



Hope Mennonite Church acknowledges our presence on the lands of the Cree, Ojibway, Dakota, and Metis nations, on Treaty lands, covenanted between Indigenous and settler peoples in 1871. We are grateful to our host nations.

### THIS SUNDAY: AUGUST 23

We will have our neighbourhood groups meeting.  
Leaders are:  
Rachel Krause – River Heights/Fort Rouge/Corydon  
Dawn Penner – South Osborne/East of the Red  
Vivian Unger – West End/Westwood/West Broadway  
Danae Reimer - Wolseley

### Meeting Together Survey:

Thanks to all who responded to the survey about meeting together. We will let you know in the coming week what has been decided.

### NEXT SUNDAY: AUGUST 30

We will have a Zoom service. Lynell is leading the service. The service will start at 10:30, but we will be open for visiting as early as 10:00. Brian is the Zoom host.

### A Reminder:

Lynell and Lisa are available for pastoral care and support. Feel free to connect with either of them if you need someone to talk to.

## Mennonite Central Committee

### Sam's Place is hosting a Used Book Sidewalk Sale during the month of August!

Reduced prices on almost all genres, and a free coffee coupon with every purchase. Learn more at [sams.place/books](http://sams.place/books).

August 26 & 27 - History, Biographies, Classics, & Fiction books

The 18th annual MCC Golf Tournament has been officially **cancelled** for this year due to COVID-19 limitations. We hope to see you next year on July 7, 2021 at Bridges Golf Course for a safe round of golf and a delicious plate of farmer sausage and kielke.

If you have questions, please call Emily-Ann at 204-261-6381.

The Government of Canada will now be matching donations up to \$8 million for emergency response in Beirut, Lebanon until Aug 24. Together, MCC and its program partners in Beirut will address rehabilitation and cleanup needs arising from the explosion in Beirut. Donate now at [mcccanada.ca/beirut-response](http://mcccanada.ca/beirut-response).

## MC Manitoba & Canada

**On August 4, a large explosion killed over 200 people and injured more than 6,000 others in the capital of Beirut, Lebanon.**

Together, MCC and its program partners in Beirut will address rehabilitation and cleanup needs arising from this disaster. Through the Humanitarian Coalition, individual donations made to MCC in Canada will be matched up to 5 million by the Government of Canada. Donate now at [mcccanada.ca/beirut-response](https://mcccanada.ca/beirut-response).

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A female CMU student is looking for room and board for the coming school year. Ideally close to CMU. Please contact Darryl at MCM ([dnbarg@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:dnbarg@mennochurch.mb.ca)) if you have ideas or are able to help

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### **REGISTRATION OPEN: Table Talk: Does the Church have Legs?**

October 24, 2020

[www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020](https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tabletalk2020)

Join our nationwide community of faith as we gather virtually for “Table Talk: Does the Church Still have Legs?”, a virtual study conference on the nature and identity of the church and the role of worship. Plenary speakers from Mennonite Church Canada-affiliated universities and colleges will present on themes of ecclesiology and worship.

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### **News from our schools: Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology**

An Anabaptist Short Course from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Sept. 16 – Oct. 27

Join Jamie Pitts, Ph.D., Associate Professor of Anabaptist Studies, in this six-week online short course to survey the history and theology of the early Anabaptists, looking at various interpretations of “Anabaptism” and its meaning today.

### **Camps with Meaning**

Daycamp has begun - kayaking at Camp Assiniboia

Daycamp has begun, and at long last, the new lake is a place of joy! Please pray for safety, joy, and learning for campers and staff.



### **Persistent Widows Needed for Declaration Legislation**

Jesus reminds us in the parable of the unjust judge (Luke 18:1-8), that holy persistence can pay off. Over the last few years we have asked you, time and again, to advocate for legislation that implements the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. We are so grateful! And we need you to keep at it. Please raise your voice and let the government know that you care by signing your name to this Mennonite Central Committee Canada letter to the Minister of Justice—see [www.tinyurl.com/UNDRIPNOW](https://www.tinyurl.com/UNDRIPNOW).

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### **ISR a signatory on document demanding UNDRIP implementation**

Indigenous-Settler Relations is a signatory on a declaration statement by [The Coalition for the Human Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#), which demands that the adoption of UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People in federal legislation must not be delayed. The public statement was published August 17, 2020 and is available for download at CommonWord.

### CommonWord has reopened!

CommonWord is now open from 11am– 3pm, Monday– Friday. Come for your books and resources, fair-trade coffee and perogies and sausage, and much more! COVID-19 safety protocols are in place: please come wearing a mask. As always CommonWord’s online retail, loan and digital services continue.

## Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

### Seeking applicants for !Explore 2021 in Indonesia!

AMBS’s !Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth nurtures youth in grades 10–12 who are passionate about the church. In 2021, the group will attend Mennonite World Conference in Indonesia with nine Indonesian youth. The program also includes a congregational internship. Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Apply by Oct. 31. [ambs.edu/explore](https://ambs.edu/explore)

### A Worship Leader’s Introduction to *Voices Together*.

Join Katie Graber, Ph.D., and Anneli Loepp Thiessen, M.M., to explore how your worship can grow in vitality through understanding the new *Voices Together* hymnal within the unique culture of your church community. This online AMBS short course lasts six weeks. CEUs available. [ambs.edu/worshipleaders](https://ambs.edu/worshipleaders)

**Anabaptist Witness: Call for submissions.** *Anabaptist Witness* welcomes submissions of various genres (sermons, photo essays, interviews, biographies, poems, academic papers, etc.) for its April 2021 issue on “**Worship and Witness.**” The deadline is Nov. 1, 2020. View submission guidelines: [anabaptistwitness.org](https://anabaptistwitness.org)

**Earn an MDiv at a distance!** Develop your leadership abilities from an Anabaptist perspective while staying in your current vocation. AMBS’s MDiv Connect program offers you in-depth biblical and theological study, spiritual formation and vocational internships — right where you live. Generous need-based financial aid is available. [ambs.edu/mdivconnect](https://ambs.edu/mdivconnect)

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