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# e-Bulletin

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Glimpses of our 2025 gathering...





*The following resolution was passed at the PNMC Annual Meeting in June...*

## A Call to Discipleship Amidst a Culture of Christian Nationalism

Be it resolved that we—as members of the Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference congregations, church plants and constituencies—affirm the following:

As Christians in the Anabaptist tradition we read the scriptures through the lens of Jesus' life and teachings. This reading of scripture, together with our prayerful listening for the Holy Spirit's guidance, and the faithful witness of our ancestors in faith and our global Mennonite community, lead us to proclaim in word and action that:

The blessing of Christ's love is for all people--regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, sexual orientation, national origin or religious identity. Faithful discipleship in Christ calls us to extend welcome and hospitality to all.

Discipleship in Christ calls us to a path of nonviolent love that is actively engaged in a ministry of reconciliation, peacebuilding and justice-seeking. Any violence, negligence or abusiveness in our words, actions or attitudes is a sign that Christ's work of transformation in our lives remains incomplete.

As Christians our citizenship is most fundamentally in the Body of Christ and the Kingdom of God. Any effort to confine the good news of God's love in Christ within particular political ideologies, cultural boundaries, or national borders is contrary to our faith.

God's love and favor always act to moderate, and never exacerbate, the inequitable distribution of wealth, power, privilege and prestige. Faithful discipleship requires us to spend these assets—to the extent that they are granted to us—freely and generously to lift up those who are overlooked, marginalized, abused or excluded.

As we seek to faithfully live out these convictions, we are grateful to walk this path alongside other Christians, people of many faiths, and all companions who share our commitment to build and nurture beloved community. When our words and actions fall short of these convictions, we pray for grace and mercy, and that we might yield to Christ's invitation to repentance and our continued transformation in the Love that heals and reconciles all.

### Prayer Request and Support for Ian Morton

During our PNMC Annual Meeting gathering in Kalispell, MT, our PNMC Moderator, **Karla Morton**, and her husband **Craig Morton** (co-pastors of Meridian Mennonite Church in Meridian, ID) received news that their son **Ian** (Chicago, IL) had suffered a major stroke. Ian continues to do the hard work of rehabilitation and recovery.

A Caring Bridge site has been established and you can find updates and send well-wishes there: [Ian Michael Morton](#). If you would like to join others in making contributions to help cover the significant costs of Ian's ongoing care you can do that in either of the following ways: (1) [GoFundMe for Ian Morton](#) or (2) Mail a check to Meridian Mennonite Church and your contribution will help provide matching funds through an Everence matching fund grant.

### Mark you calendars!

The 2026 Annual Meeting will take place in Albany, OR, June 25-28.



The 2026 Conference Communications Council will take place on Zoom, Saturday, January 31, 8:30—12.



The 2026 Directory is being updated. Please check your listing and notify [office@pnmc.org](mailto:office@pnmc.org) with any phone, email or address updates by August 10.



Look to our August 4th e-Bulletin for reflections on this year's gathering.

### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Aug 4 (submissions by 7/28)  
Aug 18 (submissions due by 8/11)  
Sept 1 (submissions due by 8/25)  
Sept 15 (submissions due by 9/8)

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