

e-Bulletin

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Join us for the PNMC Annual Meeting

June 19-22, 2025 | Flathead Lutheran Bible Camp | Register here!

We would love to have participation from folks across the conference as we gather near Kalispell, MT. A call to all musicians! If you have an instrument you'd like to bring and contribute to our music making at our annual conference, or if you have a passion for leading hymns, please let us know. Contact Megan Ramer.



Glen Guyton is the executive director of MC USA. He is the first person of color to serve in the role and has almost 30 years of denominational leadership experience. Guyton joined the Executive Board in 2009 as the Director of Intercultural Relations and held various roles until becoming Executive Director. An officer in the US Air Force when he first joined the church, Guyton credits Mennonite leaders for teaching him what it means to be an Anabaptist Christian, in particular Bishop L.W. Francisco III, oversight pastor at C3 Hampton, and Titus Peachy, formerly of Mennonite Central Committee, which led him to leave the military and commit to nonviolence. Guyton holds a bachelor's degree in management from the United States Air Force Academy and a master's degree in education from Regent University. He is the author of several books including, "Navigating Microaggressions at Work: A Guide to Understanding and Avoiding Microaggressions in the Workplace," and "Reawakened, Activate Your Congregation to Spark Lasting Change," which explores eight keys to developing the abilities of congregations to bring healing and hope to their communities.



Sarah Augustine, who is a Pueblo (Tewa) descendant, is co-founder and Executive Director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery. She is also the co-founder of Suriname Indigenous Health Fund (SIHF), where she has worked in relationship with 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, the World Health Organization, and a host of other international actors including corporate interests. She is a columnist for Anabaptist World, and co-hosts the Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery podcast with Sheri Hostetler. She has taught at Heritage University, Central WA University, and Goshen College. In Washington State, where she lives, she serves in a leadership role on multiple boards and commissions to enable vulnerable peoples to speak for themselves in advocating for structural change. She is author of the book The Land Is Not Empty: Following Jesus in Dismantling the Doctrine of Discovery (Herald Press 2021), and co-author, with Sheri Hostetler, of So We and Our Children May Live: Following Jesus in Confronting the Climate Crisis (Herald Press 2023).

IMPORTANT THINGS TO REMEMBER:

- Bedding or sleeping bag & pillow (Sleeping bags fit any bed!)
- Bring your personal toiletries, including sun screen
- Towels (for showering and beach towels & swimsuit if you plan to enjoy the lake or the sauna!)
- Flashlight, sturdy shoes, warm clothes for chilly evenings
- If you have one, please bring your *Voices Together* hymnal and if you are willing to lead singing, please contact!
- Be sure to print/bring your own copy of the **Delegate Handbook**
- Bring your sense of adventure! The camp setting allows for unique opportunities to disconnect from social media and phones in order to make meaningful, direct connections with one another.

PLAN AHEAD:

- If you need transportation from and/or to the airport or train station, contact Libbie Lapp (libbielapp@yahoo.com)
- To borrow bedding/towels, contact office@pnmc.org.
- If you need a landing spot after Annual Meeting until your departure, contact Janet Szabo. (JanetKSzabo@gmail.com)
- Registration will begin at 6:30pm on Thursday, June 19. There will NOT be a dinner served on Thursday evening so please make plans to grab a bite to eat on your way.
- If food allergies are an issue, bring along some snacks for "just in case" The generous folks at Mountain View Mennonite Church will host a Sunday morning brunch for Annual Meeting guests prior to the closing worship service at MVMC. Brunch will be served at 9:00am with the service beginning at 10:30am.

The PNMC Board and Staff are eager to soon welcome folks from across our vast conference at our upcoming gathering! If you have questions about how or where to register; what to bring, etc., please do not hesitate to ask! Reach out to office@pnmc.org or call 541-921-5866 for assistance.



PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Albany Mennonite Church

Don Bacher has been working with the Oasis Chorale to set up a tour in the Pacific Northwest. They are a choir from back east made up of conservative Mennonite singers from various states in the US and Canada. Here's their complete itinerary:

Friday, July 4, 7:00pm, Woodburn United Methodist Church, Woodburn, OR

Sunday, July 6, 7:00pm, Linn Benton Community College, Albany, OR

Tuesday, July 8, 6:30pm, Zillah German Baptist Brethren Church, Zillah, WA

Wednesday, July 9, 7:00pm, Blue Mountain Christian Fellowship, Milton Freewater, OR

Friday, July 11, 6:30pm, Trinity Reformed Church, Moscow, ID

Saturday, July 12, 6:00pm, Parkside Church, Newport, WA

Sunday, July 13, 6:00pm, Kootenai Valley Mennonite

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Hesston College

Don't miss these upcoming opportunities to hear the Hesston College Bel Canto Singers perform in our area:



May 20: Seattle Mennonite, 7pm

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- May 23: Salem Mennonite, 7pm
- May 24: Hymn Festival, ZMC, 4pm
- May 25: Zion Mennonite, 10:15am
- May 25: Portland Mennonite, 7pm
- May 27: First Presbyterian, Bend, 7pm
- Hosted by Bend Mennonite Church
- May 28: Mennonite Village, 3pm
- May 28: Albany Mennonite, 7pm

Mennonite Central Committee

The Great Winter Warm-Up comforter distribution had another successful year! This past year, there were 7,000 comforters requested. Instead, 18,368 were contributed for distribution around the world! Amazing! Thank you to all who contributed locally!

Mennonite Church USA

MC USA's Church Vitality office and Everence have completed their annual update of the Pastor Salary Guidelines (mennoniteusa.org/pastor-salary-guidelines/) for 2025-2026. "The pastor salary guidelines continue to be the best starting point for negotiating fair compensation for congregational pastors," said Michael Danner, MC USA associate executive director for Church Vitality, noting that they are a useful tool for pastors, congregations, pastoral search committees and conferences. The Pastor Salary Guidelines begin with a base salary and use the pastor's experience, education, geographical location, and other life and congregational circumstances to gauge an appropriate salary for their situation.

Upcoming e-Bulletins:

June 2 (submissions due by 5/26) June 16 (submissions due by 6/9) July 14 (submissions due by 7/7) Aug 4 (submissions by 7/28)

If you would like to contribute, please send a brief announcement in Spanish & English with website links to <u>brenda@pnmc.org</u>. 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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