



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC OFFICE

The 2020 Conference Communications Council, is **February 1, 9am**, at Portland Mennonite Church. Register at [this link](#) before this **Friday, January 24**. We look forward to connecting with representatives from our PNMC congregations at this event.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Albany Mennonite Church

AMC invited folks to join them for the [Great Winter Warm Up!](#) The 2-day event was **January 17 & 18**. Approximately 50 people from the Albany, Lebanon, Corvallis, Salem and Eugene churches dropped in between 9 and 3 each day. Lunch and supplies were provided. The goal was to tie at least 20 and 28 were finished! *More volunteers are needed to help MCC attain their goal of 6,500 comforters ready to share for this year.*

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The 2020 PNMHS Annual Meeting & Fundraiser is **February 8**. The 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**. Call 503-266-6447 for questions. RSVP to real2reel@teleport.com.



Zion Mennonite Church

ZMC is hosting its [48th annual Quilting Workshop](#) **February 20-22** from 10-3 each day. Church volunteers will serve soup (creamy tomato or vegetable beef) with bread each day from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm on a \$4.00 suggested donation basis. The three-day event includes a display of quilts, wall hangings and comforters ranging from the latest techniques and colors to century old heirlooms. Volunteers will be available to guide guests through the process from choosing fabric and a pattern to cutting and piecing the top, choosing batting, securing the project into a frame, quilting, and finishing the edges with binding. A "learner's quilt" will be available as well as a comforter to tie for anyone who would like to learn. Guests are invited to view daily demonstrations. There is no admission charged but donations are appreciated for the Senior Center in El Torno, Bolivia. The Senior Center has served as the community / social center since it was built in 2001. It is a place where the elderly can come for fellowship, food, teachings, occupational therapy, health care and rest. A large array of fair trade handicrafts including baskets, jewelry, toys, and woodcarvings from **One Fair World** in Salem will be available for purchase. Proceeds help to alleviate poverty for the crafters and farmers who create the works of art. More details [here](#). Questions? Call (503) 651-2274. *In the case of inclement weather, the workshop would be postponed one week.*

Drift Creek Camp

The 2020 Women's Retreat will take place **April 17-19**. Participants will explore the renewing aspects of creating and observing Sabbath moments in the rhythm of busy lives. We will gather for singing, prayer & reflection in group sessions led by Reverend Roberta Jantzi Egli. *Roberta grew up on a Mennonite grass seed farm in the Willamette Valley. She pursued a nursing career after returning to Oregon upon graduating from Eastern Mennonite University. Eventually, she could not ignore a nudge of the Holy One to pursue theological studies and graduated from Pacific School of Religion with a M Div. She is ordained in The United Methodist Church and has served as pastor at several churches. Currently she is the Executive Director of [Messy Church USA](#) which is affiliated with an ecumenical all age worship experience that started in the UK and now is a global movement. She is married to Lynn Egli and has two adult sons. In her spare time, she loves to walk the bike paths along the Willamette, read and sing.* Guests will plan their own time... Enjoy forest walks in solitude or with friends; practice yoga, get creative in the craft room; read or knit by the fire. Cultivate community with old friends & new while enjoying delicious meals and some pampering. The book discussion will be *Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest* by Lynne M. Baab. Jesus called his disciples to "come away and rest" during their active ministry on earth. *Can you hear Jesus calling you to 'come away and rest'?*

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

There are several important learning opportunities scheduled at AMBS! On **Monday, March 2**, daylong workshops for pastors, lay leaders, youth leaders, parents, educators and those **forming faith in the community** will be offered in conjunction with a conference on **Shaping Faith in a Digital Culture** that will begin there that evening.

Topics for the March 2 Leadership Clinics include:

- ☐ Love Jesus, Grow in Faith, Change the World: Shine Curriculum's Vision for Faith Formation (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- ☐ Forming Faith in Digital Spaces: Workshop with Scribes for the Reign of God (collaborative research project) (9 a.m. to 3 p.m.)
- ☐ Healthy Boundaries 101 Training (8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.)
- ☐ Healthy Boundaries 201 Training (8 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.)

The associated conference, **Shaping Faith in a Digital Culture**, will begin at 7pm on **Monday, March 2, - Thursday, March 5.**

How can faith leaders and their communities grow in building faith and in recognizing the gospel of Jesus Christ in today's digitally saturated culture? This question is central to the conference theme which will merge AMBS's Pastors and Leaders 2020 and Mennonite Church USA's Deep Faith. Planners have designed the joint event for leaders in congregations and communities — pastors, lay leaders, formation leaders, youth leaders, parents and educators — with the goal of thinking together biblically and theologically about living, worshiping and playing in digital spaces. "Digital spaces are intricately intertwined with our daily lives, which is why it is so important to talk about what that means for our faith, our churches and our theology," said Jewel Gingerich Longenecker, AMBS dean of Lifelong Learning and a member of the planning committee. "It has become normal to pray with prayer apps, worship over video calls, and research sermons through online preaching resources. As Christian people, we proclaim our faith through our actions every day, both online and offline. We want participants to hone faith-building skills that support good mental and spiritual health."

The idea for the joint conference came about when Shana Peachey Boshart, denominational minister for faith formation for Mennonite Church USA, approached Jewell Longenecker about holding Deep Faith, a gathering for faith formation leaders, at AMBS every other year. Peachey Boshart wants to begin to host the denominational faith formation gathering annually under the name Deep Faith, alternating between AMBS and the city hosting the next biennial Mennonite Church USA convention as locations. The event is a joint conference of two annual leadership gatherings: **AMBS's Pastors and Leaders 2020 and Mennonite Church USA's Deep Faith.** Participants can choose to register for a Leadership Clinic by itself or in addition to their Pastors and Leaders 2020/Deep Faith registration. Also, they can earn 0.4 CEUs for attending a clinic. For information about Leadership Clinic presenters, topics, costs, group discounts and registration, see ambs.edu/leadershipclinics. Learn more [here](#).

Mennonite Central Committee

Service Opportunity! Do you know any young adults, ages 18-30 who crave travel, new challenges, relationships and service? Invite them to consider SALT! Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a [wide variety of positions](#) in fields like education, agriculture, health care, information technology, peace and more! During their assignments SALTers are immersed in another culture, living with host families or communal settings such as dormitories or teacher housing in Africa, Asia, Europe, Latin and Central America and the Middle East. Visit <https://mcc.org/get-involved/serve/volunteer/salt> to find out more or contact Marlene Bogard, your Pacific Northwest MCC Recruitment Consultant for more information: marlenebogard@mcc.org.

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URGENT: For churches participating in MCC's **Winter Warmup**, would you please drop Bob Buxman (bobbuxman@mcc.org) a note ASAP with an update regarding estimated number of comforters you are hoping to collect. THANK YOU.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

February 3 (*submissions due by 1/27*)
February 17 (*submissions due by 2/10*)
March 2 (*submissions due by 2/24*)
March 20 (*submissions due by 3/13*)

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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