

# TOGETHER IN SUFFERING, TOGETHER WE HEAL

## Responding to The Truth and Reconciliation Commission

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CONVERSATION

BLOOMINGDALE  
MENNONITE CHURCH,  
FEBRUARY 20 & 27, 2022



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

Lighting the Christ Candle and Peace Lamp  
Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship ~ VT #13

Come, let us go up

To the mountain of the LORD

To the house of the God of our Ancestors

**That we may be taught God's ways,  
And walk in God's paths.**

For out of the Land goes forth instruction,

And the word of the LORD

From the Sacred Land.

**God will judge between the nations,  
And will arbitrate for many peoples;**

They will share the land,

They will beat their swords

Into plowshares,

And their spears into pruning hooks;

***Nation will not steal from nation,  
Nor will Nation lift up sword***

***Against nation,***

***Neither will they learn war any more.***

Hymn of Gathering

VT #389 Together

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1TIOf4SJhfRd9RIMjCBvgenFXNGstWFTr/view?usp=sharing>

Welcome and Passing the Peace of Christ

**Peace be with you.**

**And also with you.**

Prayer of Invocation

Hymn of Praise

VT #42 Could It Be That God Is Singing

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1DUIOnAD3WyrktnVC7-o3C4OIQ7C6fZDP/view?usp=sharing>

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

Experiencing the Story      Nibi's Water Song

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Prayer of Confession

Words of Assurance

Hymn of Preparation

VT #549

Be Thou My Vision

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1R-Njg3aBQ9vQSgMOxzt8KUIqQSDVTjr6/view?usp=sharing>

Scripture

James 5:13-20

Sermon

“Together in Suffering, Together We Heal”

## *...to Live our Faith*

Hymn of Response

VT #642

Healing River of the Spirit

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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

Benediction & Hymn of Sending

VT #135

Alleluia

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/1B4m6LnU3PJryrM7QqGuzbbJAqiVY2XcN/view?usp=sharing>

Worship Leader

Experiencing the story

Speaker

Home Tech

Zac Klassen

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Steve Heinrichs

Lois Cressman

## **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 20, 2022	\$132,318
Required for Budget - Feb 20, 2022	\$139,917.

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.

**Rejoice has arrived and will be available in your mailboxes by Monday.**

### **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**”

**Respond to the crisis in Ukraine** MCC will be responding to the crisis in Ukraine through its local partners. Russian military forces have invaded the country with missiles striking major cities and casualties continuing to grow. Your prayers and donations will help partners scale up their work providing relief and trauma healing for vulnerable and displaced people. “Ukraine is experiencing major upheaval, but our partners have supplies ready to help vulnerable and displaced people,” says Rebecca Hessenauer, MCC representative for Ukraine. Donate today at [mcccanada.ca/ukraine](http://mcccanada.ca/ukraine).

## **BEYOND OURSELVES**

- **Join the MCC Team!** To learn more about current postings and to apply, go to [mcco.ca/serve](https://mcco.ca/serve)
- **Conrad Grebel University College is hiring a part-time food services assistant**, for 6-8 shifts per 2-week period. Responsibilities include preparing salad bar items, fruit trays/salads, bag lunches, washing dishes, etc. Interested applicants should submit their resume to Cheri Otterbein, Food Services Manager, at [crotterb@uwaterloo.ca](mailto:crotterb@uwaterloo.ca) **by March 9, 2022**. For details: [www.grebel.ca/positions](https://www.grebel.ca/positions)

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

- Spots available in most overnight camps, outtrips and day camps. Go to [www.slmc.ca](https://www.slmc.ca) to register!
- Volunteers needed at Silver Lake this summer! Go to [slmc.ca/camp/volunteers](https://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!
  - Mar 27 @ 7pm - Overnight camp focus
  - Apr 24 @ 7pm - Day camp focus
  - May 29 @ 7pm - Getting ready for summer camp!

• **The Mennonite Church Canada Sustainability Leadership Group is looking for a representative from MCEC.** The Sustainability Leadership Group was established to help MC Canada improve the environmental and social impacts of MC Canada's programs and ministries. Its mandate includes recommending policies and measures to MC Canada's leadership that will help the church live into its commitment to care for creation and to address social well-being. The SLG also seeks networking opportunities, and develops tools and frameworks to help congregations, regional churches, the nationwide church and partner agencies address the sustainability of their activities. The SLG meets 6-7 times per year by Zoom. If you are interested in being considered for a role with this group please contact [John Reimer, MCEC Operations Director](#).

- **Listen again or listen for the first time - [Courageous Imagination Podcast Episode One: "Listening For God"](#)** with guest Margaret Nally. Join Margaret from Erb St. Mennonite Church for a conversation about creating hospitality, living a life of service and surrendering ourselves to God's grace and transformation. Courageous Imagination has been a journey of listening for God and reflecting on questions that will help to guide and shape the future direction of MCEC. At this year's Annual Church Gathering we will prayerfully receive and consider updated identity and purpose statements building on the feedback from the Courageous Imagination journey.
- **MCEC Annual Church Gathering April 29 & 30, 2022. Courageous Imagination: Living into the Journey based on Luke 13:18-21** - Join the MCEC family of faith for an in person/hybrid Annual Church Gathering as we celebrate at Redeemer University in Ancaster, ON. Registration will open in March.
- **Leaders of Mennonite Church Canada issue a call to join in climate-emergency response** - Members and congregations of MCEC are urged to join eco-mission. "We must act, we must act together, and we must act urgently," write the executive ministers of Mennonite Church Canada. "For us as Christians, the good news always starts with this: 'God so loved the world' (John 3:16). God our Creator, the Creator of the earth and all that is in it, has crafted all things in love and deemed them "very good" (Genesis 1:31). They highlight six initiatives that reflect our working commitments as a nationwide church arising from consultation with working groups and regional church boards across Mennonite Church Canada, [Read the press release](#) and [visit the Mennonite Church Canada webpages](#).

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