

- **April 12, 7:30 pm** – Station Singers Spring Concert at Station Arts Centre Rosthern and on **April 14, 2:30 pm** in Saskatoon. *From Billy to Brahms – Love Songs for Spring.* Tickets can be purchased at the Station Arts or from choir members. More details to follow.
- **April 19 – Way of the Cross walk**

### Notes

- Please note that in order to meet CRA requirements the following addition needs to be added to our 2007 Constitution under Section 4: Purpose. . . . **“This organization will be carried on without purpose of gain for its members, and any profits or other gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its purposes.”** The vote to include this will be made at our Annual Meeting.
- **MCC:** MCC invites you to join us in urging the Canadian government to fulfill its commitment to reconciliation by supporting the passage of Bill C-262 through the Senate. You can help to support this important initiative by writing to Canadian Senators. To learn more and send a message please visit: [www.mccsk.ca/bill-c262](http://www.mccsk.ca/bill-c262).
- **CMU:** Are you interested in embracing reconciliation grounded in peace and justice? Come and learn from Ray Aldred while taking *Indigenous Perspectives on Salvation, Repentance, Peace, and Justice* at the Canadian School of Peacebuilding, Jun. 10-24, 2019. See [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or email [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca) for more information.
- **The website for Gathering 2019 is officially live!** Go to [www.ignitegathering2019.ca](http://www.ignitegathering2019.ca) for all you need to know about our gathering of our nationwide church family in Abbotsford, B.C., coming up from June 28 to July 1. This website will be updated regularly as registration and the schedule become available in the coming months. Be sure to visit and share with your church community via social media. Let’s get the word out! If you have questions about information on the website, please contact the MC Communications Officer at [kdsawatzky@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:kdsawatzky@mennonitechurch.ca).

### Upcoming YOUTH Events

- **March 8** - Mega Menno at the MC Sask ADS
- **April 24-25** – Honouring the Earth
- **May 24-26** – Jr. High Retreat at Camp Elim
- **June 7-8** – MCC Relief Sale
- **June 20** – Mega Menno RJC Musical
- **July 28-August 1** – **Prairie Youth Gathering 2019** at Shekinah Summer Camp. Theme is *Shake: Rattled by the Radical*

**LANGHAM MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP**      **February 24, 2019**  
**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

### Welcome and Announcements

#### Call to Worship

- L: Let us trust in the God of the past,  
**P: who accepts us as we have been and the baggage we drag behind us.**
- L: Let us delight in the God of the present,  
**P: who accepts us as we are now and the potential that lies within us.**
- L: Let us commit our ways to the God of the future,  
**P: who accepts us as we could be and is able to transform us.**
- L: Our God illuminates the path forward so that we might follow in faith.  
**P: Empower us for faithful living.**

#### Opening Prayer

**Song**      *Holy Spirit, come with power*      HWB #26  
                  *God of the Bible*      STJ #27

#### Sharing and Prayer

#### Offering

**Storytelling**      Rachel Neufeld  
**Song**      *You are all we have*      STJ #29

**Scripture**      Genesis 18:9-15; Acts 8:26-39

**Song**      *We walk by faith*      HWB #570

**Sermon**      *Lord, Open Us to Receive Your Future*      Ryan Siemens

**Song**      *God of grace and God of glory*      HWB #366

#### Benediction

Worship Leader – Doyle Wiebe  
 Song Leaders – Sandra Sinnaeve    Pianist – Marg Balzer  
 Ushers – Rachel Neufeld & Blair Hisey    Sound – Derek Neufeld

### Prayer Requests from MC Sask



Wildwood Mennonite Church is excited about the number of new people that are attending. Pray that they will find a co-pastor that will be the best fit for WMC.

### Prayer Requests from MWC

Praise God that the election in DR Congo took place after one week's delay. Pray for a peaceful, just and fair transfer of power. The people are also suffering from an outbreak of Ebola, and a food shortage; pray that the new government would have the resources and wisdom to respond well. Pray for MWC member churches **Communauté des Églises Frères Mennonites au Congo, Communauté Évangélique Mennonite, Communauté Mennonite au Congo** as they seek to be faithful worshippers of Jesus in their hearts and their actions.

### Today

**Birthday Party** at the Langham Care Home at 2:00 pm

### This Week

**Ric Driediger will be in the office on Tuesday & Thursday this week.**

Tues	7:00 pm	<b>Annual Meeting</b>
Thurs	10 – 4	<b>Quilting</b> - Bring a lunch
	3:30 pm	<b>Worship Committee Meeting</b>
Fri	7:00 pm	<b>World Day of Prayer</b> at Knox United
Fri-Sat		<b>MHSS Annual Meeting at Bethany Manor</b>
Sat	3:00	<b>Call to Action on Bill C-262 event at Frances Morrison Library Saskatoon</b>
Sat	3:00 pm	<b>Communion Workshop with Irma Fast Dueck</b> followed by supper and another session

### Next Sunday

- **Worship with Irma Fast Dueck** followed by **Potluck lunch** and another session
- Worship Leader – Char Bueckert; Song-leader – Val Wiebe; Pianist – Sheila Wiens-Neufeld; Storytelling – Elaine Nemanishen; Ushers – Pam Quiring & Rachel Hisey; Sound – Lorne Quiring;

### Upcoming Events

- **March 5, 5-7 pm – Shrove Tuesday Pancakes & Sausage Supper** at Knox United.
- **March 6, 4:30-6:30 pm – Ash Wednesday Soup & Bread Supper** at St. Mark's.
- **March 8-9 – MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions** with guest speaker David Fitch, at Zoar Mennonite Waldheim. Theme is **Anchored: Deepening out Walk with Christ!** Join us as we gather to deepen our

walk through worship, discernment, and Communion. Sessions begin Friday at 7 pm, concluding at 4 pm on Saturday, visit [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca) for more information. See poster and registration forms on bulletin board. Report book to download or print here: [2019 ADS Report Book](#)

- **March 10, 7:00 pm – Choirs & Cakes at RJC** See the poster on the bulletin board.
- **Ecumenical Lent Bible Studies** will be on Sunday afternoons at 2:30-4:00 pm. **Mar. 10** at LMF; **Mar. 17** at First Sask Lutheran; **Mar. 31** at Knox United; **Apr. 7** at St. Mark's Catholic. We will be using *We make the Road by Walking* by Brian McLaren.
- **March 22-23 – Women's Retreat** at Shekinah Retreat Centre. The theme is *Walking in Worship* with Eileen Klaassen as speaker. See poster on bulletin board.
- **March 26 – YFBC Vareniki Fundraiser** at Rosthern Mennonite Church. Admission by donation. See poster on bulletin board.
- **March 28, 7:00 pm - Grace Mennonite Church Prince Albert invites you to a Lenten evening with Harold R Johnson**, author of "Firewater," "Two Families," and "Clifford." Harold has most recently embarked on a healing journey in his relationship to the man who was convicted of a drunk driving charge in which Harold's brother died.
- **March 29 – Salad Supper** at the Bible Church. Speaker Jodi Kozan.
- **March 30, 1-4 pm - A workshop on MAiD** (Medical Assistance in Dying). Dr. Sheila Harding who is the head of the Christian Medical and Dental Society of Canada will address issues around MAiD and Dr. Margaret Cottle will talk to us about Palliative Care. Cornerstone Church, 315 Lenore Drive, Saskatoon
- **April 5 – Waffle Supper**
- **April 6, 9am – 4pm - Thirsting for God Lenten Silent Retreat** at the Shekinah Retreat Centre. Join with others as we continue the season of Lent in silence, stillness and simplicity. This retreat day creates space for us to take a break from the regular routines of everyday life to rest, renew and reconnect with the God who loves each of us. It is designed to increase awareness of our desire for God and deepen our longing for communion with God. Through silence, prayer, simple rituals and meditation on Scripture, we will be led through parched deserts to rivers of living water. There our thirst will be quenched and our souls revived. Cost \$50. No refunds. Registration may be transferred to another if you can't make it. Registration available at [www.mcsask.ca](http://www.mcsask.ca). See registration brochure on the bulletin board.



# Mennonite Church Canada

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## International Witness

**Dann Pantoja** (Witness worker in Philippines), along with three other Filipino religious leaders, attended the Global Conference of Human Fraternity in Abu Dhabi from February 3 to 5, at the invitation of Dr. Sultan Al Rumaithi, Secretary General of the Muslim Council of Elders. Dann reported: “This gathering of religious leaders helped me love the Great Creator more as a grateful and humble witness to the beauty of human beings embracing each other. This historic event also strengthened my hope for peace among differing members of one humanity.” (The full story of Dann’s experience at the Global Conference can be read at: <https://waves.ca/2019/02/09/8486/>.)

**Werner and Joanne DeJong** give praise and thanks to God for the amazing experiences during their four-month short-term assignment at Meserete Kristos College, Ethiopia. Werner served as guest professor and Joanne as student mentor. The couple returned home to Edmonton and remain inspired by the vibrant faith and spirituality the Ethiopian believers demonstrated through their eagerness to learn, their belief in and experience of physical healing and the many hours spent on their knees in prayer before and during worship services.

### Prayer:

Continue to remember Palmer Becker (Waterloo North Mennonite Church, MCEC) as he serves in a short-term volunteer teaching role among sister Mennonite Churches in Ethiopia and Tanzania. Pray for perseverance and inspiration for Palmer and open hearts for the leadership to receive the teaching.

Tom and Christine Poovong (Witness workers in Thailand) are grieving the loss of Christine’s father who unfortunately succumbed to his ailments and old age. Christine’s father passed away peacefully nearly two weeks ago. Tom and Christine expressed much sadness at her father’s death, but also great hope because he committed his life to Christ a few years before. Pray for God’s peace and comfort to surround the Poovong family.

## Indigenous-Settler Relations

### **Christian Peacemaker Team Colombia Delegation**

What does the Way of Christ look like in a conflict zone? Mennonite Church Canada is a sponsoring body of Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), and we’d like to introduce a group of sisters and brothers to the nonviolent accompaniment work of CPT by financially assisting the participation of four persons in a delegation to Colombia, June 26 to July 6. Participants will meet human-rights defenders in the Magdalena Medio region and will learn how CPT seeks to support those who are undoing violent structures that threaten their ability to live on their lands. If you’re interested in joining, please email Steve Heinrichs ([sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:sheinrichs@mennonitechurch.ca)), director of Indigenous-Settler Relations, for more details

### **Called To Action: In Support of Bill C-262**

**Sat, Mar 2, 3pm @ Frances Morrison Library Theatre in Saskatoon.** Bill C-262, which will ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with UNDRIP, needs your support to move forward in the Senate this term. Join your neighbours in a show of support with speakers (including Senator Lillian Dyck), music, performers and a public round dance. It's time to take the next step in the journey of reconciliation!

Bill C-262 has passed 3rd reading in the House of Commons and is now up for debate in the Senate. The Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada has stated that the adoption and implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP) is the key to genuine reconciliation between Indigenous and settler peoples in Canada (Call to Action #43). Bill C-262 can help make that happen. You can show your support for Bill C-262 using the attached poster ([www.commonword.ca/go/1739](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1739)) or find out more about the ecumenical support for the bill by reading the attached letter ([www.commonword.ca/go/1740](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1740)). Or, if you would like to become more involved you can send a package of 120 postcards to the Senate sharing your support and urging them to do the same ([www.commonword.ca/go/1374](http://www.commonword.ca/go/1374)).

## **Peace by piece: a ministry of sewing**

“The church must do its job, offering people charity and spiritual teaching, so that a person may be transformed,” says Safari Mutabesha Bahati.

Mennonite Association for Peace and Development (MAPD) in Malawi, a member of the global Anabaptist Service Network, supports both through a women’s sewing ministry that includes trauma healing for residents of Dzaleka refugee camp, mainly from Burundi, Rwanda and DR Congo.

This ministry promotes a peaceful and inclusive society for sustainable development, and effective, accountable institutions that offer justice for all. MAPD’s goal is to reduce violent crime and sex trafficking, and to improve literacy, especially among women.

MAPD also has an agriculture program to end hunger, improve nutrition and achieve food security,

There are more than 30,000 people in the camp, says MAPD director and pastor Safari Mutabesha Bahati. Women have little means to earn money. MAPD has built a centre with capacity to train 25 students for six months in sewing bags and pot holders and creating jewelry. The centre supplies both the materials and the market for these products.

The women receive 60 percent of the proceeds; the rest is reinvested in the centre.

Director Hareri Mamana, Safari Mutabesha Bahati’s wife Mauwa Kassanga Safari, and two Malawian women run the program to help displaced women and their children.

The women have often been severely traumatized by their displacement, so many complete a program of trauma healing before sewing training begins.

MAPD has a vision for collective impact – after graduation from the program, the women are encouraged to continue to work together.

Limited by the tools available, this cooperation is nearly guaranteed. However, Safari Mutabesha Bahati wishes for more sewing machines to be able to train more women.

“This shows the love of God,” he says.

Originally from DR Congo, Safari Mutabesha Bahati himself lives under refugee status.

His message of forgiveness and Holy Spirit transformation is well-earned. His congregation, Dzaleka MB Church, offered hospitality when Safari’s father’s killer came to the same camp and sought fellowship.

The church now has 18 congregations and 600 members from Burundi, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Somalia, Zimbabwe, DR Congo and Malawi.

Safari Mutabesha Bahati shared his story at the triennial meeting of the Global Mission Fellowship and Global Anabaptist Service Network in Kenya in April 2018.

—*Mennonite World Conference release*