



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.6

**Second Sunday of Advent.** The children and youth of Hope will be presenting a virtual Christmas pageant. Lisa is leading the service, Kevin K is leading music, Laura P is the Zoom host.

### NEXT SUNDAY: Dec.13

**Third Sunday of Advent.** We continue our series "On the Road to..." with the focus on Restoration. Ross is speaking, Curt is leading music, Judith 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

### Volunteers Needed: Christmas Eve

Volunteer readers, musicians, etc, are needed for the **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.

### After Church: Dec.6

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 second chapter of Amy-Jill Levine's book *Light of the World*.

### 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*.

### A Reminder:

Hope has a \$300 Education fund in their budget. This is available to anyone who wants to take a course that would be a benefit to the church.

### Justice Team: Creative Activism

Join Justice Team Wed Dec 9 at 7:00 pm on zoom for stories of Creative Activism from Vi and Neil, and to watch a short film.

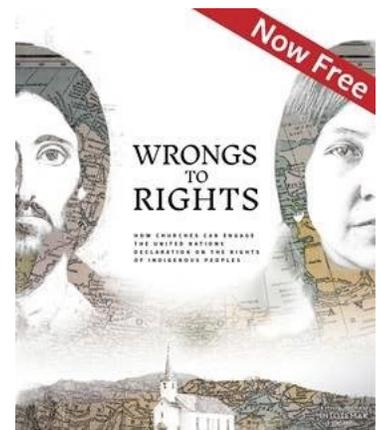
## MC Manitoba & MC Canada

**Support the winter clothing drive for Island Lake Anishinew Nation.** Washed and gently used clothing items can be contactlessly dropped off at 264 Langside, Winnipeg until December 10. Cesar Flores, a young adult at Home Street Mennonite is supporting this First Nations Waste Minimization Project (search them on Facebook), which is shipping these items on behalf of Four Arrows Regional Health Authority. Contact Cesar at 204-782-7517 for more info.

### 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).



#### MC PIN organizes online meet-and-greet with Bethlehem Bible College

Meet several college representatives from Bethlehem Bible College through a one-hour Zoom gathering on Tuesday, Dec. 15, at 6 p.m. Bethlehem time (11 a.m. EST). This event is organized by the Mennonite Church Canada Palestine Israel Network. Email [mcmfriendsofpalestine@gmail.com](mailto:mcmfriendsofpalestine@gmail.com) to register for this encounter. Keep the people of the Holy Land in your prayers during these tumultuous times.

## Canadian Mennonite University

**Wednesday Webinar, Study Music at CMU.** CMU offers Bachelor of Music and Music Therapy degrees, along with a BA music major. A *Study Music at CMU Webinar* will speak to CMU’s unique commitments in music studies and how they strengthen musical, creative, and analytical skills and open a range of vocational and career paths. **Wednesday, December 9, 6:00 PM (CST).** Register at [www.cmu.ca/webinar](http://www.cmu.ca/webinar).

**CMU plans for 2021 Winter Term.** On Friday, November 27 CMU released plans for adapting the 2021 Winter Term through the COVID-19 pandemic that include protocols to promote the safety, health and well-being of the learning community, sustain high-quality teaching, and establish new ways for on-campus and commuter students to build connections. Details, including a video message from Cheryl Pauls, CMU President, can be seen at [media.cmu.ca/nr-plans-for-winter-term-2020](http://media.cmu.ca/nr-plans-for-winter-term-2020)

**It’s not too late to apply for Winter Term!** CMU is still taking applications for Winter Term 2021. Apply at [www.cmu.ca/apply](http://www.cmu.ca/apply) to become a full or part time student. To take a course for audit or extended education go to [www.cmu.ca/extended](http://www.cmu.ca/extended). Undergraduate course offerings here [www.cmu.ca/timetable](http://www.cmu.ca/timetable) and available Graduate courses at [www.cmu.ca/gradcourses](http://www.cmu.ca/gradcourses).

**Position Vacancy:** Canadian Mennonite University invites nominations and applications for the position of Vice President External. For more information: [www.cmu.ca/about/employment](http://www.cmu.ca/about/employment)

The **CommonWord Book and Resource Centre** continues to serve the broader church community, online, and with curbside pick-up. A rich array of **Christmas gift ideas** include Advent and Christmas-themed books, Christmas cards, stocking stuffers, Sunday School gifts, and more. Gift cards are also available. Visit [www.commonword.ca/go/2203](http://www.commonword.ca/go/2203) for details.

## Mennonite Central Committee

**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](http://mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar)

**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](http://mcccanada.ca/take-action) to use MCC's convenient letter-writing tool to amplify the calls of Indigenous neighbours.

**Shop local at Sam's Place.** Get your favourite items from the cafe delivered right to your home through DoorDash. Order 1L of soup and a loaf of bread or a soup and salad combo just in time for lunch. Shop fair trade holiday goods like ornaments, home decor and chocolate on their website. For details visit [sams.place](http://sams.place).

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](http://mccmb.ca/Christmas) or call 204-261-6381.

**Support the Sargent MCC Thrift Shop** and those in need in the community by contributing \$10-\$20 to "Build-a-basket". Baskets filled with toys, decorations, household goods or even clothes to be distributed by various local charities. If you have a particular request for what goes in a basket, please add a note with your donation. For more info contact [mccsargent@shaw.ca](mailto:mccsargent@shaw.ca).

Donate via e-transfer at [salt78@shaw.ca](mailto:salt78@shaw.ca) (*please send an additional email with the password*). You can also drop off monetary donations at the shop by appointment or send cheques payable to:

Sargent MCC Thrift Shop  
644 Burnell Street  
Winnipeg MB  
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## Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

**Pastors and Leaders 2021– March 1-4 Online this year!**

So how can congregations and their leaders thrive in this time of unprecedented disruption? Who do we turn to for help? We've invited creative, seasoned leaders to offer their best insights into what congregations need to thrive in today's world. [Join us today!](#)

**Anabaptist Witness 7.2 available for free online!** Focuses on "Displacement: Indigenous Peoples, Land and Mission". The issue is available to read [online for free](#). It also can be [purchased in paperback format](#).

## 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](http://www.westgatemennonite.ca)) for more information.