



# e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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## From the PNMC Conference Moderator, **Dianna Eshleman**

**Praise item:** *What a treat for the PNMC Board!* After 2 years of restrictions and ZOOM meetings, the board was able to meet in-person, **May 13-15**, at Drift Creek Camp. Some of us meeting in-person for the first time.

**Prayer items:** 1) The Special Delegate Session MC USA, **May 27-30** in Kansas City. Four resolutions were processed by over 500 delegates from congregations across the United States. Several PNMC board members were in attendance: Moderator (Dianna), ECM (Katherine), Moderator Elect, Kevin Chupp (attending as a delegate from his church in Aberdeen, ID), and Megan Ramer (representing Seattle Mennonite Church). *Pray for healing...*

2) Planning for the **PNMC Annual Assembly** to be held at Zion Mennonite Church on **June 18, 2022**. This is an important time for PNMC congregations to fellowship, listen to and care for each other. We are hoping for a strong attendance and representation of churches.

**Celebration item:** After the **June 18** Delegate meeting is adjourned at 5pm, assembly attendees are invited to a farewell supper celebrating **10 years of service** given by Katherine Jameson Pitts as she retires from her role as the Executive Conference Minister for PNMC.

## From the PNMC Office

If you have not yet [registered](#) for the PNMC Annual Assembly, please do so **TODAY!** We are looking forward to gathering on **Saturday, June 18** at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. We are eager to have conversations with one another, to worshipping with one another and enjoying fellowship. 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.

## Pray For One Another

Zion Mennonite Church, Hubbard, OR: Thank you for your continued prayer and partnership in the Gospel along the West Coast. Transition seems to be the catch word for so many of our churches as we navigate living with Covid, returning to in-person meetings, and interacting online. In addition to the transitions so many of us have in common, Zion has adopted a new church leadership structure, welcomed Steve Bomar as our new lead pastor, and begun some new habits including a Christmas Eve Candle Light worship service. These transitions serve to highlight our deep appreciation for the consistency which both Jodi Hansen (13 years) and Jana Gingerich (18 years) continue to bring to the Zion church family.

As you think of Zion, we appreciate your prayers; strength for those who continue to faithfully serve, that the Bomar family would settle in to their new home and the Hubbard community, that Zion would enjoy developing new habits as we worship together, and that our new leadership structure would serve us well and further empower us to be the light of Christ in our corner of Oregon.

## Salem Mennonite Church

The congregation celebrated the ordination of **Pastor Jerrell Williams** on **Sunday, June 5**. Pastor Jerrell is deeply grateful for all the support he has received along his journey. SMC meets on zoom and in person at 1045 Candlewood Dr. NE, Salem, OR 97303.



Christmas Eve Candle Light Service



## Portland Mennonite Church

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

Editors Sarah Johson and Adam Tice will present two workshops and lead a song festival at Portland Mennonite Church on **Saturday, June 11**. The first, titled “Introducing *Voices Together*”, will start at 1:30 pm. The 3:30 workshop, will focus on contemporary worship music in VT. The Song Festival will begin at 7:00 pm. Registration is not required and everyone is welcome! Masks are required.

## Albany Mennonite Church

On **Sunday, June 12<sup>th</sup>**, Adam Tice will be at Albany Mennonite Church for a Sunday that celebrates and introduces our new hymnal. Please join us for any or all of the following: adult education hour at 10:00 a.m.; regular 11:00 a.m. worship service; fellowship meal after church; an afternoon hymn sing at 2pm.

## Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

If you plan to attend the PNMC Annual Meeting on **June 18**, Please consider this invitation to visit PNMHS 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**. Look for our information table at the church for the times the building will be open. *We look forward to seeing you soon!*

## Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival

The Idaho Mennonite World Relief Festival Board is pleased to announce that we are donating \$33,000 to MCC from the 2022 On-line event. We want to express our **deepest thanks** to everyone that donated items prior to the festival and of course everyone that purchased items or made a cash donation on the Auction site. Once again, there was an increase of participation from Idaho and other areas of the country due to the Festival being held on-line. The total includes \$25,156 for the general fund; \$1360 for the Kits project; \$3500 for the special Community Wells project in Ethiopia and \$2984 for the MyCoins Count special project of water for Bolivia. We also collected material goods from all the Idaho Mennonite Churches. One hundred School Kits and one hundred Health Kits will be delivered to the MCC Collection Center in June. Thank you again for your generosity and gracious giving to help provide world relief! The IMWRF Planning Committee will be making every effort to hold an in-person event on **April 15, 2023**. Please watch for announcements and more information on our website at [idahomrs.org](http://idahomrs.org) and plan to join us as we celebrate the return to community!

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES & PARTNERS

*listed alphabetically by organization*

### Everence & Dove’s Nest

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### Mennonite Women USA



After 2½ years of the pandemic, **Carolyn Heggen** and **Rhoda Keener** again taught an International Sister Care seminar. The 3-day event held in the city of Carcha was attended by 20 Kek’chi women leaders from 6 regions of the Mennonite Church located in the mountains of Guatemala. The seminar was hosted by Deborah Byler of Mennonite Mission Network. Luvia Cuc who has attended previous seminars assisted with translation and is pictured during the closing blessing ritual with Heggen. When asked what they learned, women said: “*We should take care of ourselves. We know that God is a spirit, but we have bodies and should take care of them. We should take as gifts what we have learned and share with others.*”

The Sister Care seminar is a ministry of Mennonite Women USA and has been shared in 20 countries; the manual has been translated into 20 languages. In July, Keener and Heggen will work with past participants to provide seminars about this ministry at Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia.

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 20 (submissions due by 6/13)  
July 18 (submissions due by 7/11)  
Aug 1 (submissions due by 7/11)  
Aug 18 (submissions due by 8/11)

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