



e-Bulletin

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Farewell as Moderator

It's been an honor and a privilege to be your PNMC Moderator twice—the first time a few years ago, and then again for the past nine months. The best part of my experience has been getting to know such a wonderful group of people throughout all the congregations that make up our conference, as together we strive to grow as communities of grace, joy, and peace.

Our PNMC Board works together unselfishly and with high dedication to nurture healthy congregations through decisions that involve matching people with various leadership roles, policy decisions, and use of resources such as healthy congregation grants. Board members are willing to tackle difficult topics together, always taking the long view of how we can best strive to follow Jesus in our decisions and actions. Because of the board members' sensitivity and mutual trust, our time together is both sacred and safe.

I'm also grateful for Eric Massanari's special gifts and skills as our Executive Conference Minister. It has been a delight to get to know each other, and to work closely in partnership together.

Your board is in good hands with Chris Nord as our new Moderator, and with Karla Morton as our new Moderator-Elect. As our congregations go forward, I'm confident we will remain **rooted and grounded in love**.

Submitted by Jack Swaim, Moderator from October, 2022 through June, 2023. Jack is pictured above sharing at the 2023 PNMC Annual Meeting.



From the PNMC Office

We are preparing to print the next edition of the PNMC Directory. Many of our churches have changing demographics. Please take a look at your congregation's listing on page 3. If your attendance numbers have changed, please send an update to [Barb Buxman](mailto:Barb.Buxman@pnmc.org). If you are included in the Directory and you've moved or changed your phone number or email address, please send those updates as well.



Salem Mennonite Church

All are invited to Salem Mennonite on **Thursday, July 27 at 7PM**. Arthur Boers, former Mennonite pastor and AMBS professor, will be in the area and reading from his latest book. The church is located at 1045 Candlewood Dr, Keizer, OR. Boers is the author of "Day by Day These Things We Pray: an Anabaptist Prayer Book," "The Way is Made by Walking," and "Living into Focus," among other titles. In his new book, a memoir ("Shattered: A Son Picks up the Pieces of His Father's Rage"), Boers depicts his upbringing in a Dutch Reformed immigrant community in Ontario, Canada and grapples with the family violence stemming from the generational trauma of the Nazi occupation of Holland alongside his burgeoning call to ministry and evolving understanding of faith and theology.

PNMC Annual Meeting, June 24, Portland Mennonite Church



Representatives from many PNMC congregations gathered at Portland Mennonite Church on Saturday, June 24. Together, attendees participated in worship, prayer, listening and reflecting as we heard reports from congregations and guest speakers Malinda Berry, Marisa Smucker and Rachel Ringenberg-Miller. Thank you to the Portland Mennonite and Ministerios Restauración for your warm and generous hospitality.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

In August of 1914, World War I began and continued until 1918. When the United States entered the war during 1917, many young men were drafted into the military services, including many from the Mennonites, Quakers, Brethren and others who were conscientious objectors.

In 2014, the remembrance of a century since the war began was marked by Kauffman Museum, a part of Bethel College of North Newton, KS. Museum staff created a travelling exhibition entitled “Voices of Conscience.” Since that time, the exhibition has been taken to colleges and communities throughout the Midwest. It received a national award for its creative approach remembering the experience of World War I conscientious objectors.

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society has arranged to bring “Voices of Conscience” to Portland, OR. Lewis & Clark College has agreed to give lobby space for the exhibition from July 28 to September 24, 2023 at the Watzek Library. This will give many students and members of the wider community opportunities to view the exhibit and learn of the experiences of conscientious objectors during the war.

Our agreement with Kauffman Museum calls for a fee of \$5,000 plus \$3,000 for transportation and setup of the exhibition. PNMC agreed to support the project with a grant of \$4000. Members of the society and the Board of Directors have contributed \$2,500 towards the project. PNMHS feels that this exhibition will help meet its mission to educate the public and provide information about an important time in the history of our Mennonite community. We encourage you to support this effort by making a contribution to PNMHS. Please send your contribution to PNMHS, 6030 S Whiskey Hill Road, Hubbard, OR 97032 or you can make a donation by credit card at www.pnmhs.org and following the instructions. If you have any other questions, please contact Committee Chair, [Jerry Barkman](#).

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCHWIDE AGENCIES

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS is launching a new Practical Leadership Training program to help pastors, lay leaders, community leaders and leaders of nonprofit organizations increase their capacity to provide effective Anabaptist leadership in a variety of settings. The program grew out of a listening process in which church leaders shared that they needed practical leadership skills to meet challenges resulting from the pandemic, polarization, shifting church commitments and an unpredictable future. In response, AMBS designed a program consisting of modules focusing on four areas: **administration, leadership, contextual engagement and well-being**.

“We’re hearing from leaders across the church that formation in practical skills in these four areas is most needed in our time and will very beneficial for leaders’ groundwork,” said **Luis Tapia Rubio**, MDiv, who directs the new program. To learn more, click [here](#).



Mennonite Church USA

To read highlights from the MC USA

Convention in Kansas City, follow [this link](#).

Included in the MennoCon23 events, was a panel of BIPOC young adults shared their experiences attending Christian/Mennonite schools. They shared ideas on how to create an intercultural campus culture. Sue Park-Hur, Mennonite Church USA’s director of racial/ethnic engagement, served as moderator. Panelists Abby Endashaw, [Mennonite Central Committee](#) Summer Service National Coordinator; Faith Manickam, University of Kansas School of Medicine student, and Bongiwe Ncube, [Goshen \(Indiana\) College](#) student shared positive and painful moments and offered tips to students and administrators for building a healthy intercultural campus culture. To read their stories and ideas for expanding inclusivity, follow [this link](#).

Mennonite Health Services

Do you have a supervisor or manager looking to grow their leadership skills? MHS Association’s *a-lead* is a leadership development program curated specifically for the emerging leader. Register by August 15 [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 7 (submissions due by 7/31)

Aug 21 (submissions due by 8/14)

Sept 4 (submissions due by 8/28)

Sept 21 (submissions due by 9/11)

If you would like to contribute, please send a **brief announcement** in Spanish & English with website links to brenda@pnmc.org. Our goal is to provide a valuable resource, not an In-Box jammer. If space is tight, we may omit announcements that are not as pertinent to PNMC. Announcements will run ONE time only, unless specified otherwise. We welcome your feedback!

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