



e-Bulletin

Providing bi-weekly communication for PNMC

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From the PNMC Moderator

This is a season of transition for PNMC. There is hopeful energy surrounding the fact that we have a new Executive Conference Minister starting **November 1st**, and we are grateful that the timing was right for a gifted candidate to be ready to accept the call.

Another recent development is that we are also **welcoming a new Moderator. Jack Swaim**, who is a familiar face in PNMC leadership, will be stepping into the Moderator role in an interim capacity, starting **October 1st** and continuing through the annual meeting (June 23-24), after which Chris Nord (our Moderator Elect) will take over.

As you may be wondering, on October 10th, my family will be moving across the country to Illinois, where I have accepted the call to serve as a pastor at Mennonite Church of Normal. It is not easy to leave the Northwest, and I will certainly miss PNMC! I have been blessed to get to know the good people here, and to work with a number of you though my time on the PNMC board. As difficult as it is to leave, I am relieved that I am leaving you all in such capable hands. There are good things ahead! And, fortunately for me, the Mennonite world is a relatively small one. I look forward to the next time I see some of you out there. —*Kevin Chupp*

Mennonite Country Auction:

October 1, 9:00 a.m.

Plan to join this celebration of community and generosity for great food, marketplace, the quilt auction, and more!
mennomennonite.org/mcal.

OR Mennonite Relief Sale:

October 8, 9:00 a.m.

A joyful gathering for world relief, raising funds, and working with friends of many faiths in the Willamette Valley. The online auction: October 1, 9:00 am—October 5, 9:00 pm. The live auction begins at 10:00 am, October 8, at the Linn County Fairgrounds and close at approximately 1:00 pm.
oregonmccsale.org.

From the PNMC Office

Sharing words of love and gratitude from Luz & Angel Campoz:

It has been almost 2 months since my mother graduated to heaven. I want to thank each of the churches that have prayed for us during this time of sorrow. We felt the prayers because we were able to be at peace. Like the Bible says, peace that passes all understanding.

However, I, Luz, am writing to you to tell you that it hasn't been easy because my mom was my hero and my guardian angel. She was the one who supported me when I was the first of the girls to attend church, and my father didn't want me to go. He would punish me or hurt me with harsh words. I understood that becoming a Christian was going to be a war against the enemy. But I started attending the First Baptist Church in Mexicali, the city where I was born. He even said that he was not going to get baptized again. But three years later after he became a Christian he was submerged in the waters as a testimony of his faith, and six months later he passed away.

I am really happy that we got to celebrate her life. It was beautiful to see how many lives she touched with the gospel and how many she welcomed at her table. She was motivated by her love for Jesus and she lived to share it. I don't know if it's good to say that I am so proud of my mother, but she always supported me, even until her last day. I praise the Lord for the huge family in Christ that we have and for the huge support through prayer. I am so blessed to be part of Jesus Christ's body of believers. May the Holy Spirit give you, wisdom, knowledge, and science. May the Lord keep you in His hands. —*Luz and Angel*

Pray For One Another

Mountain View Mennonite Church: Here in Kalispell, MT, we are experiencing cooler temperatures but the air is filled with smoke as our valley collects the effects of the many fires burning around us. We constantly hope for rain and are mindful of the danger for those fighting the fires. In our congregational life we are searching for an interim pastor since **Jeryl Hollinger** is retiring at the end of October. We are thankful to have several promising candidates. We are also looking forward to a birth in the congregation later this month – the first baby for our congregation in many years, to add to the other 6 young children we enjoy, and motivating us to be more intentional about child safety. We've also been preparing to host the Region 3 MDS annual gathering by planning program and making things look nice. We continue to be encouraged with a worshipping fellowship that seeks to support one another as we follow Jesus in practical ways.



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES



Albany Mennonite Church

People gathered with profound gratitude on Sunday to celebrate the life of **John Willems**, who passed away on **September 13** in Albany, OR. During his life of service, John served as pastor of three congregations, including: Beth-El Mennonite, Milford, NE, Salem Mennonite, Salem, OR, and Bethany Mennonite, Albany, OR, retiring in 1998. Beginning in the late 1950's through 2006 he served in church conferences wherever his church was located at the time in numerous positions with serving as Conference Moderator four times. He enjoyed serving as a pastor and also in administrative work in the conference. He also served in community organizations and church-wide positions. In his later years, John had joined Albany Mennonite Church. He became involved in church work when he was a young adult and continued throughout his life. He shared his kind and gentle servant's heart with many people over the years. Please join in praying for his kids and family. *As God receives John, may you feel God with you too.*

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

PNMHS is now able to accept on-line donations. Effective immediately, you can visit www.pnmhs.org, where in the menu bar at the top of each page there is a "Donate" button. Click on this and it will take you to a page with various ways to contribute. Simply click on the green "Give" button to make an on-line contribution by entering your credit card or bank account information. There you can also select where you would like your gift to go: to the general fund, memorial gifts or membership dues. We will be notified of your contribution and will send you a receipt via Email or regular mail.

The PNMHS operates entirely with volunteers and the vast majority of our support comes from individuals. Please consider making a contribution to this vital ministry. If you have questions about any of this, our contact information is also on our website.

Seattle Mennonite Church

Seattle Mennonite invites applications for the position of **Financial and Project Manager**. Our Administrator is retiring at the end of January 2023, and we are looking for a great candidate to join our team. Thank you for helping us find the right person! This is a permanent, part-time position that executes the daily, weekly, and monthly administrative tasks related to the many activities of the church, its properties, and its ministries. The Financial & Project Manager will work in collaboration with the pastoral team, other employees, and members of volunteer committees and councils to carry out the wide-ranging responsibilities of the position.

A job description, including a representative list of the responsibilities and desired qualifications can be found [here](#). Please send a letter of interest, resume, and the names and contact information for three references to our Lead Pastor, Megan Ramer at [this link](#).

Application deadline is September 30, 2022. SMC runs background checks for all employees. We hope to fill this position by December 7, 2022. Start date January 4, 2023. *No phone inquiries please.*

[50% FTE, 20 hours per week; \$35 - \$45,000 annually, depending on experience; paid vacation, holidays, sick leave; retirement contribution & healthcare provided.]

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES & PARTNERS

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA has launched "[Learn, Pray, Join: Mass Incarceration](#)," an initiative to raise awareness about the injustices in our criminal legal system that cause pain and suffering, especially for poor people and people of color. This initiative is in response to a recently adopted MC USA study resolution titled, "[For Justice in the U.S. Criminal Legal System](#)," written by Zachariah Begly and Eli Reimer.

Research shows that the U.S. imprisons more people per capita than any other nation, at a staggering rate of 573 per 100,000 residents! Through October, MC USA will seek to engage people in the initiative by offering resources, prayers and ways to care for those harmed by our criminal legal system and to **address systemic issues that lead to mass incarceration, such as racism and poverty.**

Mass incarceration is easy to ignore when you believe you are not directly impacted. However, Jesus calls each of us to connect our faith with our actions, to care for those in need as we walk with God and that includes responding to the injustice within our communities. The initiative will look closely at the theology that drives our response to social justice issues and offer hope through an Anabaptist vision of restorative justice. Learn more [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 3 (submissions due by 9/26)

Oct 17 (submissions due by 9/10)

Nov 7 (submissions due by 10/31)

Nov 21 (submissions due by 9/14)

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