



e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Conference Moderator, **Dianna Eshleman**

Like many people in our country, I make the traditional effort to formulate a New Year's resolution. Perhaps I will do better at having a consistent time to be in a prayerful frame of mind daily? Keep up a daily walk? Lose the extra pounds? Try to be more patient and content despite limitations imposed by the pandemic? There are many choices. But I think my priority for 2021 is to try to cultivate hope and humor as people wish for "normal" to return. AND, I will try to remember to be thankful for differences in how Christians, including Mennonites, sincerely strive to reflect Jesus' values in our discussions and choices.

Agreeing to disagree is not a bad choice.

New beginnings...

Jesús Fuentes is pastor of the Ebenezer Anabaptist Church in Keizer, OR. The congregation was planted in early 2020 with the intention of reaching the lost and being obedient to the Lord Jesus' command to preach the Gospel, to "go, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit" (Matthew 27:19). Jesús reflected, "This is a very great challenge, so we asked the sister churches of PNMC and CIHAN for their prayers. We started with three families, 16 people. We managed to gain two souls for the Lord. However, we started in the midst of the pandemic and were forced to suspend face-to-face meetings. Still, the Lord has done great things, thanks to social Media. Every week more than a hundred people join us on Facebook and a group of 24 people see the messages on WhatsApp. Something good has come out of this time in which we are living. The gospel is being announced and people are being reached, even in México where childhood friends and family have been won for Christ. We thank God because he is good. We ask that you continue to pray for us."

From the PNMC OFFICE

[Register here](#) (through January 28) for the 2021 Conference Communications Council. The Zoom event will take place on **Saturday, February 6**, beginning at 8:30 in the morning. We are excited to welcome guest speaker, Safwat Marzouk, Associate Professor of Old Testament / Hebrew Bible at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. He will share thoughts on "Reading the story of Joseph in an Age of Migration". Marzouk reflects on his vocation as a professor, "I study, teach and write about the Bible with an emphasis on how the triune God forms a faith community in the world. I believe God is at work forming a community with a dual identity as sojourners and as recipients of the promise of the kingdom of God. This dual identity helps the faith community to be rooted in the world and formed by different ethics. In a world where migration is seen as a challenge, the church should see it as an opportunity not only to show hospitality but also to celebrate difference and claim a biblical perspective on what it means to be the church." Each congregation is encouraged to send at least two leaders. Additional interested leaders are welcome to attend but must register in order to receive the zoom link.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Drift Creek Camp

Recent heavy rain and high winds have, once again, made a mess on the road leading to Drift Creek Camp. DCC is seeking volunteers to assist with road clean-up, loading rounds, splitting and stacking. Help would be appreciated clearing trails around camp as well. This work will be done outdoors alone or at a safe distance from others. Grab some gloves and boots and contact Tony Kauffman at 574-238-0004 or info@driftcreek.org. Thank you!

A Prayer for Peace....

*Dear God, Grant us
your peace this day.*

*Help us to be effective
instruments of your peace
as we live out our call.*

*Help us to love our neighbor and
trust in your transforming power.*

*Grant us wisdom
in conversations.*

*Let us appreciate each and every
one of your creations.*

*Watch over us and protect us
in this time of uncertainty.*

In Jesus' name, Amen.



-Glen Guyton-



Follow [this link](#)

To read Glen Guyton's response to the
attack on the U.S. Capitol.



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Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The PNMHS Annual Meeting will be held online **Saturday, February 20 at 1:30pm**. "The Path to Acknowledgement: Mennonite Settlement in the Pacific Northwest" presented by Sarah Augustine of Yakima, WA and Jonathon Neufeldt, from Seattle Mennonite. *Who were the indigenous people here before settlers and Mennonites came to this land? What influenced our decisions in how and where we live?* Please respond to [Jerry Barkman](#) for the link. The luncheon and program usually provide operating funds. Please consider PNMHS in your giving.



Albany Mennonite Church

AMC took a collective approach to their Advent Calendars! Shanda Hochstetler invited the congregation to participate saying, "To get our hearts ready for Christmas in this year that has mostly been a giant dumpster fire, we put together this Advent Activity jar for our church family to do together....apart." The four weeks of Advent included an activity for each day with weekly themes of love, joy, peace and hope. Projects included everything from creating cards, ornaments and paper snowflakes for one another to having family dance parties. Families enjoyed Christmas picnics and pancakes; took photos together and shared their joy via pictures and video.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Anabaptist Witness Dialogues: A Webinar Series

Feb. 11: Randy Haluza-DeLay and Randy Woodley

Randy and Randy will be in conversation about the article "[What Does Shalom Mean?](#)"

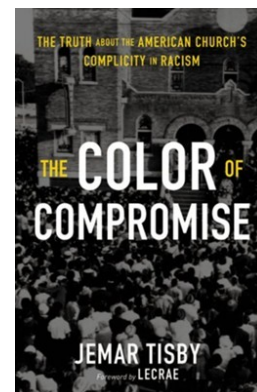
March 11: Luis Acosta y Linda Shelly (en español)

Luis hablará con Linda sobre su artículo "[Acompañamiento en la compra de tierras en El Tabacal](#)."

April 8: Katie Graber and Anneli Loepp Thiessen

Katie and Anneli will discuss the April 2021 "[Worship and Witness](#)" issue of *Anabaptist Witness*.

Registration: The free webinars will take place over Zoom. Sign up [here](#) to receive the link.



Mennonite Central Committee

MCC is embarking on a year-long study of the book, *The Color of Compromise*, by Jemar Tisby. The book reveals the chilling connection between the church and racism throughout American history. A survey of the ways Christians of the past have reinforced theories of racial superiority and inferiority provides motivation for a series of bold actions believers must take to forge a future of equity and justice. A video series is available for study and discussion through purchase on Amazon.

Mennonite Church USA

Follow [this link](#) for the latest edition of *PeaceMail*.

Mennonite Mission Network

Looking for a non-traditional pastoral role? Become a unit leader for [Service Adventure](#), a gap-year program for ages 17–20 from Mennonite Mission Network. Unit leaders, who are at least 24 years of age, serve as mentors to the young adults in the Service Adventure household. Learn more by [contacting Susan Nisly](#).



West Coast MCC

West Coast Mennonite Central Committee is happy to announce Dina Gonzales-Pina as new Executive Director. Prior to this position, Dina served MCC US as ethnicity and gender equity specialist. Dina authored a recent article for the *Christian Leader*, a Mennonite Brethren publication in which she provides a basic framework for understanding racism. Find the link for *An Invitation to understand Racism* here:

[An invitation to understand racism - Christian Leader \(christianleadermag.com\)](#)

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 1 (submissions due by 1/25)

Feb 15 (submissions due by 2/8)

March 1 (submissions due by 2/25)

March 15 (submissions due by 3/8)

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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