



e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Office

This past Saturday was our Conference Communications Council meeting. Look for reflections on this gathering in our next issue.

Pray for One Another

Pacific Covenant Mennonite Church: PCMC is a group of ethnic old-Mennonites worshipping in a pastor-free structure. We live the traditional Mennonite methods of discernment and worship planning that involves all of us, and calling upon the Holy Spirit for inspiration and guidance. Peace and social justice are part of the bedrock of our lives.

During this time of pandemic, we are all vaccinated and boosted, but still, for the safety of all, meet only on Zoom. This platform has offered us a better opportunity for discussion and connection without some of the social impediments of in-person formal church services. But we miss singing together. We praise the Lord for our community of faith, and for sharing our lives together in community.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization



Drift Creek Camp

After two consecutive cancellations, we are looking forward to the [2022 Women's Retreat, April 8-10](#). Participants will explore the renewing aspects of creating and observing Sabbath moments in the rhythm of busy lives. We will gather for prayer & reflection in group sessions led by Reverend Roberta Jantzi Egli, Executive Director of [Messy Church USA](#). Participants are invited to enjoy forest walks in solitude or with friends; practice yoga, get crafty; read or knit by the fire. Cultivate community with old friends & new while enjoying delicious meals and a bit of pampering at Drift Creek. The book discussion will be *Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest* by Lynne M. Baab.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES & PARTNERS

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It is not too early to plan ahead for the next [Mennonite Arts Weekend, February 3-5, 2023](#). The first Mennonite Arts Weekend (MAW) took place in 1992 with a goal to celebrate the contributions of Mennonite artists by supporting them in their efforts to "reclaim their identity/relationship with the church." The successful event became a biennial gathering, organized and supported by members of [Cincinnati Mennonite Fellowship](#). Every other February since, artists and art enthusiasts have come together for a weekend of presentations, workshops, performances and worship. In doing so, MAW seeks to encourage creative expression in Mennonite communities, to provide exposure for artists working in different facets of the arts, to provide a setting for interaction and the exchange of ideas, and to bring together practicing Mennonite artists and others of all traditions interested in the arts.

The number of attendees at the Weekend ranges from 175-225 and is not limited to professional artists. You'll see young and old, families with children, working artists, creative hobbyists, and those who are simply arts enthusiasts. For each event, the MAW planning committee invites 10 to 15 artists to offer presentations, workshops and performances: writers, poets, musicians, choirs, painters, sculptors, fabric artists, photographers, and more. Some names of past-presenters include Chuck Neufeld, Jeff Gundy, Marilyn Houser-Hamm, Jean Janzen, Julia Kasdorf, Greg Luginbuhl, Ken Nafziger, Mary Oyer, Lucia Unrau, Roy Yoder and Robert Regier, just to name a few.

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Mennonite Church USA

- February is **Black History Month**. Celebrate and learn about MC USA's African American Mennonite history through a timeline that highlights the people, events and the work of the church from 1886 to today at [this link](#).
- Learn about "For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System," a new study resolution that will be presented at Mennonite Church USA's Special Session of the Delegate Assembly, **May 27-30**. Eli Reimer, one of the original authors, and Pastor Isaac Villegas, a supporter of the resolution, will discuss it with other church leaders during a webinar on **Feb. 7 at 7 p.m. ET**. Read the resolution and register for the webinar on the delegate resource page: mennoniteusa.org/special-delegate.
- MennoMedia has kicked off the second season of its "~ing Podcast." Episode 2 features a discussion about Mennonite Church USA's "Defund the Police? An Abolition Curriculum." Join host Ben Wideman and three of the writers of the curriculum as they discuss why a project like this makes sense for churches, what they learned during its creation, and how our faith might call us to navigate this topic. Listen here or anywhere podcasts are heard: <https://www.mennoniteusa.org/ing-podcast>
- MC USA and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) are cohosting the hybrid Pastors & Leaders | Deep Faith 2022 Conference online and in-person at AMBS **Feb. 21-24**. Learn more at mennoniteusa.org/leading-hope-deepfaith.
- Kevin Gasser has experienced transformation through his experiences with people who are different from him. In his blog, "Transformed through friendship," he expresses how his friendship with a man named Mohamed shined a light on his own religious practices. Read more here: mennoniteusa.org/transformed-friendship.
- [Mennonite Church Canada and MC USA partner on prevention and accountability project](#).
- [MC USA partners with Kineo Center to offer "Renewal for Weary & Wounded Leaders"](#).

Mennonite Education Agency

Central Christian School, Kidron, OH, is currently seeking qualified individuals for School Superintendent. CCS is an accredited Kindergarten-Grade 12 institution committed to Anabaptist faith and practice and operating under a Corporation of Affiliated Congregations. To learn more, follow [this link](#).

Mennonite Men

[Oregon Eco-Excursion](#), June 11-19, 2022

Ready to get out with others? Come alone or get friends for a different vacation... an eco-excursion. Explore outdoor wild spaces in scenic Oregon. Learn about forests in ecosystems of God's creation. Help with newly planted trees along the Zena Forest.

During this 8 day excursion, participants will...

- Hike in lush forests with towering trees and falls
- Kayak on the Salmon River Estuary and see wildlife
- Learn about sustainable ecosystems in a working forest
- Work a day and a half with a Zena Forest tree project
- Go on a whale watching trip along Oregon's coast
- Stay in old growth forest at Drift Creek Camp
- Enjoy a restful retreat with God, trees and the Earth



This venture will be an experience for men to be together in the wild and work with a tree project supported by Mennonite Men to convert a pasture to forestland. This project—part of our JoinTrees campaign to plant one million trees—will extend the Zena Forest, a model working forest managed by a Mennonite family in a region with extensive clear-cutting. Accommodations will be at Cascara House at Oregon 4H Center Saturday—Wednesday night then Drift Creek (Mennonite) Camp Thursday—Saturday night. The trip will be coordinated by Steve Thomas, US director for Mennonite Men, certified arborist, and graduate student in urban forestry at Oregon State University. Learn more [here](#).

Mennonite Health Services

Registration is 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 21 (submissions due by 2/14)

Mar 7 (submissions due by 2/28)

Mar 21 (submissions due by 3/14)

Apr 4 (submissions due by 3/28)

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