



e-Bulletin

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From Conference Moderator, ~*Dianna Eshleman*

Why do we need each other? We don't all agree. Actually, the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John) don't agree 100 percent with each other, but together present a balanced picture of what it means to follow Christ. Our Christian community and identity is built on Jesus' example of balanced relationships, not privilege or power. We claim to be a peace church where everyone is of equal importance. When there are difficult topics or conflicts, we need to listen and talk together about our differences. Romans 15:5-7 says "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Pray for one another...

Our brothers and sisters in Bend, OR have taken a small step towards getting back to "normal". After meeting for more than a year on Zoom, the congregation began meeting in person, outdoors in a city park on Easter Sunday. Please pray for Bend Mennonite Church as they begin navigating a path forward through the pandemic, meeting weekly at Pine Nursery Park at 9:30 a.m. on Sundays.



CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Camp Camrec

Washington has issued guidelines for summer camp operations and the folks at [Camp Camrec](#) are moving ahead with plans. Programs will run from **July 3-24**. The Sr. High Camp will coordinate with the MennoCon via Zoom! More details [here](#).

Drift Creek Camp

DCC is accepting registrations for [Summer Camp 2021!](#) Follow [this link](#) for details! If you are able to volunteer in the kitchen to help prepare meals for campers, please contact info@driftcreek.org. There are many volunteer spots to fill!

First Mennonite Church of Aberdeen

Like everyone, folks at [Camp Palisades](#) are holding plans loosely as we inch our way out of Covid. The Senior Camp is tentatively scheduled **July 11-14** and Junior Camp will follow, **July 14-17**. Each program is \$120. Visit the [camp website](#) for more information.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The Ivan and Pearl Kropf Heritage Center will be open for researchers and visitors from **9 a.m. to 3 p.m.** each Wednesday beginning **May 5, 2021**. We follow state of Oregon guidelines for Covid-19 pandemic reopening. If possible, we encourage setting up an appointment before coming to the archives. Schedule a visit [here](#).

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Mennonite Disaster Service, Oregon Unit

The MDS Oregon Unit is proposing a Zoom meeting for **May 22, 2021** to update volunteers about what has been happening as a result of local disasters. All persons wanting to connect via Zoom need to register by contacting Unit Secretary, [Clyde Hockman](#) (503-263-1210) with the following information: Name, email, address, and telephone number. Please register no later than **May 15, 2021**.

Seattle Mennonite Church

Seattle Mennonite invites applications for a part-time [Office and Volunteer Coordinator](#). This is a permanent, 62.5% position that executes activities related the church and its ministries. The Coordinator works in close collaboration with the pastoral team, other employees, and volunteer committees and councils to carry out the wide-ranging responsibilities of the position. A job description, list of responsibilities and desired qualifications can be found [here](#). To apply, please send a letter of interest, resume, and the names and contact information for three references to the SMC Administrator, Lee Murray, lee@seattlemennonite.org before **April 24, 2021**.

Salem Mennonite Church

Folks from Salem Mennonite continue to **work with the community** to meet the needs of the houseless. SMC member, Becky Eash, recently made fifty-seven knitted scarves that will be distributed this coming winter. In addition to filling socks and making meals, a number of people in the congregation have been making cloth bags to be stuffed with much needed personal items and healthy food snacks!

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

The Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, held in early **October**, is announcing a **quilt challenge** as part of its auction for 2021. Interested quilters are asked to create an 'art quilt' wall hanging (not more than 48" square). This could range from a landscape to a traditional block set in a non-traditional way to a modern style. Please contact either [Gail Manickam](#) or [Kathy Mark](#) with questions.

Western Christian School

Western is seeking to hire a Director of Development & Alumni Relations. To read the full job description, follow [this link](#). Apply by **April 25th**.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Everence

Everence remains committed to serving PNMC congregations, however, and Rhoda Blough has stepped in as the interim Stewardship Consultant for the PNMC congregations. Many of you know and remember Rhoda already. She is currently working to connect with PNMC congregations. "I feel privileged to serve as your **Stewardship Consultant** again and look forward to when I can see you in person again. In the meantime, I hope to connect with each congregation's leadership via a ZOOM meeting." She may be reached at rhoda.blough@everence.com or 970.219.0900.

Leaders can make plans to attend the [2021 Everence Development Conference](#), where they'll learn strategies to strengthen their nonprofit's financial future. The conference, *Invest in what matters*, is **Sept. 28-30** in Lancaster, PA. The event is designed to be especially helpful for fund-raising professionals, as well as nonprofit leaders and board members. *The early-bird fee is \$295 or \$275 if two or more attend from the same organization.*

Mennonite Church USA

It is time for congregations to begin naming individuals for the [2021 Delegate Assembly](#). There will be youth delegates through the "Step Up" program. *(If there are teens who would like to do this together, contact Katherine.)* MC USA will host the gathering **July 10, 1:00 – 3:30 p.m. EDT**. Though some will meet physically in Ohio, the 2021 Delegate Assembly **will be virtual**. The Assembly is your opportunity to not only speak to the establishment of general policies and the development of programs to carry out those policies, but also an opportunity to connect with and listen to the various members in our great and diverse denomination. More details [here](#).

Curious about **Spiritual Direction**? Read how seeking greater spiritual depth shaped one Indiana woman's life [here](#).

Mennonite Mission Network

The [Sent Conference 2021](#) is happening this week, **Thursday, April 22, 7-8:30pm EST** and **Friday, April 23, 2:30-4pm EST**. Register [here](#) to hear stories of **hope and resilience** from church planters.

MennoMedia

Are you enjoying the new hymnal? Are you wondering what the Voices Together committee is working on now? How did the name "Voices Together" originate? What were some of the most difficult decisions the Voices Together committee had to make concerning certain hymns? Katie Graber answers these questions and more in her blog, "[Answers to your Voices Together questions](#)."

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

May 3 (submissions due by 4/26)
May 17 (submissions due by 5/10)
June 7 (submissions due by 5/26)
June 21 (submissions due by 6/14)

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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