



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: Dec.13

Third Sunday of Advent. We continue our series "On the Road to..." with the focus on Restoration. Ross is speaking, Lynell is leading worship. Curt is leading music, Judith is the Zoom host. What are some ways you prepare for a journey? What are some special journeys, or journeys you take regularly, and how do you prepare for those?

NEXT SUNDAY: Dec.20

Fourth Sunday of Advent. We continue our series "On the Road to..." with the focus on Revelation. Dave Dyck is speaking, Lynell is leading worship. Nick is leading music, Brian is the Zoom host.

A Big Thanks

A BIG thanks to all the volunteers who helped call everyone on the Hope list (Lyris SG, Velma H, Dawn P, Danae R, Harold N, Julie R, Laura F, Daniel E, Virginia F). If you have not received a check in phone call from someone at Hope – give us another week or so! We really do want to connect with everyone, and hope no one gets missed. But feel free to check in with either Lisa or Lynell if you need some support – you do not have to wait for us to call you!

Christmas Eve Service

Thursday, December 24 4:00 pm. **Christmas Eve service.** If you have a story, song, small reading, drama, visual representation, etc that you think would be suitable for a Christmas Eve service, please let Lynell know. Also, we need a **Zoom host** for the service. Please contact Lynell if you are able to volunteer.

After Church: Dec.13

After the service we will have break out groups, for informal visiting. Ten minutes into that visiting time, anyone who wishes to join Adult Ed can return to the main group (you will get a notice), for a discussion of the third chapter of Amy-Jill Levine's book *Light of the World*.

Hope News:

There will be no service on December 27.

Lynell and Lisa will both be taking some time off from Dec 25 – Jan 3. Lynell is available via cell phone (204-797-0328) if there is an emergency.

A Reminder:

The Walter Enns Hope Emergency Response Benefit (HERB) is a fund to help support individuals connected to Hope who find themselves struggling financially. If you participate in the congregation of Hope Mennonite Church, you are eligible for this fund. Support available: Up to \$250 per individual per year, up to \$500 per family/household per year (if individuals have others in their home who are financially dependent upon them). Confidential requests are to be submitted (written/email or verbal) to either one of our Pastors or to the Treasurer.

MC Manitoba & MC Canada

Together in Worship launches in collaboration with CommonWord

www.togetherinworship.net, is an online, curated collection of free and downloadable Anabaptist worship resources. It's also a place where contributors can submit their own resources to be shared by the wider Anabaptist and ecumenical community. [Read full story here.](#)

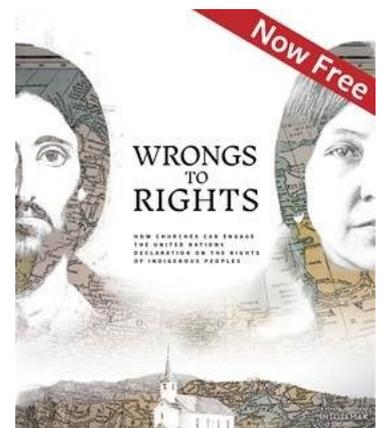
Federal government tables Declaration legislation

On Dec. 3, the Government of Canada tabled Bill C-15, An Act Respecting the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. "It is a good day!" said Chief Wilton Littlechild, former commissioner of the TRC. If Bill C-15 reaches Royal Assent, it will affirm the Declaration's application in Canadian law and provide a framework to align law and policy with the standards and rights affirmed in the declaration. To read the full text of the legislation, see [Bill C-15](#). To read the Declaration Coalition's statement of support, and resources for further learning, see www.declarationcoalition.com.

Wrongs to Rights:

How Churches Can Engage the UNDRIP now free through CommonWord

Over the next few weeks the Government of Canada will likely table legislation to implement the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. This is huge! According to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission, the Declaration is "the framework for reconciliation" for Canadian society. But what exactly is the Declaration? What does it mean for the church? To educate and raise public support, ISR is making Wrongs to Rights available for free through CommonWord. Short articles, poetry, artwork and a study guide make this resource perfect for individual or (online) group reflection. Order through [CommonWord](#) (shipping costs apply).



Canadian Mennonite University

Wednesday Webinar, *Study Business at CMU*. CMU offers a Bachelor of Business Administration, along with other business degree options, preparing students for careers in business and not-for-profit organizations. Business students delve into and specialize in social entrepreneurship, management, accounting, not-for-profit leadership, human resources—all of which open unique career and vocational paths. Tune in to this webinar to learn more! **Wednesday, December 16, 6:00 PM (CST)**. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

It's not too late to apply for Winter Term! CMU is still taking applications for courses starting in January 2021. Apply at www.cmu.ca/apply to become a full- or part-time CMU. To take a course for audit or extended education go to www.cmu.ca/extended. Undergraduate course offerings here www.cmu.ca/timetable and available Graduate courses at www.cmu.ca/gradcourses.

Christmas at CMU Highlights! COVID-19 prevented CMU from hosting its annual Christmas at CMU musical celebration. While we lament the loss, the university is nonetheless sharing selected pieces of an earlier Christmas at CMU program. Be drawn into the spirit of Advent and enjoy the music! Find this curated selection of musical ensembles at www.cmu.ca/christmasatcmu, launched on **Friday, December 18 at 7:00 PM (CST)**.

Mennonite Central Committee

You are invited to join MCC in supporting the Government of Canada's legislation around the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), being tabled in Parliament this December.

MCC believes that passing a legislative framework to implement UNDRIP is an excellent step toward ensuring the human rights of Indigenous Peoples are respected and honoured in Canada.

If you agree, we invite you to contact Minister of Justice David Lametti and your MP to urge them to fulfill the government's commitment to reconciliation by making every effort to bring this legislation to Royal Assent. Visit mcccanada.ca/take-action to use MCC's convenient letter-writing tool to amplify the calls of Indigenous neighbours.

The MCC office on 134 Plaza Drive will be closed for the holidays on Dec 24 after 2:00pm and all day on Dec 25.

Give the perfect **Christmas gift** this season. Protect a family from COVID-19. Help prevent the spread of the coronavirus in vulnerable communities. This gift makes it possible for MCC partners around the world to purchase and distribute soap, disinfectant and other hygiene items to families in need. Purchase your Christmas **Giving gift** at mccmb.ca/Christmas or call 204-261-6381.

University students, curious about how MCC advocates to the Canadian government? Learn about the Ottawa Office and how MCC is reshaping Canadian aid policy to create lasting change. Learn more and apply at mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

AMBS Pastors and Leaders 2021: Thriving Together. Meeting online March 1–4! How can congregations and their leaders thrive in this time of unprecedented disruption? Our speakers — Cynthia L. Hale, James Nelson Gingerich, Marvin Lorenzana and Drew Strait — will offer their best insights into how to lead well in today's world. ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders

Pastors and Leaders 2021 workshop proposals. AMBS is seeking proposals for workshops for this upcoming conference, to be held online March 1–4. Proposals should speak to experiences or practices that have helped you thrive as a leader, as a congregation or as a community. Due date: Jan. 15. ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders

A Christmas gift to you from AMBS! Thinking about seminary? Strengthen your spiritual and biblical grounding and develop practical leadership skills for such a time as this with Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary — whether on campus or at a distance. **Submit your Admissions Application in the month of December, and we'll waive the \$50 application fee!** This is a great way to explore your next step in this Advent season of hope and anticipation. When you apply, select "Pay by check." Code: hope2020 ambs.edu/academics

Other Opportunities

Westgate Mennonite Collegiate invites applications for the position of Educational Assistant. This opportunity is a one year, full-time term position. Please see the Westgate website (www.westgatemennonite.ca) for more information.