

Home Street Mennonite Church
Rooted in Christ, Reaching Out in Love
May 2, 2021



Focus Statement: On March 6, delegates from across the province gathered on Zoom for the Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Gathering. We celebrated the collective faith and witness of the 39 MCM congregations, and together we discerned the path ahead. May we, as Mennonite Church Manitoba, continue to be rooted in Christ, reaching out in love.

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and announcements

Call to Worship (from Christian Aid website)

O God, you are the gathering one
who calls us into community
with each other
to love and work,
to support and heal.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community
with all people;
to bring justice and hope,
freedom and truth.

You are the gathering one
who calls us into community
with the whole creation;
to live in harmony,
to cherish and renew.

***Let us worship the God
who makes us one.***

Prayer

Song *Summoned by the God Who Made Us*

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Affirmation and Commitment of Faith

MC Canada Statement of Purpose and Identity

God calls, equips and sends the church to engage the world
with the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are a community of disciples of Jesus,
part of the Body of Christ,
covenanted together as congregations, regional churches,
and a nationwide church body.

Gratefully responding to God's initiatives and empowered by the Holy Spirit, we commit ourselves and our resources to calling, equipping and sending the church to engage the world with the reconciling Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Hearing

Children's Story

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:1-6, 2:1-7

Scriptural Reflection

Executive Minister Report: Michael Pahl

Gathering Highlights

Responding

Offertory

Responding to the Gathering

Sending

Prayer

Song *The Church of Christ, in Every Age* VT 395

On Zoom:

Congregational Sharing

The Prayers of the People

 The Lord's Prayer

Benediction

We acknowledge that we meet on the ancestral lands of several First Nations and the homeland of the Métis people. We commit ourselves to being Treaty People and to living in right relationship with one another as Indigenous and Non-Indigenous peoples.

Worship Participants:

Worship Leader: Judith F.E.

Musicians: Maureen E., Carrie S.

Children's Story: Joya R.

Scripture Reading: Bert S.

Scriptural Reflection: Esther E.T.

Executive Minister Report: Michael P.

Gathering Highlights: Marika V.

Responding to the Gathering: Steve P.

Visual Display: Michelle M., Peter F.

AV Technicians: Andy B.W., Scott W.

Prayers of the People on Zoom, Phil C.E.

Zoom Technician: Kenton N.

Inside Our Doors

1. **Congregational Meeting:** Plan to attend our spring congregational meeting on **Wednesday, May 12 at 7:00 PM on Zoom**. We will be discussing two new ideas for congregational engagement that have emerged from our Mission program: refugee sponsorship and the payment of reparations. The agenda and other materials were sent by email on April 28; let the office know if you didn't receive them. The Zoom link will be sent closer to the day of the meeting
2. **Videos and printed reports from the Mennonite Church Manitoba Gathering on March 6** are available on the [MCM webpage](#). We encourage you to check out the great work we do together as MC Manitoba and MC Canada churches.

3. Judith Friesen Epp will be away from the office May 8-10.
 4. Mark your calendars! On **Wednesday May 5 at 7 PM, Adult Ed** will be showcasing 3 short podcasts made this semester by CMU students connected to Home Street. The three podcasts are "Seeking Elysium," by Marnie Klassen, "The Exiled Church" by Mackenzie Nicole, and "Everyday Relics" by Alexa Nicolle. Each podcast will be followed by a time for discussion. We hope to see you there!
 5. **The Neighbourhood Clean Up has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 15, 1:00 – 3:00 pm.** Home Streeters will meet at the Daniel McIntyre/St Matthews Community Association (823 Ellice) at 1:00 pm to help clean up the streets around the church. Garbage bags and supplies will be provided, but you might want to bring your own gloves. Let's help build community and get to know our neighbours!
 6. **Home Street volunteers at Camp Assiniboia: August 16-20.** For this week of day camp, Camps with Meaning needs volunteers in the kitchen, on maintenance, as camp pastor, and as health officer. We'd like to provide a team of Home Streeters to meet as many of these volunteer needs as possible. It's a great way to support our camping ministry, to meet campers and staff, and to enjoy volunteering together at beautiful Camp Assiniboia. Call the church office for more information or to sign up. We'll be finalizing our volunteer team with Camp Assiniboia this week.
 7. **Climate Action Incentive Payment** –please consider donating some or all of your Climate Action Incentive rebate to the Home Street Climate Action Fund. We have fully allocated our current fund to a series of priority actions to green 318 Home Street. The amount you receive from the federal government is based on the size of your household starting with \$360 for a single adult or the first adult in a couple. For more information <https://www.canada.ca/en/departement-finance/news/2020/12/climate-action-incentive-payment-amounts-for-2021.html>.
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8. **Donations** to Home Street Mennonite Church can be made in the following ways:
 - Cheque mailed or dropped off at the church
 - E-transfer made by your banking app to the email donate@hsmc.ca
 - Automatic deposit-contact the church office for a form to submit to the bank.
 - Online via Canada Helps. See the website at <http://www.hsmc.ca/donate.html>

Outside Our Doors

Westgate

Please save the date for Westgate's Virtual Spring Bursary Fundraiser on May 18th, 2021.

Every year we rely on donations from our generous community to raise funds for the bursaries. We have a number of events planned this year including a virtual program, an online prize raffle, torte raffle, and gourmet pick-up meal. Go to westgatemennonite.ca to learn more about how to make a donation and help support our students and their families!

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Campers are registering for summer camps and this means we also need staff and volunteers! Kitchen and maintenance help, camp pastors and health officers are needed for one-day pop-up camps in various locations and week-long day camps at both camps. Head to www.campswithmeaning.org Summer

Canadian Mennonite University

Be part of CMU's next **Webinar – Ready, Set, Register!** This webinar, for all who have applied and been admitted for Fall 2021, will introduce students to university systems, including sometimes confusing language like 'credit hours', 'prerequisites' and 'academic terms'. Learn how important it is to register for classes. This event is intended to be an introduction to course registration and is supplementary to our one-on-one virtual advising appointments. **Wednesday, May 5, 4:00 PM (CDT)**. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

One week Spring Intensive Course Options! CMU is offering great intensive (one week!) course options through the spring beginning on May 3 with *Christian Worship: Patterns and Practices*. Also offered this spring are [New Testament Letters in 1st Century and Middle Eastern Perspective](#); [Refugees and Displacement: Learning to Extend Hospitality](#); [Creation and Community in Biblical and Indigenous Perspective](#) and [Community-Based Research and Peacebuilding](#). **All courses are available in hybrid format** (both in person and online). Consider taking one of these courses for credit or audit! Go to www.cmu.ca/intensivecourses for more information and to register.

Mennonite Central Committee

Hear stories from MCC projects around the world through our webinar series. Join us on May 26 at 7:00pm for *The Right to Stay and the Right to Go: Migration and Human Dignity*. Learn how MCC understands the different faces and forms of migration in Latin America. Register [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/mcc-webinar-series.

For MCC, peace is more than a wish, it's what we do. Peace means something different to each person. Help us answer the question "What is peace?" by sharing what peace means to you – it can be an idea, a poem, a memory or just a few words. We're collecting submissions for a creative art piece that celebrates the beauty of peace in action. You can contribute [here](#) or at mccmb.ca/what-is-peace.

Due to the new public health orders, the spring MCC Golf Yard Sale is postponed until further notice. Stay tuned for future updates. Golf donations are still welcome. Please contact the Sargent MCC Thrift Shop and Selkirk Ave MCC Thrift Shop for donation hours or visit thrift.mcc.org.



Witness workers embrace Indigenous names and identities



Dann and Joji Pantoja, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in the Philippines, wish to be acknowledged as Lakan Sumulong and Lakambini Mapayapa, names given to them by their Tagalog elders. [Read more.](#)

Peace Africa network nurtures peace between Christians and Muslims - Reps from Mennonite Church Alberta and the nationwide church have gotten involved in supporting a hearse project across religious lines in Burkina Faso. [Read more](#)

INDIGENOUS-SETTLER RELATIONS



Bill C-15 event with TRC Commissioners

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

5 – 6:30 p.m. CST

Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/TRCBillC15>

The three former commissioners of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada will discuss Bill C-15, An Act respecting the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. Please join us for this critical conversation with Honourable Murray Sinclair, Dr. Marie Wilson, and Chief Wilton Littlechild.

Together, we'll explore whether C-15 is in keeping with the spirit and intent of the TRC, and how it might serve as a tangible step in the reconciliation journey!

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