



# e-Bulletin

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## From the PNMC Office

*Curious about who serves on the PNMC Board of Directors? We are happy to introduce you to a couple more folks that are serving:*

### Treasurer (2023)

**David Hockman-Wert – Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship, Corvallis, OR**



Dave is a member of Corvallis Mennonite Fellowship and, like all CMFers, has taken on many roles to help the fellowship function (song leading, worship leading, preaching, worship committee, pastoral team, and delegate). He works as a biological information specialist for the U.S. Forest Service, Aquatic and Riparian Effectiveness Monitoring Program. He has served on the PNMC board on three different occasions (1997-99; 2006-10; 2014-15), including one term as Moderator (2008-10). He was a member of the Board, Owner Relations Committee, and Finance Committee for the First Alternative Natural Foods Cooperative in Corvallis (2005-08), including serving as Board Treasurer for one year. Dave also serves on the Mennonite Creation Care Network leadership council (2006-present), and served as Treasurer with the Peace and Justice Support Network (PJSN) Advisory Council (2012-2018). Last, but definitely most important, Dave has been married to Cathleen for 26 years.

### Board Secretary (2024)

**Julia Todd – Albany Mennonite Church – Albany, OR – filling an unexpired term**



Julia grew up in the mid-Willamette valley attending high school at Western (Mennonite) Christian school. She attended both Hesston and Goshen Colleges returning home after graduating from Goshen in nursing. Her career was spent working in the Samaritan Health system for almost 40 years in various positions in Lebanon, Newport and Albany hospitals. She worked as an operating room nurse for 28 years and the last 12 years were in the Employee Health position.

Julia resides in Lebanon Oregon with her husband Greig. She retired from a career in nursing in 2018 and is kept busy with gardening, raising poultry, quilting and some volunteer work. In 2021 she volunteered giving Covid vaccinations in Linn County with the Health Department. Julia enjoys working with church commitments and teaching adult Sunday School. Julia worked with the MCC Fall Festival for a number of years as well as being on the board for the Mennonite Village in Albany. Greig and Julia enjoy having the flexibility to meet friends for coffee as a special treat in retirement.

## Pray For One Another

**Salem Mennonite Church, Salem, OR:** Salem Mennonite strives to be an active Anabaptist presence in the community. That presence occurs in multiple ways, one is through hosting the Southeast Keizer Community Center in our church fellowship room. The center has offered activities and a free meal for neighbors every Friday for over 20 years. After closing during the pandemic and re-opening slowly, we once again have a full contingent of volunteers building relationships and supporting our church neighborhood. The center is a positive place for children to play, adults to visit, and for our diverse neighbors to build community.

Another way our church is an active community presence is through partnering with Salem's Church at the Park to serve our local unhoused population. Salem Mennonite Church has supported this work through preparing and serving monthly meals, donating clothes and other needed items, preparing bags of toiletries, supplying Christmas cookies and children's activity packets, and by working in the storage warehouse. Additionally, as last year's Christmas giving project, SMC raised more than enough funds to pay for two micro-shelters to be placed in a safe transitional housing village. Through these actions we seek to follow Christ's call to love our neighbors.





## Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale

Join us for 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 closes at approximately 1:00 pm.

Visit [oregonmccsale.org](http://oregonmccsale.org).

## Drift Creek Camp

After two years of having had the [DCC Annual Members' Meeting](#) be on Zoom, the camp's board of directors is looking forward to gathering in person! Somewhere in the Covid mix, Drift Creek turned 60, and now it's finally time to celebrate! Mark your calendars for the 2022 Annual Meeting/60th Celebration, **November 4-6!**

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES & PARTNERS

### Everence

Everence® Financial will host a four-part **Financial Basics webinar series** starting in October. In this series, you'll get valuable information on topics like, Understanding Medicare, Estate Planning Basics, Basics of Investing, and Maximizing your generosity with a Donor Advised Fund. The webinars will be presented by Everence professionals and there will be plenty of time for questions. To register, or for more information, visit [www.everence.com/national](http://www.everence.com/national).

### Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS is accepting applications for a new [Doctor of Ministry degree](#) — the first of its kind. Not only is the seminary's Doctor of Ministry in Leadership (DMin) the only DMin in the United States to be deliberately developed with an Anabaptist framework, it also is the first DMin in the U.S. and Canada approved by the Association of Theological Schools (ATS) to be designed from the outset as a competency-based program. The first cohort of students will begin in **January 2023**.

The 32-credit-hour DMin in Leadership is designed to help mid-career pastors and leaders strengthen their ministry leadership capacities by shaping their learning objectives around their needs and goals. Students can complete the program in three years, taking nine to 12 credits per academic year while based in their professional ministry or leadership context. Much of the coursework can be done online; the program also requires weeklong visits to campus each January for in-person coursework. Each student will be part of a cohort of peer learners who will have a faculty mentor and an advisory ministry group to guide their studies. Visit [www.ambs.edu](http://www.ambs.edu).

### MennoMedia

**April Yamasaki** has been named the editor of the quarterly devotional magazine *Rejoice!* Yamasaki replaces Leslie Hawthorne Klingler, who was the editor since 2013. Yamasaki is well known in both Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA for her writing and insight. Previously the editor of *Purpose*, her published books include *Sacred Pauses*, *Four Gifts*, *Christ Is for Us*, and *On the Way with Jesus*. She is working on her fourth collection of sermons for publication in 2023. "I love engaging with readers and writers and look forward to doing that on behalf of *Rejoice!*," says Yamasaki. "I've read and written for *Rejoice!* for years and am now eager to learn more about the publishing side as editor."

After 25 years of pastoral ministry at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Yamasaki is now a resident author with Valley CrossWay Church, a liturgical worship community in Abbotsford, British Columbia. Yamasaki writes on spiritual growth and Christian living online and in print publications and is a frequent guest speaker in other churches and settings.

### Mennonite Men

Mennonite Men's goal is to **plant 1 million trees – throughout the world – by 2030**. And not just plant trees and walk away, but help them stay healthy and grow. "It's not just about planting trees, but establishing trees," Steve Thomas said, "where they can survive and thrive in the landscape. It's all about the right tree in the right place." In short, it all comes down to stewardship of the land we inhabit – caring for God's creation by adding beauty and supporting biodiversity. **JoinTrees** is reaching out to Anabaptist congregations, many of which have a long history of tending the land, Steve said. This campaign targets climate change—an existential threat to life on our planet. By increasing tree and forest cover with this campaign, the effort strives to mitigate global warming, serve climate justice and sustain biodiversity. Although it's coordinated by Mennonite Men, the [JoinTrees](#) effort is for all ages and genders. Learn more [here](#).

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Oct 17 (submissions due by 9/10)

Nov 7 (submissions due by 10/31)

Nov 21 (submissions due by 9/14)

Dec 5 (submissions due by 11/28)

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