



MENUCHA

Sacred Space - Purposeful Work

The Menucha Meander

ANNUAL PCCCA CONFERENCE IN NOVEMBER A HUGE SUCCESS



PCCCA 2006 MENUCHA, OREGON

Menucha was proud to host the annual gathering of the Presbyterian Church Camp and Conference Association (PCCCA) this past November.

This group of camp and conference professionals represents over 140 sites owned

and operated by the various governing bodies of the Presbyterian Church (USA). PCCCA meets at one of its member facilities each year.

More than 130 people traveled to Menucha for the conference. They came by car, plane and train—young, old, singles, couples and families—from 35 states and 2 Canadian provinces. Nearly 70 camps and conference centers were represented, from Alaska to Florida, New York to California, North Dakota to Texas. This was the first time Menucha has hosted the event. It was an exciting opportunity for members of PCCCA to visit a “new” site, experience the scenic Columbia River Gorge and to sample some Menucha hospitality. Here are a few comments from the group:

“You all did a wonderful job with the conference in all aspects. I had to come home and diet.”

“Thank you very much for your care and attention to my family during our time at the PCCCA Conference.”

“Just a word of thanks for the wonderful hospitality Menucha provided. Truly great things are happening in and on that space. It was great!”

“Thank you so much for all you did for us...it was a fabulous event, your staff was so welcoming, and even with the weather, the views and waterfalls were spectacular! I truly enjoyed my time —thank you for the experience.”

“What a joy to be in your space...wonderful hospitality. The food was outrageously delicious, and the view...oh my, the view!”

“Great and ample food, beautiful grounds, clean and neat rooms, immediate responses, refreshing week, fabulous labyrinth in progress...in each direction God’s handiwork through His workers.”

WE LOVE OUR VOLUNTEERS!



By definition, volunteering is “any activity which involves spending time, unpaid, doing something which aims to benefit someone.”

We want to express our gratitude to the many volunteers from First Presbyterian in Portland who gave of their time and energy during the PCCCA conference. Our guests were so happy to see a friendly face at the airport or train station, eager to shuttle them to Menucha. Parents were thrilled to have childcare provided during the day for their little ones, and supervised field trips off site for the older children. In addition, several volunteers provided transportation on the free afternoon, driving folks to local attractions and restaurants.

Prior to the PCCCA conference, two couples arrived at Menucha to help the staff. Since their retirement, Bob and Libby Miller have been volunteering at various Presbyterian camps and conference centers for over 15 years. They drove down our entrance road in their motor home in early October, ready and willing to do whatever needed to be done. Libby worked with us in the office, making dozens of phone calls and working on PCCCA registrations as they came in, organizing the shuttle schedule (no easy task!) and leading the registration team as guests arrived. Bob helped Ernie with a variety of maintenance tasks, focusing on electrical issues. In addition, he made many trips back and forth to the Portland Airport, picking up guests and bringing them to Menucha. We are grateful for their expertise, their smiles

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NOTHING IS SOMETHING TO DO

Rev. Spencer Parks, Executive Director

This year has passed all too quickly. It seems that just yesterday I was dating things with 2005 and now it won't be long before I'm faced with making the change to 2007. 2006 seems to have slipped away (not unnoticed, just way too fast). I suspect there are a number of good reasons for this, not the least of which is that we have had a pretty busy year. More people than we've had in a couple of years discovered or rediscovered the wonderful peaceful charm, great food and loving staff that Menucha offers. Time passes quickly when you're busy.



We've been busy in other ways as well. We've added new staff people and new components to the Menucha tradition. This year we offered a number of Menucha sponsored events. These were well attended and we are excited about the possibilities of future programs, but they did stretch us in new and unexpected ways. As a result, we have had to learn a few new verses to our standard song. All in all it has been a wonderful experience, but our new ventures have kept us pretty busy as well. Time passes quickly when you're busy.

On a personal note, it seems as if I've had more meetings and more things on the go than in years past. I'm not complaining. I love every minute of it (I secretly even enjoy all those meetings). But it does keep you running. And as we all know, time passes quickly when you're busy.

So all the reasons for the seemingly fast passing of 2006 are wonderful and exciting, but my heart tells me that there is a quiet danger here as well. When you're busy, and time passes quickly, I think there is a tendency to run without a whole lot of reflection. The day fills quickly with all the chores that absolutely must be done. You move from one task to the next. This happens day in and day out and soon you just respond out of habit, and find yourself running just to keep up. Your head goes down, the blinders come up and you are no longer looking down the road or to either side. It doesn't happen all at once. It's a gradual narrowing of sight.

Not only is this type of pace spiritually, emotionally, and physically exhausting, but in the end, I think it can ultimately be unproductive. It's good to accomplish the daily tasks, but one needs to take time to reflect on why the tasks need to be done. And in order to do that kind of reflection, you need to stop doing the tasks for a while. Addressing my need to be perpetually busy, a friend of mine once told me that "nothing was something to do." So from time to time, especially when I find myself running without stopping, I take a little time to do nothing. Which is really a time to stop and look around and inside. Take stock. Set a few new goals, review some of the old ones, perhaps even discard one or two. And not all of the goals are work related. I find that a number of them are aimed at making me a better person and have very little to do with my professional life.

Plato said that a life without reflection was not worth living. Perhaps he was right. At the very least it can be a pretty empty life. So as this year comes quickly to a close, I would encourage you to set a little time aside to do nothing. I know the holiday season may offer a few challenges in doing this, but consider it a present to yourself. Turn off the TV, unplug the phone, disconnect the computer, silence the radio, walk away from all the worldly distractions and take a quiet look around and inside. You might be surprised what you discover.

One of the joys of my job is to watch people and groups of people do just that here at Menucha. I think it is one of the reasons we tell folks that Menucha is a place of Sacred Space and Purposeful Work. Neither of these things happen without a little quiet reflection. May the close of your year, and the beginning of the next, afford you with several opportunities to do nothing.



From all of us at Menucha....

*We wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas,
and much joy, contentment and peace in the coming New Year!*



MENUCHA

Written in December 1946 by George Perry, Sr.

Any word description of Menucha would sound fabulous, yet it could only give but a meager conception of the dramatic beauty and grandeur of its setting and only hint of the feeling of peace and serenity of its wide lawns and virgin woods. This place includes all of the wide promontory which rises majestically 700 feet above the Columbia River, about 1 1/2 miles west of the world renowned Crown Point, to vie with that tourist's mecca in its panoramic view east up the Columbia River Gorge; north, to Washington's mountains and west, to the matchless sunsets and the rolling suburban acres with Portland and its myriad lights on the horizon.



Wright Hall, 1942

This whole area is naturally clothed in the lush green of firs, cedars, maples, dogwoods, alder, elders, etc. with a forest carpet of delphinium, bleeding heart, anemone, oxalas, and various ferns.

Some thirty years ago, before the Columbia River Highway had unlocked this marvelous area, a man of vision, with adequate finances, started to develop this location—not as a show place, but as a home. And now, that word "home," with all its overtones of love, devotion, farsighted planning, and realization of dreams come true, most eloquently sums up the feel of the place. That man, the late Gov. Julius L. Meier, lived to enjoy the growth and development of this home, but did not live to enjoy the golden years.

All the buildings are of the finest materials, constructed for convenience and permanence with the idea always uppermost, that they shall enhance and not compete with the natural setting. To walk over the spacious, velvety lawns and through the flower gardens and finally come to look across the perfect swimming pool which is focused directly to the middle of the "picture ahead" up the middle of the Columbia River Gorge is an experience to be treasured, if only done once. And to think of living here!

George Perry, Sr. and his family lived year-round at Menucha from 1922 until FPC purchased it in 1950. He designed the grounds and the spectacular rockery, which we continue to enjoy today. His descendents still live in the Corbett area.

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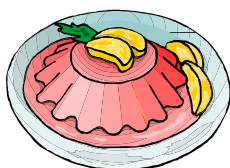
and encouragement, and willingness to do whatever task needed doing.

Ray and Leatrice Thurston have been volunteering at Presbyterian Camps for nearly 20 years. It has been their tradition to volunteer at the site that hosts the annual PCCCA conference. They arrived at Menucha the third week of October, ready to help in any way they could. Leatrice joined us in the office and worked on a variety of projects, including the personalized notebook each participant received upon arrival. She prepared nametags, ran hundreds of copies, and helped prepare the small gifts of hospitality that we gave guests during their stay at Menucha. Once the conference began, Leatrice worked each day in the gift shop, greeting old friends and making new ones.

Ray is known as the "Resident Maker of Signs." The next time you visit Menucha you will notice several new signs in place made by Ray. What a gift he has! He also repaired dining room chairs, painted and helped wherever Ernie needed an extra set of hands.

Thank you each and every one, for giving of your time. Your words of kindness and acts of service have been an encouragement to so many. We are grateful for the part you played in helping to make the PCCCA conference such a success!

THE COOKTOP—A FAVORITE RECIPE FROM THE MENUCHA KITCHEN. We hope you enjoy it!



CRANBERRY SALAD—a holiday tradition at Menucha for over 30 years

Makes 12 cups

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| 2 cups ground fresh cranberries | 2 12-oz. cans Sprite |
| 1 30-oz. can mandarin oranges, drained | 2 6-oz. pkgs. raspberry jello |
| 1 16-oz. can cranberry sauce | 2 cups boiling water |
| Whipped cream and chopped nuts (optional) | |

Pour 2 cups boiling water over dry jello; mix until dissolved. Add cranberry sauce and mix until smooth. Stir in ground cranberries and oranges. Pour Sprite into a 1-quart container and add cold water to equal one quart. Pour into jello mixture and mix well. Recipe makes 12 cups; pour into the appropriate size mold or glass dish and let set. Top with whipped cream and chopped nuts if desired.



BIG IS NOT NECESSARILY BETTER: SMALL CHURCH LEADERSHIP February 5-7, 2007

Rev. Dr. Jim Cushman, author, pastor and consultant for small church ministry, leads an exciting seminar to help participants understand small church dynamics, the unique character of small congregations and the importance of understanding the history, culture and values of each church. Participants will explore the characteristics of vital small churches and a process for enabling congregations to explore their calling. He has written several books and articles on small church ministry including, Beyond Survival: Revitalizing the Small Church and Evangelism in the Small Church.

Name (as you'd like it on your name tag): _____
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Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical/Dietary needs _____

Requested Roommate (Group okay) _____

Please Check :

- Community Lodging & Meals (4-6 per room, no top bunks) \$ 260.00
- Semi-Private Lodging & Meals (2 per room) \$ 370.00
- 10% discount if registering before 12/31/2006** \$ - _____

Confirmation of all payments will be sent promptly. **TOTAL: \$ _____**

Please return this form with your check postmarked no later than January 20, 2007. A late fee is charged after this time.

Online Registration is available on our website: www.menucha.org We accept Visa and MasterCard.

Telephone: 503-695-2243 Fax: 503-695-2223 Email: office@menucha.org

POST EASTER NO AGENDA RETREAT April 9-11, 2007

For pastors and educators who really need the break after the very full Easter season

Come to Menucha to rest, renew, and just relax. The no-agenda is being taken very seriously! If participants would like to sign up for a massage, there are available times during the retreat. If you just want to rest with a good book and do nothing, your wish is our command! The only time table you need to worry about is the meal time! Join us for your Sabbath.



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City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Physical/Dietary needs _____

Requested Roommate (Group okay) _____

Please Check :

- Community Lodging & Meals (4-6 per room, no top bunks) \$ 200.00
- Semi-Private Lodging & Meals (2 per room) \$ 300.00
- 10% discount if registering before 12/31/2006** \$ - _____

Confirmation of all payments will be sent promptly. **TOTAL: \$ _____**

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FRIENDS OF MENUCHA FOUNDATION UPDATE

Thank you! 2006, our third year as Menucha's fundraising foundation, has been a wonderful year of growing our support for Menucha's mission.

- We transferred over \$42,000 to Menucha, funding projects and providing general operating support.
- The annual Harvest Dinner and Auction was a successful and fun showcase of Menucha's warmth, food and mission. Next year's auction is already getting underway and promises to continue the tradition. We hope to see you there on Sunday, September 9, 2007!
- We welcomed many new faces to the Foundation's supporters, reflecting the broad community Menucha serves.
- This year, Menucha made good progress in program development, building and grounds projects, and marketing for expanded mission outreach. Growth in all of these areas will continue and the Foundation is developing fundraising plans to provide financial support.

Your contributions to the Friends of Menucha Foundation made this forward momentum possible. On behalf of the Foundation Board of Stewards — Thank you!

Nanita McIlhattan, President - Friends of Menucha Foundation

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SUPPORTED THE FRIENDS OF MENUCHA FOUNDATION November 16, 2005—November 15, 2006

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Principles & Techniques of Fundraising

March 19-23, 2007

Indiana University School of Philanthropy's Trademark course for the Fund Raising School

Recognized internationally, *Principles & Techniques* gives you the foundation and inspiration to lead your nonprofit to its financial goals. It provides you with the framework for operating a successful total development program. It is an intensive five-day, A-through-Z training program that is the basis for the rest of the School's courses. Please see our website for more details www.menucha.org.

This course includes 3.2 CEUs

Class Schedule

March 19 8:30 a.m. - Registration
 March 19 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 March 20 8:30 a.m. - 7:30 p.m.
 March 21 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 March 22 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
 March 23 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

CANCELLATION POLICY:

**90% refund more than 45 days in advance,
 50% refund 7-45 days in advance,
 non-refundable less than 7 days in advance**

REGISTRATION

Must be postmarked by February 15, 2007.
 If submitting registration
 after February 15, add \$100 late fee.

Confirmation of all deposits will be sent promptly.

Complimentary Wifi is in many buildings, and
 there is a free computer lab available.

Program Tuition and all printed materials	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$1106.00
<i>Accommodation prices include all meals beginning with Lunch on March 19 and ending with breakfast on March 23</i>		
Private Lodging (limited, first-come first-serve basis)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 589.00
Semi-Private Lodging	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 379.00
Commuter Rate (no lodging; includes 4 lunches and 1 dinner, plus day use fees)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 150.00
Early Arrival Package (if arriving March 18; includes 1 night's lodging, and breakfast March 19)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 55.00
Lunch on Friday, March 23rd	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 9.00
Two-way shuttle service from PDX or Union Station (We will contact you to make arrangements if you choose this option)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 25.00
Late Fee (after February 15, 2007)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ 100.00
Total cost of conference		_____
Organizational discount _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	_____
TOTAL		_____

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Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

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Requested Roommate (Group okay) _____

PAYMENT OPTIONS: _____ Visa _____ MasterCard _____ Check enclosed (make payable to Menucha)

Name on card _____ Card # _____

Expiration date _____ Signature _____

**Please return this form with your payment no later than February 15, 2007 to:
 Menucha, PO Box 8, Corbett, OR 97019**



Donor Pledge Form

Name (Please Print) _____
 Business (If Applicable) _____
 Address _____
 City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____
 Contact Phone Number _____ Fax _____
 E-mail Address _____

How would you like to make your monetary pledge? Please print clearly.

Amount of gift: \$ _____

Check Made payable to: Friends of Menucha Foundation

Bill me:

- Quarterly, starting _____
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Other _____

(Call Menucha at 503.695.2243 to discuss details)

Categories of Support:

Seven Generations	\$5,000 or more
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Nurture	\$250 to \$499
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Please check one:

This donation is unrestricted

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Compensation, goods or services have not been given by Menucha in return for this contribution

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WAYS TO GIVE TO THE MISSION AND MINISTRY OF MENUCHA

PLANNED GIVING

If you would like to remember Menucha in your estate planning and see the ministry and mission of Menucha into the future, please contact us. Many people have discovered the joy of planned giving as a way of being responsible stewards of the blessings God has entrusted to them. We have excellent

representatives who can talk with you about planned giving and answer any questions you might have.

DONATE ONLINE

You can donate to Menucha using your credit card with our secure on-line form. Simply go to www.menucha.org and click on the "Giving to Menucha" link. You may

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