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From the PNMC OFFICE

The 2020 Conference Communications Council, is **February 1, 9am**, at Portland Mennonite. Register at [this link](#) by **January 24**. *Early registration is appreciated and helps immensely with planning, so please don't delay.*

Michelle Armster and Karin Kauffman Wall from MCC Central States, will be CCC guest speakers. The two will ask big questions regarding intercultural competency. *We want to be a diverse church, we want to build bridges across cultural divides in our communities, but where do we start? Once we've started, how do we go deeper?* We hope that all of our congregations can be represented, in person, as we talk about racism and intercultural diversity. Please contact Barb Buxman at office@pnmc.org for details.

Plan a Dove's Nest event at your church for 2020!

New topics include healthy boundaries for all ages, consent, and appropriate touch. Dove's Nest speaker Marlene Bogard is serving the Pacific Northwest, so here's your opportunity to stay ahead of the curve and have these important conversations with Marlene—an expert speaker and facilitator!

Everence's Safe Church Grant has been extended into 2020, so your church can be reimbursed up to \$350 for the costs you incur to develop policies, train people or implement programs to keep kids safe from all forms of abuse.

"The Dove's Nest speaker was a gifted communicator. As a result of this training, I will encourage my church to update our child safety policy and educate parents, grandparents, and teachers."—Training Participant

Find out more: dovesnest.net/events



We remember former PNMC Missions Minister, John M. Miller, who passed away in late December. Read his obituary [here](#).

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Drift Creek Camp

High school students are invited to the [2020 Youth Retreat](#). Prepare for a weekend of fun, community, hope, discovery & strength. Through play and sharing, participants will delve into helpful ways of caring for mental health needs as an expression of **caring for Gods creation**. Jill Swiers Baker will facilitate sessions. Jill has a wealth of experience working with youth. She and husband, Ben, work with the youth at Albany Mennonite and are former Service Adventure leaders. She will guide discussions on how students can strive to discover sources of strength for themselves and also how to share that strength with others. Registration and details at www.driftcreek.org. The retreat begins at noon on **Saturday, January 18** and concludes at noon on **Monday, January 20, 2020**.

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Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The PNMHS Annual Meeting & Fundraiser is **Saturday, February 8, 2020**. 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. More details are coming soon. Call 503-266-6447 for questions. RSVP to real2reel@teleport.com.

West Coast MCC

Registration is open for the [2020 MCC Centennial Bike Ride](#), **August 9 - 14, 2020**, based in Albany, OR (*a change from initial announcements*). There will be beautiful green spaces for gathering at Mennonite Village. Various route options. Lots of local areas to explore. Evening festivities. [Ride, dine, discover, celebrate!](#) *Who is invited?* Everybody! Families, Non-bike riders, former bike riders, wanna-be riders, spouses, grandparents, grandchildren, folks from the USA and Canada.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

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Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Thinking about seminary? Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary offers scholarships and need-based financial aid to help make your education affordable. Complete your admissions application now so you can be eligible to apply for merit-based scholarships by **March 1** and ministry scholarships by **April 1**. ambs.edu/scholarships.

Mennonite Mission Network

For those who want to nibble sound bites for the soul while sipping evening tea with friends, listening to a new **Spanish-language podcast**, *Merienda Menonita*, may be the perfect match. Named after the Spanish term for a light dinner or tea in the evening, the podcast is being co-hosted by Peter Wigginton, a mission worker for Mennonite Mission Network in Ecuador, and Jonathan Minchala. Minchala lives in Quito, Ecuador, and is a high-school literature teacher. Evoking the tone of familiar banter with friends around the table, they will share informal conversations, stories and discussions together with different guests about living out the Christian calling in Latin America. Many different subjects are being explored, "but they all return to the idea that by sharing Scriptures together, we can learn together how to be Anabaptist Christians," Minchala said. "We are focused toward a Spanish-speaking audience, but we also hope it will gain attention with anyone interested in Christianity, Anabaptists, or just Latin America in general." MMN and *The Mennonite, Inc.*, are partnering together to produce *Merienda Menonita*. Find available episodes on the [Merienda Menonita podcast page](#). To receive new episodes in your inbox, subscribe to the [Spanish-language newsletter *Meno Acontecer*](#). Listeners are invited to respond to the podcast by emailing questions and comments to info@meriendamenonita.com.

Mennonite Central Committee



One hundred years ago, calls for help came from Mennonites in southern Russia where war, disease and famine had left them in desperation. A century later, MCC continues and will host its **Celebration 2020**, the U.S. national celebration of MCC's history and ministry, **June 19-21**, in Lancaster County, PA. The weekend will be a time of thanksgiving to God; and for the supporters, partners and workers who have made MCC's ministry possible. Participants can enjoy food, music, demonstrations, children's activities and storytelling at Friday events in Akron and Saturday events in Ephrata and Mountville. Registration for the *Century for a Century bike tour*, *Pax Ultimate* Frisbee® tournament and an MCC Thrift shops bus tour will open closer to the event. For more details visit mcc.org/celebration-2020.

This feeding center in Trans-Volga, Russia, circa 1922, was one of 140 MCC-supported centers in southern Russia that distributed 38,600 rations daily at the peak of the relief effort in 1922. MCC photo.

Later this month, MCC will kick off its 100-year anniversary by bringing together volunteers to make 6,500 comforters in one day!

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:

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

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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