
Scripture Reading

Hebrews 12:1-2 (NRSV)

¹ Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ² looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

2 Timothy 1:3-7

³ I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. ⁴ Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. ⁵ I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. ⁶ For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; ⁷ for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.

Education

Adult Education | The speaker will present via Zoom only, due to present COVID restrictions. *Oct. 25: Kerry Saner-Harvey*, Program Coordinator, Indigenous Neighbours, MCC Manitoba will talk about how we might engage with Indigenous communities and with events and initiatives relating to reconciliation. Join Zoom Meeting at 11:15 am; contact the church office for details.

Bethel Announcements

Canadian Mennonite magazine | Mission statement: To educate, inspire, inform, and foster dialogue on issues facing Mennonites in Canada as it shares the good news of Jesus Christ from an Anabaptist perspective. The bi-weekly magazine is available for free to people attending Bethel. It is available as a hard copy by mail, or as an electronic version by email. If you would like to begin receiving the magazine, please contact Lois in the church office by Oct. 30.

Library Update | Call the church office for library access.

Bethel's Walking Club | Monday, October 19, 9:30 am. Bunn's Creek Trail. For more information call the church office.

Partners in Ministry

Mennonite Church Canada

mennonitechurch.ca

MC Canada's virtual study conference, Table Talk 2020: "Does the Church still have legs?" is on Oct. 24. Speakers include Jeremy Bergen, associate professor of Religious Studies and Theological Studies at Conrad Grebel University College. Register at: mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020 .

Help match MC Canada's donation to Mennonite World Conference's COVID-19 relief fund. Since the spring, our nationwide community of faith has raised \$30,000 for [MWC's Global Church Sharing Fund](#) to help our sister churches around the world who are struggling to meet basic needs due to pandemic-response measures in their countries. Please help us reach our \$50,000 goal.

Pray for Six Nations Land Defenders | Since July 19, Haudenosaunee land defenders have mobilized near Caledonia, Ont., to stop a development in the Haldimand Tract that does not have the consent of the people. Many land defenders and their supporters have been arrested for violating an interim court injunction. Indigenous communities from coast to coast have demonstrated to show their solidarity for the land reclamation. On Oct. 22, Justice R.J. Harper is set to rule on the injunction, but will not hear arguments from land defenders unless they vacate the occupied land. Please pray for a peaceful and just resolution to this situation. Christian Peacemaker Teams has been in touch with those at #1492LandBackLane site. [Learn more](#).

Siaka Traoré, Burkina Faso Mennonite church leader who suffered from typhoid fever and COVID-19, is now well on the way to recovery. He writes, "Thank God, and thank you for your prayers." Continue to pray for our partnering churches in Burkina Faso and the Congo.

New from MC Canada | *Be It Resolved* is an anthology that brings together over 90 documents that trace the history of Anabaptist commitments to Indigenous justice and decolonization since the mid-1960s. A valued reference book and inspiring group study. Affordable – and it ships free. www.commonword.ca/go/2142

Watch Recent Recorded Webinars/Zoom Events | *Seeing through the Pandemic*– CMU Face2 Face panel conversation; *Liberating the Politics of Jesus: Women's Wisdom and Experience*; *Doctrine of Discovery: Honouring our Connections to the Land*; *It Can Be Done: Children's Sunday School during COVID* – MennoMedia Shine; *Treaty as Sacred Covenant* with Myeengun Henry; see www.commonword.ca/go/events

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Camps with Meaning "Break the Bank-uet" Fundraising Celebration.

| Online, Oct. 25, 7:00 pm. Musical guests: Steve Bell, Fred Penner, Mike Wiebe, Kim Thiessen, and Darryl Neustaedter Barg. Visual camp reports. Donate generously: campswithmeaning.org/banquet. | *Camp Assiniboia* open, Sundays, 2:00-5:00 pm, for folks to explore the trails. Admission is free; donations accepted. Call ahead to David Hogue: 204-864-2159 ext 3.

U of Manitoba students | Connect with others and integrate your university experience in a Christian faith context. Go to mennooffice.ca for links to videos, and to connect with the “E Menno Office” on Discord. Contact Mark von Kampen (mvonkampen@gmail.com) for more info.

Concordia Hospital has a 0.8 FTE Chaplaincy position available. Apply through WRHA careers online, or contact Kathleen Rempel Boschman, Manager of Spiritual Care, Concordia Hospital, 204-661-7149.

Canadian Mennonite University**cmu.ca**

Check out inspiring stories: a new on-campus *composting project*; a *CMU partnership* with [REES](https://rees.ca) (Respect, Educate, Empower Survivors) - a new online platform for reporting sexual violence on university campuses; the *10th anniversary of the CMU farm* and how it has impacted the CMU community; and learn how a *summer practicum placement* for two Peace and Conflict Transformation students, focussed on a new opera called *Li Keur: Riel's Heart of the North*, is shaping their CMU experience. Details at: <https://media.cmu.ca/>.

In-Person CMU Campus Visit Day | Oct. 23, campus tour and conversations with faculty and current students. Details: cmu.ca/campus-visit-day-oct23. | **Virtual Campus Open House** 4:00 pm on Oct. 30.

Winnipeg Mennonite Elementary & Middle Schools**wmems.ca**

Positions available: *Director of Community Relations & Marketing*. | *Bus Driver, Bedson Campus*. More information at: www.wmems.ca.

Mennonite Central Committee**mccmb.ca**

Online MCC Centennial Celebration | Nov. 21 at 7:00 pm. Learn more at mccmb.ca/events.

Other

Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach presently has an exhibit featuring “MCC 100 Years” in its Gerhard Ens Gallery. If you are interested in further exploring the history of Mennonite Central Committee as we mark its 100th anniversary, this exhibit may be of interest to you.

COVID protocols are in place. For more information, visit mennoniteheritagevillage.com.