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From the PNMC Office

There are so many factors keeping all of us at a distance lately. The Covid-19 pandemic first sent us all home to isolate, then offered the hope of connecting safely, at a distance, outside. However, the recent wildfires make it physically hazardous to leave the protection of our homes. There seems to be fire in every direction. *Where can we find shelter?* To make things even more complicated, there is civil unrest all over the country, especially in our cities where conflict seems to be compounded with each new story of injustice. We are weary. **How do we find the glimmers of hope among the despair?** How do we build community when we feel isolated and alone? Now, more than ever, we need to lean into one another. **Let's share our stories of love, compassion, justice and mercy. What is your congregation passionate about?** Sharing stories of growth can provide hope and healing for others. How has your congregation found creative ways to serve your beloved community? How have you discovered new ways to be the hands and feet of Jesus? How are you meeting the needs of others? Let us celebrate with you! We want to hear your stories! Please contact Brenda@pnmc.org or by calling 541-921-5866 and let's figure out how to share what's happening in your ministry.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Centro Cristiano Pentecostés de McMinnville

The McMinnville congregation was happy to provide shelter for two families from Iglesia Menonita Roca de Salvación who had evacuated their home in Woodburn due to thick smoke and health issues. The families have now been able to return to their homes.



Zion Mennonite Church

On **Sunday, August 23**, the Zion congregation celebrated the baptisms of Brady Hansen, Hunter Hansen, Daphne Kropf and Virginia Broderick at the Molalla River. **When we're baptized, we express our love for God -- heart, soul, mind and strength -- and we are commissioned to love our neighbors.** *We carry these words of Jesus written on us in water every day.* The grace, love and forgiveness we receive in baptism is to be shared. Romans 15:5-6: You are a baptized people, a community of hope, the new race dedicated to doing the unlikely deeds of grace, and sometimes even taking on the impossible. Thanks be to Christ, whose power is made perfect in human weakness. The blessing of the Creator, Redeemer and Inspirer will always be with you. --*Assoc. Pastor, Jana Gingerich*

Mennonite Country Auction

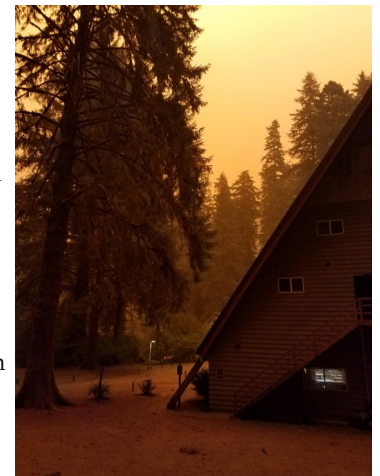
Due to safety concerns for volunteers and participants around COVID-19, the Mennonite Country Auction is **OPEN** online! There will be no event at the church this year. Please look [here](#) or on [Facebook](#) for updates.

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

This year's annual in-person [OMFWR](#) sale, originally scheduled for **October 10**, will be replaced with an online format. Click [here](#) or on [Facebook](#) for more information.

Drift Creek Camp

Strong winds from the east tore through much of Oregon on Monday evening, **September 7**. The wind knocked down countless trees along Drift Creek's only access road. Meanwhile, a human-caused fire emerged in the nearby town of Otis. After assessing the road, the decision was made for the camp caretakers to seek shelter with family in Salem. The Echo Mountain Fire grew and spread west from Otis toward Lincoln City. At least 100 homes have been lost in the blaze. For more than a week the camp staff waited, praying that the wind would not shift the fire toward camp. Thankfully it has subsided and not spread south! We are so grateful that DCC has been spared, **but we ache for our neighbors** in Lincoln City who have lost everything. We pray for our campers from across the region that have been evacuated from their homes. It has been a trying couple of years for camp with back-to-back summer closures. But we are so deeply grateful for this bit of good news!



MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Disaster Service

It's hurricane season once again. Already, many people have lost their homes and are struggling to rebuild their lives among the profound devastation caused by wind and water. To see how you can help serve others and put your skills to work, check-out the many volunteer opportunities through MDS at [this link](#).

Mennonite Central Committee



MCC is inviting its supporters to join a live-streamed celebration of its **100 years of ministry** on **Saturday, Oct. 17**, starting at 6:50 p.m. (EDT). **Celebration 2020:** MCC at 100 will include videos, storytelling, music, and a message of inspiration from longtime MCC leader and pastor Leonard Dow of Philadelphia. This event replaces an in-person, multiday celebration that was originally scheduled for June 2020 but was postponed due to the pandemic. Participants can join the celebration at mcc.org/celebration-2020. *Video recordings, subtitled in Spanish, will be posted at the same link a few days after the event.* Dow will reflect on the challenges MCC has experienced over the past 100 years and the strengths God developed in the organization as a result. With inspiration from Scripture, he will encourage MCC to use its best self to step boldly into the next century of ministry. "MCC at its best," Dow says, "has a prophetic imagination. We are patiently persistent, and we have a willingness to get into 'necessary trouble' as we respond to basic human needs and work for peace and justice." The October celebration also will include stories of MCC's history told by storyteller Ken Sensenig, who is assistant director of MCC East Coast. Marcella Hostetler of Lancaster, who taught music in schools and directed music in churches for 30 years, is coordinating musical performances for the event in cooperation with a variety of talented musicians. To coincide with the celebration, MCC is inviting congregations to take a special offering, mcc.org/centennial/offering, to support MCC's ministry. Learn more and sign up for a calendar reminder [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) to read the latest stories from MC USA at [PeaceMail](#).

Included is the link on [Radical Hospitality](#), a six-week curriculum and Bible Study to explore in small groups, Sunday Schools or entire congregations. The materials are available in English and [Spanish](#). Of note is a short video from **Jack and Linda Knox** who live along the border. Jack served as former pastor at Salem Mennonite Church prior to moving to Arizona eight years ago.

Amid the recent events surrounding the killing of George Floyd by Minneapolis police, and too many other acts of violence against African Americans, Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) joins in mourning and lament. We lament the simmering racial injustice that pervades America, and we pray for God's justice to roll down like a mighty river within our communities. This is not a time for Mennonites to be the quiet in the land. We call on our congregations to lament and pray together. We encourage you to stand in solidarity with communities of color, walk alongside them and, indeed, be led by them. This is especially needed as COVID-19 is unveiling the racial disparities in our systems. This summer MC USA devoted significant energy to making sure congregations have resources to address racism. Check them out at <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/resource-portal/resource/anti-racism-resources-for-mennonite-churches/>.

Mennonite Mission Network

Transitions can be bittersweet. There can be both joy in the looking forward, but also pain and loss in the letting go. As Stanley Green says goodbye to his role at Mennonite Mission Network, all of those feelings are present. Read his farewell reflection [here](#).

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is seeking candidates for **West Coast Executive Director**. The director is responsible for promoting and encouraging support of MCC; for giving leadership and vision to MCC programs within the region; and for strengthening relationships between MCC and MCC's sponsoring denominations represented with the Region's constituency. The position requires considerable cooperation and coordination with many MCC/MCC U.S. departments. The director participates in discussions involving MCC policy, structure and vision. **The deadline to express interest is September 30, 2020.** Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 5 (submissions due by 9/28)
Oct 19 (submissions due by 10/12)
Nov 2 (submissions due by 10/26)
Nov 16 (submissions due by 11/9)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to brenda@pnm.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!*