



## *Pacific Northwest Mennonite Historical Society*

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Greetings from PNMHS board and volunteers,

Our communications have been infrequent and the most recent was the annual meeting and luncheon on January 19. Many of you were able to be there to visit and hear Jessie Hostetler tell of her MCC volunteer work in Vietnam. I think all of us found this a very captivating story. If you missed this riveting presentation, you can listen and/or read the text of her speech at [www.pnmhs.org](http://www.pnmhs.org) Scroll down to 2019 Annual meeting to find the video and written text of her presentation. And certainly feel free to share this with others.

On that same website you will find introduction to an event on June 21, 7 p.m. at Albany Oregon Mennonite Church. "Is there a Lesson" a European Anabaptist Heritage Documentary with John Ruth will be shown. More information is included on the website as well as a brief trailer of the documentary. This is an opportunity presented to us by TourMagination which we are happy to take advantage of and promote.

PNMHS has partnered with Mennonite Historical Society and other regional historical societies to hold a luncheon during the Mennonite Church USA convention this July in Kansas City. We will update information on this event on our Facebook page and on [www.pnmhs.org](http://www.pnmhs.org)

Books continue to arrive, both older and many newly published books by Mennonite authors and about Mennonites. You can browse through the library titles on the website for any interest you may have. We have a very good collection of genealogies and many folks come to the Center for just that research. Shirley Martin and other volunteers enjoy helping with such searches.

Visitors are the highlight of each Wednesday the Center is open as they come with specific requests and simply to check in when they are in the area. Also consider papers, documents, and records you and your church may have that deserve to be organized, filed and preserved in the archives with proper archival methods and materials.

An update on the annual membership renewal letter is delayed while the board reassesses the meaning of membership in PNMHS. However, your contributions are a major portion of the budget and are greatly appreciated. Your contributions signify the value placed on the archives and the effort to preserve our interests in Mennonite history. Mail is received at 6030 S Whiskey Hill Rd. Hubbard 97032.

Your stories and comments are welcome in emails, phone calls, or on the Facebook page. What story do you know that others may enjoy and benefit from?

Sincerely,

Pat Hershberger, President PNHMS

Board Members, Lin Ruth, Gloria Nussbaum, Jerry Barkman, John Goertzen, Rod Fretz

Volunteers: John Gingerich, Shirley Martin, Carolyn Gingerich, Lynn Miller