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PNMC ANNUAL MEETING 2021—*from Dianna Eshleman, Moderator*

The PNMC Annual Gathering/Delegate Assembly 2021 was held online August 21, 2021 from 9am to 12noon. Regrets were shared about the need for a second year gathering not in person, but attendance of 40 delegates representing 22 of the 28 PNMC churches was gratifying. (Minutes of the meeting are posted [here](#).)

- A **Worship Time** opened the meeting. A virtual choir of persons from different congregations led with singing online.
- Short reports using the format **At (congregation) we know God is leading us because.** . allowed us to celebrate being together and sharing stories.
- Delegates **voted to pass the Ballot** to fill vacancies for PNMC board and teams for the coming year.
- Breakout sessions** allowed 4-5 persons to share personal experiences and address the question about “barriers to participation in conference gatherings in their congregations”. The PNMC staff and board will process the written answers provided by each group.
- The delegates were polled to determine their preference for the next **Conference Communications Council meeting**. A hybrid meeting combining in-person and ZOOM format was preferred. Although technically challenging, this preference will be considered in planning.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Country Auction

The Mennonite Country Auction (Washington State MCC Sale) will be held in person on **Saturday, October 2, 2021**. It is held on the grounds of the Menno Mennonite Church, 20 miles west of Ritzville and 25 miles east of Moses Lake.

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

Due to the increase in hospitalizations due to the Coronavirus Delta variant, the **decision to hold an indoor event has been reversed**. The online auction experience will take place **October 2-7!** Visit the [website](#) for details and a guide for donation ideas.

- Pre-order homemade food, dessert, apple cider, and more online or with Annie (541) 619-6011 by September 17.
- Pick up your auction items and edible goodies on October 9. Location TBD.

We are unsure of the location for the pick-up event. While we are unsure what activities and shops will be featured at the October 9th location, we aim to make this as fun-filled as possible while maintaining a safe environment for all. Regardless of where this event takes place, vaccinated volunteers are needed to help with cooking, set-up, and tear-down. For donation questions, contact Stan Oyer at oyer@canby.com. For the latest updates, sign up at the *NEW* website www.oregonmccsale.org.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Church USA

During **September** and **October**, Mennonite Church USA invites you to learn about poverty considering the pandemic, by engaging its new **“Learn, Pray, Join”** initiative – [The Cost of Poverty](#). We will include a special focus on housing insecurity and mutual aid.

Mennonite Church USA, Mennonite Church Canada and Herald Press are partnering to encourage every Mennonite to read carefully selected books to equip the church during this time. This fall, the denomination-wide **CommonRead** book is *“Tongue-Tied: Learning the Lost Art of Talking About Faith”* by Sara Wenger Shenk. Learn more here www.commonread.org

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

- Sept 20 (submissions due by 9/13)
- Oct 4 (submissions due by 9/27)
- Oct 18 (submissions due by 10/11)
- Nov 1 (submissions due by 10/25)

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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