

# e-Bulletin

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#### From the PNMC Office

Linda Dibble, from Albany Mennonite, became Moderator of the Executive Board of MC USA at the end of the delegate assembly at the conclusion of MennoCon21 on July 10. This is a two-year commitment, with a possible third as post moderator, for the Executive Board. Linda reflects, "During my time with the Executive Board, I've met so many people - sisters and brothers who deeply care about our church and about being faithful to our mission. I look forward to meeting more people in the next two years and will also represent MC USA at Mennonite World Conference which meets in Indonesia next summer. That will be a highlight for me and for my husband, Rob, who will accompany me. Your prayers are coveted for MC USA as we journey forward together."

Register now for the 2021 Annual Meeting: August 21, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm Pacific Daylight Time (8-11 ADT/10-1 MDT)
The agenda will include: worship; "State of the Conference" reporting; voting on ballot for new Board and Gifts Discernment
Committee members; sharing from congregations; reporting from Healthy Congregation Grant Recipients, and break-out group sharing.

We always love to have every congregation represented. Churches are invited to register delegates up to 1 per 25 members. Others who interested in the life of PNMC may also register to attend but may not vote. We need all to register so we can be sure to have enough access. Registration and information <a href="here">here</a>.

## **CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES**

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### **Drift Creek Camp**

All are invited to a Disc Golf Tournament at DCC on Saturday, July 17. Participants may choose to drive out the morning of or the night before and stay in the lodge. The event is being planned in collaboration with Trevor and Jared Oyer from Zion Mennonite who have competed at the collegiate level at Eastern Mennonite University. For more details or to register, click here.

#### Eugene Mennonite Church and West Coast MCC

The weather was perfect on June 17 for the first in-person event sponsored by the Refugee Resettlement Coalition (RRC) since the beginning of the pandemic. The First United Methodist Church of Eugene, OR, generously donated tables, easels, chairs and their parking lot. People donated \$20--or more--to help pay for hygiene supplies for relief kits. Each person filled a 5-gallon bucket with towels, shampoo, soap, laundry soap, toothbrushes, sanitary pads, band-aids and nail clippers. After filling a bucket, each person added a tally on the whiteboard to track the number of assembled kits. The initial goal was 75 relief kits, but with the help of community members, the Kits and Kaboodle Committee will be able to purchase enough hygiene items to assemble an additional 41 kits---for a grand total of 116 kits-- a new record for a kits event!

The RRC works in collaboration with Mennonite Central Committee to transport the relief kits to PA, where the items are repacked in 5-gallon buckets--a useful item for refugee families in addition to the kit items inside. MCC works in 53 countries with more than 450 partner organizations to help distribute aid. Refugee families in Lebanon, Syria, South Sudan and Somalia were some of the recipients of relief kits in 2020. Thanks to everyone who participated to make the event successful, especially all our dedicated volunteers!

#### **Upcoming e-Bulletins:**

Aug 2 (submissions due by 7/26) Aug 16 (submissions due by 8/9) Sept 6 (submissions due by 8/30) Sept 20 (submissions due by 9/13) If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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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