

# HEARING THE TRUTH ~ HEEDING THE CALL TO RECONCILE

## Responding to The Truth and Reconciliation Commission

STARTING THE  
CONVERSATION

BLOOMINGDALE  
MENNONITE CHURCH,  
FEBRUARY 20 & 27, 2022



Truth and  
Reconciliation  
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**Bloomingtondale Mennonite Church**  
**Sunday, February 20, 2022**

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## *We Gather... to Pray and to Praise*

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp  
Land Acknowledgement

Call to Worship

Out of a world of cut-throat competition,  
of winners-and-losers,  
and too many left behind  
we come together.

**The world's ways are not our ways.**

**The world's ways are not Christ's ways.**

Out of a world of hatred, violence,  
individualism, and life-taking power  
we gather as *Koinonia*, as God's people.

**God's ways are inclusive, expansive,  
and life-giving for all peoples.**

Come and worship the One whose love knows no  
limits!

Swim and splash in the cleansing waters of divine  
community!

Resurrect your spirits and souls in worship of the One!

**Praise be to the Everlasting One!**

Hymn of Gathering

VT #1                      Summoned by the God Who Made Us

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d/1SwDDMyefMY1JAyxgwqknU1t04eOGDCLq/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1SwDDMyefMY1JAyxgwqknU1t04eOGDCLq/view?usp=sharing)

Welcome/Introduction

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embedded=true&source=vimeo\\_logo&owner=16037482](https://vimeo.com/208585660?embedded=true&source=vimeo_logo&owner=16037482)

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

VT #638                      Love Divine All Love Excelling

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view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/15BHE66LKm_itC0cPTsZPoftFhN_jcSDc/view?usp=sharing)

## *... to Hear God's Voice*

Experiencing the Story

"Canada Crew - First Nations"

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztodE6\\_6qb4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ztodE6_6qb4)

Scripture 2 Corinthians 5:14-20

Hymn of Preparation

VT #156 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1-SoQFWisNACZJW-1X5MvXG6eezQpvoqS/view?usp=sharing>

Sermon

## *... to Live our Faith*

Hymn of Response

VT #148 Forgive, Forgive Us Holy God

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Congregational Prayers and Offering

Prayers of Intercession (**Lord, hear our prayer**)

Prayers of Thanksgiving (**Thanks be to God**)

## *... as We Go*

Announcements

Hymn of Sending

VT #838 The Peace of the Earth Be With You

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w-LPhyOxc3ddfftYJLAvF4f9WIC4FU\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1w-LPhyOxc3ddfftYJLAvF4f9WIC4FU_/view?usp=sharing)

Benediction

Postlude

Worship Leader

Barb Burkard

Experiencing the story / Speaker

Zac Klassen

Home Tech

Laura Fehrenbach

## **BMC NEWS**

### **Financial Report:**

We celebrate how we at BMC, serve in God's Kingdom at home, across the street and around the world, through our faith and finances;

Offerings to date - Feb 13, 2022	\$129,643
Required for Budget - Feb 13, 2022	\$136,940.

As usual, you can forward your offerings by e-transfer, by mail or sign up to do Automated Fund Transfers on the 15th of each month. Contact Ron Stevanus (treasurer) by email at [treasurer@bmchurch.net](mailto:treasurer@bmchurch.net) or by phone at 519-886-6195 for more information. Thank you and stay safe as always.

### Note from our Care Coordinators:

A note of encouragement and a small gift card has been sent out to our post secondary students, Ben Fretz, Bronwyn Snyder, Hayden Fretz, Jonathan Cressman, Joseph Boehm and Serna Cressman. We encourage the congregation to send cards and notes too as you wish.

Linda Stevanus and Marie Snyder

### **Responding to our brothers & sisters in Ethiopia --**

In response to the very difficult situation faced by Meserete Kristos Church congregations that are suffering as a result of the civil conflict in Ethiopia, Mennonite Church Canada has set up an Emergency Relief Fund to raise \$549,000 to support the pastors of these churches. If you would like more information, please contact Dorothy or Beatrice. Donations designated to this fund can be channeled through MCEC:

Online: <https://mcec.ca/giving>

E-transfer: [financeoffice@mcec.ca](mailto:financeoffice@mcec.ca)

Cheque: MCEC, 201-50 Kent Ave., Kitchener ON, N2G 3R1

Make sure you designate your gift to **"MKC Emergency Relief"**

## **BEYOND OURSELVES**

- **The journey of a comforter Tuesday, February 22 at 12pm**  
Join us for an exclusive online live event as we follow the journey of how MCC comforters are sewn, shipped and shared with people in need around the world. We'll go behind the scenes to see where comforters are pieced together by volunteers. Alex Azar, MCC Program officer in Jordan, will share about the impact these comforters have on the lives of displaced people in Jordan. To register, go to [mcco.ca/webinars](https://mcco.ca/webinars)
- **The Power of Partnership Thursday, February 24 at 6 pm** (425 Binghamans Centre Drive, Kitchener). Join us and best-selling author Malcolm Gladwell as we discuss the Power of Partnership and how a legacy of partnership with local, on-the-ground organizations can bring peace, dignity and hope to those who need it most with the unintended consequence of creating more peaceful communities. This event will also be livestreamed. For more information, go to [powerofpartnership.ca](https://powerofpartnership.ca). Binghamans Conference Centre and MCC are working closely to provide a safe and healthy experience for all participants and will follow all local and provincial COVID-19 regulations and guidelines.
- **Peace & Justice Student Seminar February 22-24, 2022.** Every year, MCC Canada's Peace & Justice Office holds a seminar for students who are passionate about issues of justice, peace and advocacy. This year's seminar, Is our climate polarized? Building bridges for our shared future, will be a hybrid event. Local MCC offices across the country will host students for a mix of shared online content and local in-person speakers. Students will engage with parliamentarians, policy experts and others to learn about addressing the impacts of climate change in their communities and around the globe. [Learn more about the Peace & Justice Seminar here.](#)
- **Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp is Hiring:** a full-time **Executive Director** (application deadline is February 28th); as well as more youth / young adults for various positions on our **Summer Camp Staff Team** (application deadline is February 14). For more information or to apply, go to [www.hiddenacres.ca](https://www.hiddenacres.ca). If you have any questions contact Chris Pot at 519-625-8602 or [chrispot@hiddenacres.ca](mailto:chrispot@hiddenacres.ca)

- **Join the MCC Team!** To learn more about current postings and to apply, go to [mcco.ca/serve](http://mcco.ca/serve)

### **Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Summer Update:**

- Spots available in most overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. Go to [www.slmc.ca](http://www.slmc.ca) to register!
- Volunteers needed at Silver Lake this summer! Go to [slmc.ca/camp/volunteers](http://slmc.ca/camp/volunteers) for more info and to apply.
- **SLMC Online Campfires:** Come and connect with friends and Silver Lake staff. Sing some camp songs, hear from staff and have a chance to ask questions! All welcome, whether you have already signed up or are thinking about registering. Visit our [homepage](#) for campfire link!

Feb 27 @ 7pm - Outtripping focus

Mar 27 @ 7pm - Overnight camp focus

Apr 24 @ 7pm - Day camp focus

May 29 @ 7pm - Getting ready for summer camp!

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