a compassionate, caring, **healing community** with sisters at Albany Mennonite and in the community. (Front: Karen Tieszen, Angie Nord, Twila Lehman, Jill Baker. Back: Jessica Farwell, Cathy Ebbs, Marguerite Kenagy.)



Drift Creek Camp

Supporters of DCC gathered November 8-10 for the 2019 Annual Meeting. For most, it was the first visit since the road re-opened after major restoration work on North Creek, a close tributary to Drift Creek. River Steward and representative of the Native Fish Society, Conrad Gowell, summarized the project. He shared images taken at each step of the way during the 4-month endeavor. The structure is the biggest open-arch culvert created by the manufacturer, making the culvert at North Creek the largest in Oregon. The structure is approximately 25-feet tall, 50-feet wide and 130-feet long. The goal was to create an expanse large enough to accommodate safe fish passage, fallen trees and high water levels during winter storms. Rock was hauled in to restore the creek bed after nearly 60 years of "fire hosing" caused by pressurized water exiting the former too-small culvert. Fish experts have already spotted more fish traveling up North Creek than what has been seen in decades.



Eastern Mennonite Seminary

The EMS annual [School for Leadership Training](#) will take place **January 13-15, 2020**. “Shalom in the Streets: Recapturing God’s Vision in Ordinary Places.” The biblical narratives beckon us to discover shalom in genuine relationships with the people in our neighborhoods, communities and cities. In the flourishing of the places where we live, we flourish as well (Jeremiah 29:7). Register before November 26, 2019 to take advantage of the early bird special of \$190.

Eastern Mennonite Seminary is hosting a [20th Anniversary Celebration Dinner for Clinical Pastoral Education](#) on **Tuesday, January 14, 2020**. Join CPE faculty, students, alumni and friends to celebrate the past 20 years and envision CPE at EMS in the future. This special event is taking place during the School for Leadership Training. Cost for the dinner is \$25. Sara Wenger Shenk, former associate dean of EMS, will be the guest speaker. *Scholarships are available for pastors to attend the School for Leadership Training.*

Mennonite Disaster Service

Plan to attend MDS’ [All Unit Meeting \(AUM\)](#) **February 7-8, 2020** in Goshen, IN. The AUM is a time for volunteers, leaders, donors, and staff to come together and explore this year’s theme “*Seeing Jesus Among Us*.” Speaker Brenda Phillips, from Indiana University, will discuss the question: What have MDSers packed in their suitcases when departing to serve over the last 60 plus years? Workshops on topics such as volunteer engagement, construction practices, case management, and communicating the MDS story will be available. Sign up to join friends—old and new—for tours of the Goshen and South Bend on Friday. [Registration is now open.](#)

Lombard Mennonite Peace Center

The LMPC is presenting [Mediation Skills Training for Church Leaders](#), **February 10-14, 2020** in Indianapolis, IN. Click [here](#) for more information:

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) for the November 2019 edition of *Equipping*.

Mennonite Mission Network



This tangible symbol is a reminder to choose peace. Mennonite Mission Network invites you to wear the [“I choose peace” pin](#) to be reminded of God’s call to peace and justice, and to spark conversation with others about peacemaking and the Prince of Peace. When you wear this pin: *Strive to take Jesus and his teachings seriously. Live with holy imagination. Plant and cultivate peace in yourself and the world.* Sign up for MMN’s monthly [peacemaker email](#), and share where you’ve worn yours on [Facebook@MennoniteMissionNet](#) and on [Instagram@ichoosepeace2018](#). Pin purchases support *ministries of peace and justice in the U.S. and abroad, both long term ministries and special projects.*

The Mennonite Mission Network Board is seeking an **Executive Director** to lead Mission Network’s ministry into the next chapter of growth. Mission Network, an agency of Mennonite Church USA, is commissioned to lead, mobilize and equip the church to participate in holistic witness to Jesus Christ in a broken world. The agency envisions all parts of the church being fully engaged in mission – across the street, all through the marketplaces and around the world.

The exceptional Executive Director candidate will use the following leadership skills to fulfill organizational mission and vision:

- Cast and communicate a compelling vision.
- Foster collaborative relationships, both internally and externally.
- Guide innovative change and the development of creative programs and services.
- Engage with diverse intercultural and international constituents and partners.
- Inspire commitment to God’s reconciling mission in the world.

Find the complete [position description](#) at www.MennoniteMission.net/about/employment.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

December 2 (*submissions due by 11/25*)

December 16 (*submissions due by 12/9*)

January 6 (*submissions due by 12/30*)

January 20 (*submissions due by 1/13*)

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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