

Prayers for the World

- **AIMM meetings in October** - Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission co-executive directors in Congo and Canada, John Fumana and Bruce Yoder, ask us to pray for the successful registration of the Congo office. Pray for the AIMM meetings in Burkina Faso and Congo in October. Tany Warkentin, liaison to ministry in Africa for Mennonite Church Canada, will attend these meetings on behalf of our nationwide church.

- Pray for peace and reconciliation in the Philippines

As we mark the first National Day of Truth and Reconciliation in Canada this week, join Lakan and Lakambini Sumulong (Dann and Joji Pantoja), Witness workers in the Philippines, in prayer as they work for peace and reconciliation in the Philippines through PeaceBuilders Community, Inc. <https://waves.ca/join-us/pray/>

- **Prayers for Unist'ot'en** - Pray for [Unist'ot'en Camp](#) where Indigenous peoples are working tirelessly to exercise their jurisdiction as construction of the Coastal GasLink pipeline escalates. The pipeline is being built through Wet'suwet'en territory despite the fact that all five Hereditary Chiefs have unanimously opposed its construction. Allegra Friesen Epp will be returning to Unist'ot'en from Sept. 16-Oct. 6, as part of her internship with MC Canada's Indigenous-Settler Relations Office and Christian Peacemaker Teams' Turtle Island Solidarity Network.

If you would like to add or remove any prayer requests, please contact the church office.

"**remember the children**", a sculpture by Ken Loewen, was created to acknowledge the findings of Indigenous children's graves and the trauma experienced at residential schools.

From The Pastor: A Season of Learning

"My challenge to you is to read the *94 Calls To Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report* and pick one that you can work on, that you understand, and that you support - and make it happen. This is not a spectator sport. We need you, to be able to bring reconciliation to a reality in this country."

The Honorable Murray Sinclair (Senator ret.) Chief Commissioner of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada.

In June of 2015, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada (TRC) released its final report detailing the history and ongoing legacy of the Indian Residential School system in Canada that operated until 1996. The TRC's final report shares over 6,000 Survivor and witness accounts of the system; it outlines the history of the system, its ongoing impacts on Indigenous Peoples today, and it calls attention to the challenge of Reconciliation in Canada moving forward.

One major aspect of the TRC's final report is the *94 Calls to Action*. The *94 Calls to Action* were laid out by the Commission in the Final Report and were meant to show the beginning of a roadmap to Reconciliation for Canada to follow. The *94 Calls to Action* cover a variety of aspects of life in Canada - including business, education, health, youth, women, justice and more. Everyone in Canada can take action in some way to further the aims of the TRC. By reading, understanding, and responding to these 94 Calls to Action, Canada will move closer towards Reconciliation. Without addressing the fundamental and systemic issues identified in this report, we will never be able to find the Reconciliation we need to heal as a country.

Reading the calls to action is a small step; it's a step that we believe everyone can and should take. If you've read them before, read them again; Reconciliation is not a spectator sport - to make real change, we need everyone's participation and everyone's willingness to grow. *

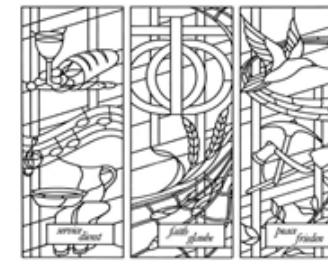
Between now and Advent, our worship theme is *A Season of Learning*. It reflects our willingness to grow. Several of the *94 Calls to Action* address religious communities calling them to participate in the ongoing work of Reconciliation. Through stories in the Bible, we will engage with a number of the calls to action.

If you haven't already done so you can read them at the following website.

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/assets/gov/british-columbians-our-governments/indigenous-people/aboriginal-peoples-documents/calls_to_action_english2.pdf

Our hope is that this gesture of learning and growth will help our country find healing and hope in the light of God's love.

* <https://next150.indianhorse.ca/challenges/94-calls-to-action>



Altona Mennonite Church

Sunday School – Adults & Children: 10:00 am
Sunday Worship Service: 11:00 am

VOLUME LX No.41

October 10, 2021

TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Sharing Activities of the Church

WE OFFER OUR THANKS TO GOD, THE SOURCE OF LIFE

Psalm 100

Reading from EMBERS: One Ojibway's Meditations* P 142

Hymn of Thanksgiving VT #81 All Creatures, Worship God
Most High

Invitation to share our gratitude with one another
Prayer

WE OFFER OURSELVES TO LEARNING

Job 12: 7-13

Reading from EMBERS* P. 36

What have you learned and discovered about yourself and about being treaty people on this land?

What has surprised you?

Hymn VT #788 The Garden Needs Our Tending Now

WE SEEK TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

Isaiah 2: 2-5; Rev. 21:22-26

Reading from EMBERS* P. 88

What are some ways that you are seeking truth in reconciliation? Where do you go to see the light?

What obstacles do you encounter?

Hymn VT #11 Mountain of God

AMC Contact information:

Pastor: Dan Kehler amcpastordan@gmail.com 204-324-6773

Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 am to Noon

Secretary: Lori Hiebert: C: 204-324-5952

Email address: altonamennonite@gmail.com

Website: altonamennonitechurch.ca

Custodians: Dale Klassen 204-324-7458 Sandra Klassen 204-324-1475

Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Sharing our prayers, our thanks, and our concerns

Time of Meditation

Prayer: Open US, by Carol Penner

Hymn VT #388 How Can I Say

Benediction from EMBERS* P 161

*EMBERS: One Ojibway's Meditations, by Richard Wagamese

Worship Leader: Dave Regehr

Musicians: Lori & Loren Hiebert

Recording Technician: Kevin Neufeld

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

October 13 7:30 pm Leadership Council Meeting

October 17 10:00 am Coffee and Discussion Group

11:00 am Worship Service

Theme: A Common Creator - The Bible teaches that all of humanity is made in the image and likeness of God. This common beginning suggests that spirituality is the human journey to understand our origins and our Creator. In this way, it creates space, "to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right." Speaker: Dan Kehler Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 139:13-18, Acts 17:26-28, Matthew 8:5-13

Worship Leader: Andrea Hildebrand Musicians: Dave & Hildie Regehr Recording: Dale Klassen

October 19 7:15 pm Worship Committee Meeting

October 24 10:00 am Coffee and Discussion Group

11:00 am Worship Service

Birthdays: Oct. 11 – Evan Ratzlaff; Oct. 12 – Marge Friesen;

Oct. 13 – Matt Kehler

Anniversaries: Oct. 11 – Ray & Marilyn Houser Hamm

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Steven Wiebe would be happy to help you with raking leaves. If you want to hire him, email wiebesteven6@gmail.com or text 204-304-6894.

- With the return to in-person services at AMC, the Usher list needs to be updated. If you are already an usher, please let John Gerbrandt (johngerb1631@gmail.com) know if you have a preferred month. If you wish to serve as an usher, let him know that as well. The offering plate will remain at the back of the sanctuary for now.

- From the treasurer:

Our Treasurer announcements in the past months have been highlighting various aspects of the work we do together with other Manitoba and Canadian Churches. Participating in these areas of mission, along with supporting our own congregation, is our privilege and responsibility. At the end of September it's time to forward our 3rd Quarter gifts to our Conference and Affiliates. As of Sept. 23 we need almost \$5,000 to fulfill that responsibility. Thank you for all your generous donations. Your personal giving records to the end of September will be in your church mailboxes in October.

You may contribute online if you bank at Access (using your 7-digit phone number as your account number) make an e-transfer to amchurchdonations@gmail.com, or send or bring a cheque to AMC (Box 1237, Altona, R0G 0B0)

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **The Gardens on Tenth Annual General Meeting** will be held Thursday, **October 14th** at 7:00 PM in The Gardens MPR.

On Monday **October 11th** we will email you a zoom link to the meeting and you can choose to join remotely if you do not want to attend in person.

Due to current Public Health orders masks remain mandatory within the Gardens on Tenth and for the duration of the meeting.

Your Board representative will be looking for delegates to represent your church so please talk to him/her if you are interested.

- **Enjoy Singin' in the Grain from the comfort of your home!** This virtual concert will premiere on World Food Day, **October 16 at 8 pm**, raising funds for MCC food projects in Haiti, supported through Canadian Foodgrains Bank. Join the concert at foodgrainsbank.ca/singing and enjoy the musical talents of Kim Thiessen, Darryl Neustaedter Barg and more.

- **Campus Visit Day** (October 22) will give you an experience of CMU's campus in-person. This half day is intended for prospective high school or transfer students and their parents. Tour the campus, drop-in on a class, talk to current students, learn about financial aid, and enjoy treats from folio café! Visit cmu.ca/campusvisit to register for the morning or afternoon slot.

- Join us for this year's **J.J.Thiessen Lectures on October 26-27**. Dr. Edith M. Humphrey will provide three lectures in a series on "Mediation and the Immediate God". Dr. Humphrey is the William F. Orr Professor Emerita of New Testament at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. *This year, the lecture series*

will be held entirely online, through Zoom. Visit cmu.ca/jjt for more information and for the link to join.

- **Pack a Bucket of Thanks with MCC this fall.** Fill a bucket with essential relief supplies and help support vulnerable families impacted by emergency and disaster. Learn more at mccmb.ca/buckets-thanks.

PRAYER AND PRAISE

- Jerry Rempel, Sylvia Klassen's brother from Carberry, had two strokes at the end of August. He is still quite weak, and emotional at times, and his swallowing and balance are not yet back to where they should be. But things are slowly improving each day. The doctors say he should make a full recovery, but it will take time. Jerry and his wife Connie thank you for your prayers.

- Pray for Carol Penner and family.

- Pray for Jean Tarnick and family.

- Pray for Ken & Marianne Braun who are at Eastview.

- Ken Hamm is doing well at home, and is grateful.

- Pray for all those for whom mental health makes daily life a struggle. The current situation increases anxiety for many.

- Pray for those who experience physical pain, and for friends and family who help with their care.

- Many of our church family have other people they are concerned about. Pray for healing, strength and calm for all.

Prayer for Our Community

- **Gratitude!** On this Thanksgiving Sunday CMU expresses deep gratitude to welcome students and staff back to campus and community! We are so grateful for safety, learning, and growth during the first six weeks of classes. We are thankful for a broader church community that continues to undergird the mission of CMU to 'inspire and equip women and men for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society'. Thanks be to God!

- Pray for teachers and students who have returned to school. Pray for a joyful, peaceful, healthy return to this academic year.

- Pray for all the Health Care Providers.

- Pray for Doug Klassen (MCCanada's Executive Minister) and for church leaders at all levels of our conference.

- Pray for Michael Pahl, our MCManitoba's Executive Minister.