



e-Bulletin

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From the PNMC Office

Simon and Lucy Muange, pastor of International Bethel City Church, are planning a move to the Detroit, MI area in November. They hope to plant a church there and continue their ministry. **International Bethel City Church** will be closing here in Portland. If you would like to send them off with a gift toward their moving costs, send donations to PNMC, PO Box 301036, Portland OR, 97294.

We are grateful for their participation in PNMC over the past 15 years and ask God's blessing on their move.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

There is still time to register for the OMFWR online auction. Bidding will end **October 10 at 6:06pm!** If you have not yet registered for a bidder number and to browse the items up for bid, [click here](#). All auction items and food orders will be available for pick-up on **Saturday, October 17 from 11am-2pm.**

Drift Creek Camp

Since Covid restrictions create logistical challenges and because we wish to keep our camp community safe, it has been determined that the Mennonite Camp Association of Oregon's Annual Meeting will not take place as usual. In lieu of the traditional on-site annual family camp gathering, the **business meeting will occur via Zoom at 10:00am, Saturday, November 7**, as previously scheduled. Contact info@driftcreek.org if you would like the registration link. In addition, DCC will be creating new camp apparel to consider for those campers on your Christmas shopping list. Visit www.driftcreek.org for details!

Mennonite Disaster Service, Oregon Unit

Unit Chair, John Colvin and spouse Wendy, have been heavily involved the Oregon Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (ORVOAD) and in communication with numerous government agencies in planning for wildfire recovery. Each organization has its niche. The MDS Oregon Unit primarily is involved in **long-term recovery efforts**, e.g., home restoration and new construction for those who are unable to recover without assistance. Long-term recovery groups will need to be formed for each area. These groups are made up of community leaders, businesses, local government agencies, etc. They will identify local needs. This takes time; it may be 18 to 24 months before recovery begins in earnest. While MDS has historically responded with immediate cleanup and debris removal, since the events of 911, it has been determined that mixed materials in fires are now considered hazardous wastes and pose a serious health risk to workers. It will depend on each county, the EPA, and DEQ as to whether untrained volunteers may assist in the cleanup effort. Also, insured home owners will need to have their homes inspected by their insurance adjusters before debris can be removed.

Portland Mennonite Church

While Covid is keeping Portlanders at a physical distance, people are finding meaningful ways to connect and grow. Currently, many in the congregation are showing their personal commitment to racial justice by participating in an [anti-racism training](#). Meanwhile several folks have come up with some [fun ways to support MCC!](#) If you enjoy podcasts, consider Gloria Nussbaum's [Covid Chronicles](#). The goal of the project is to record stories from PMCs of all ages. **Everyone has a story that deserves to be shared and heard.** Our hope is that during this time of physical distancing, these stories will help us to better connect with each other.

Seattle Mennonite Church

In the midst of the Covid pandemic, folks at Seattle Mennonite have discovered a variety of new **fellowship opportunities**. Activities have included everything from gathering in a park to learn the ["Thriller" dance](#) for a flashmob, to meeting regularly on zoom for [Holden Evening Prayer](#). SMCers are meeting monthly for zoom movie & discussion nights as the congregation continues to learn about police abolitionism, systemic racism, and the prison industrial complex (by watching inspiring films like [Major!](#), and [13th](#), [FREE CeCe!](#) and [Just Mercy](#)). And for fun, folks are participating in "The Great SMC Baking Show". Folks log in from their home kitchens at the same time to try their hand at making macarons, bagels, yule logs, pretzels, and tarte tartin. Seattle Mennonite Church is finding ways to **creatively be community together!**

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Strengthen the biblical and theological foundation for your work through AMBS' fully online [Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies](#). Develop a plan of study that matches your interests. Ideal for church leaders, bivocational pastors and other professionals.

Anabaptist World

The first edition of [Anabaptist World](#), the merger of the former Mennonite World Review and The Mennonite. Included is a list five things worth paying attention to. Opinion contributor, Ben Tapper, host of the Invisible Truths podcast and co-founder of the Kindred Collective, an organization designed to address racial equity through consulting and healing dialogue programs, assembled the list.

1. Let's unpack the [origins of modern policing](#).
2. Another brutal reminder that [black bodies have been dehumanized](#) in the U.S.
3. Looking for a good book by a black author? Check out [Mama Day](#). It is a compelling story about love, community, and freedom.
4. If you're a congregational leader looking for a podcast to check out, check out the [Center for Congregations' Podcast](#).
5. If you want a quick respite from the hurried pace of life, do yourself a favor and subscribe to [The Next Right Thing Podcast](#).

Dove's Nest

During this pandemic, children are at risk for online abuse, for suicidal ideation, and for mental health concerns. This fall is the time to prioritize this instruction for all ages. While we fully acknowledge that this curriculum cannot replace professional interventions, it is a wonderful reminder to children that **God loves their entire selves and wants them to be safe**—and that their Sunday school teachers and adults at their church care about their whole lives too! We are so encouraged by the churches that are making plans for virtual Sunday school and other gatherings for kids through Zoom or other platforms. We know it can overwhelm teachers and coordinators, but we're here to help! Many elements of *Circle of Grace*, a safe environment curriculum, translate very well for virtual Sunday school. You can introduce *Circle of Grace* for the first time this fall even if you've never used it before! ([Go here if you need a license](#) or email anna@dovesnest.net if you need help logging in to access your online curriculum.)

A small goal to demonstrate your church's priority of keeping children safe: introduce one or two lessons this fall virtually for each classroom, and then finish in the spring, perhaps during April for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Learn more [here](#).

Everence

Everence is providing a series of educational webinars — with the mission to help individuals discern and make practical financial choices through education with a faith perspective. All webinars are free and offer a closing question time for you to find the answers you need.

[Simplicity: Finding focus and decluttering our lives](#) *Simple living*

Oct. 7 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. EST Through the joy and discipline of simplicity, we rediscover that there can be more with less and new opportunities to share with others.

[Biblical basis for socially responsible investing](#) *Socially responsible investing*

Oct. 14 at 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. EST Discover how Jesus pulls from the Old Testament laws to teach us about how we can best invest our resources. Taking a deeper dive into what is really going on with the Parable of the Talents that might differ from what you've heard.

Mennonite Creation Care Network

Book discussion: **Conversations about eating for human and planetary health**. In three online sessions (Mondays Oct. 5, Nov. 2 and Dec. 7, 4:30 PST) we'll discuss MennoMedia's latest cookbook, *Sustainable Kitchen: Recipes and Inspiration for Plant-based, Planet-conscious Meals*. A Kindle version is also available on Amazon. You'll meet the co-authors of the book and have a chance to swap stories with others who have tried recipes in the cookbook. [Sign up here](#).

October 5: With Jaynie McCloskey

November 2: With Heather Wolfe

December 7: TBA

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) for the latest collection of PeaceMail resources.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 19 (submissions due by 10/12)

Nov 2 (submissions due by 10/26)

Nov 16 (submissions due by 11/9)

Dec 7 (submissions due by 11/30)

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