

Pray For One Another... Evergreen Mennonite Church, Kirkland, WA

We continue to meet for worship on Zoom for the protection of the most vulnerable in our community and **take advantage of our** technology to connect more regularly for crafting, prayer meetings, and book studies. In 2021 we've made an effort to continue learning about our privilege and make commitments to end white supremacy by studying MC USA's Abolition Curriculum: Defund the Police together during worship and holding a book study group of Drew Hart's book <u>Who Will Be a Witness?</u> We're looking forward to hosting Drew Hart on October 31 for a Zoom Worship service where he'll preach and hold a Q&A session afterwards. If you're interested in attending this virtual event, please email the church at <u>Evergreenmennonite@gmail.com</u>.



Photo by Paul Brallier: EMC volunteers staffing the coffee booth (and Kids' booth in background) at the Mennonite Country Auction in Ritzville on Oct. 2.

Evergreen Mennonite Church has also been exploring our money mindsets as individuals and a church in preparation for stewardship decisions. Pastor Jessica is diving into what it would mean for the congregation to join the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Repair Network. As we work together through all of these big issues, we request your prayers. Finally, Jessica has recently announced that she'll be leaving her role as Pastor on January 2, 2022, so we'd also ask for your prayer and support during this time of transition.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale

The Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief has contributed almost \$3 million to MCC over the past 37 years. The goal for 2021 was to raise \$100,000 for MCC. The sale planners are grateful for the many people who generously donated and/or purchased goods to help the sale surpass its goal and raise \$111,000!

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Build peace through listening and discussion on October 26 and November 9. During engaging Zoom events, experts from Anabaptist heritage organizations will show historic documents relevant to current issues. Also, hear perspectives from people close to the issues. Following presentations, attendees can join facilitated discussions in breakout rooms. Learn more about this collaborative effort <u>here</u>. Racial Harm and Harmony Among Mennonites, **Tuesday, October 26, 8 PM ET**. Remaining Community-Minded in an Individualistic Culture, **Tuesday, November 9, 8 pm ET**.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Dove's Nest

Dove's Nest, a Christian Child Protection organization, seeks a new Executive Director. Interested parties can fill out the <u>online</u> <u>application</u> and direct any questions to the search committee chair, Scott Litwiller, at <u>slitwiller@gmail.com</u>.

Everence

Beginning Wednesday, Oct. 27, Everence Financial will host a free five-part webinar series: Planning your finances to make a positive impact. This series is designed for people of all ages and includes information to help you fulfill your life mission, ways to support causes close to your heart, aligning your investments with your faith values and focusing on financial health versus financial wealth. To register, or for more information, visit <u>www.everence.com/national</u>.

MennoMedia

In honor of **Pastor Appreciation Month**, MennoMedia is offering discounts on some publications in October. Congregations are also invited to honor pastors with a donation and a chance to win \$250! Donate any amount online to MennoMedia in October and enter your pastor to win a \$250 gift certificate to Herald Press!



Also, take advantage of this upcoming opportunity: **MC USA** and **MennoMedia** are joining together for a **CommonRead Conversation** with **Sara Wenger Shenk, Oct. 19, 7 p.m. ET.** Many Christians easily talk about movies, sports, politics, jobs and emotions. So why are we tongue-tied when it comes to talking about our faith? Join in a conversation with the author of *Tongue-Tied*. <u>Register here.</u>

Mennonite Church USA

Visit www.mennoniteusa.org to view nation-wide employment opportunities.

Mennonite Men

Hurry! Registration ends October 19! Mennonite Men is presenting a three-part series to unpack narratives around masculinity, faith, and equity. The presentations will take place October 26, November 6 and November 16, 2021. After completing the series, participants will be able to coherently articulate their own personal narratives, identify the ways they've been shaped by masculine messaging, and reframe their own masculine identity so it is more inclusive and holistic. We will also unpack the differences in patriarchal messaging based upon racial identity. The series will be composed of two webinars and one daylong on-campus event (also available online), facilitated by Ben Tapper with the Kindred Collective. A free PDF copy of *Strong, Loving, and Wise: Joining Conversations for Men* will be made available to all participants. Prior to the event, it is recommended that participants read *The Will to Change: Men, Masculinity and Love* by bell hooks. For more information and to register, visit <u>ambs.edu/narrative</u>. Early registration ends October 19. Questions? Contact Steve Thomas at <u>stevet@mennonitemen.org</u>.

Mennonite Mission Network

November is mission month! Mission month resources are live on the MMN website! Join us to explore what it means to experience the hospitality of God in the context of mission. <u>Go online</u> for scriptures, songs, stories, videos, and recipes to inspire a Sunday service.

Mennonite Voluntary Service

At First Mennonite Church in San Francisco (FMCSF), their Mennonite Voluntary Service (MVS) unit is central to the identity of the congregation. In fact, the unit has been around for almost as long as the congregation has — nearly four decades! One often-cited example of the congregation's commitment to the program came more than 20 years ago. FMCSF had been renting both its own worship space and the MVS unit house, while also considering the possibility of buying a church building in the Bay Area. The owners of the building that had been housing the MVS unit decided they were ready to sell, and they came to the congregation and offered them the opportunity to buy it before it was put on the market. With a price tag of more than one million dollars, the choice was daunting. But after discernment, FMCSF decided to purchase the MVS house, so that they could continue hosting the unit rather than purchase a church building. Click here to read more about the program and its supporting congregation.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Nov 1 (submissions due by 10/25) Nov 15 (submissions due by 11/8) Dec 6 (submissions due by 11/29) Dec 20 (submissions due by 12/9) 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!*

For more PNMC updates: <u>http://pnmc.org</u>e-Bulletin Archives: <u>http://pnmc.org/Resources/eBulletin</u>