

- Prayer for Gidim't'en land protectors, MCBC group opposes pipeline development -

Near Houston B.C., the Gidim't'en clan of the Wet'suwet'en nation are trying to protect the Wedzin Kwa River from the Coastal Gaslink pipeline project. They have occupied a drilling site and have invited allies – including Mennonite Church Canada partner Christian Peacemaker Teams – to help defend their land. Please pray for peace as RCMP harass and threaten to arrest land protectors. MCBC's Indigenous Relations Task Group has published a letter urging the government to stop supporting the development of the pipeline due its infringement of Indigenous Nations' right to free, prior and informed consent.

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. *

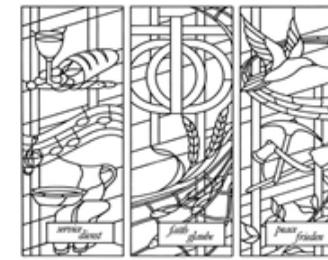
Between now and Advent, our worship theme is *A Season of Learning*. It reflects our willingness to grow. Several of the *94 Calls to Action* address religious communities calling them to participate in the ongoing work of Reconciliation. Through stories in the Bible, we will engage with a number of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

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A Season of Learning

A Common Creator - TRC Call to Action #60

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Sharing Activities of the Church

WE OFFER OUR PRAISE & THANKS

Hymn VT #34 We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer

Gathering Litany: VT #864

Scripture: Genesis 1:26-28, Psalm 139: 13-18

Hymn VT #1 Summoned by the God Who Made Us

WE SEEK TRUTH AND RECONCILIATION IN THE LIGHT OF GOD

Scripture: Acts 17:26-28, Matthew 8:5-13

Prayer

Message: Knowing where we come from Pastor Dan Kehler

Hymn VT #427 Creating God, Your Fingers Trace

WE OFFER OUR PRAYERS TO GOD

Congregational Prayer

Hymn VT #849 We, Your People, Sing Your Praises

Benediction

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Altona Mennonite Church is on Treaty One Territory.

TRC Call to Action #60

We call upon leaders of the church parties to the Settlement Agreement and all other faiths, in collaboration with Indigenous spiritual leaders, Survivors, schools of theology, seminaries, and other religious training centres, to develop and teach curriculum for all student clergy, and all clergy and staff who work in Aboriginal communities, on the need to respect Indigenous spirituality in its own right, the history and legacy of residential schools and the roles of the church parties in that system, the history and legacy of religious conflict in Aboriginal families and communities, and the responsibility that churches have to mitigate such conflicts and prevent spiritual violence.

"I'm a dreamer, and I'll tell you my dream.

"Someday Red Man and White Man will sit down with all the races of humankind and we'll solve our problems together. We'll all follow God's Law. We'll even pray together. You'll do it your way and we'll do it our way, but we'll all do it together."

- Nobel Red Man (Matthew King – Lakota Wisdomkeeper)

Worship & Meeting Events at AMC

October 19	7:15 pm	Worship Committee Meeting
October 24	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service

Theme: A Season of Learning – The Story of Naboth - TRC Call to Action #49 *Speaker:* Dan Kehler *Scripture:* 1 Kings 21; Leviticus 25:8-29; Matthew 20:1-15; Job 12:7-12 *Worship Leader:* Marlene Wiebe *Musicians:* Loren Braul, Marilyn Houser Hamm *Recording:* Nathan Loewen

October 31	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service

Membership Meeting to follow service

Nov. 7	10:00 am	Coffee and Discussion Group
	11:00 am	Worship Service

Birthdays: October 17 – Mike Wiebe; October 21 – Jesse Wiebe; October 22 – Lloyd Wiebe

AMC ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We would like to thank our church family for all their support during the last 2 years of dad's life and after his death. Your support of Phone calls, visits, and prayers were greatly appreciated during a difficult time. Thank you to everyone who made pies and coffee, Loren & Lori for the music, Dale Klassen for running the video and sound and thank you to Dan Kehler for guiding us through this difficult time. Bless you all for your loving kindness. Jean Tarnick and family

- 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.

- 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) - Also, your giving records to date are in your mailboxes. Contact Norma if you have any questions.

WIDER COMMUNITY & MISC. ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **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

- Pray for all teachers and students during this school 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.

Prayers for the World

- This week George and Tobia Veith begin speaking and connecting with congregations across Canada every week, giving witness to God's work in the world through the eyes of our Chinese siblings in faith. Pray for strength inspiration and listening ears. If you wish to connect with their schedule, contact jhanson@mennonitechurch.ca.

- **Prayer for congregations with Myanmar connections**

Please continue to pray for people in Myanmar who experience violence and displacement. Chin Mennonite church leaders in Canada report increasing unrest and violence in many of their home areas, including deaths in their families. May we as their Canadian family reach out in love and support at this very difficult time.