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PNMC Annual Meeting, June 17-18, 2022



Zion pastor, Steve Bomar, leading worship.

The 2022 Annual Meeting was held at Zion Mennonite Church in Hubbard, OR. There were conference representatives from Oregon, Washington and Idaho. The meeting was opened with prayer and reflection on Matthew 21:22 by **Dianna Eshleman**. The gathering was a time to reflect on the meaning of membership and how we collectively move forward. Each congregation shared of happenings, celebrations and prayer requests. It was a good time of connection, fellowship and worship.

The gathering concluded on Saturday as a time to express gratitude for the many ways in which **Katherine Jameson Pitts** has contributed to the PNMC over the past ten years. Katherine has generously shared her gifts as she has helped navigate the conference through many changes and hard questions. We are so grateful for the grace, hope and vision with which she has led.



In her final communication, Katherine expressed thanks by saying, "I am grateful for the ministry of each of you and for the relationships we have developed over the past decade. I pray that you will continue to find ministry fruitful and joy-filled. You are loved and gifted by our creative abiding God. May your futures unfold in ways beyond our imagining and may God be glorified in the church and in Christ Jesus! Blessings, Katherine

Ken Pitts was able to capture great images from the gathering. To view his photo gallery, follow [this link](#). To read minutes from the 2022 Delegate Meeting, follow [this link](#) and at [this link](#) for the Spanish version.

From the PNMC Conference Moderator, Kevin Chupp

I am grateful for the time many of us shared together in-person in Hubbard, OR in June, and I certainly felt the energy that such a gathering carries. I was moved by profound expressions of worship all together and in the contemplative inclusive worship workshop led by Pastor Rachael Weasley. And as always, the time of sharing from congregations during roll-call was inspiring, heavy, and generally fascinating all rolled into one as we heard the varied expressions of the Spirit in places across the lovely, God-just-showing-off backdrop of the Pacific Northwest.

It was also a time of transition. We welcomed new members to our board, released others, and most notably said goodbye to **Katherine Jameson Pitts** with a deep gratitude and wonder at the uniqueness of her gifts that we have been greatly blessed to experience over the past decade.



As I mentioned at the annual meeting, we have been steadily working toward hiring someone to serve in the now vacant role of Executive Conference Minister (ECM). We are excited to announce to all of you that **Eric Massanari** has accepted the call to serve as our next ECM, beginning **November 1st!**

That name may be familiar to some of you. Eric, along with his spouse, **Yolanda Kauffman**, served as Camp Host and Caretaker at Drift Creek Camp from 1994-1996, and Yolanda spent formative years at Portland Mennonite Church.

For the past nine years, Eric has been serving as Chaplain at Kidron Bethel Village in North Newton, KS and he has been a practicing Spiritual Director since 2006. Previously, he spent fourteen years as Lead Pastor at Shalom Mennonite Church in Newton, KS. Our search team and the PNMC board are convinced that his breadth of experience complements his gentle presence and deep conviction and these things will serve him well in the role of ECM. We ask that you join us in celebrating this news, and hold Eric and his family in prayer as they begin to make this transition.

Read Eric's recent article in *Anabaptist World*, titled ["You are So Alive!"](#)

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Listed chronologically, then alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Village of Albany

Mennonite Village is seeking a full-time Director of Spiritual Care to provide spiritual leadership and chaplaincy services to their community, ensuring that the department provides holistic care, in cooperation with the interdisciplinary team. The Director is responsible for managing the Spiritual Care Department. They will oversee and ensure the provision of Spiritual Care to residents, their family and loved ones, and staff members. These services shall embody grace, love, and hope to all. The role oversees and ensures provision of worship, ritual, education, and training as necessary. The Director will communicate and serve as a liaison between Mennonite Village, the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference, and the local clergy. To learn more, visit <https://mennonitevillage.org/careers/>.

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.

Lebanon Mennonite Church

PNMC has enjoyed a long relationship with Lebanon Mennonite Church. We are sorry to see the congregation separate from the conference.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES & PARTNERS

listed alphabetically by organization

Mennonite Church USA

The Delegate Assembly is over, and decisions have been made. What has changed? What does it mean for my conference, my congregation and me? Mennonite Church USA Executive Board and staff members answer these questions and more in the "Special Session of the Delegate Assembly: What Now?" webinar. Watch the recording here: mennoniteusa.org/webinar-whatnow

-Read **Jeryl Hollinger's** recent contribution/reflection [here](#).

-Follow **Carolyn Heggen** and **Rhoda Keener's** SisterCare experience at World Conference [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 18 (submissions due by 8/11)

Sept 5 (submissions due by 8/29)

Sept 19 (submissions due by 9/12)

Oct 3 (submissions due by 9/26)

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