



# Mennonite Church Canada

Our nationwide community of faith

## Witness Focus

**Paul & Vila Phomsouvanh** (Trinity Mennonite Church, Calgary) have recently completed short-term service ministry in Thailand alongside MC Canada Witness workers, Tom and Christine Poovong. Paul tells of miraculous healings he witnessed while preaching the good news of Jesus in a rural village. We give thanks and praise to God for how He is working so powerfully in Southeast Asia!

## Indigenous-Settler Relations

**Program Cuts for Christian Peacemaker Teams** For thirty years, Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) has been building partnerships around the world to transform violence and oppression, and in the process, has breathed life into the Mennonite Church's practice of nonviolent discipleship. CPT is currently experiencing a significant budget deficit and deep cuts need to be made in the New Year. Please pray for CPT and, if you are able, please give (see [www.cpt.org](http://www.cpt.org)). Note – Mennonite Church Canada is a sponsoring body of Christian Peacemaker Teams, and Steve Heinrichs, Director of Indigenous-Settler Relations, represents our community on the CPT Steering Committee.

## **Let's Walk the Talk of Reconciliation with Bill C-262**

January through June of 2019 is the critical window for us to see Bill C-262—The Indigenous Human Rights Act—passed in the Senate. We really need your help! If you are able, please get your church or care group to write the Senators using our free “Walk the Talk” postcards (available for order at [www.commonword.ca/go/1283](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1283)). Together, we can affirm the UNDRIP in Canadian law! #CalltoAction43.

**LANGHAM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP** December 30, 2018  
110 – 1st St. E. LANGHAM, SK Ph: 306-283-4494  
Pastor: Ric Driediger Ph: 306-349-9045  
Ministers: The Whole Congregation  
Worship Service 10:00 AM  
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## WORSHIP SERVICE

*The Lord is our righteousness*

**First Sunday after Christmas – Love Revealed**

### Welcome and Announcements

### Focus Statement

### Call to Worship

L: The Word has become flesh; God now walks among us!

**P: Through Jesus, God is fully made known.**

L: All creation is renewed, experiencing the grace and truth of God, through the birth and life of Jesus.

**P: And all who believe are the children of God; brought together to experience the unity of the whole human race.**

*All: Praise be to God for the abundant love and shalom we now experience!*

### Opening Prayer

**Song** *Praise with joy the world's Creator* STJ #16  
*Oh, how joyfully* HWB #209

### Sharing and Prayer

### Offering

**Storytelling** Sela Balzer

**Song** *Christ before us* STS #16

**Scripture** Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12-17

**Song** *Good Christian friends, rejoice* HWB #210

**Sermon** *“Why Jesus Christ?”* Valerie Wiebe

**Song** *Beloved, God's chosen* STJ #38

### Benediction

*Worship Leader – Doyle Wiebe Song Leader – Anna Rehan  
Pianist – Marg Balzer  
Ushers – Bob Halliday & Lorne Quiring Sound – Elaine Ewert*

### Prayer Requests

**Werner & Joanne DeJong** invite prayer for the South Sudanese Mennonites with whom they fellowshiped and worshipped in Gambella, Ethiopia: "Please pray they hunger to grow and are strategically placed on the Ethiopia/South Sudan border."



**Maria Rosa Triana Lopez**, Coordinator of the Mennonite Biblical Seminary of Colombia ("Seminario Biblico Menonita de Colombia") recently shared some of the difficulties and challenges facing the seminary: the economic situation of the country affects the possibility of students attending the SBMC and the ongoing challenge to promote programs and activities of the SBMC. Pray that the different ecclesial communities to become involved with the seminary and for wisdom and perseverance in the face of these difficulties.

Pray for missionary evangelist **Laston Bissani**. After four years of building a good house for his family in Milange, Mozambique, he and his wife Carlotta were attacked in their home with a demand for money. The family has gone to Malawi to recuperate with the church family there. Pray that the Holy Spirit would minister healing to the family after this trauma.

### This Week

**Ric Driediger will be not be in the office until January 3, 2019.**

Mon Reports for annual report book are due to Char.

### Next Sunday

- Worship Leader – Carrol Epp; Song-leader – Val Wiebe; Pianist – Sheila Wiens Neufeld; Storytelling – Elaine Nemanishen; Ushers – Rachel Neufeld & Elliott Siemens; Sound – Derek Neufeld with Elaine Ewert;
- **Worship Service at the Langham Care Home at 2:00 pm.**

### Upcoming Events

- **January 12 at 2 pm – YOUTH Mega Menno Mall Hunt at Midtown Plaza.** Meet at the main entrance on 1 Ave South (by Starbucks) and be prepared to look closely at those around you! Youth will receive a list of sponsors hiding in the mall, in costume, and will have to find them all before time runs out! No cost, open to youth in gr. 6-12, contact Kirsten if you have any questions; [youthminister@mcsask.ca](mailto:youthminister@mcsask.ca), 306-249-4844
- **January 20-27 – Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** sponsored by Prairie Centre for Ecumenism. See poster on bulletin board.
- **January 26, 2019, 7 pm – Sing, Sip, Socialize** at the MCC Centre. Come join us for an evening of hymn singing (led by Sparky & the Plugs), coffee, and fellowship with the MC Canada Joint Council.

The Joint Council will also be available to give updates and answer questions about MC Canada.

- **February 1-3 – Sr. High Retreat @ Shekinah**
- **February 26 – Langham Mennonite Fellowship Annual Meeting.**
- **March 2-3 – Workshop on Communion/Baptism with Irma Fast Dueck.**
- **March 8-9 – MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions** at Zoar Waldheim. Theme is *Deepening out walk with Christ!*
- **March 22-23 – Women’s Retreat** at Shekinah Retreat Centre
- **May 24-26 – Jr. High Retreat** at Camp Elim
- **June 29-July 1 – MC Canada Gathering** in Abbotsford, BC
- **July 28-August 1 – Prairie Youth Gathering 2019** at Shekinah Summer Camp. Theme is *Shake: Rattled by the Radical*

### Notes

- **MC Sask: Joy to the world, the Lord is come!** As you consider the many gifts given and received this Christmas, the joy and wonder of a Saviour born a child and yet a King, please consider making a year-end financial gift to MC Sask. Donations to specific programs and general budget are appreciated, and will go a long way towards our work in service of the MC Sask church family, and the Kingdom begun in a stable many years ago. Thank you, and Happy New Year from MC Sask!
- The **MC Sask** office will closed **starting December 22 and we will be back on January 2.** We wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a New Year full of blessings! May your hearts and homes be merry and bright as you celebrate the coming of Emmanuel, God With Us. Hallelujah! *Ryan, Kirsten & Marianne*
- **MCC Connects:** As 2018 comes to a close, we encourage you to contribute to a project close to your heart. MCC works in a variety of capacities including work in the following areas; food, water, peace, education, health, welcome and relief. Donate before December 31<sup>st</sup> to receive your 2018 tax receipt. We need your help to meet these commitments. Please donate by visiting [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca) or calling 306.665.2555 today.
- **Cecil Barrett** has requested that his membership be withdrawn as of December 31, 2018.



### **BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES**

Dec 31 David Wiebe