

e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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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.*

Meanwhile, please mark your calendar for the (in-person!) 2022 PNMC Annual Meeting, **June 17-18**, at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. Look to www.pnmc.org for registration details coming soon!

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

The Idaho congregations are planning the 2022 World Relief Festival. This year's festival will be held **as an on-line (only) event on Saturday, April 9**. Donations and proceeds from the purchased items will benefit Mennonite Central Committee (MCC). Please visit www.idahomrs.org or watch for future information concerning ways to access and register on the auction site. The auction site will be open for viewing a week prior to the event. Purchased items can be shipped to buyers across the northwest.

Drift Creek Camp

Do we need Sabbath as we move into a new phase of the global pandemic? Over the past two years, we have been bombarded with uncertainty, isolation, shut-downs, and fear. Many of us are exhausted physically, spiritually and emotionally. What is the 'new normal' that we are moving into now that mask mandates are being lifted? The **2022 Women's Retreat, April 8-10**, at Drift Creek Camp is following the theme "Rhythm of Rest." The weekend will provide time to pause and simply breathe. In the words of pastor/theologian Molly Baskette, we can spend time letting God 'love us back'. God loves us back as we remember to let go and let God be God... Join us as we gather among the big trees, play, rest, renew, and spend time letting God love you back... Together, we will cultivate community while enjoying DCC's rich surroundings. The book discussion will be ***Sabbath Keeping: Finding Freedom in the Rhythms of Rest*** by Lynne M. Baab. Jesus called his disciples to "come away and rest" during their active ministry on earth. *Can you hear Jesus calling you to 'come away and rest'?*

Evergreen Mennonite Church



Reverend Sandra Larson, Sandy, began serving on March 1st as the Interim Pastor for EMC. Sandy has been a minister since the days when almost no one had ever met a woman pastor. She began her pastoral ministry in North Carolina and most of her years of ministry have been in Oregon. She and her husband George served in shared pastorates, including as pastors in L'Église Réformée in Reims, France. Sandy has recently served in interim pastorates, focused on helping congregations find fruitful vision for the church and balancing congregation support and challenge in a time of transition.

Sandy enjoys getting to know people, spiritual-theological discussions and program planning. She's a strong social justice and environmental stewardship advocate. Sandy is on the Fire board of Faith in Action and they are active in Bread for the World and Sojourners. Her hobbies include carpentry, sewing and ethnic cuisine. She swims 5 days a week. Sandy's husband, George Furniss, is a retired sociology and Greek professor, longtime hospital chaplain and pastor. George is a volunteer chaplain at Overlake Hospital. They have eleven grandchildren—including Eloise, age two, in

Kirkland. Sandy and George love spending time with Eloise and her parents—and appreciate Eloise's role modeling delight and curiosity.

Sandy looks forward to getting to know church members of all ages and collaboratively exploring spiritual growth and hopes and wants to be an active participant in the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference and to learn Mennonite traditions.

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Zion Mennonite Church

ZMC is seeking a part-time **Youth Ministry Director**. The job would include connecting regularly with middle school and high school students; developing relationships and providing discipleship for students in faith formation; the candidate will also partner with volunteers to plan regular activities and events as well as leading a Bible-based Sunday morning youth small group. Compensation would be \$1000/month (\$25/hour based on 10 hours weekly). For more information, contact lead pastor [Steve Bomar](#), 559-286-9057.

Mountain View Mennonite Church

Pastor Jeryl Hollinger shared: "Recently I was hanging drywall in Okanogan, WA as a part of the Mennonite Disaster Service (MDS) project there. We had a wonderful week, not only working together, but learning to know and work with volunteers from other parts of the church. We got to meet some of those receiving houses and felt their blessings. We were under the impression that the Okanogan MDS project was to be completed at the end of March, but heard during our week there that four more houses are now in the works. The fire was a massive disaster. John Stutzman remains there as a project leader until the end of March."

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization



Mennonite Church USA

We grieve with the family of Peace Chief and Pastor, **Lawrence Homer Hart**, *Sky Chief*, who died on March 6. Read his obituary [here](#). Iris de Leon-Hartshorn shared memories of their work together with Native Mennonite Assembly and the powerful impact he had. She shared these beautiful words and testimony to his heart for justice, "Lawrence will be missed in so many ways. You can't capture his legacy in one snapshot because it will continue to live through the many people he touched. Lawrence sought to bring an **authentic peace** by seeking right relationships and working at setting things right, whether it was envisioning a place to lay to rest unidentified remains of Native Americans or speaking truth to power. Setting things right to bring authentic peace requires courage, wisdom, and deep love for all creation. This is how I will remember Lawrence, a man of courage, wisdom, and deep love."

Read her entire tribute [here](#).



Mennonite Church USA invites you to participate in a challenging four-week study, *Diversity: God's Design*. This is an introduction to the **celebration and acknowledgment** of difference. We are peculiar people gifted with the invitation to go out from ourselves and be in relationship with others who are also peculiar masterpieces of the Divine Creator. Choosing to **see the beauty in the diverse world God has created is a gift**. When we are around the same people all the time with similar values, perspectives, practices and traditions (culture), it can be difficult to adapt to other cultures. **We are all carriers of culture**. We bring with us aspects of our culture wherever we go. Some aspects of culture are attitudes, beliefs, customs, rituals, behaviors, faith/religion, food, art/theater and attitudes. Some of these aspects of culture are easier to identify and adapt to. The aspects of culture that are less identifiable we call subjective culture. Subjective culture is often the unspoken aspects of culture that a person learns through experiences, verbal communication and relationship-building. This curriculum will use a biblical framework to introduce the importance and relevance of increasing intercultural competency as part of Christian formation. Each lesson will explore a biblical passage emphasizing a learning about diversity, inclusion and intercultural competence. This curriculum was created with an intergenerational audience in mind, for use in faith-based settings, such as churches, Mennonite schools and small groups, or for self-study. Learn more [here](#).

Mennonite Disaster Service

Are you starting to think about the warm days of summer and contemplating ways to use your skills to serve others? MDS offers a variety of ways to serve! There are programs for youth and opportunities for families to serve together. Explore the options [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Apr 4 (submissions due by 3/28)
Apr 18 (submissions due by 4/11)
May 2 (submissions due by 4/25)
May 16 (submissions due by 5/16)

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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