



# e-Bulletin

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## From Our Executive Conference Minister, Katherine Jameson Pitts

On February 5, 60 people representing 23 congregations and church plants gathered online for our annual Conference Communications Council. Our focus was sharing resources. Each congregation named a resource that has been helpful in the past year. The new hymnal, *Voices Together*, was the #1 individual resource named. (We look forward to welcoming folks from the *Voices Together* editorial team who will present congregational workshops in June!) Anti-racism was the #1 topic named. Many churches have wrestled with racism using a wide variety of resources. Several congregations mentioned that meeting online had enabled them to have outside speakers they might not have had otherwise. Having our CCC online meant that we could have participants from Portland, Yakima, and Southern California. Samuel Moran shared about his new devotional book *Alone with God*. Rob Muthiah presented the *Lamenting Racism* curriculum. Sarah Augustine challenged us to dismantle the doctrine of discovery with her book, *The Land is not Empty*.

The latter session turned toward the future of PNMC in light of the upcoming Executive Conference Minister transition. Breakout groups discussed questions around what PNMC should be doing (or should stop doing) and recorded their responses for the Board to ponder.

It seems unanimous that we all are looking forward to gathering in person for the PNMC Annual Meeting June 17-18, 2022 at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR, but we have discovered that we can have a packed morning of resources, sharing, and discussion when we are online as well. *Thanks to all who participated!* If you are interested in any of the resources mentioned, links to the speakers as well as the roll call responses from each congregation have been sent to each congregation and all delegates.

## From the PNMC Office

The PNMC Board would like every congregation to send at least one delegate to the MC USA Special Delegate Session in Kansas City, May 27-30. PNMC is offering any congregation that needs financial assistance \$400 toward your delegate's cost. Delegates can then complete the application form ([here](#)) requesting aid from Mennonite Church USA. To request initial PNMC funding, contact [Katherine Jameson Pitts](#). Additional meeting information is available [here](#). Scroll down on FAQ page to find the Spanish materials.

## PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

### Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

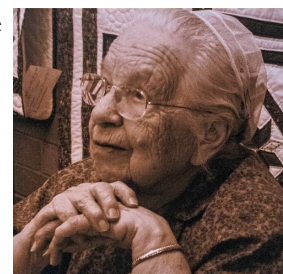
Marta's Haus has been accumulating fabric and supplies over the last couple years and needs to get rid of the inventory! Shop with us at the Zion Mennonite Church on **Saturday, March 5th from 9 AM - 3 PM**. Just Cause, a Fair-Trade Store will also be selling goods and donating a portion of their profits to Mennonite Central Committee.

Then return to Zion a few weeks later for the Oregon MCC Winter Warm Up! Participants will be knotting comforters to send to MCC to be used for refugees around the world on **Monday, March 21 from 9 AM - 2 PM** at Zion Mennonite Church. Open to all, you just need know how (or we can teach you how) to tie a square knot! Come for any or all of the day. For questions, contact [Gail Manickam](#).



### Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

At its annual meeting on **February 5**, the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society announced that longtime volunteer archivist, Margaret Shetler, will be honored by naming the archives file room at the Ivan & Pearl Kropf Heritage Center in Hubbard, OR, the "Margaret Shetler Archives". She was part of the formation of the Oregon Mennonite Historical and Genealogical Society in 1988. For over twenty-five years, Margaret committed both time and energy to organize the archives, first at its location at Western Mennonite School, and later at its current location. Her passion for preserving the history of Mennonites in the area ensures that future historians will benefit from her efforts to obtain and preserve historical records of churches, pastors, and individuals who represented the Pacific Northwest Mennonites. Margaret also served for many years as the PNMC historian, encouraging congregations to appoint a church historian to preserve and gather their churches records.



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### PNMC CAMPS

**Camp Camrec:** Consider participating with [Camp CAMREC](#) (Leavenworth, WA) this July! Remember that although the youth programs are for those in grades K-12, there are ways for those in more advanced age groups to jump in on the fun and learning as counselors, counselors-in-training, or volunteers. Please visit our website at [www.camrec.org](http://www.camrec.org) to register campers or to inquire about staff and volunteer opportunities. Camp Camrec youth programs will be held the following dates:

- Pre Junior: **July 8-9**
- Junior: **July 12-16**
- Junior High: **July 18-23**
- Senior High: **July 25-30**

**Camp Palisades:** Summer Program dates for [Camp Palisades](#), Targhee National Forest, ID:

- Senior Camp (completed grades 8-12) - **July 10-13, 2022**
- Junior (completed grades 4-7) - **July 13-16, 2022**

Camp Palisades is seeking an **on-site director** for summer youth camps **July 10-16**. Responsibilities include maintaining schedules, coordinating with leaders, leading morning devotions and evening campfire messages. Activities include hiking, swimming, and whitewater rafting on the Snake River out of nearby Jackson, WY. Please contact [Kevin Chupp](#) (Director of [Camp Palisades](#) and Pastor of First Mennonite Church, Aberdeen, ID) for details.

**Drift Creek Camp:** Summer registration forms will soon be mailed to returning campers.

First-time campers may download the form [here](#).

- High school: **June 19-24**
- Grades 7 & 8: **June 26-July 1**
- Parent and Me (Grades K-2): **July 1-3**
- Grades 5 & 6: **July 3-8**
- Grades 3 & 4: **July 10-15**



## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS is offering three **new** merit-based scholarships for new full-time or part-time graduate students whether they pursue studies at a distance or on campus. Apply by **March 15!**

- **Multicultural Church Scholarship:** for students 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.
- **MDiv Connect Student Scholarship:** for students beginning the distance-friendly Master of Divinity (MDiv) Connect program.
- **Ecumenical Student Scholarship:** for students from other-than-Anabaptist Christian traditions.

### Mennonite Church USA

Just follow [this link](#) for the latest news from MC USA at *PeaceMail*.

### Mennonite Disaster Service

Are you looking for service opportunities close to home? MDS is **actively rebuilding homes** destroyed by fire in Okanogan, WA. The **Cold Springs Fire** started on **September 7, 2020**. This same day, about 80 other fires were also started in Washington state, caused by downed power lines and high winds. By the following morning, the Cold Springs fire alone had burnt 175,000 acres. This fire burned nearly 300,000 acres along the Okanogan valley before it was contained. 78 homes and 60 other structures were destroyed, most of them on the Colville Reservation. To learn more about volunteering, click [here](#).

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Mar 7 (submissions due by 2/28)  
Mar 21 (submissions due by 3/14)  
Apr 4 (submissions due by 3/28)  
Apr 18 (submissions due by 4/11)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to [brenda@pnmc.org](mailto: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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