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From the PNMC Office

Now that the dust has settled from Annual Meeting and our new Executive Conference Minister, **Eric Massanari**, has been called to serve beginning this fall, we thought that it would be a good time to acquaint readers with those serving in leadership roles. In case you are unfamiliar with those on the conference board of directors, we thought we'd go ahead and start introducing a few folks at a time over the coming months. The following two positions are elected by delegates.

Conference Communication Council:

Feb. 4, 2023 via ZOOM

2023 Annual Meeting:

June 23-24 in Portland, OR

Moderator:

Kevin Chupp – First Mennonite Church, Aberdeen, ID – 4 year term (since 2020 as Moderator-Elect, 2 more as Moderator)



Kevin grew up in Northern Indiana and studied ministry at Bethel College (IN). He moved to the Northwest for a year to attend Portland Seminary while working with a group of house churches in Portland, then returned to Indiana to study Anabaptist Theology at AMBS. While at AMBS, he served as an intern at Yellow Creek Mennonite Church in Goshen. He continued on serving with visitation, preaching, and as liaison to Mennonite Creation Care Network. After marrying Jess, they had their eyes set on the Northwest and moved to Idaho in 2016 for Kevin to serve as pastor of First Mennonite Church. Kevin recently finished his studies at AMBS from a distance and graduated with a Masters of Divinity (Theological Studies – History, Theology and Ethics). In the settings in which he has served, Kevin has been challenged to bridge the gaps between political, theological, and generational differences. As a result, he brings with him a deep care for words, a commitment to irenic dialogue, and a stout conviction that we ought to celebrate whenever we land on common ground.

Moderator-Elect:

Chris Nord – Albany Mennonite Church – Albany, OR – 4 year term (2 as Moderator-Elect, 2 as Moderator)



Chris and Angie Nord moved to Oregon in 1997 for Chris to attend Graduate School at OSU. They have lived in Albany since then. Their two sons, Andrew and Logan, are currently attending EMU and CMU respectively. Chris teaches Math at Chemeketa Community College and enjoys gardening, tending his fruit trees, hiking and snow-shoeing with Angie and rock climbing. Chris has served on the Drift Creek Camp executive board since 2012. Their entire family is active in volunteering at DCC. They are members at Albany Mennonite Church.

Pray for One Another

For many, summer often includes some sort of time off or taking a vacation. Most travel plans were thwarted the last few summers due to Covid-19, but this year, folks seemed ready to get out and DO something. In the Albany Mennonite August newsletter, Pastor Peter shared: "Responding to our family vacation pictures on Facebook, Judy Nord reminded me: **'This too is prayer — vacation!'**" To which, all I could say to myself was: "Amen!" In fact, Judy's comment was the first of two ways in which our AMC summer worship theme has intersected with our family vacation. While in Minnesota visiting family, Shanda's mom — *who teaches our kids a memory verse each summer* — introduced this year's: 'Show me your ways, Lord, Teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, For you are God my Savior, my hope is in you all day long.' (Psalm 25:4-5) After reading this to our kids, she turned to them and said: "This Psalm is about God teaching us and guiding us. And you know what? **God teaches and guides us when we pray.** But prayer isn't just about closing our eyes and thinking really hard about what we want to say to God. Prayer is something we do while we're out and about, living our lives." "In fact," she continued, "I have a way of praying that I call 'Hoofing-It Prayer.'" Then, using her hands to mimic how a horse walks, she explained: "While I'm moving around — hoofing it through my day, kind of like a horse — I can pray. I can send out a 'thank you!' or a 'wow!' to God while I'm on the move. . . while I'm hoofing it!" To which, all I could say to myself was: "Amen!"

So while you are out hoofing it, remember to give thanks for the long days which summer brings.

Pray for your pastors and our church leadership. May we all find rest, hope and healing.

Mennonite Country Auction

The [2022 Mennonite Country Auction](#) will take place in Ritzville, WA at Menno Mennonite Church on **Saturday, October 1**. For details about the Washington sale, visit www.mennomennonite.org.

Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief

The auction for the [2022 Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale](#) is quickly approaching. There will be an **online auction** beginning at 9 AM on **Saturday, October 1** and concluding at **9 PM on Wednesday, October 5**. Items that are purchased from the online auction can be picked up on Saturday, October 8 at the Linn County Expo Center in Albany. There will also be an option to pick up purchased items on Saturday, October 15 at Zion Mennonite Church near Hubbard, OR. The **live auction** will take place at the Expo Center in Albany on **Saturday, October 8** beginning at 10 AM and will close by 1 PM. Paul Schultz will be the auctioneer. Visit [the website](#) for donation ideas and volunteer opportunities!

Drift Creek Camp

Sign up now for the [2022 Fall Quilt Retreat, October 13-16](#) at DCC! Quilters and crafters are invited to gather in the lodge for a weekend of creativity and community. Quilters will bring their own projects while Drift Creek provides the space and opportunity to connect with others. Camp will take care of the set-up, cooking, coffee service and introductions! There will also be an elective class to try your hand at nature printing on paper and fabric. Students will keep their creations and can even find creative ways to introduce them into future projects.

Portland Mennonite Church

Mark your calendar for the **100th Anniversary** celebration, **November 12 and 13, 2022**, of the planting of the mission in Portland in 1922. Through God's faithfulness and the efforts of many folks in the Willamette Valley, the mission prospered. Maybe you have memories, stories or photographs passed down from family members or others who participated in the work of the church. We'd like to hear from you to create a fuller and richer picture of our history. Contact [Lin Rush](#) with your stories and images.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES & PARTNERS

listed alphabetically by organization

Anabaptist World

Click [here](#) to read **Joseph Penner's** reflection on the complicated issue of reproductive rights as he and his wife, **Erin Boers**, prepare for the arrival of a child.

[Don't skip the genealogies. Our lives flow into a big river:](#) "Each time I read the Gospels I force myself to move slowly through the genealogies. Rolling foreign syllables over my tongue, I try to truly see each name. It is a ritual of respect I feel I owe these ancient strangers, people whose lives might have been entirely forgotten except for a single word preserved on one page of a sacred book." Read the lovely essay by **Megan Good** in Anabaptist World, [here](#).

Mennonite Church USA

The General Council of [Mennonite World Conference \(MWC\)](#) recently affirmed the appointment of **Linda Dibble**, Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) moderator, and Doug Klassen, executive minister of Mennonite Church Canada, as the North American representatives on MWC's Executive Committee.

"I'm excited about meeting so many people and hearing faith stories from around the world," said Dibble. "I hope this relationship with MWC will allow me to bring information and inspiration to MC USA. I look forward to working more closely on the Executive Committee with Doug." Dibble is filling a previously vacated position and will complete the remaining three years of the six-year term. She is a retired chaplain, who attends [Albany \(Oregon\) Mennonite Church](#). Dibble has served as moderator of MC USA since 2021, and previously served as moderator elect. Klassen will serve a six-year term. Read the full story [here](#).

-Click [here](#) to read **Doug Hostetter's** reflection on **guns and security**. Doug has dedicated much of his life to peace studies and conflict resolution.

-Mark your 2023 calendar now for [MennoCon23](#) in Kansas City, MO, **July 3-8!**

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 5 (*submissions due by 8/29*)
Sept 19 (*submissions due by 9/12*)
Oct 3 (*submissions due by 9/26*)
Oct 17 (*submissions due by 10/10*)

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