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From the PNMC Office



The 2022 PNMC Annual Assembly & Delegate Meeting will be held in-person at Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR. Gathering begins for pastors and congregational leaders at 1:30 pm on **Friday, June 17**, (PST) with training in Healthy Boundaries. Delegate sessions will begin on **Saturday, June 18**, at 8:30 am and conclude at 5:15 pm. Before returning home, all assembly attendees are invited to stay for a light supper honoring the service of Katherine Jameson Pitts as our Executive Conference Minister (ECM) for the past 10 years. More information about the agenda, reports and expectations will be distributed this spring.

Roll Call will occur at the beginning of the Delegate session. PNMC will report on the ministry and finances of the past year. The PNMC Board looks forward to hearing about and from each other. A link to the delegate book will be sent electronically from the PNMC office about 2 weeks before the meeting. We look forward to stories from those who have received Healthy Congregation Grants from PNMC in the past year and how those monies were used to nurture their congregational life. Sharing how Jesus is working among us is a time to celebrate together. Time spent building relationships as PNMC Mennonite congregations is important. *Please remember:*

1. Those attending should register online at <https://pnmc.org/delegate-meeting-2022/>. Each attendee's email address is needed to distribute meeting guidance and details to those who need it. The registration form will be online by **May 1**.
2. Each congregation should submit a written paragraph and a photo reflecting an aspect of congregational life which will be included in the Delegate Handbook. Please submit reports to the PNMC office by **April 15, 2022**. (office@pnmc.org)

Pray for One Another

Shalom Church, Spokane, WA: Shalom is still meeting on Zoom. We discovered unexpected advantages of meeting virtually. It makes it possible for members who live or travel outside of easy driving distance to participate. We appreciate that accessibility so much we plan to continue using Zoom when we return to in person services. **We plan to hold our first in-person service on Easter Sunday.** We will have a lot to celebrate.

Meanwhile, we lost one of our members to cancer about a month ago. We mourn his loss and celebrate how he shared his journey with us by posting his struggles and insightful thoughts about life, faith, and death.

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

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Disc Golf Tournament at DCC, **May 14, 2022**. For details click [here](#).



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Camp Camrec

The snow has melted and summer activities are around the corner! All are invited to join us for our **Spring Work Weekend** and **WMF Annual Meeting** to be held **April 22-24**. You'll get a chance to visit with friends, get some fresh air in the serene woods, and check out the progress on the construction of the new staff housing. There will be a range of activities for all ages and areas of expertise including cleaning, painting, structural repairs, landscaping, and trail maintenance. For details, please visit camrec.org and while you're there, don't forget to register your campers for summer activities and check out our available staff and volunteer positions!

Zion Mennonite Church

Zion Mennonite Church of Hubbard, OR is seeking a part-time Youth Ministry Director. The job will include connecting regularly with middle school and high school students; partnering with volunteers to plan regular activities and events; and leading a Bible-based Sunday morning youth group. Salary would be up to \$1000 monthly (\$25 per hour based on 10 hrs. weekly). The number of hours per week is flexible.

For more information, contact lead pastor Steve Bomar at sbomar@zionhubbard.org or 559-286-9057.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Ethics and Practice of Forgiveness: When Polarization Persists in Church and Society. In settings of protracted conflict and violence, how do people approach the process of forgiveness? What role do faith and the congregation play in forgiveness? Can faith communities choose not to forgive? Can forgiveness be imposed upon a community or an individual in pain? Join **Al Fierres**, PhD, to explore these questions and more in this three-credit-hour course, which runs online **May 9 – July 22** and meets **June 13–18** for an intensive week on campus. Auditors and guest students are welcome. ambs.edu/upcoming-courses.

Mennonite Church USA

Are you attending the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly on **May 27-30** in Kansas City? Then, you won't want to miss the "Expectations of the Special Session of the Delegate Assembly" webinar! Executive board and staff members will review the agenda and the voting process, provide tips for engagement, offer suggestions on what to bring, and highlight opportunities for worship and fellowship. Se ofrecerá servicio de intérprete al español. Register here: mennoniteusa.org/register-expectations.



Follow [this link](#) to read how **Mary Lou Weaver Houser**, as an artist and spiritual director, claims gardening as a metaphor for how she intends to nurture community on many levels, whether with personal/family relationships, neighborhood diversity/spirit, creative community at church, or biodiversity in our natural world. A resident of Lancaster, PA, she has discovered ongoing earth care has become her spiritual practice. She keeps her hands in the soil every chance she gets.

Read the full story [here](#).

West Coast MCC

MCC is offering a **Virtual Borderlands Learning Tour** designed to engage participants with the reality of immigration from a different perspective. Participants will grow their understanding of the complexities on the U.S.-Mexico border, the sister communities affected by it, the different ongoing narratives about migration, and the fundamental role that MCC and its constituency has to witness, provide support, raise awareness and advocate to modify policies and perspectives on this issue. Through **Zoom video conversations**, participants will hear first-hand from folks on the ground about the complexities of the U.S. immigration system, U.S. immigration policies that have worked to dismantle the asylum-seeking process, and the human factor on various sides of the spectrum. This is a **five-day** learning tour. There will be a three-hour session each day from 9:00 am - 12:00 p.m. PDT with real-time presentations and conversations. *Participants are strongly encouraged to attend all five days for the duration as they focus on the following questions:* Who are the people living in the border communities? What is missing from the conversations? What are faith-based communities saying? What are some of the humanitarian responses you can get involved in? These are some of the questions this learning tour is designed for and questions the participants will be reflecting on during the time together. The cost of the virtual learning tour is \$100 per participant. This includes all of the virtual sessions plus a box with items from the border sent to participants ahead of time. **Register by April 11.** Click [here](#) for more details.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Apr 18 (submissions due by 4/11)
May 2 (submissions due by 4/25)
May 16 (submissions due by 5/16)
June 6 (submissions due by 5/30)

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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