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From the PNMC Office

Whether or not you were able to attend the 2023 PNMC Annual Meeting, you might be interested in reading through the minutes of this year's gathering. The minutes capture the day's events and describe each meaningful part of the gathering. Specifically, the role call provides insight to how each congregation is finding ways to be **rooted and grounded in love**. The minutes are available in both English and Spanish and are posted at [this link](#). Meanwhile, mark your calendar for the 2024 PNMC Annual Meeting, **June 21-23**, in Bend, OR.

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Voices of Conscience: Peace Witness in the Great War (VOC) Exhibit

Early visitors to the VOC exhibit which began a month ago, have found the exhibit to be thought-provoking and extremely well done. The exhibit continues through September 23rd on the 2nd floor in the Watzek Library on the campus of Lewis & Clark College, 615 S Palatine Hill Road, Portland, OR. September hours are; Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 10:00 pm. Pay to park on weekdays. Saturdays, 11:00 am – 7:00 pm. (Best to avoid September 9 due to a home football game) Sundays, 9:00 am – 10:00 pm. Parking is free on weekends. Due to school being in session, weekends would likely be the best time to visit. More information and a campus map with the location of the library and parking can be found at pnmhs.org.

Mennonite Country Auction



The 2023 auction will be held **Saturday, October 7 at Menno Mennonite Church**, 1378 N. Damon Rd., Ritzville, WA. All are welcome to this day of fun and special items raising funds for the global development work of [Mennonite Central Committee](#). There is no admission fee and parking is free. (RVs are welcome to camp in the parking lot, however, hookups will not be available.) Gates open at 7:00 AM. Breakfast will be served from 7-9 AM. Sale booths open at 10:00 AM and the [Liberty Quartet](#) will perform on the sale stage at 10:30 AM. *(The quartet will perform again on Sunday for the worship service.)* Cash and checks (with I.D.) are preferred the day of the sale. Credit Cards will be accepted for auction items and most booths. Dollar amounts paid for articles above fair market value of the items are tax deductible. Sorry, but dogs are not allowed in the sale and food areas.

Drift Creek Camp

The 2023 Fall Quilt Retreat is coming up **October 12-15**. Guests bring projects of their choosing while DCC provides the workspace, meals, coffee and cozy fire. Follow [this link](#) for a registration form. Questions? Contact the camp office at 971-600-1244 or info@driftcreek.org. Additionally, the **Annual Members' Meeting** is coming up, **November 3-5**. *Please mark your calendar.*



Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale

Gather at the Linn County Fair and Expo Center, 3700 Knox Butte Rd. E, Albany, OR, for the 2023 Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale, **Saturday, October 21**. In addition to the sale's collection of quilts, baked goods, books and antiques, the new **Menno Marketplace** shop is looking for donations of your handcrafted items—anything from fabric crafts like table runners or napkins, to wood crafts, pottery or things made from nature materials like lavender wreaths or pebble art. If you've crafted it, the Menno Marketplace would love to have it for the relief sale. And for you crafters, don't forget to stop by the Sew Much Shop where you will find sewing notions, fabrics, quilt supplies, crafting materials, and more! Visit www.oregonmccsale.org to learn more.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER CHURCH AGENCIES

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Online Short Course: Resisting Christian Nationalism with the Gospel of Peace: Oct. 25 – Nov. 21.

Join Drew Strait, PhD, in this four-week online AMBS short course to deepen your understanding of White Christian nationalism and explore practical and effective nonviolent strategies for resisting it — drawing insights from how Jesus countered oppression. No grades, no papers! CEUs available. Register by Oct. 4 to save \$50. ambs.edu/nationalism



Anabaptist World

[The Anabaptist World](https://www.anabaptistworld.org/) website hosts several avenues for opinion pieces to be shared. There are regularly posted editorials; letters to the editor; a collection of Five Things lists; and regularly submitted columns. Among the contributors is Sarah Augustine. **Sarah Augustine**, who is a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant, is co-founder and executive director of the [Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery Coalition](https://dismantlingthedoctrineofdiscovery.org/). She is also the cofounder of Suriname Indigenous Health Fund (SIHF), where she has worked in relationship with vulnerable Indigenous Peoples since 2005. She has represented the interests of Indigenous community partners to their own governments, the Inter-American development bank, the United Nations, the Organization of American States Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, and the World Health Organization, among others. She cohosts the *Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery* podcast with Sheri Hostetler and is the author of *The Land*

Is Not Empty. She serves in a leadership role on multiple boards and commissions to enable vulnerable peoples in Washington State to speak for themselves in advocating for structural change. She and her husband Dan Peplow and their son live in the Yakima Valley of Washington. Sarah Augustine will be speaking at a gathering of the Treasure Valley Mennonite churches (Evergreen Heights, Hyde Park, and Meridian Mennonite congregations) on **Saturday, September 30 (4-6pm) and on for Sunday worship on October 1 (10:30 – noon)**. Meetings will be held at Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, 1520 N. 12th St. in Boise, Idaho. This is a quarterly gathering of the Mennonite congregations in the Treasure Valley hosted each time by one of the three congregations.

Mennonite Church USA

MC USA is inviting young people to actively care for the planet through the **Generation Z Energy and Spirit Challenge**, which runs through **April 2024**. The challenge is “a friendly competition to embrace our Anabaptist calling as earth keepers, reduce our carbon footprints, nurture environmental leadership, and utilize and bless the gifts of youth and young adults.” Read more [here](#) and register by **October 15, 2023**.

Other Opportunities

“[The Breath of God: A mindfulness & meditation retreat](#)” will be held **November 10-12** at Twin Rocks Camp in Rockaway Beach, OR. The event will be led by spiritual director **Juel Russell** of Salem Mennonite Church. Online registration coming soon at this [link](#).

An Iona Pilgrimage, led by Jane Thorley Roeschley and Jana Schrag Schopp, is scheduled for **September 13-22, 2024**. Pilgrimage as a spiritual practice offers the opportunity to travel slowly and mindfully, with the intention of connecting spiritually with God, with fellow pilgrims and with sacred places. Come away for refreshment and renewal to one of the world’s most beloved Celtic “thin places”. You are invited to join us on a pilgrimage to the Isle of Iona, a holy island on the western coast of Scotland. We will engage in daily prayers and worship, soulful wandering, personal solitude and group reflection in a place beloved by pilgrims for centuries. The journey will begin in Glasgow followed with travel by rail, ferries and bus through the western Highlands, over to the Isle of Mull and then on to [Bishop’s House](#) in Iona for 6 nights. In addition to meals, the itinerary will include daily morning and evening worship at the Iona Abbey; guided mediation walks; various prayer services; times for silence and centering; and an introduction to Celtic spirituality via the story of St. Columba and St. Brigid. Each pilgrim will have their own modest bedroom with sink and shared restrooms down the hall. The cost is estimated at \$2950 per person to cover lodging, most meals, transportation during the pilgrimage, fees, admissions and tips. The fee does not include pilgrim travel to and from Glasgow, 2 noon meals, trip insurance (recommended) or trip interruption. The fees may change with fluctuations in the exchange rate. Hold your spot with a \$500 non-refundable deposit. To register, contact [Jana](#) or [Jane](#). The financial host is Central District Conference of Mennonite Church USA.

A 2-week Pilgrimage will be offered **May 16-31, 2025**, to the Holy Isles of Iona and Lindisfarne. The 2025 journey will be led by Spiritual Directors, Cathy Roby and Jane Roeschley. To learn more about either of these opportunities, email Brenda@pnmc.org.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 18 (submissions due by 9/11)
Oct 2 (submissions due by 9/25)
Oct 16 (submissions due by 10/9)
Nov 6 (submissions due by 10/30)

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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