



e-Bulletin

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FROM THE EXECUTIVE CONFERENCE MINISTER—*Katherine Jameson Pitts*

Welcome, *new pastors*, to PNMC! This fall we have several new folks taking on pastoral positions in the conference. **Christie Dahlin** started as Pastor at Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, Boise ID on September 1. This is her first pastorate. Christie moved to Idaho from Seattle with her husband, Samuel, and son, Jedidiah, where they were members of Seattle Mennonite Church. **Diane Hooge** began serving as Interim Associate Pastor at Portland Mennonite Church in late August. She and her husband, Ken, are members of PMC. Diane has served in ministry in a variety of places in American Baptist Churches including as a Conference Minister! **Rob Gerig** is serving as Interim Pastor at Lebanon Mennonite Church beginning October 1. He has served in ministry in a variety of places, including Indonesia! Although Rob is ordained by the Assembly of God church, he has many connections to Mennonites in his family tree. Please join in praying for these congregations and pastors as they begin their lives together.

October is Pastor Appreciation Month! How is your congregation showing appreciation and care for your pastor? **Amy Zimbelman**, the Conference Minister of Mountain States Mennonite Conference suggests a variety of ways to honor your pastor [here](#).

Pray For One Another...*Evergreen Heights Mennonite Church, Caldwell, ID*



As we gather and learn each Sunday, we are reminded of God's healing, wisdom, and grace. We pray for our community and our role as ambassadors of God's healing and hope that can flow through us to the world. We are practicing a spirit of discernment and prayer while thinking about the long term care of our facility and grounds. How might God be creatively empowering us as we meld together our church's mission with stewardship of our resources. Part of that is our hospitality room that is open and available for overnight guests who are longing for rest and restoration. We would be honored to share hospitality with you. Contact us via ehmennonite@gmail.com. Blessings and peace to you all.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale

Last year the Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale was able to raise over \$100K for MCC's 100th Anniversary. **Planners hope to reach that goal again!** Buy food, bid on auction items, or simply [donate](#) to help meet that goal. The online auction is live! There are exciting offerings such as Timbers Tickets, Oregon Coast getaways, handmade gift card packs, smoked salmon, and more. The three pick-up locations for food orders and auction items are: Linn County Expo Center, Albany, OR (9-11AM) Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR (4-6PM) Portland Mennonite Church, Portland, OR (4-6PM) Those traveling to Albany are invited to shop at the **Just Cause Fair Trade Booth!** Paula Kuhns will be setting up shop in the Willamette building of the Linn County Expo Center. Purchases will support MCC as well as individual artisans who make their living by handcrafting these products. Additionally, a matching fund of \$4,500 has been collected to challenge individuals, families and congregations as they collect for **My Coins Count**. If you are collecting in person at church go ahead and fill those buckets. You may also make a contribution during the online auction. Or bring checks, dollars, coins with you when you come to pick up food in Albany, Portland, or Zion. **Volunteers are needed** for baking and providing on-the-ground support. Visit the "[Get Involved](#)" on the website to find the volunteer opportunity that is right for you.

Saturday,
October 9, 2021

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale

Pick-up locations:

Linn Co. Expo in Albany

Zion Mennonite

Portland Mennonite

*Relief, development and
peace in the name of Christ*

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Ministerios Restauración

Pastor Samuel & Orfilia Morán recently published *Alone With God*, a twelve-week series to challenge your spiritual walk with God, specifically in the times we are currently living. The challenge is inspired by the Lord Jesus' lifestyle of prayer and based on the commandment of Matthew 6: 6. The book is available in English and Spanish. The book is already impacting hundreds of pastors, leaders and congregations in North America, Germany, Lebanon, Guatemala, Mexico, Honduras, Colombia, EL Salvador, Costa Rica, and many more to come. Samuel & Orfilia are pastors at Ministerios Restauración in Portland, OR. To purchase a copy, contact [Samuel](#) by email or text: (971) 227-4945.



Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Build peace through listening and discussion on **October 12, 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 [here](#).

Yesterday's Wisdom For Today
Anabaptist Conversation Series

TUESDAYS, 8 PM ET
OCTOBER 12 & 26, NOVEMBER 9

REGISTER ON ZOOM

Encounter history through artifacts.
Learn with expert presenters and discuss:

- Virtual Relationships Past & Present
- Racial Harm & Harmony
- Community vs. Individualism

Sponsored by:

[Virtual Relationships Past & Present](#), Tuesday, October 12, 8 PM ET.

[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

Mennonite Education Agency

Join MEA in praying for the 30 schools affiliated with Mennonite Church USA – early childhood, primary, secondary, undergraduate, graduate and seminary – in MEA's [monthly prayer newsletter](#). To subscribe, contact [Jolene VonGunten](#).

West Coast MCC

Highlights from the September West Coast MCC Board Meeting include:

- The Restorative Justice program is expanding in Phoenix and California, with a focus on schools and universities. By doing more “train the trainers” events, the emphasis shifts to **prevention of violence and criminal activity**.
- Those working in the **Immigration Program** are busy with the legal part of the cases, but realized they were also offering emotional and spiritual care. A trauma chaplain will be added to the team to assist the clients and staff, and connect clients to congregations for additional support.
- Katherine Smith in Tucson works with refugees that have just crossed the border, education to nonprofits, connections to women in detention centers, and borderlands tours.
- MCC set **three focus goals** in 2020 for the next five years. 1) uprooted and vulnerable people 2) peacebuilding and justice 3) Creation care and climate change. The board discussed what it is currently doing and what hopes and dreams to expand in order to address these goals in the West Coast region.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 18 (submissions due by 10/11)

Nov 1 (submissions due by 10/25)

Nov 15 (submissions due by 11/8)

Dec 6 (submissions due by 11/29)

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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