



# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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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**

Yes, PNMC is holding our Annual Meeting/Delegate Assembly online again this year, but with a few differences from last year. In 2020, we only conducted delegate business, but this year we also want to:

**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!

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.

**\*Virtual Choir:** Bruce Kuhns of Portland Mennonite is organizing a virtual choir to be shared at the PNMC Annual Meeting on **August 21**. The choir will sing two songs from the new *Voices Together* hymnal: #43 God be the Love, and #396 Rooted and Grounded in Love, and possibly a third selection. You can participate in one or more of the songs. If you are interested, please contact Bruce Kuhns at [kuhns.bruce@gmail.com](mailto:kuhns.bruce@gmail.com).

Resources are being added to the [PNMC website](https://pnmc.org/) to help prepare those attending the Annual Meeting.

Follow this link to review the [2021 Ballot](#).

Soon the **Delegate Handbook** will be posted in both English and Spanish.

Additionally, it is almost time to print the new **PNMC Directory**. This handy resource provides contact information at your fingertips for congregations, ministerial leaders, pastors and district pastors, chaplains, and spiritual directors across the conference. It also provides contact information for broader Mennonite organizations across the country and around the world. However, the details can be quite fluid. We move, change phones, get new email addresses, shift roles, etc. **We appreciate your help in keeping these records current.**

If you are included in the Directory and your contact info has changed, please send updates to Barb Buxman at [office@pnmc.org](mailto:office@pnmc.org).

## Pray for one another...

An update from Emmaus Christian Fellowship in Meridian, ID:

Like everyone else, we had plans before the pandemic which were not able to come to fruition. Even this summer, as things began to open up, we had to cancel a missional VBS-type program due to the death of Craig's father earlier in the spring. As a result, we have concentrated our efforts and attention on being supportive and connected. Each week we begin our worship time with the accompanying image (*borrowed from the United Church of Christ*) as a way to express the openness, welcome, and mission of God among us.



## 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 work-space, 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

### Center for Sustainable Climate Solutions

Follow [this link](#) for “Stories from the Saddle”, the thoughtful and personal reflections of the Climate Ride participants.



### Everence

Follow [this link](#) to read how Hesston College professor, Kevin Wilder, and his wife Marilyn, have embraced the **joy of generosity**. Professor Wilder has developed a creative way to challenge students to give back, fostering a spirit of giving and expanding God's kingdom. Everence provides tools for charitable planning approaches. Contact Everence to learn more about donor advised funds, charitable gift annuities, trusts and other ways you can create a plan that is right for you. Learn more [here](#).

### MennoMedia

Practical resources are available for pastors as we navigate the particularities of regathering. From worship patterns to fostering connection, offering faith formation classes to doing community engagement, COVID-19 upended much of what we knew as church life. The load for pastors has been crushing. How do we help pastors avoid burnout? How do we confront the increased polarization in our congregations? In August, September, and October, MennoMedia will release a monthly “What Now?” toolkit addressing pressing topics faced by congregations and pastors. Click [here](#) to sign up.



### Mennonite Church USA

Are you part of a Mennonite Church USA congregation or community that has already done 101-level education about the Doctrine of Discovery? You're invited to join our new **Repair Congregations and Communities Network**! Send a representative to a call on **August 13** from 6-8 p.m. EST to learn more and/or join! Mennonite camps, schools, and other communities are also welcome to join. More details are here: <https://dofdmcnno.org/join-our-repair-congregations-and.../>

### Mennonite World Conference

As we start to dream about how the world will look once the pandemic ends, perhaps there will be some “gifts of Covid”. Many have commented over the past year about how connecting online has expanded the global reach. **Assembly 17 in Indonesia** will be available through the hybrid format. Following the decision to offer the gathering both in person and online, the Program Committee members and Assembly staff are now re-imagining the event and its additional online opportunities.

“The goal remains the same: to give every generation of church member an opportunity to worship, learn, fellowship and share experiences together,” MWC Chief International Events Officer Liesa Unger says, “but with the added option of online participation, more people around the globe can join the event.” Follow [this link](#) to read more about how creative plans are coming together to truly make the event a global gathering.

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 16 (submissions due by 8/9)  
 Sept 6 (submissions due by 8/30)  
 Sept 20 (submissions due by 9/13)  
 Oct 4 (submissions due by 9/27)

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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