



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: Jan. 10 (10 am)

We will be welcoming and hearing from members of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) Colombia. Lisa is leading the service, Vi is leading music, Judith is the Zoom host.

After Church: Jan. 10

After the service, we will go into break out rooms, and then after 10 minutes, will be invited to rejoin the main group to hear from Hopers who have been CPT members – including Steve H and Lisa M. You are also welcome to continue visiting in your break out group, if you wish.

NEXT SUNDAY: Jan. 17 (10 am)

We will continue our Lectio Divina series. Dori is leading the service, Gilbert is Zoom host, Kevin is leading music. After the service, you are welcome to stay for visiting in break out rooms.

Hope News:

In rural Mennonite tradition, churches often have “burial societies,” which invite congregational members to contribute an annual fee which would help cover costs at the time of death. Some of us at Hope are exploring developing a **Green Burial Society** – though specifically not (at least at this point) to cover costs, but to explore and perhaps develop environmentally friendly burial options for Hopers. This could potentially become something we do together with other churches, but at this initial stage, it is more exploration and dreaming. If you are interested in participating in this conversation, please talk to Lynell.

A Reminder:

Pastoral-Congregational Relations Committee (PCRC): Just a reminder that one of the functions of the PCRC is 'to provide an avenue for complimenting or raising concerns and questions regarding the work of the pastor(s) by congregational members.' The committee meets several times a year with the pastors and is also available to any member of the congregation should issues arise that warrant attention. Members of the committee for 2020/2021 are Harold Neufeld, Katharina Nuss and Amy Reimer. Please feel free to contact any one of us with any matters you may wish to raise.

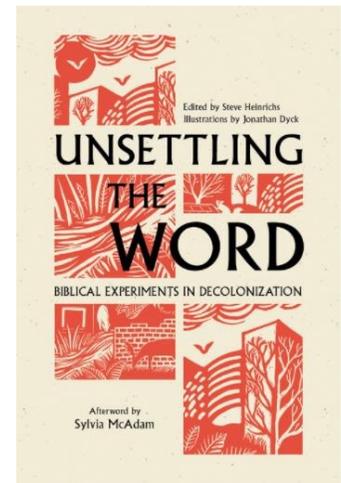
MC Manitoba & MC Canada

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 20 (extended deadline).

Mennonite Church Canada annual report available online Mennonite Church Canada's annual report, "Looking Back on 2020," is available through CommonWord at <https://www.commonword.ca/ResourceView/83/10101>. A one-page summary and full report are both available for congregational AGMs.

Join a February bookclub on *Unsettling the Word*

How might we read the Bible so that it can be an instrument of reconciliation and decolonization? In partnership with the New Leaf Network, Mennonite Church Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations is co-hosting a four-week book club on *Unsettling the Word: Biblical Experiments in Decolonization*. Join editor Steve Heinrichs, along with Indigenous authors and activists Cheryl Bear and Sylvia McAdam, for life-giving conversations on justice, faith, reparations, and healing. Borrow or order the book through [CommonWord](https://www.commonword.ca/). For more info, and to register, click [here](#).



Canadian Mennonite University

CMU's next **Wednesday Webinar, *Live and Thrive on Campus***, will explore how university learning and on-campus residence life can go hand in hand! Be in conversation with CMU's Residence Director, take a virtual tour of dormitories and apartments, hear from students who live in residence, and learn about CMU's health and safety protocols for on-campus living. **Wednesday, January 13, 4:00 PM (CST)**. Register at www.cmu.ca/webinar.

CMU's **Community School of Music and the Arts** continues to offer fabulous *online group classes* starting in January 2021! Check out music and arts related programs for kids *and* adults. Go to www.cmu.ca/csma/ or contact Judith Oatway, CSMA Program Coordinator, for more information CSMA@cmu.ca.

Through this Place is a monthly e-newsletter 'inside, outside and all about CMU'. Be inspired and connected to stories from the CMU learning community. Subscribe to Through This Place at www.cmu.ca/newsletter.

Mennonite Central Committee

Apply for SALT today

Serving and Learning Together (SALT) is a year-long, cross-cultural service experience. 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.



Join MCC Ottawa for their annual Student Seminar virtually on February 16-18, 2021.

Learn how local organizations are key actors for change
Engage with MCC and faith-based students from across Canada
Explore how you can be involved in reshaping Canadian aid policy

Application deadline is Jan 15. Registration is \$20.
Learn more at mccmb.ca/Student-Seminar.

Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: Feb. 10 – March 23. Join David Cramer, Ph.D., and Susannah Larry, Ph.D., to study how 16th-century Anabaptists approached Scripture both similarly to and differently from Catholics and other Protestants. This six-week online AMBS short course includes optional weekly video conversations. Sign up by Jan. 13 and save \$50. ambs.edu/shortcourses

Register now for 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. Save \$50 if you sign up by Jan. 19. ambs.edu/pastorsandleaders

New seminary scholarships available! Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary is offering three new merit-based scholarships for new graduate students beginning in 2021-22: an **Ecumenical Student Scholarship**, **Multicultural Church Scholarship** and **MDiv Connect Student Scholarship**. Recipients can reside anywhere in the U.S. or Canada. Complete your Admissions Application now so you can apply for scholarships by March 1! ambs.edu/grow