

Treasure Valley 2009 - Seminars

Friday 1:15 - 2:30

Christians in a Diverse and Changing World - **Presenter: Renee Johns** - *Hyde Park Mennonite Fellowship, former MCC volunteer, currently offers cross-cultural training.* Diversity, culture wars, multiculturalism. . . . What do these mean and how should Christians respond? Discover some models for reflecting on these critical issues that affect each of us.

Anabaptist Publishing for the 21st Century - **Presenter: Russ Eanes** - *Mennonite Publishing Network* The print publishing industry is suffering a serious decline brought on by the digital media and the internet and the current economic downturn. Denominational publishers face additional challenge of a decline in denominational loyalty and populations. What's the future role of Mennonite Publishing Network in such a declining environment? Come share your thoughts, ideas and hear some of our dreams.

Loving the Recession to Death - **Presenter: Steve Kimes**- *Pastor at Anawim Christian Comm., Portland* How the classic Anabaptists, Adam Smith and the New Testament are in agreement about dealing with tough times.

Turning Passion into Ministry - **Presenter: Marlene Kroeker** - *Mennonite Missions Network, Elkhart, IN, PNMC contact person* God gives us each talents and opportunities. This is an opportunity to identify and reflect on your unique gifts and talents, and to hear stories of how others have found creative ways of responding to God's call.

Saturday 7:30 AM - Breakfast Workshop

Breakfast Workshop for congregational treasurers and finance leaders - **Presenter: Marty Lehman** - *MCUSA and a representative from MMA.* Discussion will cover the congregational treasurer and finance functions, denominational finance resources, and issues/questions raised by participants. Location to be announced.

Saturday 10:45 - 12:00

Charity Quiltmaking - **Presenter: Carol Richardson** - *Dallas, OR, president of Priscilla Circle at Grace Community Church* Tips and guidelines for making Charity and MCC quilts. Samples and demonstrations --fun quilts with an emphasis on using fabric you have on hand.

Northwest Mexico Ministry - **Presenters: Simon Rendon** - *Pastor First Mennonite, McMinnville* and **Agustin Suarez** - *Pastor Coahuibampo. Ahome, Sinaloa, Mexico* Learn more about the church and it's ministry in Northwest Mexico.

Designing Visual Parables: Putting the Fun Back Into Togetherness - **Presenters: Faith and Practice Team** When was the last time you saw the word "fun" in a seminar title? We will be sharing about how to design and develop parables that speak without saying a word. We will do a 20 minute presentation on designing parables and then follow it with designing parables in table groups. It will be an opportunity to share and tell and have all sorts of fun doing it. Remember we are called to be "children and child like" even when "talking" about difficult concerns.

With the Spirit's Daring: Mennonites in conversation with other Christians - **Presenter: Marilyn Stahl,** *Seattle Mennonite and the School of Theology and Ministry, Seattle University.* Come share experiences, both positive and negative, relating to Christians from other traditions, explore biblical foundations for fellowship and reconciliation, and become aware of the Spirit's daring movement as we claim our identity as part of the larger body of Christ. Do we need each other, really?

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In the Company of Women - Presenter: April Yamasaki - *Pastor of Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Abbotsford, BC* Many women of the Bible appear unnamed, even though in many cases they played a very significant role--like Pharaoh's daughter who rescued Moses from the river, or the unnamed woman who anointed Jesus before his death. This workshop will highlight some of these unnamed women and relate their experience to our own. Based on the book, Remember Lot's Wife and other unnamed women of the Bible.

Discerning Discipleship 101: Dealing with Concerns in the Church and Family - Presenters: Faith and Practice Team Through the use of visual parables we can discover safe and secure ways of sharing our difficult to talk about concerns. Using the same visual parable as was used in the Friday morning presentation we will talk about how to name and share concerns in a manner that encourages, rather than discourages follow through. We will go deeper into processing concerns than in the visual parable design seminar and provide time to ask questions about the process F & P has been developing.

Old and New Anabaptists Together for a Revitalized Mennonite Church - Presenter: Sheldon Burkhalter - *PNMC Conference Minister* This seminar (based on my sabbatical research at AMBS last fall) will summarize the survey responses of 11 'new Anabaptists' pastors in the PNMC (raised in other churches) who were drawn into their ministry by our distinctive Mennonite convictions as Christians. Meanwhile, traditional Mennonite congregations, whether rural or urban, become anxious about their future when their memberships become predominantly older. What can old and new Anabaptists learn from each other to renew the church?

PNMC Financial/Budget Forum - Presenter: Ed Miller- *Kalispell, MT, PNMC Treas.* PNMC leadership will be available to discuss the current financial issues facing PNMC and receive suggestions and input to be used in the development of the Feb., 2010 to Jan., 2011 PNMC budget (see Treasurer Report in the Delegate Booklet).

How Mennonite Education is Answering the Call - Presenter: Anne Hege - *Aberdeen, Idaho, PNMC 's Rep. on Mennonite Education Agency MC USA* Come, listen and interact with representatives from local and national Mennonite schools, Hispanic pastoral educators, and representatives from Mennonite colleges, who will discuss how Mennonite education answers the call to mission.

Saturday 3:00 - 4:15

Discussion Session for Adult Studies Leaders-Presenter: Charlotte Derksen - *Seattle, WA, Conf. Recourse Advocate* This will be a chance for adult studies leaders to compare ideas as to what works well, problems faced, topics or sources that have been well received, as well as topics that have not worked out as well as expected. This is also a chance for adult studies (or small group) leaders to get a look at some of the materials available from Mennonite Publishing Network, Herald Press, and MMA, as well as share which of such materials have been helpful.

How Serving Others Can Change Lives: Theirs and Ours - Presenter: Ray Kauffman, *Albany Mennonite, PNMC Historian* As the group gathers we will choose one or two of the Pax Service DVD bonus videos: Building the trans-Chaco road in Paraguay; Serving villages in Indonesia; Building houses for refugees in W. Germany; A day in Pax slide show; or the 50 yr. Pax reunion tour. If you served in Pax come and share your experience. Are there similar opportunities for our youth today? Explore alternatives to military service. Youth, youth leaders and anyone interested in strengthening our peace witness are invited.

The Corinthian Plan - Presenter: Keith Harder - *Project Director, Healthcare Access for Church Workers* Come and learn more about The Corinthian Plan, the new benefit plan for pastors, other church workers. Hear more about the vision behind the plan and how it will help put into practice our commitment to mutual aid and mission by addressing health care needs for pastors throughout Mennonite Church USA. Learn about how the plan will work and how your congregation can participate.

Revelation in 60 Minutes - Presenter: Steve Kimes - *Pastor at Anawim Christian Community, Portland* An overview of the book of Revelation. All of your questions answered that we can fit into a seminar time frame.