



e-Bulletin

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Mennonite Church USA Honors Weldon Nisly

MC USA is celebrating its peace witness by honoring Weldon Nisly as its 2026 Legacy Peacemaker recipient. The Bring the Peace award is sponsored by the [Church Peace Tax Fund](#). Weldon is recognized for demonstrating a lifelong commitment to peace and justice.



Weldon Nisly's warm smile and friendly pastoral voice belie the fiercely committed peace-maker who, after four decades of pastoral and peace ministry in the church, "retired" from congregational ministry to devote time to international peacebuilding. At a time when others his age might be seeking to slow down, Nisly has served with [Community Peacemaker Teams](#), mostly on the CPT Iraqi Kurdistan and Palestine teams for the past decade.

Raised in rural Iowa, Nisly first learned about peace as a child from his grandfather, a conservative Mennonite bishop. His interest in politics led him to study political science in college and become a political organizer. Later, Nisly earned a degree in Peace Studies at [AMBS](#), Elkhart, IN. He then moved to Philadelphia, PA, with his wife and two young children to join an intentional community and serve in peace ministry under [MCC](#).

Nisly said he never intended to be a pastor, but living in community awakened his pastoral calling. Within a couple of years, three urban Mennonite churches approached him about being their pastor, prompting him to "listen to what God is telling me." Two years later, [Cincinnati \(OH\) Mennonite Fellowship](#) called Weldon to be their pastor, where he served from 1984-95. He was then called as lead pastor by [Seattle \(WA\) Mennonite Church](#), where he served from 1995-2013. Peacemaking was central to both congregations.

"I loved pastoral ministry," Nisly said. "I would not change a day of it in either congregation. Yet, in a profound way, pastoral ministry prepared me to do the best work of my life in peacemaking."

In his 70s, he joined CPT to help fulfill its mission for "building partnerships to transform violence and oppression." This meant accompanying people targeted by war, advocating with them for their human rights and amplifying their voices at home and around the world. "Most importantly, we practice presence – by sitting on the floor, drinking tea and listening to the people living in the shadow of war," he explained. Nisly frequently amplifies their voices by giving CPT presentations in churches across North America. He wants Christians here to understand how their support for war or silence harmfully impacts communities half a world away. "Nonviolent accompaniment and advocacy mean showing up, being present and refusing to be silent," he said.

Nisly's life is an encouragement to step beyond comfort and stand alongside those most impacted by violence. His advice to those who seek to "bring the peace," however, is simple and applicable to everyday decisions. Referencing Deuteronomy 30, Nisly said: "Peace is more who we are than what we do. Every choice we make in life — small and large — is a choice for life or death. Support for war and silence are both complicit in the systems of death. Therefore, choose life, as God created and calls us to be and do."

Now in his 80s, Nisly hopes to slow down – but not yet. He continues to serve with CPT, which is in its 40th year of peace-building, as the co-chair of the CPT Steering Committee. CPT is in a season of transition, and Nisly is giving primary attention to hiring its new executive director. Later, he looks forward to relinquishing CPT leadership roles to devote more time to writing and speaking about the people, places and encounters that have shaped his peacemaking journey.



Follow [this link](#) to read the full story, see images of Weldon at work with CPT and also to read about the Young Peacemaker award recipient, **Fernando Daza-Jabian**.

Congratulations, Weldon and Fernando!

PNMC CONGREGATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & MINISTRIES

Oregon Mennonite Relief Sale

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.

Albany Mennonite Church

All are invited to gather at 2:30pm (PST), **November 1st** at **Albany Mennonite Church** for the "Fall Valley Hymn Sing." We will mostly be singing from the blue hymnal, *Hymnal, a Worship Book*. We will be selecting songs prior to starting, so please arrive a few minutes early if you would like to submit requests. Alternatively, you can send an email to **Tace Martin** (tacemartin02@gmail.com) with song requests. Please include the title or first line.

Prince of Peace Mennonite Church

Prince of Peace Mennonite Church is inviting interested adults to spend a month or more volunteering in Anchorage, Alaska between **October 2026 and April 2027** while we await the next **Service Adventure** unit. Volunteer opportunities include but are not limited to: work at a soup kitchen, doing house remodeling, work at food banks and helping with our worship services. We are a congregation led church of about 20-25 people on a Sunday, meeting in each other's homes. Housing and utilities are provided for volunteers and we ask for a minimum of a month's commitment. We invite you to use your gifts and skills to work alongside others in our wider community. Please contact us with questions! aidan.yoder21@gmail.com

Drift Creek Camp

The DCC Board of Directors looks forward to welcoming Eric Massanari as our guest speaker at this year's **Annual Meeting** gathering the weekend of **November 6-8**. Guests will begin gathering casually on Friday evening with the business meeting set for Saturday morning followed by a benefit auction to help raise funds to support DCC's operations. The weekend will conclude with worship on Sunday morning where Eric will share "Lessons from a Nurse Log". To register, visit www.driftcreek.org.

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society

Save the Date: Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society Annual Meeting. Please mark your calendars for the PNMHS Annual Meeting on **February 20, 2027**. The gathering will take place at **Albany Mennonite Church**. The keynote speaker will be **Jonathon Kropf** speaking on the history of the Harrisburg Mennonite Church. Look for more details in the coming weeks.

MENNONITE CHURCH USA & OTHER ORGANIZATIONS

Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery

On Indigenous Peoples' Day, **Monday, October 12**, Christians for a Free Palestine (CFP) and the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery (CDDD) will partner to explore the connections between the Palestinian decolonial struggle with that of Indigenous Peoples in the United States. The call will begin at 5pm and end at 6:30pm PST. Follow [this link](#) to register.

Mennonite World Conference

Join MWC in these prayers of gratitude and intercession: *Creation groans with floods, fire and drought from the ravages of human selfishness. It also flourishes with the resilience and abundance God has granted it. We repent of our part in taking too much and caring too little for the intricate, delicate dance of nature. We pray for those who are suffering from extremes of weather. In this Season of Creation, we commit to living lightly and cherishing life in its diversity.*

Zambia – We thank God for a good harvest in the country this year.

Nepal – Pray for Nepal, where hundreds are missing after a flash flood on the Bhote Koshi River swept through towns and villages in the Rasuwa region on 26 August 2026. The flood-affected area has a large Christian population but no MWC member congregations.

Indonesia – Please pray for communities affected by hazardous haze from the widespread peatland fires on the islands of Kalimantan and Sumatra. Some Gereja Kristen Muria Indonesia (GKMI) churches are located in areas affected by the haze, making breathing difficult.

Europe – Many European countries have been hit by long droughts this year. Thank God for rain that has started to come down in some parts of Europe.

Additional prayers are listed [here](#).

Upcoming e-Bulletins

Oct 19 (submissions by 10/12)

Nov 2 (submissions by 10/26)

Nov 16 (submissions by 11/9)

Dec 7 (submissions by 11/30)

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