



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.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.

After Church: Dec.20

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 fourth chapter of Amy-Jill Levine’s book *Light of the World*.

Dec.24– Christmas Eve

Christmas Eve service: 4pm 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. Gilbert is the Zoom host, so if you have a piece for the service, please send it to him.

Hope News:

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.

NEXT SUNDAY: Dec.27

There will be no service.

A Reminder:

Hope Mennonite welcomes full participation of people who hold a variety of beliefs and practices with regards to spirituality and theology. Our Covenant says that we desire to be “hospitable to those with differing beliefs.”

Sunday, Jan.3

10am We will be spending time listening and responding to Scripture, in a Lectio Divina format. While this is typically a service with a lot of silence, we will aim to provide some opportunities for children to participate as well.

MC Manitoba & MC Canada

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.

Mennonite Church Manitoba invites applications for two positions: Financial Services Assistant (.75 FTE) and Administrative Assistant (0.5 FTE) to start ca. February 1, 2021. These job descriptions are posted on the Mennonite Church Manitoba website. Please submit application letter and resume to Peter Rempel, Interim Administrator, at office@mennochurch.mb.ca by January 10.

Canadian Mennonite University

Christmas at CMU Highlights! Enjoy the music of the season and be drawn into the spirit of Advent with a curated selection from Christmas at CMU. Go to

Through this Place is a monthly e-newsletter 'inside, outside and all about CMU'. If you want to be inspired and connected more with stories from the CMU learning community, subscribe to Through This Place at www.cmu.ca/newsletter.

It's not too late to apply for Winter Term! CMU is still taking applications for study in January 2021. Consider enrolling, for credit or audit, in an online CMU course. In addition to many daytime course options, Winter term *evening* course offerings include: *God through the Centuries, Fundamentals of Marketing, Principles and Practices of Journalism, Economics of Social Change, Restorative Justice, Adolescent Developmental Psychology...* and more. Undergraduate course offerings here www.cmu.ca/timetable and available Graduate courses at www.cmu.ca/gradcourses. Apply at www.cmu.ca/apply to become a full- or part-time student.

Mennonite Central Committee

The Plaza Drive MCC office will be closed for the holidays on Dec 24 after 2:00pm and all day Dec 25, Dec 28 and Jan 1. The Henderson MCC office will be closed from Dec 24 to Jan 4. Merry Christmas!

Looking for a last-minute gift that makes a difference? Give the gift of medical care for uprooted families. Without resources, mothers have few places to turn when their children fall ill. MCC supports essential clinics located in refugee camps who are prepared to help. Find the perfect Christmas Giving gift at mccmb.ca/Christmas or call 204-261-6381.

Apply for SALT today. Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. Through SALT, Christian young adults from Canada and the U.S. serve internationally in a wide variety of positions in fields such as education, agriculture, healthcare, information technology, peace and more! Visit mccmb.ca/SALT to register and learn more.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Take an AMBS course at a distance! Jan. 12 – April 30. Courses include Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture; Biblical Hermeneutics and History of Interpretation; Christian Worship; Human Sexuality and Christian Ethics; Preaching; Witness Colloquium; and more. Nonadmitted students get 50% off their first course! ambs.edu/onecourse

Open positions at Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary. AMBS is seeking a full-time Professor of Biblical Studies and a full-time Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer. See complete job descriptions: ambs.edu/jobs

Anabaptist Witness 7.2 now available online and in print. This issue, on the theme of “Displacement: Indigenous Peoples, Land and Mission,” contains articles on displacement in a variety of global settings. Together, the essays point toward a postcolonial theology of mission and peace. Read it for free online! anabaptistwitness.org

A Song Leader’s Introduction to *Voices Together*: Feb. 10 – March 23. Join Katie Graber, Ph.D., and Anneli Loepp Thiessen, M.M., in this six-week online AMBS short course to explore how to effectively teach and lead a variety of music, including intercultural and contemporary styles, using the new *Voices Together* hymnal. CEUs available. Sign up by Jan. 13 and save \$50! ambs.edu/songleaders

Seeking a Professor of Biblical Studies. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is hiring a full-time Professor of Biblical Studies to start July 1. We are seeking a dynamic teacher and scholar with expertise in Old Testament or New Testament studies and competence to teach in the other testament. Preferred qualifications: Ph.D. or equivalent; ability to inspire students in face-to-face and online learning environments; intercultural competency; preparedness to critically and constructively engage current biblical, theological and hermeneutical issues. ambs.edu/jobs