



e-Bulletin

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New Conference Leaders:



Dianna (Burkey) Eshleman has transitioned from Moderator-Elect to Moderator for PNMC. She lives in Portland, OR, with husband Leon and is a member of Portland Mennonite Church. They have three children and four grandchildren. After their return in 1990 from two years of service at Mennonite Christian Hospital in Taiwan, Dianna served on the Western Mennonite School Board (the last term as board chair) and later on the Mennonite Village Board. Since retirement she has exchanged her role as a Nurse Practitioner for the enjoyment of time to spend with grandchildren, freedom to travel with husband Leon, church quilting group, volunteering at MCC Fall Festival & DCC, yard work and family genealogy research.



Kevin Chupp is the new Moderator-Elect. He and his wife, Jess, have been in Aberdeen, ID for almost four years after moving from Northern Indiana. Kevin shares, "I love being a pastor. I feel fortunate to be able to focus my energy on carrying the stories of faith and the big questions of life with people who have all had different journeys than me. I am renewed by time spent in the wild, I'm inspired by music, I always have an eye on the birds around me, I'm slightly obsessed with coffee, and I rely on good reading for sustenance. I am looking forward to getting to know all of you and the conference a bit better as I learn my new role. I hope that my inclination for care-filled words and my imagination will find ways to bless PNMC. I have certainly *been* blessed by PNMC and am excited that I get to take part in a new way."

From the PNMC Office

The in-person Voices Together Hymnal launch previously scheduled for November has been cancelled.

Please look for details coming soon for an online celebration.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Lebanon Mennonite Church

Gather outside at LMC on **Sunday, August 30th, 3pm**, to celebrate Brent Kauffman's 27 years of service to the church and community!



Mountain View Mennonite Church

It was a huge disappointment for many avid cyclists and MCC supporters when they learned that the 2020 West Coast Bike Ride had to be cancelled due to Covid-19. The ride is usually a week long and takes place on even-numbered years in the northwest and in the east on the odd-numbered years. This year was to be special as it would celebrate MCC's 100 years of relief and development work in places of need around the world. Rich and Libbie Lapp, from MVMC, weren't ready to give up on celebrating a century of service with a "century ride" (In bicycling terms a 100 mile ride in a single day is called a "century.") They have decided to ride an alternate, independent "A Century for a Century" ride as a fund-raiser for MCC on **Saturday, August 15**. The pair will ride the Trail of Coeur d'Alene's Kellogg to Plummer and back. Folks are welcome to join them in body (*separately*) or in spirit! Folks are invited to be supportive by either joining the 100-mile ride or create your own ride with independent fund-raising or donate to MCC by supporting their effort. *Of course, this all depends on open travel and any other COVID-19 restrictions. The hope is to honor MCC's dedication to service for all these years and do a little something to support them. In the past, the West Coast Bike Ride has been a major fundraiser. We simply want to create an opportunity to support MCC.* Thank you!

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Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

The Idaho MCC 100 Year Anniversary Celebration planned for **Saturday, August 29, 2020** at Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church in Caldwell, ID **has been cancelled**. The Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival Board is disappointed that this decision had to be made due to rising cases of Covid-19 in the Treasure Valley area but felt that it was the responsible action to take. The IMWRF Board wants to put all energy into planning next year's Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival to be held **Saturday, April 17, 2021**. A celebration of MCC's 100th Anniversary will be included in the 2021 Festival. Many thanks to everyone that donated funds and "MyCoinsCount" money to help us contribute over \$24,000 to MCC already this year. School and health kits were also donated. Additional information on ways to support MCC can be found on our website at idahomrs.org or the mcc.org website if interested. **Lastly, if you had items to donate, please hold them until next year, or contact your church representative if you need to make that donation now.** Thanks again for your cooperation with this request and for your support as we navigate through these unique and unexpected days.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The historical society has partnered with MC USA archives and 14 other organizations on a project entitled "Anabaptist History Today." The current focus is pandemic Covid19, gathering stories from Mennonites in the U.S. and Canada. Jean Killeffer Hess of Lancaster Mennonite Historical Society initiated this effort along with Jason Kaufman. You will find coverage of this project in the broader Mennonite press.

Gloria Nussbaum from PNMHs is gathering stories from persons in the PNW. Sample questions might include:

- How is your congregation "doing church" these days? Worship services? Other activities?
- Where have you seen/sensed God in the midst of this pandemic?
- In what ways does being a Mennonite figure into how you are dealing with this pandemic?
- What have you discovered about yourself or society in general that will define/describe how you'll remember this time?

To learn more about this process of collecting stories, contact Gloria at real2reel@teleport.com or 503-645-0616.

Please also keep in mind that the [Kropf Heritage Center](http://KropfHeritageCenter.org) is open from 9:00am to 3:00pm on Wednesdays. While masks and distancing are required, visitors are welcome to visit! The archives are full of interesting stuff about past Mennonite leaders, conference churches, family files, and more! The library has a lot of old and new periodicals as well as more than 3000 books which are by, about, and for Mennonites. There are personal stories, theological texts, genealogy resources, historical books as well as those that are currently relevant. You can review the Library Catalogue and Archives [here](http://KropfHeritageCenter.org). The center is located next to Zion Mennonite Church at 6130 S. Whiskey Hill Rd., Hubbard, OR.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is hosting **virtual alumni gatherings** for four of the world regions where MCC works: Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Europe & Middle East and Africa. Join MCC for this special time to hear updates from Area Directors and learn about current programming. There will be opportunities to share stories of service experiences and engage in small group discussions to connect with MCC friends or meet others who served in the same world region. To register and learn specifics about dates and times, click [here](http://mcc.org). Questions? Contact heidihuber@mcc.org or call 316.283.2720.

Mennonite Church USA

Follow the link for the latest issue of [PeaceMail](http://PeaceMail.org).

Mennonite World Conference

Did you know that a pandemic has preceded three consecutive Mennonite World Conference Assemblies in the Global South? For Zimbabwe in 2003, it was SARS (Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome). For Paraguay in 2009, it was H1N1 (also known as Swine Flu). And now, planners for Assembly next year in Indonesia are facing an even more severe pandemic, COVID-19.

In all three events, an epidemic loomed in the background. Read the full story [here](http://mwc.org) and click [here](http://mwc.org) to learn how MWC's response to COVID-19 is helping churches around the globe.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 17 (submissions due by 8/10)

Sept 7 (submissions due by 8/31)

Sept 21 (submissions due by 9/14)

Oct 5 (submissions due by 9/28)

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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