



e-Bulletin

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From our Executive Conference Minister, Katherine Jameson Pitts

It has been with gratitude for our time together, times of struggles and joy, of blessings and loss, a time “unprecedented” in so many ways, that I have informed the PNMC Board of Directors that I will not be extending my service as Conference Minister past June 2022. After almost 10 years in this ministry, I am finding that I do not have the energy that I once did for this work, and the call of retirement and time with grandchildren beckons. Six months may seem like a long lead time for this kind of announcement, but I want to give the Board ample time to work on vision planning and a search process. We will begin that work at the Conference Communications Council in February. I will continue to walk with you, guide search committees, plan for our gatherings, and work with the Board in the months ahead, hoping to leave things in good shape for future leaders. I invite you to be in prayer with me for the future of PNMC. I know God is calling for something new and look forward to seeing how you hear that word and follow!

The Conference Communications Council meeting will take place via Zoom on **February 5, 2022, 9 am to 12 pm (PST)**. The day will include short presentations from the following:

- Samuel Moran -- Alone with God
- Rob Muthiah -- Lamenting Racism
- Sarah Augustine -- The Land is not Empty

Breakout groups will look anew at PNMC's vision. We would love to have every congregation represented by at least one pastor and one lay leader. Anyone interested in the life of PNMC is welcome to attend but must register by Feb. 1 at [this link](#).

Pray for One Another

Ministerios Restauración: In the middle of a world convulsed by COVID-19, we offer a message of healing and hope through Jesus Christ. On Thursday nights we are meeting, to pray for the physical healing of the sick or going through illness. Week after week, we are receiving prayer requests; as well as gratitude from those who receive the miracle of recovery. On Sundays, we gather to celebrate the presence of God among us and offer support and hope for one another. May God bless and lead the leaders of our conference.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The [PNMHS Annual Meeting](#) will be **Zoom ONLY**. Mark your calendar for **Saturday, February 5, 2022 at 1:30 PM (PST)**.

“God provides in the midst of disaster” is the theme for the gathering. Visit pnmhs.org and click “Join Zoom Meeting” on the home page to participate. The guest speaker will be Bishop Edwin Bontrager from the Porter Mennonite Church in Estacada, OR. He will share the story of how Mennonites in the Estacada area lived through the Riverside forest fire that destroyed the surrounding area in September, 2020. Thanks to the hard work of the Mennonites and other community members, along with God's protective hand, extreme loss was avoided. We look forward to seeing you on February 5th.



Albany Mennonite Church

Together we are remembering the legacy of [David Mann](#). David passed away on December 13, 2021. He was called to serve as pastor of Albany Mennonite Church in 1955 and served the congregation for 15 years. During this time David worked in various capacities in the Pacific Coast Mennonite Conference, as well as in leadership of the Oregon Mennonite Camping Association, which established Drift Creek Camp. He also served on the Overseas Committee and Board of Directors of Mennonite Board of Missions. David was ordained to the ministry in Albany on July 8, 1956. He, his father and brother-in-law, J. Alton Horst, were all ordained within a three month time. On June 5, 1960 he was ordained as a bishop and subsequently served in this capacity with the Albany, Logsdon, Lebanon, Eugene and Corvallis congregations. During his years in Oregon, he and his wife, Mona, were blessed with three children, David Michael, Timothy Wade and Jeanne Marie. Twins, Stephen Kent and Thomas Brent, died at birth in January 1961. In 1970 the family moved to Elkhart, IN while David continued his studies toward an MDiv degree at Goshen Biblical Seminary and he served half-time as Director of Church Relations for the Seminary. David is survived by his wife, Mona, and their three children. A memorial service is scheduled for **April 30th** at Trinity Mennonite Church in Glendale, AZ, where former AMC Pastor, Megan Good, will officiate. In lieu of flowers, the family would like in memoriam charitable contributions to [Mennonite Central Committee](#) and [Drift Creek Camp](#). Click [here](#) for his full obituary.

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Mountain View Mennonite Church — *A personal reflection from Jerry Hollinger*

Growing up in a community that had very little racial diversity, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. was viewed as a troublemaker. In those days I had very little understanding of the subversive nature of racism and how it affects every aspect of society. The more experiences I've had in interracial settings, reading resources, and paying attention, I've gradually had my own awakening to the seriousness of racism all around me and inside me. As we come again this weekend to the remembrance of King and his **relentless light shining into our dark places**, my concern and prayer is that our society can find a way to face our failures with wisdom and fortitude. The welfare of our future depends on it.

You give us prophets, holy God, to cry out for justice and mercy. Open our ears to hear them, and to follow the truth they speak, lest we support injustice to secure our own well-being.

The local annual Martin Luther King Jr. program has become for our congregation synonymous with our **traveling peace quilt peacemaker-of-the-year award**. Since 2013 we have looked around our community each year for those who are making a positive contribution to peace among us. This award has become a public testimony of our congregation's commitment to the shalom of God we pray guides our living together. But once again this year, due to COVID and some other factors, no public program is being planned. Our award will be given in a much more private setting, our witness somewhat diluted.

The world could not handle Dr. King. Light is a threat to secrets. Cries are disturbing to the comfortable. As his witness grew, he saw the fingers of racism in poverty and war. For many, his knife of justice was cutting too deeply into the fabric of complacency. He joined the company of those who were silenced. The cost of speaking up for justice is real. Not many are willing to travel that path. Our award looks for those who stay true to the vision in spite of the apathy or obstacles around them. And I trust our own walk with God as a congregation will continue to move us toward that vision as well.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS offers five graduate-level degree and certificate programs as well as a wide variety of non-degree educational options to **help students grow in faith and strengthen their leadership gifts**. Our faculty members are experienced scholars and mentors, seeking to empower students for a continuous encounter with God and for creative Christian leadership.

~The [Multicultural Church Scholarship](#) is for students who are serving in or preparing for ministry assignments in a multicultural context and/or who belong to historically underrepresented racial or ethnic groups within the Mennonite Church. Both full- and part-time students who are beginning a master's program can apply.

~The [MDiv Connect Student Scholarship](#) is for students who are beginning the distance-friendly [Master of Divinity \(MDiv\) Connect](#) program and who are affiliated with Mennonite World Conference or a related Anabaptist group.

~The [Ecumenical Student Scholarship](#) supports students from other-than-Anabaptist Christian traditions who want to engage with people from the Anabaptist tradition while sharing the theological perspectives of and growing in their own tradition. Both full- and part-time students who are beginning a master's program can apply.

The application deadline is **March 15**. Applicants must have been admitted to AMBS by that date to be considered for scholarships, so starting the [admissions application process](#) as soon as possible is recommended. If you're on the fence, consider attending the [Seminary Preview Webinar](#) on **Tuesday, Jan. 25, 8–8:45 p.m. EST**, to learn about what AMBS has to offer.

Mennonite Mission Network

As part of its peace witness, Mission Network has re-launched ["Stir Up Peace."](#) a nine-episode educational video mini-series that details how nonviolent direct action can be applied to create change. Episode 1 references Martin Luther King Jr., who reminded us that patience is necessary in that "the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." Read the news release [here](#).

Mennonite Health Services

Registration is now open for the [Mennonite Health Assembly, March 23-26, 2022](#), in Greenville, South Carolina. Register by **March 1** for the early-bird registration and take advantage of this opportunity to dig into workshops that have been developed specifically for the needs and interests of like-minded leaders from Anabaptist organizations. Register [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Feb 7 (submissions due by 1/31)
Feb 21 (submissions due by 2/14)
Mar 7 (submissions due by 2/28)
Mar 21 (submissions due by 3/14)

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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