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PACIFIC NORTHWEST
MENNONITE CONFERENCE

ANNUAL MEETING

Albany Mennonite Church, June 25-28, 2026

“Seeking Unity Through Nonconformity”.

Luke 6:17-47 / Sermon on the Plain

From the PNMC Office

Register now for our 2026 Annual Meeting! Simply follow [this link](#) and scroll to the bottom of the page and sign up *today!* This gathering is our one time each year to see one another face to face, heart to heart, for worship, reflection and growth. For many of us, the world seems pretty fragmented right now. We may feel isolated, even torn apart, but this annual gathering is a chance to come together. Our Annual Meeting provides an important opportunity to discover ways to strengthen the common threads that unite us. In gathering, there is harmonious space to connect; to see Jesus in one another. All of us bringing a unique piece of the quilt that creates a rich and vibrant community. Let's recognize the threads that hold us together and celebrate the beauty found in being community.

- **HYMN SING!** Whether or not you can attend the full gathering, please consider participating in a joyous hymn sing to kick things off beginning at 7:30pm on Thursday, June 25 at Albany Mennonite Church!
- **WEEKEND ACTIVITIES!** While work and family schedules may not allow for full participation, please feel welcome to join in the weekend events as you are able. (Please see the full schedule on page 2.)
- **SHARE A BOOK!** Everyone is invited to come prepared to visit our “PNMC Little Library” – where anyone may donate a book (or more!) and take a book home – free! Take this opportunity to do a little spring cleaning of your bookshelf and share an engaging story or helpful resource with fellow PNMCers. Any donated books that remain unclaimed at the end of the conference will be taken to the book booth at the Oregon Mennonite Festival for World Relief, benefiting Mennonite Central Committee.
- **SHARING FUNDS!** Donations are being collected to support the gathering. Please do not let finances keep you away. If you would like registration assistance, please reach out to eric@pnmc.org. If you would like to “pay it forward” for others, consider donating online [here](#) or sending a check to PNMC | 22455 Finn Rd. | Sheridan, OR 97378.
- **WORSHIP!** Participants will gather for morning worship on Friday and Saturday from 8:30 to 10:00 AM. Dwight Friesen will bring the Friday message and Rachel Ringenberg-Miller will preach on Saturday. All are invited to worship at Albany Mennonite Church at 11:00 AM on Sunday. Rachael Weasley will preach and communion will be shared.

[REGISTER HERE](#) | [Hotel info here!](#)

2026 SCHEDULE

Thursday, June 25:

- 1:00-4:00 PM: *From Role to Soul*: contemplative retreat for ministry leaders led by **Eric Massanari**, (Fireside Room)
 4:30-7:00 PM: Ministry Leader Picnic a fellowship gathering for PNMC ministry leaders
 6:30 PM: General registration opens at *Albany Mennonite Church* (Foyer)
 7:30 PM: Hymn Sing (Sanctuary) — *OPEN TO ALL WHO CAN PARTICIPATE*, registration not required.

Friday, June 26:

- 7:30-8:30 AM: New Delegate Breakfast, *Facilitated by Karla Morton* (Fellowship Hall)
 8:30-10:00: Morning Worship, *Dwight Friesen preaching* (Sanctuary)
10:00—10:30 Break
 10:30-Noon: Plenary Session #1* (Fellowship Hall)
12-1:30 PM: LUNCH (Fellowship Hall)
 1:30– 2:45 PM Seminar/Activity Period 1*
 A. Healthy Congregations/Healthy Leaders, **Rachel Ringenborg-Miller** (Sanctuary)
 B. Ministering with Gen Z, **Dwight Friesen, Rob Kirby** (Fellowship Hall)
2:45—3:15 Break
 3:00 - 5:00 PM Service Project supporting Jackson Street Youth, *Facilitated by Lisa Ebersole*
Project options will be both indoor and outdoor
 3:15– 4:30 PM Seminar/Activity Period 2*
 A. Abuse Prevention & Accountability, **Duncan Smith** (Sanctuary)
 B. Mennonite Action/Faithful Resistance, **Julie Allyn** (Fellowship Hall)
4:30—7:00 PM Free time/Dinner Break
 7:00– 8:30 PM Writing Workshop, **Jaqui Eicher** (Fellowship Hall), *OPEN TO ALL WHO CAN PARTICIPATE*

Saturday, June 27:

- 8:30-10:00: Morning Worship, *Rachel Ringenberg-Miller preaching*, (Sanctuary)
10:00—10:30 Break
 10:30-Noon: Plenary Session #2* (Fellowship Hall)
12-1:30 PM: LUNCH (Fellowship Hall)
 1:30– 2:45 PM Seminar/Activity Period 1*
 A. New Approaches to Baptism/Membership, **Peter Epp, Sara Rempel** (Sanctuary)
 B. Worship with Anabaptist Community Bible, **Cathleen Hockman-Wert** (Fellowship Hall)
2:45—3:15 Break
 3:15 - 4:30 PM Seminar/Activity Period 2*
 A. The Enneagram and Faith, **Marlene Kropf & Cynthia Hockman-Chupp** (Sanctuary)
 B. What Every Church Needs, **Steve Bustos, Everence** (Fellowship Hall)
4:30—7:00 PM Free time/Dinner Break
 7:00 - 8:30 PM A New World, A New Song, **Michael Collier** (Sanctuary), *OPEN TO ALL*

Sunday, June 28:

- 9:30 AM: Breakfast (Fellowship Hall)**
 11:00 AM: Worship with Communion, *Rachael Weasley preaching* (Sanctuary)
Please join us at AMC for Sunday morning worship.

*Whether or not you are able to attend the entire gathering, ALL ARE WELCOME!
 Please join in the Hymn Sing, participate in daily worship times, evening workshops
 or afternoon seminars. You are invited to participate as your schedule allows!
 We would love to see you in Albany!*

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Drift Creek Camp

There is still time to register for DCC's youth camps! Space is available in each of the following programs:

Buddy Camp, June 12-14, Grades k-2 with pastors Phil Rempel and Teresa Moser

Grades 3 & 4, June 14-19 with pastor Karla Morton of Salem Mennonite

Grades 9-12, June 21-26 with Nathan Paus serving as camp pastor

Grades 7 & 8, June 28-July 3 with Mervin Kropf serving as camp pastor

Grades 5 & 6, July 5-10 with camp pastor Peter Epp of Albany Mennonite



Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Preserve Your Congregation's History!

The Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society (PNMHS) encourages every congregation to preserve its historical documents for future research — and we'd love to help. We will have a display table at the **upcoming annual conference in Albany**, and we invite you to bring your congregation's historical records with you. We'll accept them on the spot and store them safely in our climate-controlled archives. Not sure what to bring? Our Congregation Collection Policy outlines the types of records we are looking to preserve. (See: [PNMHS-Congregation-Collection-Policy.docx](#))

Salem Mennonite Church

On May 16, SMC hosted a 2-hour Conscientious Objector Workshop via Zoom. **Nathan Toews**, from Mennonite Central Committee (MCC), was the presenter. (*Had we more time, there could have been further opportunities for discussion and to give those who were Conscientious Objectors more occasions to share their experiences even more extensively.*) Invitations to participate included Mennonite, Quaker, and other ecumenical congregations. Approximately 40 people attended in person and an additional 10 tuned in online. There were many younger people, as well as those who came to learn on behalf of a child.

We hope to provide this opportunity again in the Fall. It is important because in December, there will be automatic registration of young men in the Selective Service System. Whether or not we have a draft, which could be a real possibility due to the current executive administration's desire to change the Department of Defense to the Department of War, it is good for us as Anabaptist Mennonites to teach our peace position more explicitly to our congregations and young people. Many have asked if there would be a recording, but it was decided due to the fact that there were people under the age of 18 in attendance to not have a recording. Please watch for a future opportunity to participate in another CO workshop if you missed this one!

-SMC Pastor, Karla Morton

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Mennonite Arts Weekend

Mark your calendar now for the 2027 Mennonite Arts Weekend, **February 5-7**, in Cincinnati, OH.

"We begin not with answers, but with a posture of listening to one another, to the Spirit, and to the wisdom of communities who have long practiced the work of building community."

Mennonite Women USA, *A reflection by Kiara Yoder, Zion Mennonite Church*

"Conflict Transformation" and "Restorative Justice" are two terms that I've heard a lot over the years but have never done a deep dive to learn more about either one. This past March I had the chance to attend a [three-day conference](#) on exactly those two topics.

The conference was led by **Lorraine Stutzman, Amstutz, Jim Amstutz, and Sue Park Hur**.

The group was made up of about 30 people of fairly diverse backgrounds; the Mennonites in the room were a minority, and it was fascinating to hear the perspectives and stories of the other participants.

Follow [this link](#) to read Kiara's full reflection entitled "Beginning with a Posture of Listening".

Mennonite Mission Network

Anchorage needs a Service Adventure leader! Are you sensing God's call to mentor and guide young adults as they grow in faith, service and community? Want to live in a beautiful place like Anchorage? Answer the call and become a Service Adventure unit leader! Unit leaders mentor the young adults in the unit and provide some oversight and guidance for the household.

Ages 24+ should contact Michael Oyer at MichaelO@MennoniteMission.net!

Mennonite Church USA

Read the latest issue of *PeaceMail* [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins

June 15 (submissions by 6/8)

July 20 (submissions by 7/13)

Aug 3 (submissions by 7/27)

Aug 17 (submissions by 8/10)

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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