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From Our Conference Moderator, *Dianna Eshleman*

Please remember to pray for the upcoming MC USA Special Delegate Meeting in Kansas City, MO. In the recent webinar to prepare for the meeting, Glen Guyton encouraged individuals and congregations to consider a time of **prayer & fasting** in support of the proceedings. Mr. Guyton suggested that folks fast and pray beginning at **6:30pm, Friday, May 27**, until **6:30pm Saturday, May 28**, when the Delegate Session begins. He pointed out that corporate prayer raises faith, expectations, sets the tone, guides decisions and builds personal relationships with God. He stated that God answers prayer in three ways: "Yes", "Not Yes", and "I have something better in mind". The power of prayer is not that it changes God, but that it changes us. Will you join our denomination in prayer?



From the PNMC Office

[Registration](#) is live for the 2022 PNMC Annual Meeting! After two years on Zoom, we are anxiously looking forward to gathering in person on **Saturday, June 18** at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. We are eager to come together and have conversations with one another, to worshipping with one another and enjoying fellowship around real tables. Congregations are allowed one delegate per 25 members plus credentialed pastors, but all are welcome to come and part of PNMC remembering/re-membering/and gathering together! *What a joy it will be!*

Friday, June 17: Appreciation and training for pastors. If you are a pastor and have not taken Healthy Boundaries and/or are a new pastor to PNMC (including interims), your day will begin at 1:30 PM with Healthy Boundaries 101. If you attended the training at Albany in 2019 or prior, you will join at 3:00 PM for Healthy Boundaries 201. This training is for all active and credentialed pastors. If you have questions about whether you should attend or need to make arrangements for alternate training, contact [Katherine](#). The Pastor Appreciation Dinner will take place at 6:00 PM.

Saturday, June 18: 2022 PNMC Annual Meeting. The day will be full of activities, beginning at 8:30 AM. Attendees are invited to worship together, conduct the business of the conference, have the opportunity to learn from resource people, gather around tables, and enjoy remembering why we like each other! A light supper (with cake!) will be served following the final worship time. **This will be a time to honor Katherine Jameson Pitts' generous years of service to PNMC.**

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. (1 Thess. 1:2-4)

Pray For One Another

Prince of Peace, Anchorage, AK: Prince of Peace church in Anchorage continues to meet mostly online through Zoom though with the weather warming up, we will start meeting once or twice a month for outdoor potlucks. At the moment, we are content to be lay-led though we're fortunate to be able to supplement with short-term pastoral contracts one to two times a year. **We are blessed** with a full and active Service Adventure unit this year though will be sad to see the SA leader of the past 3 years leave when this cycle is over. Prayers would be appreciated for finding a new leader(s) next year!

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

The PNMC Annual Meeting will be at **Zion Mennonite Church** in Hubbard, OR on **June 17 and 18**. Located right next door is the **Ivan and Pearl Kropf Heritage Center**, home of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society (PNMHS). Please consider this your personal invitation to take the opportunity to visit this beautiful Center during conference breaks, meal times, etc. and discover this underutilized treasure. Among the things you'll find are the **Margaret Shetler Archives** and the **Hope Lind Library**. The archives contain collected papers and documents of Mennonite church leaders in the Pacific Northwest and documentation of the congregations and conferences of the region. The library has a 3000+ volume collection including an extensive genealogy section and books authored by Mennonites. There are also books about Mennonite theology issues and history. And while there, meet our awesome volunteers without whom this organization could not exist. Look for our information table at the church for the times the building will be open. *We look forward to seeing you soon!*

Portland Mennonite Church

Voices Together Workshops and Song Festival ~ **June 11, 2022** (1:30, 3:30, 7pm)

Voices Together is the new hymnal and worship book for Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada. In a cruel irony, it was published in the midst of the Covid pandemic that made singing together dangerous. But now we have the opportunity to learn more about how the 759 songs and 310 non-musical resources can enrich the worship of our congregations.

Editors Sarah Johnson and Adam Tice will present two workshops and lead a song festival at Portland Mennonite Church on **Saturday, June 11**. The first workshop, titled 'Introducing *Voices Together*', will start at 1:30 pm. The 3:30 workshop, will focus on contemporary worship music in VT. After a dinner break on your own, **everyone is welcome** to join the **Song Festival at 7:00 pm**. Registration is not required and everyone is welcome! Since participants will be singing together, the presenters have asked that everyone please wear masks.

Sarah Kathleen Johnson served as the worship resources editor for *Voices Together* and as the editor of the *Voices Together: Worship Leader Edition*. She is a Visiting Assistant Professor of Theology and Worship and Louisville Institute Postdoctoral Fellow at Vancouver School of Theology and St. Mark's College at the University of British Columbia. Originally from Waterloo, Ontario, Sarah has been enjoying exploring the Pacific Northwest.

Adam Tice was text editor for *Voices Together*. A widely published hymn writer, his words have been included in many recent denominational hymnals. He was born in Pennsylvania, but spent some of his most formative years in Corvallis, Oregon, before his family moved to Indiana when he was a teenager. A graduate of Goshen College and Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, he was associate pastor at Hyattsville (Maryland) Mennonite Church from 2007 to 2012. He now works as editor for congregational song for GIA Publications.

Mountain View Mennonite Church

In preparation for **Jeryl Hollinger's retirement** as pastor of Mountain View Mennonite Church in Kalispell, MT, the congregation has begun the search for an interim pastor. We are seeking a part-time interim pastor beginning in the fall of 2022.

Interested persons should contact Janet Szabo at JanetKSzabo@gmail.com or 406-261-5913.

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[Where Did They Go? Reconnecting with Kids and Families: Monday, May 16, 4pm PCT](#)

COVID turned Sunday School on its head. After two years of isolation, families and youth and young children have been slow to re-engage in the life of the church. Yet, faith formation is critical for the next generation. How do we move forward from here? Join today's webinar to hear from seasoned ministry leaders about what they are doing that's working and pitfalls to avoid as you navigate your way into the future of faith formation.



Mennonite Church USA

To read the latest news and interesting articles from MC USA, follow [this link](#) to read the latest PeaceMail posts.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 6 (submissions due by 5/30)
June 20 (submissions due by 6/13)
July 4 (submissions due by 6/25)
July 18 (submissions due by 7/11)

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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