

# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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#### PNMC Conference Communications Council/Equipping Event

Feb. 5, 2022, 9 am to 12 pm PST/10 am to 1 pm MST; On Zoom (registration will be available in January)

We are meeting on Zoom so that everyone can be on the same footing and there will be no worries about winter travel. If you would like to gather as a group in your locale and watch on a big screen together, that is encouraged! (Our Annual Meeting, **June 17-18, 2022**, will only be offered as an in-person gathering. I look forward to seeing you all then.)

The CCC Agenda will include: worship together, an update on conference business, congregational sharing; an introduction to several Mennonite resources, presented by their authors with time for questions. There will also be Q and A time regarding the MC USA Special Delegate Session happening **May 28-30** in Kansas City, MO.

#### Pray For One Another...Lebanon Mennonite Church, Lebanon, OR

We returned to meeting in person in April of 2021. Following state guidelines, we require masks and practice social distancing. We welcomed Rob Gerig as interim pastor on Oct. 1. Rob and Corrine are native Oregonians and have served in ministry for more than 40 years. Rob has many valley connections despite growing up on the coast. He started as a youth pastor in 1979 in Albany and has pastored churches in California, Oregon and Nevada. Rob worked as the Director of Student Ministries at Central Bible College in Missouri followed by four years as a missionary in Indonesia. Rob's undergraduate degree is in pastoral studies and his graduate degree is in counseling. Rob and Corrine have two sons and five grandchildren. We appreciate their service and direction for our congregation. In the fall, we started a new book study with the women's group, children's church and Pastor Rob has started a men's coffee time. We are enjoying meeting together after such times of being apart.

### **PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES**

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

#### Bend Mennonite Church

After a remodeling delay, Bend Mennonite Church returned to their traditional meeting space at Heritage Hall on **Saturday**, **December 4th**. If you find yourself in Bend, consider joining the church in Heritage Hall at First Presbyterian Church of Bend, 230 NE 9th St, Bend 97701. Saturday afternoon worship begins at 4:30pm. The congregation gathers indoors and chooses to show love to their neighbors by wearing masks.

#### Drift Creek Camp

Do something different! DCC is offering an opportunity to live on-site and serve as part of the year-round team of staff. The position involves hosting groups, assisting with food service, maintaining facilities and equipment, engaging with rental groups and programs. Caretakers also work with "Teen Volunteers" during summer camp programs. DCC is looking for those who embrace hard work, living simply, conservation, and servant leadership. For details, contact info@driftcreek.org/971-600-1244.

#### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Save the date: Saturday, February 5, 2022. "God provides in the midst of disaster" is the theme for the 2022 PNMHS Annual Meeting and Fundraiser. It we be held BOTH in-person (at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR) and virtually on Saturday, Feb. 2022, at 1:30pm (PST). Mark your calendar now and stay tuned for more details coming soon.

#### Zion Mennonite Church

Once again, there will be no Quilting Workshop at Zion in February of 2022. It was a difficult decision to make, but the group was fully agreed it is not worth the risks to the hosts or the visitors to hold such a large public gathering under the present recommendations of State Health Authorities. This would have been the 50th year for Quilting Workshop!

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Mennonite Disaster Service, Oregon Unit



The MDS volunteers have been at work on the "Estacada House" sponsored by the Clackamas Co Long Term Recovery Group. They have been installing cabinets, flooring, interior doors, window trim, baseboard, and porch railing. John Colvin, MDS Oregon Unit Chair, as a representative of the OR Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters (ORVOAD), has been working with six counties as a construction advisor concerning Oregon's 2020 Labor Day Wildfires. This new home for Gary and Robin was organized, materials and labor donated, on behalf of the Clackamas County Long-Term Recovery Group. A group of six volunteers from the mid-Willamette valley organized by Jerry Friesen came to serve in the first house build in Estacada, OR. Brent Kauffman, Phil Histand, Richard Heggen, Dennis Stutzman, Bryon Gardner, and Mark Nord, working with John Colvin, answered the call. Clyde Hockman was instrumental in hauling the Oregon Unit's tool trailer to and from the job site. MDS Oregon also committed to

building a pump house. Earl and Ben Farnsworth, John and Wendy's son-in-law and grandson, worked with John to dig out and pour the concrete pad. John and Dan Robertson constructed the pump house. Thank you so much for your support and getting Gary and Robin back into their home.

## **MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES**

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#### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

<u>Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program</u>. AMBS's distance-friendly non-degree Journey program supports learners as they explore spiritual leadership in their local churches and communities and deepen their understanding of Anabaptist theology and ministry with a dedicated mentor. Sign up for Winter 2022 (January) by **December 14** and save \$100! (<u>ambs.edu/journey</u>)

#### Mennonite Central Committee

Consider supporting MCC through <u>Gifts of Comfort and Joy</u>, the 2021 Christmas giving guide. These gifts are not stuck in the supply chain back up. They are not made of plastic or other non-renewable resources. Choose a gift that changes lives, like clean water, stocking a fish pond, mosquito nets, sewing machines and books for young readers. Visit: <u>mcc.org/christmas</u> to choose a gift.

**Craving a service and learning opportunity?** Consider MCC's SALT program! Applications are open! Are you interested in learning a new language, visiting a new country, and joining a new community abroad? Through MCC SALT (young adults age 18-30), practice your skills in education, peace building, agriculture, community health care and more while connecting with the global Anabaptist community of faith. For more information, visit <u>mcc.org/SALT</u> or contact <u>marlenebogard@mcc.org</u>.

#### Mennonite World Conference

Planners are seeking gifted vocalists to join the International Choir for the MWC Semarang, Indonesia 2022 Assembly. This group will help lead singing during the Assembly. The worship services will reflect the global fellowship of MWC and be rich in music and worship diversity. The group will lead, teach, and inspire, not give a performance. The ensemble will consist of ten persons representing all continents. Those applying should have a strong commitment to Christian/Anabaptist values, excellent team skills, previous performance experience, reference from pastor, familiar with (*or willingness to learn*) a wide variety of types of music and worship styles, and ability to sing a vocal part and play an instrument. Participants will need to rehearse independently prior to traveling and arrive in Semarang by June 26, 2022 to practice before the Assembly begins on July 5, 2022.

#### **Upcoming e-Bulletins:**

Dec 20 (submissions due by 12/9) Jan 3 (submissions due by 12/27) Jan 17 (submissions due by 1/10) Feb 7 (submissions due by 1/31) 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!* 

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