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From the PNMC Office

God's love has led us through the past year and will continue to lead us toward *our home in Christ*. Join us in celebrating the ways that God lead us and loves us, *now and forever!*

PNMC ANNUAL MEETING 2021 - August 21, 2021 9 am -12 pm PDT on Zoom Love will lead us home - Exodus 15:1-2, 11-13

Our Annual Meeting is just one week away! Planning to attend? You can register at <https://pnmc.org/delegate-meeting-2021/> Everyone is welcome! Participants are also able to connect via phone line if a computer or webcam are unavailable.

WORSHIP TOGETHER -- there will be a PNMC virtual choir* led by Bruce Kuhns (Portland Mennonite), Amy Epp (Seattle Mennonite) will "draw" the scripture, and Peter Epp (Albany Mennonite) will offer a short meditation.

SHARE TOGETHER -- last year we couldn't use breakout groups because Zoom didn't support interpretation on their platform.

Now they do, and we look forward to conversation "around your tables" to get to know one another better.

REFLECT TOGETHER -- it's been a difficult year in so many ways and we want to learn what has been happening in PNMC as a whole and in our congregations, through roll call response, and reporting from staff and board members.

REMEMBER OUR CONNECTIONS -- folks from various Mennonite Agencies will be with us for a round of "speed" information about the resources available to us from the wider church.

LOOK AHEAD TOGETHER -- as delegates vote on the ballot for PNMC leaders you pave the way toward the future. Mennonite Church USA has named "Transformation" as the theme for the next biennium, may we in PNMC embrace that journey as well and be transformed, not just by our changing world, but by the movement of the Spirit among us!

Vist the [PNMC website](#) to help prepare for [Annual Meeting](#). Follow this link to review the [2021 Ballot](#).

Take time now to review the [Delegate Handbook](#) (in [English](#) or [Spanish](#)).

Pray for one another...

Filer Mennonite Church still exists through all the "stuff" of the past 18 months. Part of the time we held no services, some of the time it was limited, and occasionally we had guests. Unlike other congregations, we did not put together Zoom services. However, Pastor Ron Hershey began emailing a mid-week message with scriptures and thoughts. We feel our church life is now nearly normal. During the months of Covid, we purchased chairs and moved out the wooden pews. The good oak wood in the pews has been put to exceptionally good use. During the pandemic, we had the opportunity to purchase a home located on one side of the 9-acre property the church owns. This home is being remodeled for use as a parsonage. Gary Eichelberger took the old pews apart, planed them, and has made new parsonage kitchen cabinets. *Many volunteer hours have gone into upgrading and remodeling the inside of the home to be ready for Pastor Ron's family.*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization



Drift Creek Camp

Drift Creek Camp is planning to host the annual 2021 Fall Quilt Retreat, beginning **Thursday, October 14 to Sunday, October 17**. The weekend is an opportunity for quilters of all ages and skill levels to enjoy a weekend dedicated to the art they love! DCC provides the workspace, meals and clean-up and community atmosphere while participants bring their creativity, passion, fabric and sewing machines! DCC will provide the space for you to enjoy and create, as long as the generator is running! For registration and details, follow [this link](#).

(While it is uncertain how things will be in October, Covid protocols will be in place.)

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
Sept. 15 – Oct. 26, 2021 | Six-week online short course
Taught by **Susannah Larry, PhD**, and **Drew Strait, PhD**
Register by Aug. 18 to **save \$50!**

[learn more ▶](#)

Short Course Bundle discount:
Sign up for four short courses for **\$995 total** (regular cost: \$350/course)



Mennonite Disaster Service

Consider serving with MDS this fall! View the **current volunteer opportunities** through the [MDS website](#). For weekly volunteer scheduling, contact Deanna Frey (dfrey@mds.org) or Josh Carson (jcarson@mds.org) for leadership or RV positions

Mennonite Church USA

Faith Formation Roundtable is your opportunity to connect with other faith formation leaders on a topic you care about. There's nothing quite like talking with others who have the same passions and concerns! Join the conversation for encouragement, support and new ideas. Shana Peachey Boshart will facilitate these hour-long conversations on Zoom. We will not record these for viewing later. Just [click this link](#) when it's time for each Roundtable!

- **August 17** Planning for Fall 2021 Children's Sunday School
- **August 24** Planning for Fall 2021 Youth Ministry
- **September 14** Intergenerational Summer Worship: How did it go?
- **September 21** Staying Connected with Your College Students
- **October 12** [Ruth Goring](#), Mennonite author of children's books
- **October 19** Family faith formation with *Pause: Play, Breathe Pray*

West Coast MCC

The Oregon Mennonite Relief Board is excited to announce plans for an **in-person event** this year at the Linn County Fair & Expo from 7:30am - 2:00pm, **Saturday, October 9**. *An online auction will run from October 2-7, prior to the live event.* **What to expect:**

- Delicious food for sale (breakfast, lunch, and desserts) with the option to reserve select items online!
- Shopping booths
- Live music
- **My Coins Count** for The Nicaragua Water Project, *which supplies clean water to schools and the surrounding neighborhoods.*
- School kits collection site
- And more!

How can you help? *Save the date to volunteer Oct 8 & 9*

- Start making crafts for the Country Store
- Order My Coins Count wrappers from resources@mcc.org to label containers for spare change, or create your own
- Start collecting school kit items
- Contact Stan Oyer (oyer@canby.com) if you have questions about donating auction items or experience ideas

Follow [@OregonMCCSale](#) on Facebook for updates!

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 6 (submissions due by 8/30)
Sept 20 (submissions due by 9/13)
Oct 4 (submissions due by 9/27)
Oct 18 (submissions due by 10/11)

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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