



# e-Bulletin

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## Bringing Neighbors (Vecinos) Together—One Meal at a Time

Written by Steve Masingila, Steering Group Member from Zion Mennonite Church

Vecinos is a grassroots initiative in the Witness and Services Commission at Zion Mennonite Church. Guided by a diverse steering group of community members, Vecinos is dedicated to building bridges between agricultural workers and their neighbors in the greater Woodburn area. Since launching last summer, Vecinos has hosted vibrant ethnic meal events in public parks and at Woodburn High School. More recently, the group gathered at Zion Mennonite Church, Chemeketa Community College, and at local farms or their farm worker housing. Every three weeks during the summer, a sit-down meal is shared at these locations—bringing warmth, connection, and celebration to the heart of our local agricultural community.

**Gratitude for Our Volunteers:** A heartfelt thank you to the 70+ regular volunteers from all walks of life who make these events possible. Your time, energy, and compassion are the backbone of Vecinos. Our volunteers range in age from 12 years old to 70+ years.

**Our Mission:** We are committed to fostering relationships that strengthen community ties. By creating spaces for connection, understanding, and shared celebration, we build a stronger, healthier, and more resilient greater Woodburn area.

### What We Do:

- Host meal events that bring neighbors together
- Collaborate in planning, cooking, and cleanup
- Celebrate cultural traditions through food, music, and dance
- Partner with like-minded organizations to amplify our impact

### Short-Term Goals:

- Raise awareness of wellness resources
- Build trust and communication
- Empower individuals to access support systems

### Long-Term Vision:

- Strengthen crisis response through deeper community bonds

**How You Can Help?** Vecinos relies on financial support to purchase food and supplies for our events. Every contribution helps us continue this vital work. Donors are able to give online through Zion Mennonite Church at their [Giving Page](#).



Above (L-R): Donna BreMiller; ZMC Associate Pastor, Jana Gingerich; Aaron BreMiller

*"Jana and Craig Gingerich invited my husband and I to volunteer at a recent August gathering. Aaron and I had the privilege of serving a meal provided through the Vecinos program. So many different hands helped make the event a reality. Coming together to share the meal was a beautiful example of what it means to build community."*

-Donna Hostetler BreMiller

Photos by Mary Masingila



## Healthy Boundaries Training

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference will again offer **Healthy Boundaries Training, Saturday, November 15, 2025**. The course will take place on Zoom in the following time zones: **8am.-2 p.m. PST; 9-3 Mountain; 10-4 Central, and 11-5 EST**. Topics will include **Fundamentals of Healthy Boundaries; Self-Care; Safe Church Policies and Boundaries**, as well as **Trauma and Boundaries**. The training will be facilitated by **Michael Danner, Denominational Minister for Church Vitality** and **Nancy Kauffmann, Director of MC USA Safe Church**. The training cost is \$55 for PNMC members; otherwise \$65/person. Please pay by check. Send payments to: PNMC Office, 22455 Finn Road, Sheridan, OR 97378. **The registration deadline is November 1, 2025**. For more information or to register, contact Eric Massanari at [eric@pnmc.org](mailto:eric@pnmc.org).

## Ministerios Restauración



### NEW RESOURCE FOR CONGREGATIONS:

**Pastor Samuel Moran** and his spouse **Orfilia Moran** recently presented their latest publication, **EL MINISTERIO DE TODOS LOS SANTOS** (The Ministry of All the Saints). Based on biblical teachings about spiritual gifts given to all church members to empower the ministry of the congregation, the new publication includes the teacher manual, and individual spiral-bound study guides for each learner.

Pastor Samuel is a PNMC district pastor, and 30-year pastor of Ministerios Restauración, in Portland, OR. He originally presented the new study in a series of four workshops at Rio de Vida in McMinnville, OR, in early 2025. Later he presented the same material to a congregation in Oregon and a pastor group in Guatemala. Pastor Samuel's hope is that this newly released print resource will enrich congregational life for churches around the world. For more information about how to order the teacher's manual and student guide, contact Pastor Samuel Moran at [samran77@hotmail.com](mailto:samran77@hotmail.com).

## Mennonite Country Auction, October 4, Menno Mennonite Church, Ritzville, WA

The Auction Committee is seeking hand-crafted items, event tickets, vacation getaways and unique items for the auction. Contact Cleon Claassen at 509-760-3579 ([cclaassen@smwireless.net](mailto:cclaassen@smwireless.net)). For quilt donations, contact Debbie Shank Miller ([dsm56@comcast.net](mailto:dsm56@comcast.net)).

## The Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale, October 11, Linn County Fairgrounds, Albany, OR

Visit the website [here](#) to learn about ways to get involved, donate, and support the work of Mennonite Central Committee.

*Please note: the link to the Oregon MCC Sale has been corrected from our last publication. [This is the right link.](#)*

## Drift Creek Camp

Register [at this link](#) for the 2025 Fall Quilt Retreat, **October 16-19!**

Plan now to attend Drift Creek Camp's **Annual Meeting and Family Camp, November 7-9**. Follow [this link](#) to register.

## Zion Mennonite Church

Most of the facility clean-up has taken place with the final task of air-duct cleaning scheduled soon. For the last two weeks the church building has been functioning as usual with the exceptions of being two offices that need a bit more work. The repair work will mostly consist of some painting as well as replacing sections of carpet and windows. We are thankful for the way Mennonite Mutual Aid continues to work with the mitigation and repair company. We hope to have the project completed in about a month. Please be in prayer for all those in the Clackamas County Courts who are working on this case and for the individual who committed the vandalism.

## MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS



### Mennonite Church USA

**Duncan Smith** has been director of [The Corinthian Plan](#), MC USA's healthcare plan for pastors and church workers, since 2014. Previously, he served as PNMC's conference minister and several pastorates, including transitional interim positions. Smith's pastoral experience spans both urban and rural settings.

Duncan's role with the Corinthian Plan requires that he pay close attention to what is happening with healthcare and insurance needs of Americans throughout the country. In his article, Duncan looks at changing governmental priorities and their impact on health and health/medical insurance. Read more [here](#) about what could be "the perfect storm" and how we might respond.

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### Upcoming e-Bulletins:

Sept 15 (submissions due by 9/8)  
Oct 6 (submissions by 9/29)  
Oct 20 (submissions due by 10/13)  
Nov 3 (submissions due by 10/27)

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