



Please share widely. If you receive this e-bulletin via more than one address, let us know which address you prefer. To submit announcements or manage your subscription, email [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto:brenda@pnmc.org). See schedule on second page for publication dates and submission deadlines.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

*Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization*

### Salem Mennonite Church

Even though the annual Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief will not be held this year, Salem Mennonite Church still wanted to contribute to Mennonite Central Committee. A zoom-based auction was held on **August 16** and included handcrafted items, original art, meals, and delectable goodies such as a pastry or dessert of the month. The bidding was generous and \$7425 was raised. Now the fun begins as items are delivered to each other's homes and community is celebrated.

### Mennonite Country Auction

Due to safety concerns for volunteers and participants around COVID-19, the Mennonite Country Auction will be online beginning at **7:00 a.m. on Saturday, October 3, 2020**. There will be no event at the church this year. Please find details at [www.mennonitecountryauction.org](http://www.mennonitecountryauction.org) or on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/mennonitecountryauction) for alternative events and current information.

### Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

As stated above, the annual in-person [OMFWR](https://www.omfwr.org) sale, originally scheduled for **October 10**, will be replaced with an online format. Click [here](#) for more information.

### Drift Creek Camp

Like most camps and retreat centers, DCC remains unable to safely accommodate large overnight groups in the lodge. In light of those limitations and to protect camp supporters, the staff and board have decided to conduct the **2020 Annual Members' Meeting virtually**, as previously scheduled on **Saturday, November 7**. Details are still coming together for the online gathering and the hope is to continue with the tradition of a benefit auction to support DCC operations, especially during the current shutdown. In the meantime, folks interested in volunteering on facility projects or staying in the Yamhill cabin can contact [info@driftcreek.org](mailto:info@driftcreek.org) to make arrangements.



Beautiful batik masks were sewn and donated by Frances Lindberg for the SMC auction.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary



Kevin Chupp, who is originally from Osceola, IN, and currently resides in Aberdeen, ID, participated in the **August 22** virtual commencement service of AMBS, Elkhart, IN. He graduated with a Master of Divinity with a major in Theological Studies: History, Theology and Ethics. Chupp, who completed part of his degree at a distance through the MDiv Connect program, previously earned a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies, Ministry from Bethel College in Mishawaka, IN. He will continue as **pastor of First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen**, a congregation of PNMC, where he has served since 2016. Kevin is also the PNMC Moderator-Elect. He is married to Jessica Chupp. "I have been blessed to learn from many professors who have had experience in ministry as well as academia," Chupp reflected. "That balance between theory and practice characterizes my time at AMBS. While my degree concentration was Theological Studies, I also had a pastoral internship. When we studied philosophy in 'Christian Practices in a Technology Culture,' we also built a canoe together as a class. Among many other things, my time at AMBS grounded me in a conviction that **my head and my hands belong together**. I am deeply grateful to have been formed by such a place."

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES, cont.

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### Mennonite Disaster Service

Please pray for those impacted by Hurricane Laura. This storm created widespread damage throughout Eastern Texas, Western Louisiana and other parts of the south. MDS is closely monitoring the situation and is preparing a response. We anticipate sending an assessment team to the area when it is safe. The team will determine the short and long-term responses. Those interested in volunteering, may fill out [the online volunteer registration form](#). MDS is also accepting financial donations for recovery efforts. Gifts can be made [online](#) or by check and made payable to: Mennonite Disaster Service, 583 Airport Road, Lititz, PA 17543. Designate Hurricane Laura on the memo line.

### Mennonite Creation Care Network

Organizations are partnering to work for change. Climate justice recognizes the importance of caring for all God's creation together with caring for people who experience the most harm from climate change. May we commit to being more faithful in caring for the gift of creation and one another. This initiative is a partnership between Mennonite Church USA (MC USA), [Mennonite Creation Care Network](#) and the [Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions](#). Learn more [here](#).

### Mennonite Church USA

Convention planners are seeking proposals for equipping seminars at MennoCon21, the MC USA biennial convention slated to take place in Cincinnati, OH, **July 6-10, 2021**. The purpose of the seminars is to equip youth and adults of Mennonite Church USA for **witness, formation, discernment, and leadership**. Seminars are typically 60 minutes in length and cover a variety of categories including but not limited to church vitality, leadership development, peace and justice, health and well-being, stewardship, and youth ministry. More details are available [here](#). The deadline for submissions is **October 10**.



### Mennonite Mission Network

Current Service Adventure unit leaders met in an online orientation retreat in early August. The program's director, Susan Nisly, and other staff members and presenters led the eight leaders in program resourcing, anti-racism training, pandemic protocols, and fun. Colorado Springs unit leader, Cindy Headings, reflected, "It was great to brainstorm together about how things can work out amidst a lot of unknowns. It is stimulating for us to strive to make this year as adventuresome and awesome as other years. **This year may look a lot different, but it will still be life-changing for the participants.**"

After closing two months early last program season, Service Adventure is launching the new year in late August with its five units. Eleven participants are starting in the fall, with the possibility of several other participants from the United States and Germany arriving later in the year. The unit based in PNMC is located in Anchorage, AK, with leader **Michael Oyer**. Leaders acknowledged that the pandemic has changed many things, except for this: hopes for how the Holy Spirit will work in the lives of 17- to 20-year-olds seeking to fill a gap/bridge year with service. "It's been a challenge to have to re-arrange everything ... yet I still believe the year will be full of learning and growing for participants and leaders," Nisly said. "By serving and living in community, people can join God's work in the world. It's also an amazing time for **young adults to discern who they want to be.**"

To read the full article, written by MMN Editor, Laurie Oswald Robinson, click [here](#).

### Mennonite World Conference

MWC has postponed its global Assembly until **July 5-10, 2022**. In close consultation with the National Advisory Committee in host country Indonesia, the [Executive Committee](#) of MWC has decided not to hold the international gathering in 2021 as originally announced. "The COVID-19 pandemic continues to infect hundreds of thousands of people each day. Restrictions of large group gatherings are still in place and travel is not advised. These limitations will remain in place for many more months. The likelihood we can safely gather in person as a global family for group worship, service and learning in 2021 seems low. To allow both MWC staff and attendees to properly plan for the event, we have chosen to postpone it to 2022," says MWC president J. Nelson Kraybill.

---

#### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 21 (submissions due by 9/14)

Oct 5 (submissions due by 9/28)

Oct 19 (submissions due by 10/12)

Nov 2 (submissions due by 10/26)

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!