



# e-Bulletin

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## From the Executive Conference Minister, *Katherine Jameson Pitts*

2020 has been quite a year so far, but this is the time we've been given. I had a wonderful Pentecost week listening to many of your worship services and sermons. Our congregations are blessed to have pastors unafraid to speak honestly and courageously and to help make connections between their faith and the events of the past weeks. As the death of George Floyd sparked protests against police brutality and racism, our denomination has offered a number of thoughtful pieces and ideas for action. I encourage you to read and listen to Glen Guyton's words [here](#) as well as the denominational statement on racial injustice [here](#). In addition, prayers of lament (including one by PNMC's own Jerrell Williams) are shared [here](#).

## From the PNMC Office

Register today to participate in the [2020 Virtual Annual Meeting](#). The 2-hour event will take place **Saturday, June 27, 9:00am PT**. (Those who register will receive the Zoom link.) Although our gathering will take an unusual format, it remains an important part of who we are and how we want to be in relationship with one another. Christ is at work among us in varied and interesting ways. The ministry of PNMC continues to be to strengthen that witness and come together to celebrate our shared faith.

**Congregations:** Please consider integrating [these worship resources](#) into your **June 28** worship service.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization



### Camp Palisades

As most folks probably expected, Summer 2020 youth camps at Camp Palisades have been canceled. After 62 years of camp, planners are hoping that this is a perfect time to invest time and energy in the camp's resources by replacing or caring for the things that need attention around camp. Camp Palisades is a small operation, and will weather a year without programs without much trouble. Regardless, contributions for maintenance, grounds, or to future camp programming are welcome. Gifts can be sent with "Camp Palisades" in the memo line to: *First Mennonite Church, 381 W. Washington Ave, Aberdeen, ID 83210*.

### Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship

CMFers, Ed and Gwen Peachey served in Bangladesh with MCC in the late 1980s. In response to MCC's recent [#donutsformcc](#) social media campaign, Ed decided to participate in the effort! He crafted 251 hand-made donuts on **Saturday, June 6** to raise funds to help address the cancellation of numerous relief sales due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Ed set up donut operation in his car port and got to work with help from Joe and Lisa Ebersole. The crew took pre-orders from Corvallis Mennonite folks and got to work. Ed started the operation at 3:30 am on Saturday. Customers came to Ed's drive way to pick up the donuts between 7 and 10 am. Ed has always wanted to have his own donut shop so the project was a bit of a dream come true! The recipe used was from Edna Ruth Byler (page 65) in the *More With Less* cookbook. Toppings included: peanut butter, maple flavor, classic glaze, and powdered sugar. Each donut averaged \$27.88 for MCC!



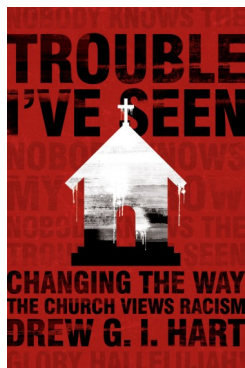
### Drift Creek Camp

DCC is grateful for the generous financial support which has come through to help cover operating costs during the current Covid-19 closure. Camp operations came to a screeching halt in mid-March. All summer programs and rental groups have been canceled as overnight programmed camps are prohibited. However, family groups are allowed to stay on-site. If you have interest in renting Yamhill or one of the summer cabins, please contact [info@driftcreek.org](mailto:info@driftcreek.org). (Depending on the group size, the lodge may also be available for families.) The DCC board is also hoping to maximize this opportunity to address maintenance projects. Help is needed to resurface the second floor bathrooms, refresh the walls on the lodge's main floor, finish the caretaker cabin and install outdoor hand washing stations behind the bathhouse. To schedule a time to volunteer contact the office at 971-600-1244.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### MennoMedia



If you are ready to address the question, “Has the church been complicit in a racist society?” then consider this book from Herald Press. The high-profile killings of young black men and women by white police officers, and the protests and violence that ensued, have convinced many white Christians to reexamine their intuitions when it comes to race and justice.

In this provocative book, theologian and blogger Drew G. I. Hart places police brutality, mass incarceration, anti-Black stereotypes, poverty, and everyday acts of racism within the larger framework of white supremacy. Leading readers toward Jesus, Hart offers concrete practices for churches that **seek solidarity with the oppressed and are committed to racial justice.**

Hart shares, “I wrote #TroubleI’veSeen to and for the church. So that local churches can rediscover the radical way of Jesus in a world still captive to white supremacy. We must identify the ways the church has been complicit in our racist society, and the ways we can reject hierarchy and domination and pursue solidarity with the oppressed, through Jesus-shaped justice and service.”

### Mennonite Church USA



*From Iris de León-Hartsborn is associate executive director for Operations for Mennonite Church USA:*

This last week has been a very dark time for our country. Deaths are still rising due to COVID-19, deaths continue to increase of black men killed by those who are supposed to protect them. In Glen Guyton’s [monthly chat](#) on Facebook last week, he called for a **Justice Fund** to be created. The distribution of funds will go to congregations that are doing work to dismantling racism in their community. The work could include engaging with issues related to combating police violence and addressing poverty. Racism is embedded in the majority of our institutional structures; therefore, there is much work to be done. You might ask why set up a justice fund. There are several reasons:

- If the church is serious about working at dismantling racism, it must be intentional. Resources are needed to do the work.
- This fund is a way to practice mutual aid. Some congregations working on issues connected to dismantling racism are small and may not have the resources they need to be more effective. This fund is a way to encourage and show support for the work throughout the church by our congregations.
- This fund can provide seed money for congregations starting to engage in this work within their community.

Read more [here](#).

### Mennonite Mission Network

MMN is committed to training church leaders to develop a culture of discipleship. Effective disciple-making takes place through close relationships. The Missional Discipleship Initiative (MDI) strengthens congregations and their ministries through intentional, authentic, and relational disciple-making. This happens by implementing Missional Discipleship Groups (MDGs) and virtual learning huddles. A new virtual learning circle with a new format is scheduled **September 1, 2020**.

Look [here](#) for details.

### West Coast MCC

The August 2020 MCC Bike ride for Albany, Oregon has been cancelled. Planners will keep you posted as to future plans.

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#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

July 13 (submissions due by 7/6)

August 3 (submissions due by 7/27)

August 17 (submissions due by 8/10)

Sept 7 (submissions due by 8/31)

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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