



# e-Bulletin

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## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Mennonite Disaster Service, Oregon Unit

The Oregon Unit has received requests from prospective volunteers related to the disasters that hit the state over the past year: floods in the Umatilla region; the Covid-19 pandemic; the wildfires of August and September; and the ice-storm that caused widespread power outages in mid-February. The annual meeting that had been scheduled for March 28, 2020 was postponed due to the pandemic. With these facts in mind, the Oregon Unit is proposing a Zoom meeting for **May 22, 2021** to update those interested about what has been happening as a result of these disasters. All persons wanting to connect via Zoom **need to register in advance** so that the appropriate information can be distributed. To register, contact Unit Secretary, [Clyde Hockman](mailto:Clyde.Hockman@pnmc.org) (503-2630-1210) with the following information: Name, email, address, and telephone number. Please register no later than **May 15, 2021**.

### Seattle Mennonite Church

Seattle Mennonite Church invites applications for an [Office and Volunteer Coordinator](#). *Our beloved Office Coordinator is retiring after 25 years, and we are looking for a great candidate to join the team!* This is a permanent, part-time (62.5%) position that executes daily, weekly, and monthly activities related to the many activities of the church and its ministries. The Office and Volunteer Coordinator works in close collaboration with the pastoral team, other employees, and relevant members of volunteer committees and councils to carry out the wide-ranging responsibilities of the position. A job description, including a representative list of the responsibilities of this position and desired qualifications for an applicant, 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](mailto:lee@seattlemennonite.org) before **April 24, 2021**. The position is part-time with approximately 25 hours per week at \$18-\$20/hour, depending on experience. Benefits include: paid vacation, holidays, sick leave, and healthcare stipend. SMC runs background checks for all employees. SMC hopes to fill the position by **July 1, 2021**. Start date is flexible. *No phone inquiries please.*

### Idaho Mennonite World Relief Sale

Folks in Idaho are excited to announce that the [2021 IMWRF Sale](#) will be online. The auction site will be available beginning **April 11** and bidding will continue through **April 17**. Check out the [Auction Tab](#) to see what is currently listed. More items will be added frequently, so check back often. Continue to watch this website and church bulletins for details. This is an easy way to support MCC and the Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival, even from a distance! For questions, contact [rlbmenno@gmail.com](mailto:rlbmenno@gmail.com).

### 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. We are asking interested quilters 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.

### West Coast MCC

The West Coast MCC board recently gathered. *We are grateful:*

- ☐ Restorative justice training and events continue in Phoenix through school and colleges.
- ☐ MCC partner, Casa Alitas, Aid for Migrant Families works with immigrants to provide Covid testing and assist them on their way through out the US.
- ☐ The Immigration Program staff is doing their best to maintain a calm and steady approach with multiple changes in national policies.
- ☐ WCMCC continues to work at **God's love for all** by education and actions to support all races, genders, and Indigenous groups.
- ☐ Donations hold steady with strong support from online relief sales, thrift stores, and individual donations.
- ☐ Dina Gonzalez-Pina began as the next Executive Director, bringing with her the experience of teaching at Fresno Pacific University, co-pastoring a Mennonite Brethren church with her husband, and a position with MCC as gender and equity specialist.

**Remember:** Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR is the collection site for gathering school & relief kits and comforters for MCC. Please bring donations to the MCC Center (Barn) **no later than April 15, 2021**. A truck will deliver items to Akron, PA in April. Contact [Bob Buxman](mailto:Bob.Buxman@pnmc.org) (503-502-5402) to make drop-off arrangements. Please **fill out the form** on the clipboard inside the barn door with your info and what items you are bringing. *Thank you!*

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by 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. PNMC can name one as one of our youth delegates while you name the other.)* 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 global pandemic has changed our ability to connect and discuss the issue of faith and life that impact the people of MC USA. Therefore, the 2021 Delegate Assembly will be a shortened virtual event with a limited agenda. Whether you travel to Cincinnati or connect from your own home, *we hope to see you participate in the delegate process*. 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](#). Follow [this link](#) to read the latest edition of PeaceMail.



### Mennonite Education Agency

The Mennonite schools and service programs need your help! Annually, the Mennonite Education Agency (MEA) requests Youth Census information from congregations to help connect students with educational and service opportunities. These schools and programs rely on the Youth Census data to share formational opportunities within the denomination. This data is used by MC USA agencies, conferences, and schools to develop resources and programming for children and youth aimed at strengthening both the youth programs and effectiveness of reaching students through Mennonite education. Many of you are alumni of Mennonite schools and/or service programs and know firsthand how critical these opportunities can be in shaping a person's faith and spiritual growth.

### Mennonite Men

On February 27, a group of Eastern Mennonite High School students braved winter cold to **plant 220 American chestnut seedlings**. The planting, organized by Loren Hostetter, a volunteer with the American Chestnut Cooperator's Foundation (ACCF), was funded in part through a grant from [JoinTrees](#), Mennonite Men's campaign to **plant one million trees by the year 2030**. The planting was part of a larger ACCF initiative to reintroduce the American chestnut, a native species that was once the dominant tree in the Appalachian range, but had become functionally extinct after blight ravaged the trees in the 1920s-1940s. Read the full story [here](#).

### Mennonite Mission Network

Join MMN for the virtual **Sent Conference 2021** and hear stories of hope and resilience from peace church planters! This invitation is extended to all those who feel **sent** into the world to be a kingdom presence. There is no limitation on age, education or professional background.

**Thursday, April 22 from 7–8:30 p.m. EST:**

Katerina Friesen and members of Wild Church (Fresno, CA) will share about their young church community, which seeks reconciliation with God and creation through meeting outdoors! Then hear the story of a small congregation in Nebraska that had felt stuck for a long time. They asked, "What are we willing to give up and change for the sake of sharing the love of Jesus with our neighbors?"

**Speakers:** *Katerina Friesen, pastor of Wild Church, and Tim Amor, pastor of Beatrice Mennonite Church*

**Friday, April 23 from 2:30–4 p.m. EST:**

**Rev. Karen Sutherland** and **Gordon McDade** will share about their peace church planting in Belfast, Northern Ireland. They use a community chaplaincy model that emphasizes being with people, meeting them where they are, and struggling together with questions about God and conflict with religious and political "others."

**Speakers:** *Rev. Karen Sethurama and Gordon McDade, pastors and church planters of Soulspace.*

### Did you know?

[Eloheh Indigenous Center for Earth Justice](#) is located in Oregon's Willamette Valley near the small town of Yamhill. The organization, which is focused on decolonization, was founded by Edith and Randy Woodley. The non-profit organization focuses on developing and teaching sustainable and regenerative earth practices. The 10-acre farm embodies educating mind, soul, and body to fulfill the mission of living in harmony with the land, using North American traditional Indigenous knowledge (TIK), wisdom and practices as a guiding model. There are many opportunities for volunteers to support the project and get involved. Learn more [here](#).

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Apr 19 (submissions due by 4/12)

May 3 (submissions due by 4/26)

May 17 (submissions due by 5/10)

June 7 (submissions due by 5/26)

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!*

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