



e-Bulletin

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PNMC Funds That Support Our Congregations

Eric Massanari, Executive Conference Minister



I want to offer a reminder to our PNMC community that we currently have two separate grant funds in our conference to support the health and ministry of your congregations: the **Healthy Congregations Grant** and the **Seed Northwest Grant**. You can think of the Healthy Congregations Grant as a fund that is primarily designed to support the internal health and wellbeing of your congregational life, whereas the Seed Northwest Grant is a fund that is dedicated to supporting innovative and new ministries within the PNMC community.

The goals of the PNMC Healthy Congregations Grant:

- Help congregations plan for and live into God's future
- Assist during pastoral transitions
- Equip lay leaders with skills and knowledge of best practices
- Strengthen the ministry of pastors—present and future
- Assist congregations to stand with their neighbors
- Build strong connections between congregations within PNMC

You can find more information on the Healthy Congregations Grant here: [Healthy-Congregation-Grant-Guidelines.pdf](#).

The **Seed Northwest Grant** was established in 2014 through a generous contribution from the Eugene Mennonite Church following the sale of their building to the Eugene Friends School. Their hope was that this grant would be used to support congregations that are newly forming, new ministries within existing congregations and innovative efforts within local communities. The PNMC Board of Directors established this as a matching grant, in the hope that any awarded funds would be matched by a congregation and/or the wider PNMC community.

The goals of the Seed Northwest Grant:

- Financially assist emerging and re-developing congregations
- Encourage creative ideas for outreach and mission
- Unite all members of PNMC in support of exciting grassroots efforts

You can find more information on the Seed Northwest Grant here: [Seed Northwest Grant description](#).

If you have any questions about submitting an application for either of these grants, please contact me at eric@pnmc.org.

The National Day of Remembrance



The National Day of Remembrance on **September 30th** is a day to remember and honor those who attended Indian Boarding Schools, to tell the truth about this history and how it continues to impact Native communities today. Many boarding schools were supported and run by Christian denominations and churches. As we remember this legacy, Christians have a responsibility to engage in the work of truth telling.

Join the [Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery](#) for a presentation by **Rev. Canon Debbie Royals** (Pascua Yaqui) and panel discussion with **Vance Blackfox** (Cherokee), Director of Ecumenical and Tribal Relations of the [Indigenous Theological Circle](#), **Rev. Dr. Allen Buck** (Cherokee), Director of the United Methodist's [Circle of Indigenous Ministries](#) in the Northwest, and **Pearl Chanar** (Alaska

Native), co-chair of the Episcopal Church's Truth, Justice & Healing on Native Boarding Schools Commission.

Register [here](#). Co-sponsored by the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, Episcopal Divinity School, Diocese of AZ / Council for Native Ministries, and the Truth, Justice and Healing [Commission](#) of the Episcopal Church.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Community Peacemaker Teams

On **Saturday, September 26th at 12PM EST**, CPT will be hosting an online gathering to celebrate 40 years of peacemaking. This is an opportunity to hear from both newer and longtime CPTers. **Judy DaSilva**, elder and Water Protector from Grassy Narrows, Ontario, Canada, will be the keynote speaker. **PLEASE REGISTER** right away: <https://cpt.org/>

Mennonite Central Committee

Folks in the Pacific Northwest have two upcoming opportunities to support MCC in our region!

The Mennonite Country Auction is Saturday, October 3 at Menno Mennonite Church in Ritzville, WA.



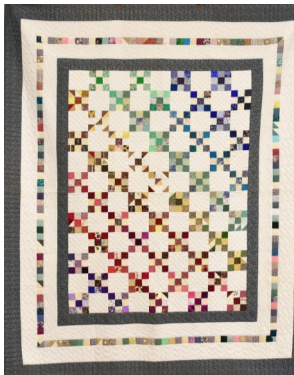
Highlights of the Washington sale include:

- Fresh apple cider being pressed on-site!
- Handmade quilts, comforters and beautiful knitted items.
- Hand crafted wooden bowls, slab tables, and more! See auction catalog [here](#).
- Breakfast, lunch, and camping options available!
- MCA will welcome the **Bethel Mountain Band** to this year's sale! A bluegrass group, Bethel Mountain Band performs both traditional favorites and sacred arrangements in the bluegrass style. They will perform prior to the auction and as a part of shared worship **Sunday October 4 at 10 AM**. A Sample of their music is [available on Youtube](#).

All are welcome at both events.

The Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale is Saturday, October 10 in Albany, Oregon.

The OMRS takes a hybrid approach with an **online auction** occurring **October 3-7** the week prior to the sale and the **in-person event** takes place **October 10** at the Linn County Fairgrounds in Albany.



Highlights of the Oregon sale include:

- This [beautiful quilt](#) (left) made by **Tina Kauffman** has a rich history! Follow the [link](#).
- A 1969, 13-ft, Shasta Vintage Camper restored by **Mike Bogard** will be auctioned.
- **Menno Marketplace** returns with specialty foods such as homemade vanilla, handmade granola, local honey, apple butter, and lavender salt.
- Be sure to grab your 50th Anniversary edition of *More-With-Less* at the sale!
- Homemade baked goods
- Pancake breakfast & Lunch service
- Children's auction & activities
- Plants!

These sales and auctions benefit the world-wide relief efforts of [Mennonite Central Committee](#).

Mennonite Church USA

Mennonite Church USA is entering a season that calls for storytelling, stronger digital engagement, and a more strategic communications model. MC USA is looking to hire a [Chief Marketing and Communications Officer](#) that will help MC USA communicate who we are, where we are going and how our shared Anabaptist witness connects congregations, leaders, and communities across the church. Applicants must be a member of MC USA. [Application](#) deadline is **October 30, 2026**.

IN OTHER NEWS

Church of the Brethren will be hosting their annual [Song and Story Fest at Camp Myrtlewood, June 18-24, 2027](#). **Barbara West** from Corvallis Mennonite is planning ahead now in hopes of recruiting folks from local Mennonite churches to participate. There will be workshops and multiple performances. If you are interested in putting together a small choir to sing Mennonite-authored hymns, please contact [Barbara](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins

Oct 5 (submissions by 9/28)
Oct 19 (submissions by 10/12)
Nov 2 (submissions by 10/26)
Nov 16 (submissions by 11/9)

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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