# assembly 2011 Program Book





# The theme for Adult Assembly 2011 "it's epic: remembering God's future"

is taken from Revelation 21 & 22. In the beginning God walked with us in a garden of abundance and beauty that met all our needs (Gen 1:28-30). Though we broke our covenant with God, Jesus came as "God with us" so that we could remember our past relationship and count on God's promise to make a home among mortals again in the future (Rev. 21-22). God with us; remembering God's future. Now that's epic!

The primary purpose of the Adult Assembly is "To call Assembly participants to make a commitment or strengthen their commitment to Jesus Christ and His church."



### Mennonite Church Canada

ASSEMBLY 2011 • Waterloo, Ontario July 4-July 8 • Revelation 21:1-4, 22-26 and 22:1-5

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#### Welcome

Welcome to this Assembly of Mennonite Church Canada, the assembly where we will keep before us the challenge of remembering God's Future for humanity and creation. As we look ahead to that future, we continue discerning what it means to be God's faithful witnessing church in a world full of challenge and change. To help us we have the promise in Revelation 21 and 22 that God will be worshipped on a throne in the middle of the city of heaven on earth. God was, is and will be among us, with us and in us. May these texts help us live more fully into God's vision for being the church in the world, so that allegiance to Jesus Christ and his church is experienced as living in a city where the creativity, culture and diversity of all are able to flourish in the gracious light of God.

In addition to our coming together, this Assembly also offers you a prayer room to become quiet and ground yourself in God. We hope the Conrad Grebel chapel will help you settle into an awareness of God's nearness. Volunteers, coordinated by Gord Alton, will receive you, and pray with and for you, and for the work and mission of our church.

Worship, Bible studies, discernment sessions, seminars, meals, refreshments, and boundless opportunities for fellowship await you (we have responded to the popular demand for a more relaxed Assembly). Opportunities to meet and encourage parts of the church with which you are not yet familiar, call you to grow as God's people. On Wednesday, there are several terrific tours prepared for you by local volunteers. That evening, we will gather together with the Youth Assembly in Waterloo Park for food and worship. Our keynote speakers Nelson Kraybill, Willard Metzger, and Loren Johns will guide our scripture discernment and offer new insights during our worship times throughout the week. And we invite your prayers as our General Board convenes on Saturday morning, when many will already be on their way home.

We hope and pray that God's healing and hope are flowing through us to the world as we look together to God's future. Our present and our future have motivated staff and volunteers to work gladly and diligently toward these days together as a gathered national church.

Vic Thiessen

Chief Operating Officer and Lead Assembly Planner

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# assembly planners

#### Mennonite Church Canada Staff Leadership

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Bergen, Lois	Formation	Ministers' Conference, Registration, assembly document proof reader
Dyck, Dan	Communications	Theme, communications, direction, promotion, assembly document editor, daily news sheet editor, photographer
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Froese, Deb	Communications	Feature writer, daily news sheet coordinator, editor for youth and adult assembly, photographer
Klassen, Grant	Communications	Multi-media assistance, web site
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#### Lead volunteer coordinators

Chair of Local Hosting Committee - John H. Cornies

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Parking and Ushering - Doug Roeder

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Registration and Lodging - Susan Rempel, Karen Lebold

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**Treasurer** - George Schroeder

#### List of exhibitors

#### **Displays at Youth Assembly**

Canadian Mennonite University Columbia Bible College Conrad Grebel University College

#### **Displays at Adult Assembly**

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Canadian Mennonite

Christian Peacemaker Teams

Conscience Canada

MAX Canada Insurance & Mutual Aid Ministries

Mennonite Central Committee

Mennonite Creation Care Network

Mennonite Disaster Service

Mennonite Men

Mennonite Foundation of Canada

Mennonite Women Canada

Mennonite World Conference



# thank you

On behalf of Mennonite Church Canada, with all its 225 plus congregations, this note says an enthusiastic "Thank you!". Thank you for the hours of service, the creative ones as well as the ones spent on more mundane tasks; hours that made this major faith forming and church business event possible. Because of your work, the participants in this year's assembly have this opportunity to:

- Build up and nurture the vocation of the church by worshiping, discerning, and, learning together.
- Conduct the business of the organization of Mennonite Church Canada by reviewing the work and ministry, accepting or rejecting budgets and financial statements, appointing an auditor, electing its officers, members of councils and committees, and amending and monitoring adherence to its bylaws as needed.

There are many more people who have played a significant role in preparing this assembly for you — both staff and especially volunteers from Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. Even though your name may not be listed here, we are grateful to you.

And finally, it is a blessed opportunity for a national church to learn and discern, worship, sing, pray, and fellowship together. Thank you to each one who came. There are many national churches around the world that are not able meet together freely and comfortably in the way to which we have become accustomed. And finally, thank you to the faculty and staff of the University of Waterloo and Conrad Grebel University College for hosting us.

THANK YOU and GOD BLESS

Vic Thiessen

Chief Operating Officer and Lead Assembly Planner Mennonite Church Canada

#### Thank you to following supporters of Mennonite Church Canada's 2011 Assembly:











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# general information

#### Tips for a good experience

Keep this Program book with you. It has schedules, maps, worship outlines, and other good things to guide you through your time at the Assembly. Our daily news sheet will also be available in ecologically friendly hard copy quantities (please share) and online to help you report back to your congregations (www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/waterloo2011).

If you're lost and confused, need first aid – or just looking for a friendly face – visit the information desk in the registration area, or talk to a friendly volunteer in a green t-shirt and/or vest. The registration area will be located in the dining room of Ron Eydt Village on Monday July 4. After that, it will be located in Hagey Hall, outside the entrance to the Humanities Theatre, where our sessions will be held.

Care for our environment: Use reusable coffee mugs and water bottles if you have brought them with you. The U of Waterloo uses compostable dishes and cutlery or ceramic dishes. Be judicious with your use of water. Turn off the lights when you leave a room.

Scent free policy: In recognition of individuals with asthma, allergies, and severe environmental and chemical sensitivities, we ask you to refrain from wearing fragrances and scented personal care products at the Assembly. This includes perfumes, colognes, aftershave, and scented hair products. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by those affected.

Take this opportunity to get to know your sisters and brothers from other churches, learn the names of the people around you in the coffee break line-up, or make some new friends over lunch. We hope you leave with many new and renewed friendships!

In case of an emergency, people from home can contact you here by calling (519) 498-0118 during Assembly hours. For on-site emergencies, call John Cornies, the chair of our local hosting committee, at (226) 929-2675.

#### **Shuttle Services**

#### Airport Shuttle

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada volunteers will provide a shuttle service. You will have had an opportunity to indicate this and reserve a shuttle when you registered for the assembly.

There will be no shuttle service to hotels, as hotels are close enough that taxis are more economical.

#### Shuttle Costs:

Toronto Airport \$25 one way
London Airport \$15 one way
Kitchener Airport \$5 one way

#### **Parking**

Bicycle racks are located thoughout the campus for those arriving by bicycle. Please be aware that this is a public space, and there is no indoor lockup provided.

Parking in lot S and V is free for those staying in campus accommodation. Day guests can use these parking lots for \$3 a day. Parking lot C will be most convenient as it is located by Hagey Hall. More detailed parking information may be available on arrival.

#### Internet Access

Those staying in campus lodging in the Ron Eydt Village can purchase a wireless internet access card at the residence front desk for \$5/day. Multi-day rates are available.

Permissions and codes for free wireless access in Hagey Hall, where all Mennonite Church Canada discernment and worship sessions will take place, will be available on site at the Mennonite Church Canada information desk in Hagey Hall.

#### Worship & Discernment

Except for Wednesday evening Worship, all worship, discernment, and Bible study times will take place in J.G. Hagey Hall's Humanities Theatre.

Worship is a foundational activity of the gathered church. The theme "It's epic – remembering God's future," based on Revelation 21:1-4, 21:22-25 and 22:1-5, will be the focus of our worship.

**Morning worship** will be relaxed and 30 minutes long, with lots of singing, and the use of multi-media, followed by a time of Bible teaching.

**On Tuesday and Thursday afternoons**, there will be a 30-minute Taize-style worship service before supper.

**Evening Worship** times will include singing, delighting in scripture, preaching and special offerings, with communion and participation of the children at the closing service on Friday.



#### Meals

All regular meals will take place in the REV, Dining Hall. Most special meals will be in V1, Great Hall. The Mennonite Women Canada luncheon will be held in the South Campus Hall Festival Room.

#### Prayer Room

The Conrad Grebel chapel will serve as our Assembly Prayer Room. It will be available for personal or group prayer throughout the Assembly. Mennonite Church Eastern Canada spiritual directors will also be available to pray with individuals when requested.

#### Young Adult Program

There is a great Young Adult Program lined up for this Assembly, including a campfire, an outdoor movie and a very special event you won't want to miss: an intimate concert by Sarah Harmer on Thursday evening. Sarah is a well-known Canadian singer-songwriter with a passion for creation care and we are thrilled that she could join us for Assembly. All registered Young Adults will receive a free ticket to this event. Remaining tickets will be sold at the door for \$20 each.

### speakers



#### Nelson Kraybill

Nelson Kraybill is President Emeritus of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana, where he served from 1997 to 2009. He has taught high school in Puerto Rico, pastored a church in Vermont, and was program director at the London Mennonite Centre in England. He has taught widely on issues of mission, allegiance, early church and the book of Revelation. He holds a PhD in New Testament from Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, VA. He is the author of *Apocalypse and Allegiance: Worship, Politics, and Devotion in the Book of Revelation; Miscarriage: A Quiet Grief* with his wife Ellen; *Imperial Cult and Commerce in John's Apocalypse; On the Pilgrim's Way: Conversations on Christian Discipleship During a Twelve-Day Walk Across England.* Nelson and Ellen are the parents of two young adult daughters. Nelson is currently Lead Pastor at Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart.



#### Loren Johns

Loren L. Johns is Professor of New Testament at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana. He is a noted presenter on the topics of The Book of Revelation, the *Left Behind* Series, and Anabaptist-Mennonite approaches to Biblical Interpretation. Loren has published numerous articles and edited several books. His primary areas of research include New Testament Greek, the letters of Paul, the Johannine Literature, the Dead Sea Scrolls, the development of the biblical canon, and eschatology. He has worked on several publications, including *Even the Demons Submit: Continuing Jesus' Ministry of Deliverance; The Lamb Christology of the Apocalypse of John: An Investigation into Its Origin and Rhetorical Force;* and *Apocalypticism and Millennialism: Shaping a Believers Church Eschatology for the 21st Century.* Prior to coming to AMBS in 2000, he served as a pastor, theology book editor and college Bible professor. Loren holds a PhD from Princeton Theological Seminary.



#### Willard Metzger

Willard Metzger was appointed General Secretary Mennonite Church Canada in 2010. He has served in pastoral leadership for 18 years with Mennonite Church Eastern Canada (MCEC), and on the General Board of Mennonite Church Canada as Chair of Christian Witness Council for 9 years. Most recently he was National Director of Church Relations for World Vision Canada. Willard is eager to engage with leaders, congregations, students, youth, young adults and business entrepreneurs to share in the task of shaping the Church. He recently co-authored a book entitled *Going Missional*. Willard is passionate about the church and enjoys preaching, teaching and presenting workshops. Willard is married to Lois and has two adult children, Matt and Chris.

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## monday, july 4

7:00 – 8:00 pm Opening Worship HH, Humanities Theatre

Theme: Remembering God's future...this is our story

Opening and Call to Worship

**Opening Prayer** 

Song

Scriptural litany

Song of Response

Sermon

Song of Response

Prayer of Transition to the work of the church

Offering Response

#### **Monday's Offering - The Translation Project**

see page 33 for details

Offerings: Offerings will be taken following the Monday evening, July 4 delegate session and following the closing evening worship service on July 8. Assembly participants are invited to give their offering at the end of the worship times; as you exit the doors, ushers will be available to receive your gifts.

8:00 pm Welcome

Introductions, including special guests

Announce Quorum

Process guidelines

Agenda Review

Minutes of Assembly 2010

Nominating Committee Report/Slate

### BEADS FOR BURKINA!

Necklaces & Carved Clay Beads from Burkina Faso

Created by Assembly Children & Jr. Youth in support of ministry in Burkina Faso (details on pp 34)

Friday (July 8) afternoon break time

# tuesday, july 5

7:00 am Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 am Morning Worship

HH, Humanities Theatre

Theme: Behold! A new heaven and a new earth

Revelation 21:1

Welcome

Singing

**Prayer Time** 

Singing

Sending

9:00 am Bible Teaching led by Loren Johns

9:30 am Witness Stories

10:00 am Break

10:30 am Delegate Discernment: Being a Faithful Church 3

12:00 pm Lunch (REV, dining Hall)

Special Meal: Newcomers' Lunch (V1, Great Hall)

1:30 pm Being a Faithful Church 3: Group Work

2:30 pm Break

3:00 pm Being a Faithful Church 3: Plenary Response

3:30 pm Finance Report, feedback

3:45 pm Listening Committee

#### 4:00 – 5:10 pm Joint Adult/Youth Seminars

- Atonement, Adjustment, and Remembering our Common Past
- Benefits of Technology in a Postmodern Culture
- Competing for Your Loyalty: How Worship Shapes Allegiance
- Creativity in Epic Proportions
- Going Global in God's Church
- Just Food
- Life Flows On: Church, Families and Mental Illness
- Lifting the Words Off the Page
- Living More With Less
- Mennonite Koreans: New Anabaptists
- Revelation Revisited
- Science Fiction Films and God's Future
- Serve But with Your Eyes Wide Open!
- Sex and the Sanctuary
- Stretch Your Comfort Zone



# wednesday, july 6

#### 4:00 - 5:10 pm Seminars *cont'd*

- True Stories from Real People
- Wampum Belt
- What is counter-recruitment?
- Worship: Is it pleasing in God's Sight?
- Wrestling with Scripture: From Illiteracy to Engagement

see pages 14-19 for seminar details

#### $5:30-6:00\ pm$ Evening Worship

HH, Humanities Theatre

#### Theme: Behold! A new heaven and a new earth

Revelation 21:1

The Ecumenical Community of Taize, France is a sign of reconciliation among divided Christians and among separated people. The Taize style of worship includes meditative singing, prayers and silence. You are invited into this experience, to allow Christ to lead you gently into the sacred place where your worth is affirmed, and where you are connected with others and with the silent Mystery of God.

We invite you to enter the worship space with silence.

Silence
Call to worship
Songs of Praise
Scripture Reading
Meditative Singing
Silent Prayer - The Lord's Prayer
Scripture Reading
Song
Words of Sending

6:00 pm Supper (*REV, Dining Hall*)

Special Meal: Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Alumni and Friends Dinner (*V1, Great Hall*)

Evening Free time

Silence

9:00 pm 'Family and Friends' LGBT discussion hosted by the General Board. (REV, South Quad Lounge 102)

7:00 am Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 am Morning Worship

HH, Humanities Theatre

Theme: Behold...the Lamb

Revelation 21: 22-23

Welcome Singing Prayer Time Singing Sending

9:00 am Bible Teaching led by Loren Johns

9:30 am Formation Stories

10:00 am Break

10:30 am Budget approval, Auditor approval
Changes in staffing/structure,
Nominating Committee and elections,
Reports from Related Organizations and quests

11:30 am Lunch (REV, dining Hall)

1:30 pm Tours

5:30 pm Supper in Waterloo Park

6:30 – 7:30 pm Joint Youth/Adult Worship Waterloo Park band shell - near the U Waterloo campus at 100 Westmount N.

Keynote Speaker: Willard Metzger see page 20 for worship resources

7:30 pm Prayer Walk

6:30 pm Joint Youth/Adult Worship

8:30 pm Drama (HH, Humanities Theatre)
This Prison or: He Came Through the Floor

This is an original one-act play by John Wideman which explores the delusions of an eccentric prisoner and his surprise encounter with a Good Samaritan who digs up through his jail cell. *This Prison or: He Came Through the Floor* is both fun and thought provoking as it explores fundamentalism, doubt, and our reluctance to step out of our comfort zone.

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# thursday, july 7

7:00 am Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 am Morning Worship

HH, Humanities Theatre

Theme: Behold...the Light!

Revelation 21:23, 24

Welcome Singing Prayer Time Singing

Sending

9:00 am Bible Teaching led by Loren Johns

9:30 am Church Engagement Stories

10:00 am Break

10:30 am Witness Stories 2

12:00 pm Lunch (REV, Great Hall)

Special Meal: Join Hands Luncheon (V1, Great Hall)

1:30 pm Presentation, Discussion and Decision on Proposed By-law

Changes and the 2012 Assembly/ Biennial Assemblies

Open mic response time

2:30 pm Break

3:00 pm Resolutions Committee Update and resolution discussion

3:30 pm Acknowledging Congregational Transitions

Listening Committee report

#### 4:00 - 5:10 pm Joint Adult/Youth Seminars

- Atonement, Adjustment, and Remembering our Common Past
- Benefits of Technology in a Postmodern Culture
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- Serve But with Your Eyes Wide Open!
- Sex and the Sanctuary

#### 4:00 - 5:10 pm Seminars cont'd

- Stretch Your Comfort Zone
- True Stories from Real People
- What is counter-recruitment?
- Worship: Is it pleasing in God's Sight?
- Wrestling with Scripture: From Illiteracy to Engagement

see pages 14-19 for details

#### 5:30 – 6:00 pm Evening Worship

HH, Humanities Theatre

#### Theme: Behold...the Mystery and the Glory!

Taize style worship service

We invite you to enter the worship space with silence.

Silence

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Scripture Reading

**Meditative Singing** 

Silent Prayer - Lord's Prayer

Scripture Reading

Song

Words of Sending

Silence

6:00 pm Supper (REV, dining hall)

Special Meal: Canadian Mennonite University Alumni

and Friends Dinner (V1, Great Hall)

Evening Free time

9:30 pm Drama (HH, Humanities Theatre)

Open?

Jamie's humdrum Canadian life takes an interesting turn when refugee claimants Maria, Chavi and Sophie find their way into her life. "Open?" is a story about how unexpected friendship wipes away prejudice and fear, inspiring Jamie to speak out against injustice on behalf of her new friends.

Cast: Jessica Ressor Remple, Kimberlee Walker, Katie Cowie, Michelle Van Rassel, Rebecca Steiner (Director)



# friday, july 8

7:00 am Breakfast

8:30 – 9:00 am Morning Worship

HH, Humanities Theatre

Theme: Behold...the gates are open!

Revelation 21:25

Welcome Singing Prayer Time Singing Sending

9:00 am Bible Teaching led by Loren Johns

10:00 am Break

9:30 am Open mic response time

10:30 am Formation Stories 2

Prepare for small group discussion on *The Heart of Mennonite Worship Study Guide* 

12:00 pm Lunch (REV, Great Hall)

Special Meal: Mennonite Women Canada Lunch and Annual Meeting (South Campus Hall, Festival Room)

1:30 pm Small group discussion on *The Heart of Mennonite Worship* 

2:30 pm Break

3:00 pm *The Heart of Mennonite Worship* discussion:

Plenary Response

3:30 pm Commissioning of staff and elected members

Resolutions Committee Report Listening Committee Report Reflection and Evaluation

#### 4:30 – 5:40 pm Joint Adult/Youth Seminars

- Challenging Gender Stereotypes
- Does Sunday School have a Future?
- Forgiveness: A Long Road
- Frustrated in Doing Good
- Get GAMEOed!
- God's Story, My Story
- How much is too much?
- Humour me
- "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth"
- In the Spirit of Humanity
- Is the end near?
- Join the Anabaptist Party!
- Letters from Laos: Dear Canada...

#### 4:30 – 5:40 pm Seminars *cont'd*

- Merging Paper, Audio, and Video
- On the Hot Seat!
- Original People, Original Art
- Really... What is an Anabaptist Christian?
- Teasers and Trailers!
- Technology and the Good Life?
- We Have \$\$\$ For You

see pages 14-19 for details

6:00 pm Supper (REV, Dining Hall)

### 7:00 pm Closing Worship & Communion *HH, Humanities Theatre*

(keynote speaker: Nelson Kraybill)

Theme: Good news...God dwells with us!

Call to worship Opening prayer Children's time

Singing Scripture

Singing Sermon

Singing

Communion

Prayer of sending Song of sending Offering response

#### Friday's Offering - Burkina Faso Project

see page 33 for details

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### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA**

Learn, Serve, Live!

#### **Seeking Sojourners**

Soujourners are experienced followers of the Jesus-way, sharing the Spirit with others along the way. Assignments involve welcoming individuals to walk together with God in community, and nurturing servant leaders in partnership with our local and global church family. A long term assignment presently available in Botswana, Africa. Other locations are possible.

#### Learn more...

Explore the Mennonite
Church Canada website at
www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve, then
express your interest in any of these
opportunities by calling the Human
Resources office at Mennonite Church
Canada toll-free at 1-866-888-6785,
extension 110.



# peace in the public polygon $(P^3)$

On Wednesday afternoon and evening, we will express our peace publicly as we serve in the Kitchener and Waterloo communities, and learn more about the region. An outdoor meal and worship will follow. A special late-night drama presentation "My Prison, or, He came through the Floor" by John Wideman will be offered. All Adults and Youth are invited.

#### Service Opportunities

Our public witness is a clear expression of our faith. At our Assembly in Waterloo this year, we will immerse ourselves in learning AND doing. Planners have developed many opportunities for you to choose from. Staff at each placement does an orientation to their work.

As we serve others, we serve God. It is a time of mutual growth as we offer grace to each other. We hope you have signed up for one or more of these opportunities.

Busses depart from Parking Lot V and S behind Ron Eydt Village.

#### Cambridge Self Help Food Bank

Capacity: 35 Youth, 5 Sponsors, 10 Adults

Come and help organize and sort donated food for those who find themselves without enough.

#### Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat Centre

Capacity: 17 Youth, 3 Sponsors, 5 Adults

Spend time outdoors in support of all the children and single parent families who visit Hidden Acres to get closer to God and creation. Your efforts will be appreciated as you paint building exteriors, clear trails, or focus on environmental rehabilitation projects.

#### Mary's Place

Capacity: 15 Youth, 4 Sponsors and 4 Adults

Mary's Place is YWCA Kitchener-Waterloo's 60-bed emergency shelter for women and families who are homeless. Lead children's activities and games, help in the kitchen with dishes and food preparation, sort donations or beautify the grounds.

#### Mennonite Central Committee Generations Thrift Shop

Capacity: 20 Youth, 5 Sponsors, 5 Adults

Re-condition goods and re-fresh your soul. Participants will help clean and sort a variety of items for re-sale to raise money for Mennonite Central Committee's relief work around the world.

#### Mennonite Central Committee Warehouse

Capacity: 8 Youth, 2 Sponsors, 5 Adults

The Mennonite Central Committee Warehouse ships material aid around the world. Participants will knot comforters and prepare relief kits. Includes a tour of the warehouse.

#### Ray of Hope

Capacity: 37 Youth, 8 Sponsors, 5 Adults

Ray of Hope helps teens deal with addictions and the challenges of having been in jail. A solid scrub of the facility, inside and out, will help bring a refreshed atmosphere to the centre.

#### Supportive Housing of Waterloo (SHOW)

Capacity: 13 Youth, 3 Sponsors, 4 Adults

A non-profit organization whose mandate is to design, build and operate permanent, affordable, supportive housing in Waterloo to house the chronically homeless and hard-to-house individuals of Waterloo Region. Participants will help by cleaning and gardening at this home, important to many people.

#### Other Expressions of Service and Learning

#### Prayer for Peace walk

Capacity: 150 Youth, 20 Sponsors, 30 Adults (10 groups of 20 each)

Add this to the 1000 Acts of Peace list at <u>liveforpeace.org</u>. Leaders will take you to a variety of locations where you will stop, reflect, and pray for current issues that challenge peace and justice in our world today.

#### The Working Centre & Cafe

Capacity: 13 Youth, 3 Sponsors, 4 Adults

No address, no phone - no job. Participants will learn about this self-help employment centre for the homeless, and what it takes to find training and support as they look for meaningful work. Participants will tour the centre and its programs, and will want to bring some money to enjoy a visit to the café.

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### tours

#### Meet me at the Grand

Much of the land on which Mennonites originally settled was part of the Native land grants by the British Crown which was to include six miles on each side of the Grand River. This eventually was reduced to the lands on the Six Nations Reserve near Brantford. The town was named after Joseph Brant, a key aboriginal leader of the time who worked diligently on behalf of his people in the midst of changing times, and supported the British in the Revolutionary War.

In many ways, Waterloo Region is a microcosm of the wider Mennonite Church represented by Mennonite Church Canada, with all its diversity, yet united as a people of God. Below you will find helpful descriptions of the many Tour options we have prepared for you. Plan to come and "Meet Me at the Grand!"

You may find your tour more enjoyable if you come prepared with a day pack including a few personal items and a waterbottle. Enjoy your tour!

-Maurice Martin, Tour Coordinator

#### Where to meet

Busses will depart from parking lots S and V. Ushers will be on hand to direct you to the appropriate Tour Bus. Signage on busses will identify the tour name and help you confirm you are on your chosen tour. If in doubt, confirm with the Tour Guide on each bus.

#### Up the Nith

Led by: Fred Lichti

This tour will follow the Nith River valley west of Waterloo to learn about the original Amish Mennonite settlement in Wilmot Township ca. 1825. We will encounter various Amish Mennonite groups (Old Order, Beachy Amish and conference groups). From this initial pioneering group of Amish emerged the former Western Ontario Conference, now part of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada. The tour will pass by meetinghouses which represent the spectrum of this community and visit an Amish home, quilt store and buggy shop.

#### Historic Ebytown

Led by: Gary Knarr

When Mennonites first came to this Region (ca. 1800), present-day Kitchener was a little hamlet called Sand Hills. It soon was called "Ebytown," named for an early Mennonite pastor, teacher, farmer and entrepreneur. This tour will highlight the historical Mennonite presence in downtown Kitchener over the past two centuries, focusing on the congregations and sites that have marked Mennonite settlement, growth and mission in this present urban setting. And you will learn how the city was variously named Sand Hills, Ebytown, Berlin and finally Kitchener.

Participants will tour the Joseph Schneider Haus Museum, whose theme for that week is "Mennonite Foodways" (food that really "schmecks!"). We will also visit Woodside National Historic Site, the childhood home of William Lyon McKenzie King, who as Prime Minister assisted Mennonites to immigrate to this area from Russia.

As we visit First Mennonite Church, we will explore the theological, cultural and social changes that local Mennonites experienced as this community grew from a frontier settlement into an inner city neighbourhood.

#### The Trail of the Conestoga

Led by: Maurice Martin

Mennonites first came to Canada from Pennsylvania in 1786, traveling for eight weeks in Conestoga wagons. They initially settled in the Niagara Region, and by 1800 opened up Waterloo Township with the purchase of the German Land Tract in the areas surrounding present-day Kitchener.

This tour will stop at First Mennonite Church to hear a brief version of the Ebytown history (a more complete version is offered in the "Historic Ebytown" tour). We will make a brief stop at the Doon Pioneer memorial tower and view the city from there.

The bulk of the time will be spent at the Doon Heritage Village and Waterloo Region Museum. In the Heritage Village you can experience what life was like in 1914. You will see a Conestoga wagon and the Peter Martin farmhouse (one of the first Mennonite settlers) which was moved onto that site, as well as other artifacts linked to Mennonite settlement of the region.

With newly restored buildings, and a number of farm animals, this is a very family-friendly tour!

#### Up the Conestoga

Led by: Barb Draper

Explore the history and culture of Old Order Mennonites who have been moving ever farther up the Conestoga River watershed, and beyond, in search of new land. The tour begins at the Visitor Centre in St. Jacobs, with a multi-media presentation called "Telling the Mennonite Story." You can assess how well we represent ourselves as Mennonites to the broader world in this way.

Then as we head up the Conestoga we will pass farms and agriculture-related industries owned by Mennonites of various types, including the Old Order community. Bus driver, take it slow, you may meet some buggies on the road! The tour group will meet in an Old Order Mennonite parochial school. With the teacher we will explore how they have successfully retained horse-and-buggy traditions while living in a modern world.

#### Six Nations of the Grand River

Led by: Neill and Edith von Gunten

Our meeting place for the Assembly is on land which formerly was the home of Aboriginal peoples. Many a farmer in Waterloo Region has plowed up arrow heads as a sign of their presence. The people initially lived side by side. The German Land Tract on which Mennonites settled ca. 1800 was purchased from the Six Nations through an intermediary. We will visit our aboriginal neighbours who offered this land to our Mennonite forebears. Six Nations is a distinct community located along the picturesque waters of the Grand River and in one of the last remaining "Carolinian Forests" in Southern Ontario.

We begin by taking a self-guided tour of the Woodland Cultural Centre. Artifacts and art depicts the life and work of the Anishinaabe and Onkwehon: we, peoples who inhabited southern Ontario many years ago. We will experience a guided tour of the residential school, and hear about the injustices experienced by the aboriginal people in that context. Hazel Hill, a local Haudenosaunee (People of the Longhouse) leader, will take us to the reclamation site on the western edge of the town of Caledonia and guide our drive through the Six Nations community.

Because of the longer drive, this tour costs \$25. The tour leaves at 10:30 am and returns at 6:00 pm.

NOTE: The tour of the residential school is NOT suitable for children 14 or younger, as it contains sensitive and graphic descriptions and adult themes. However, children can tour the Woodland Centre and enjoy the rest of the tour as well.

#### You can take the boy from the farm...

Mennonite Economic Development Associates will provide an on-board guide. The owners will provide tours of their facilities.

LEIS PET DISTRIBUTING INC. is a company with a 72,000 sq. ft. warehouse and main office in Wellesley, Ont., and a 20,000 sq. ft. warehouse in Moncton, New Brunswick. As a full line distributor of pet food and accessories, they deliver to over 800 independent Retail pet food stores, vets, and groomers throughout Ontario and the Atlantic provinces. Leis Pet employs 52 people. The company maintains a culture of being socially responsible while supporting both the local and international community.

ERB GROUP, founded in 1959 in the small town of Wellesley, is a transportation company that has grown to more than 1200 employees, 140 owner/operators, ten terminal locations, and almost 1,000 power units. Thousands of companies rely on the Erb Group for delivery of their time-sensitive, temperature-controlled products in refrigerated trucks. Erb Group is a family-run business (Vernon and Wendell Erb) servicing Canada and the USA with a state of the art fleet and leading edge technology. The owners are committed to supporting both the local and international community.

#### From Doddy Haus to Continuum of Care

Led by: Glenn Zehr

In previous generations the elderly and people with developmental disabilities were taken care of within the family setting. When the next generation took over the family farm, the retiring couple often moved into the 'doddy haus' attached to the farm house. Their care as they aged was provided as long as they lived.

Today there has been a paradigm shift, from Doddy Haus to continuum of care facilities in the K-W area operated by Mennonite Church Eastern Canada constituent churches. Fairview Mennonite Home in Cambridge and Parkwood Mennonite Home in Waterloo are operated by the same board. Tri-County Mennonite Homes (TCMH) board operates Greenwood Court in Stratford and Nithview Community in New Hamburg. These four campuses provide a full continuum of Supported and Independent Living Apartments and Garden Homes.

TCMH also operates Aldaview Services, providing long term residential support and day programs for 50 adults with a developmental disability. Join us as we tour Parkwood, Nithview and Aldaview and get a glimpse of how we are responding to this paradigm shift in providing a continuum of care for adults.

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### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA**

Learn, Serve, Live!

#### **Adventurers Wanted**

**Interns:** Mennonite Church Canada invites young adults over the age of 18 to serve the church in a variety of settings such as Philippines, Cuba, South Africa and Thailand. Assignments range from teaching, administrative assistance, and sharing your gifts and talents. Learn more about yourself and the role of the church in the world in a cross cultural setting.

**University/College practicum:** If you are a university or college student, consider doing your practicum through Mennonite Church Canada. Call us and/or inquire with your school.

**Radical Journey:** Radical Journey is a one year cross-cultural experience for young adults. Recent sites have included Bolivia, China, and England. Hook into the Radical Journey Facebook group via <a href="https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1566">www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1566</a>

**SERVE Nazareth:** SERVE Nazareth invites persons over 18 years of age for 3 to 6-month placements in Nazareth, Galilee. Get to know Arab Christians and work in a local church for an experience like no other.

**Connexus:** College graduates are needed for teaching English with one year contracts at Connexus, an English language institute associated with the Korea Anabaptist Center (KAC) in Seoul, South Korea.

Mennonite Voluntary Service Adventure (MVSA): for people 18 years of age and older interested in a Canadian service experiences of one, two, or more years. Live in community with like-minded service volunteers in one of four locations across Canada, make a difference by working with non-profit agencies. Past volunteers have served in medical clinics, tutored children, worked with senior citizens, repaired housing, and helped meet the needs of vulnerable people. See <a href="https://www.mvsa.net">www.mvsa.net</a>

#### Learn more...

Explore the Mennonite
Church Canada website at
www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve, then
express your interest in any of these
opportunities by calling the Human
Resources office at Mennonite Church
Canada toll-free at 1-866-888-6785,
extension 110.



### seminars

As usual, we will be offering a variety of stimulating seminars at Assembly 2011. Some seminars will be offered to both Youth and Adults, others only to one or the other.

Joint Youth-Adult seminars
Tuesday and Thursday at 4:00-5:15 pm.

### Atonement, Adjustment, and Remembering our Common Past (CGR 1301)

With: Peter Haresnape, member of Christian Peacemaker Team's Aboriginal Justice Team.

Christians are called to be in the relationship business. How can Christians best become allies of Indigenous peoples in Canada? Can we reverse the damage of a colonialist past - and present? What is the Church's role in changing this future?

### Calling and Growing Leaders through Camping Ministries (ML 212) (THURSDAY ONLY)

With: Campbell Nisbet, Executive Director, Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp & Retreat Centre.

Mennonite Camps provide key faith formation settings for many people and engage the world in unique ways. Summer camp ministries offer opportunities for leadership development through training, mentoring and practice. The unique community of the summer camp fosters exploration, faith development, and personal growth in a supportive yet accountable environment. Join a conversation that explores ways camps and church leaders can effectively engage society in relevant ways with the call to God's kingdom.

#### Just Food (CGR 1101)

With: Ray Dirks, Curator, Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery, and Marlene Epp, Historian, Conrad Grebel University College.

What did food justice mean for Mennonites caught in the Russian famine in the 1920's? What does food justice mean to us when we have daily nourishment in abundance? What does food justice mean to someone who must eke out a life on one meal a day? Join your hosts in a walking tour of this exhibit and hear stories from past and present that help you embrace the stunning visual art displays.

#### Competing for Your Loyalty: How Worship Shapes Allegiance (EV1 350)

With: Nelson Kraybill, President Emeritus of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

The image of Jesus as the Lamb appears frequently in the book of Revelation. Using stories and images, Nelson will focus on how worship shapes allegiance to Jesus the Lamb in settings where loyalties have competed in both ancient and modern times.

#### Creativity in Epic Proportions (CGR 1302/ ML 315)

With: Ed Janzen, Chaplain, and Mary Brubaker-Zehr, Director of Student Services, Conrad Grebel/University of Waterloo.

Thinking outside the box is more than just a cliché—God's Creativity is epic! How do we make God's creativity real in big life decisions? Let's practice thinking outside the box!

#### Going Global in God's Church (HH 344)

With: Becca Willms, Ruth Weber, Tim Wenger, and Ken Ogasawara, participants in Radical Journey and SALT, both international service and learning programs.

Experiencing another country and culture can be an adventure. But serving the church in an international context is much more than that! Former short term workers will provide examples, experiences, and information on current service opportunities.

#### Living More With Less (HH 336)

With: Joanne Moyer, Mennonite Creation Care Network / Mennonite Central Committee Ontario / Greening Sacred Spaces.

The dangers of climate change, images of poverty at home and abroad, and violent conflict give us plenty to despair. But the hope and the model of Jesus Christ equips us to respond meaningfully. By living more with less we can build a sustainable foundation of peace and justice for all — the way Jesus would want.

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### seminars cont.

### Life Flows On: Church, Families and Mental Illness (ML 354/ ML 212)

With: Gayle Gerber Koontz, Professor of Theology and Ethics, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

This seminar is intended to help congregations and their leaders better understand the realities of life and faith that are faced by family members of those living with chronic mental illness. Participants are invited to share their wisdom of how congregations can help such families abide in Christ.

#### Lifting the Words Off the Page (ML 246)

With: Ken Hawkley, Associate Director of Development, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Whether you are a scripture reader keen for techniques to bring scripture alive in new ways, or a worshipper bored by ho-hum scripture presentations, this seminar is for you. With a passion for bringing biblical teaching to life, your host will cajole and coach participants to reveal the Bible in a different light and open doors to greater understanding of God's Word by transforming scripture reading into wisdom story-telling.

#### Benefits of Technology in a Postmodern Culture (HH 227)

With: Maxwell Kennel, alumnus of the Explore! Program at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary.

Rather than treating technology as separate from our lives of faith, we will examine how to move past the abuse of technology in our postmodern culture, and integrate technology as part of God's future.

#### Mennonite Koreans: New Anabaptists (HH 259)

With: Bock Ki Kim, Pastor of Vision Mennonite Church, London, Ont., Erwin and Marian Wiens, Mennonite Church Canada workers in Korea.

A dynamic, emerging South Korean Anabaptist movement is springing up across Asia and North America. Your hosts will share stories and images about the movement that may surprise you!

#### Revelation Revisited (ML 349)

With: John H. Neufeld, former educator and President Emeritus, Canadian Mennonite Bible College.

We need an overview, an orientation, and an approach in order to read Revelation 'for all its worth.' Let's imagine that the author has created a large room hung with murals, each providing an insightful answer to an unasked question, encouraging faithful discipleship in a difficult time.

#### Science Fiction Films and God's Future (HH 280)

With: Vic Thiessen, Chief Operating Officer, Mennonite Church Canada, and sci-fi film fan.

The Matrix. 2001: A Space Odyssey. Wall-E. Children of Men. The science fiction genre of films has been introducing us to the future for decades. Perhaps surprisingly, many sci-fi films, whether intentionally or not, are commenting on God's future. Come on in and take a peek at some unexpected revelations.

#### Serve - But with Your Eyes Wide Open! (HH 345)

With: Allan Reesor-McDowell, Youth and Young Adult Coordinator for Mennonite Central Committee — Ont.

Service organizations compete to send out some pretty enticing advertising for a wide array of short term service and learning adventures for youth, promising a life-changing experience. What are the pros, cons, risks, and rewards of these short immersion experiences? What are the questions to consider as you make choices? Allan Reesor-McDowell will help you sort through a maze of considerations and questions about these popular trips.

#### Sex and the Sanctuary (ML 311)

With: Marilyn Rudy-Froese & Scott Brubaker-Zehr, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Pastors.

We are reluctant to talk about sexuality, even healthy sexuality, in our worship and education settings. *Body and Soul—Healthy Sexuality and the People of God* is a resource that will help kick-start the conversation. Learn how to use this teaching kit in your congregation and homes, and learn how others have used this as a resource in their congregations.

#### Stretch Your Comfort Zone (HH 138)

With: Jeff and Tany Warkentin — newly returned Mennonite Church Canada workers from Burkino Faso, West Africa.

In North America, the word 'evangelism' has often been hi-jacked for political purposes. Yet the majority of global Mennonite churches use the term unabashedly — and practice evangelism in profound ways. What can we learn from each other? Can we redeem the "E" word in North American Mennonite churches? Join Tany and Jeff Warkentin as they share positive experiences and challenges from an evangelically-charged context in Burkina Faso.



#### True Stories from Real People (CGR 1300)

With: Hinke Loewen-Rudgers, Mennonite Church Canada International Volunteer.

Hinke Loewen-Rudgers has been serving as a Mennonite Church Canada worker in Nazareth, Galilee since October 2008. Sharing stories from Arab Christians, Hinke will share the life of the church in the Holy Land and present opportunities for involvement with the church through service and internship placements. Good things do come from Nazareth!

#### Wampum Belt (HH 123) (TUESDAY ONLY)

With: Rick Hill, Mohawk, historian, and friend of Mennonite Central Committe Ontario's Aboriginal Neighbours Program North (Treaty 9 Area).

Haudenosaunee (Six Nations) peace-building principles have relevance for relationship-building today! The principles of the Silver Covenant Chain and the Two Row Wampum belts are important foundations for building respectful relationships today.

#### What is counter-recruitment? (CGR 1110)

With: Matthew Bailey-Dick, Peace Animator, Mennonite Central Committee Ontario.

In response to increasing militarism in Canada — including more aggressive military recruiting — Mennonite Central Committee Ontario launched a "counter-recruitment" project. What is the military offering? Do we have anything to offer those who want to "fight" for our country?

#### Worship: Is it pleasing in God's Sight? (HH 119/ML 354)

With: Dave Bergen, Exec. Secretary, Mennonite Church Canada Formation, and Mark Diller Harder, Pastor at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church, with members of the Mennonite Publishing Network Bi-national Worship Council.

Enter the sanctuary of any church on Sunday morning and you'll see people worshiping — singing songs, praying, listening to the Word, and breaking bread together. Does it honour Christ? Does it reflect our convictions as Anabaptist Mennonites? Does our worship welcome all? Are we being transformed as a body into the loving community of disciples we desire to become? Thankfully, there are ways to discern these questions, and there are answers! Come join the dialogue started by a new study guide on Mennonite worship.

#### Wrestling with Scripture: From Illiteracy to Engagement (ML 315/ CGR 1302)

With: Derek Suderman, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies (Old Testament), Conrad Grebel / University of Waterloo.

Are you at a loss in tackling the decline in biblical literacy in the church? This workshop will use Jacob's wrestling at the Jabok as an analogy for scriptural engagement that shifts the focus from Bible knowledge to ongoing biblical engagement. Specific passages will provide case studies to help demonstrate different strategies for Bible study as well as an opportunity to wrestle 'hands-on' with some of the related challenges and opportunities.

### Adult seminars

Friday at 4:00-5:15 pm.

#### Challenging Gender Stereotypes (CGR 1301)

With: Eleanor Epp-Stobbe, Pastor, and Ed Heide

This seminar will identify and challenge beliefs and practices that contradict our understanding of men and women as created in the image of God. It will also consider steps we can take to redeem differences and grow into the humanity God intended.

#### Does Sunday School have a Future? (CGR 1302)

With: Lisa Carr-Pries

How we pass on faith to our children is destined to shape the future of the church. What is the state of Sunday School in your congregation? What new trends and creative thinking are shaping the future of Sunday School curriculum? Is Sunday School the best way to shape disciples young and old? What will best serve our churches in the future?

#### Forgiveness: A Long Road (HH 119)

With: Jeremy Bergen, Assistant Professor of Religious Studies and Theology at Conrad Grebel University College

The journey of forgiveness is not a static event. Asking and offering forgiveness between denominations compels us to view one another differently, to retell our story in new ways, and to even consider if we have correctly told our history. Come and hear our Lutheran guest interact with Mennonites to talk about this journey and challenge us as we look ahead!

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### adult seminars cont.

#### Frustrated in Doing Good? (HH 123)

With: Randy Wiebe, Chief Financial Officer, Mennonite Church Canada, and Tim Froese, Executive Director, International Ministries Mission Partnership Facilitator for Latin America

We want to do good and share our abundance, but it seems that rules and regulations sometimes work to stymie our best efforts. "Doing good" without threatening our status as registered charitable organizations presents some important considerations. Join the hosts of this seminar, designed especially for treasurers, congregational leaders, and mission leaders to discuss the realities of "doing good" legally.

#### Get GAMEOed! (HH 259)

With: Sam Steiner, Mennonite Historical Society of Canada

Has your congregation been GAMEOed? GAMEO — the Global Anabaptist Mennonite Encyclopedia Online — is quickly becoming the primary go-to source for all things Anabaptist. Your host will give you an introduction, help you check your congregation's profile, and reveal what's in the future for this amazing resource.

#### God's Story, My Story (HH 344)

With: David Csinos, PhD student and Author of "Children's Ministry that Fits" and Elsie Rempel, Director of Christian Nurture, Mennonite Church Canada

Story has the power to shape the lives of people of all ages. In this seminar, leaders will explore how to creatively connect personal, family, and congregational experiences to God's big story from childhood through to the senior years. A must for the story keepers and story tellers in your congregation.

#### How much is too much? (HH 345)

With: Mike Strathdee and Dori Zerbe Cornelsen, Stewardship Consultants, Mennonite Foundation of Canada

Whether Canada is currently in or out of recession, the values of economic sustainability and comfortable lifestyle can appear to be in conflict. Come and join this conversation about financial choices, generosity and counter-cultural living.

#### Humour me (HH 150)

With: Ken Hawkley, Associate Director of Development, Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary There is plenty to be glum about as we read and hear what is happening in our world. There is an overwhelming number of excellent causes to engage. Yet we can't be long-faced all the time. Humour can heal, bring hope and provide perspective. Humour can challenge and humour can comfort. Humour is linked to joy and we all like to laugh. Come and join in. Bring humourous stories and be prepared for a good time.

#### "I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth" (EV1 225)

With: James Watson, Consultant for Church Planting and Congregational Revitalization, The Salvation Army, and Brian Bauman, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada Mission Minister

New congregations are being planted and are growing in the Mennonite Church Canada family! Some of these congregations are not culturally at home in our dominant church culture. How do we make space for this diversity? Come and engage the leaders of new church plants from Toronto, Ottawa, St. Catharine's, Kitchener, and Winnipeg. These plants target new Canadians, contemporaries, and inner-city audiences.

#### In the Spirit of Humanity (HH 336)

With: Ray Dirks, Artist and Curator of the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery

This seminar encapsulates Ray Dirks' transforming art workshops in Manitoba schools — from inner-city Winnipeg to Winkler, from kindergarten to adults learning English. Much of the work concentrates on refugees and immigrant newcomers in Winnipeg's inner-city. See and hear how students find acceptance and embrace opportunities to share images and stories from their past as Ray and his partners, Manju Lodha and Isam Aboud, work with them.

#### Is the end near? (HH 150)

With: Loren Johns, Professor of New Testament at Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

For 200 years in North America, there have been popular streams of apocalyptic theology predicting that the end of the world is near. What's behind these popular views? How does one square the relationship between end-time views and ethics on the one hand, and views of Christ (Christology) on the other? The contributions of the immensely popular Left Behind book series will be a major focus of this seminar.



#### Join the Anabaptist Party! (ML 212)

With: Vic Thiessen, Chief Operating Officer, Mennonite Church Canada

As former Director of the London Mennonite Centre in the UK, Vic Thiessen worked with Stuart Murray, author of the best selling *The Naked Anabaptist*. Thiessen also has first-hand experience with a unique British expression of an Anabaptist flavoured Christian celebration of music and the arts called Greenbelt — and the 2011 launch of its North American partner, The Wild Goose Festival. Come and learn more about how core Anabaptist values are shaping the future of Christianity.

#### Letters from Laos: Dear Canada... (ML 216)

With: Chinda Komala, Pastor, Lao Canadian Evangelical Mennonite Church, Toronto

Laotian-Canadian church leader Chinda Kommala shares stories of new ministries from the Laotian community in various regions of Canada and in their homeland. Share Chinda's joy of how a Mennonite Laotian congregation in Toronto purchased and moved into their new place of worship.

#### Merging Paper, Audio, and Video (HH 124)

With: Ron Rempel, Executive Director, Mennonite Publishing Network, and Sheri Hartzler, Co-director, Third Way Media

Mennonite Publishing Network and Third Way media are coming together to form MennoMedia. These two institutions have a long history of spreading the Word through an Anabaptist lens. How will Christian formation and outreach be better served by this integration? What are the creative opportunities in reaching existing and new audiences? Your hosts will talk about new strategies and synergies of bringing together these communication channels under one roof. Bring your questions and comments!

#### Teasers and Trailers! (ML 354)

With: Arlyn Friesen-Epp, Director, Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre

The screen has become the most ubiquitous form of entertainment in our generation. But the medium also has the power to do more than entertain. Your hosts will present some of the best of the best in new DVDs for home-use, small group study, and worship. This is stuff you may not hear about elsewhere. Come and see some of the most powerful titles available from Mennonite Church Canada's Resource Centre.

#### On the Hot Seat! (ML 311)

With: Willard Metzger and Andrew Reesor-McDowell

It's a normal state for the Church to be struggling with issues. Your hosts will share with you the pressing issues on Mennonite Church Canada agendas, and invite your discussion and questions.

#### Original People, Original Art (HH 138)

With: Judy Gascho-Jutzi, Quilt Artist and Member of the Ontario Mennonite Historical Society

Art has a profound ability to cross cultures. Explore Mennonite/ Iroquois interaction since the late 1700s through the stunning creation of the quilt that was unveiled at the opening worship service. The artist and others will share vibrant images and stories that inspired the quilt.

#### Really... What is an Anabaptist Christian? (ML 315)

With: Palmer Becker, Short-term Witness Worker at Bethlehem Bible College.

What difference does being an Anabaptist-minded Christian make? Join Pastor and author Palmer Becker (*What is an Anabaptist Christian?*) as he presents nine practical applications of Anabaptism based on this popular booklet being widely used in North American and international Mennonite churches.

#### Technology and the Good Life? (HH 227)

With: Craig Neufeld, Pastor of Youth and Young Adults at Rosthern Mennonite Church, M.Div.(Youth Ministry) Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary

Technology in its various forms shapes us as individuals and as a community, for better or worse. The bread maker takes our hands out of the dough-making process. Portable personal devices demand our full attention — even when we are with others. We long for the latest gadget and imagine how much easier our lives will be. But are our desires masking a deeper longing?

#### We Have \$\$\$ For You (HH 336)

With: Mennonite Foundation, MSCU, and MAX Canada

Mennonite financial institutions have significant grant/mutual aid funds available and love to give away this money. But funding applicants too often provide inadequate information on grant requests or don't know which grant to apply for. Find out what's available and how to make a winning grant application!

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# special meals

#### Newcomers' Lunch

Tuesday, July 5, 12:00 — 1:00 (V1, Great Hall)

Is this your first time at a Mennonite Church Canada Assembly? If so, some of the things that happen may puzzle or confuse you. Bring your questions to this lunch with the Moderator and General Secretary of Mennonite Church Canada, who will do their best to help you feel at home in this way of being church together.

#### Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Alumni and Friends Dinner

Tuesday, July 5, 5:30 – 6:30 (V1, Great Hall)

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary invites alumni and friends to gather for fellowship and the latest news from the Seminary. AMBS President Sara Wenger Shenk, along with select faculty and administrative staff, will be in attendance, eager to engage your questions.

#### Supper in Waterloo Park

Wednesday July 6, 5:30 - 7:00, Waterloo Park (across University Ave. on south side of campus)

On Wednesday we will be sharing a special meal together with the Youth Assembly in Waterloo Park, followed by a joint worship service, during which Willard Metzger, our General Secretary, will be speaking.

#### Join Hands Luncheon

Thursday, July 7, 12:00 – 1:00 (V1, Great Hall)

Mennonite Men, with its newly appointed Coordinator, Don Yoder, is in the process of re-examining its focus for the short and medium term future. Where should we be putting our energies? In placing greater effort in establishing men's groups in congregations and Area Churches? In expanding our body of printed/audio-visual resources? In a greater emphasis on men's retreats and resourcing them? In looking for ways to grow and possibly diversify the JoinHands Church Building Program? We are interested in hearing from you and, together with you, moving in the direction God is calling us to. Please join us for lunch, fellowship, and a place to share your thoughts on the above.

### Canadian Mennonite University Alumni and Friends Dinner

Thursday, July 7, 5:30 – 6:30 (V1, Great Hall)

Life has many stages. For some, one important step was studying at MBBC/Concord College and CMBC (CMU's predecessor Colleges), Outtatown, and CMU itself. Come to the CMU Alumni Gathering to reflect on where your journey has taken you since your student days, and to share with others what it has meant to you.

### Mennonite Women Canada Lunch and Annual Meeting

Friday, July 8, 12:00 – 2:00 pm (South Campus Hall, Festival Room)

Come and meet other Mennonite Women from across Canada for fellowship and inspiration. (Annual Meeting details will be provided through Mennonite Women Canada channels).

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### wednesday night joint youth adult worship at waterloo park

#### Peace in the Public Polygon

#### Gathering

Singing

Welcome

Call to Worship

Hearing about the Mennonite World Conference

Youth Task Force – Kristina Toews

#### **Hearing God's Word**

Singing

Scripture

Introduction/Prayer of Blessing

Speaker – Willard Metzger

#### Responding to God's Word

Singing

Prayer of Intercession

#### Sending

Invitation to Prayer in Action

#### Songs for Wednesday evening

#### Let there be light, Lord God (HWB #371)

- Let there be light, Lord God of hosts!
   Let there be wisdom on the earth!
   Let broad humanity have birth!
   Let there be deeds instead of boasts.
- Within our passioned hearts in still the calm that endeth strain and strife. Make us thy ministers of life. Purge us from lusts that curse and kill.
- 3. Give us the peace of vision clear to see each other's good, our own, to joy and suffer not a lone: the love that casteth out all fear.
- 4. Let woe and waste of warfare cease, that useful labour yet may build its homes with love and laughter filled! God, give thy wayward children peace!

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#### Come all you people

Come all you people, come and praise your maker! (3x) Come now and worship the Lord.

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#### Renew your church (HWB #363)

- Renew your church, its ministries restore, both to serve and adore.
   Make it again as salt through-out the land and as light from a stand.
   'Mid somber shadows of the night where greed and hatred spread their blight, O send us forth with pow'r endued.
   Help us, God, be renewed.
- Teach us your word, reveal its truth divine; on our path let it shine.
   Tell of your works, your mighty acts of grace; from each page show your face.
   As you have loved us, sent your Son, and our salvation now is won,
   O let our hearts with love be stirred.
   Help us, God, know your word!
- 3. Teach us to pray, for you are always near. Your still voice let us hear.
  Our souls are restless till they rest in you, where we find strength anew.
  Before your presence keep us still that we may find for us your will And seek your guidance ev'ry day.
  Teach us, Christ, how to pray!
- Teach us to love with heart and mind and soul.
  You, O Christ, be our goal.
  Break down old walls of prejudice and hate.
  Leave us not to our fate.
  As you have loved and giv'n your life to end hostility and strife,
  O share your grace from heav'n above.
  Teach us, Christ, how to love!

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#### Come, Light of the World (STS #3)

Come, Light of the World! (4x) Come, Spirit of God . . . Come, Prince of Peace . . . Christ, hear our prayer . . .

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# wednesday night worship cont.

#### Longing for Light (STJ #54)

Longing for light, we wait in the darkness.
 Longing for truth, we turn to you.
 Make us your own, your holy people,
 light of the world to see.

Ch: Christ, be our light!
Shine in our hearts.
Shine in our darkness.
Christ, be our light!
Shine in your church gathered today.

- Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has pow'r to save us. Make us your living voice.
- 3. Longing for food, many are hungry.
  Longing for water, many still thirst.
  Make us your bread, broken for others,
  shared until all are fed.
- Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
   Longing for warmth, many are cold.
   Make us your building, sheltering others, walls made of living stone.
- Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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#### Prayer Walk for after evening worship July 6th

Prayers for our world and ... "the healing of the nations" (Rev. 22: 2)

#### Sending Song: Lord Jesus, you shall be my song (STJ #14)

Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey; I'll tell ev'rybody about you wherever I go: You alone are our life and our peace and our love. Lord Jesus, you shall be my song as I journey.

Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey. May all of my joy be a faithful reflection of you. May the earth and the sea and the sky join my song. Lord Jesus, I'll praise you as long as I journey.

As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant To carry your cross and to share all your burdens and tears. For you saved me by giving your body and blood. As long as I live, Jesus, make me your servant.

I fear in the dark and the doubt of my journey; But courage will come with the sound of your steps by my side. And with all of the family you saved by your love, We'll sing to your dawn at the end of your journey.

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#### Call to Prayer

Call to prayer — (ringing of bell, people face one another)
North America

Pray together: These great lands of North America, including Canada and the US, are known as Turtle Island to our First Nations Peoples. We ask God's blessings on all the many peoples who live on Turtle Island including ourselves – people who often struggle with addiction, poverty, affluence, and lack of purpose in life. Lord, purify our hearts, minds, and wills. Loving God, pour your blessing on North America.

#### Song: New Earth Heavens New (HWB #299)

New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving; New seed, creatures new, Spirit of life moving; New man, woman new, image of God moving. Sing a new song to the One who has said, "Behold, I make all things new."

New love, mercies new, Spirit of God moving; New strength, hopefulness new, Spirit of life moving; New hearts, spirits new, image of God moving. Sing a new song to the One who has said, "Behold, I make all things new."

New minds, wisdom new, Spirit of God moving; New law, covenant new, Spirit of life moving; New name, nature new, image of God moving. Sing a new song to the One who has said, "Behold, I make all things new."

New earth, heavens new, Spirit of God moving; New birth, creatures new, Spirit of God moving; New men, women new, image of God moving. Sing a new song to the One who has said, "Behold, I make all things new."

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South America

Pray together: All nations in South America – are known and loved by you, O Lord. Help us be better neighbours to our sisters and brothers to the south. Give us the courage to recognize, acknowledge, and speak out when the behaviours of people in our own land marginalize your children in the South. Lord, we pray for a compassionate world. Loving God, pour your blessing on South America.

#### Song: Sizohamba naye (We will walk with God)(STJ #78)

Sizohamba naye, wo wo wo, sizohamba naye. (2x) Ngom-hla wen-ja-bu-la sizohamba naye. (2x)

We will walk with God, my brothers, we will walk with God. We will walk with God, my sisters, we will walk with God. We will go rejoicing 'til the kingdom has come. (2x)

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Call to prayer (drum – people face southeast)
Africa

Pray together: Wracked by internal wars to feed our appetites for chocolate, cell phones and precious metals we hold the suffering people of Africa in our prayers as they strive for justice, peace, equality and the end of oppression. Loving God, pour your blessings on Africa.

#### Song: Hamba nathi (Come, walk with us) (STJ #2)

Hamba nathi, mku-lu-lu we-thu (4x) Mku-lu-lu, mku-lu-lu, mku-lu-lu we-thu, (4x)

- Come walk with us, the journey is long. (4)
   The journey, the journey, the journey is long. (4x)
- 2. Share our burden, and join in the song.
- 3. Come, uplift us and bring us new life.
- 4. Give us peace when the journey is done.

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Call to prayer (gong – people face west) Asia

Pray together: Natural disasters of floods, earthquakes and tsunamis overwhelm the countries of Asia. Children

and parents find no safety in homes or schools. Give us unflinching generosity as we pray for your people in Asia, that they may be restored in body and spirit and begin to rebuild their lives. Loving God, pour your blessings on Asia.

#### Song: Guide my feet (HWB #546)

- 1. Guide my feet while I run this race, (3x) For I don't want to run this race in vain!
- 2. Hold my hand . . . .
- 3. Stand by me . . . .
- 4. I'm your child . . . .
- 5. Search my heart . . . .
- 6. Guide my feet . . . .

African American Spiritual

Call to prayer (prayer bowl – people face northeast) Europe & Middle East

Pray together: Europe and the Middle East stand in the middle of ancient conflicts. Often funded by taxpayers in Western lands, billions are spent on weapons to kill while the cost of these instruments of war could house the homeless, feed the hungry, and build communities of peace. We pray for changed hearts, and that changed hearts will prompt changed action as we seek peace together. Loving God, pour your blessings on Europe and the Middle East.

#### Song: We are people of God's peace (HWB #407)

We are people of God's peace as a new creation. Love unites and strengthens us at this celebration. Sons and daughters of the Lord, serving one another, A new covenant of peace binds us all together.

We are children of God's peace in this new creation, spreading joy and happiness, through God's great salvation. Hope we bring in spirit meek, in our daily living. Peace with ev'ryone we seek, good for evil giving.

We are servants of God's peace, of the new creation. Choosing peace, we faithfully serve with heart's devotion. Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace, confidence will give us. Christ the Lord is our defence; Christ will never leave us.

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# commissioning litary

Written by Ruth Isaac Wiederkehr

**Leader:** Today we present to you and commission the newest team member of the executive staff of Mennonite Church Canada, Tim Froese.

(Introduction and commissioning of Tim)

### Congregational Response: We thank you for saying yes to God's call. We pledge our support and our prayers to you.

**Leader:** These days we have recalled, remembered.

From the beginning of time, from the birth of the early church, from the time the Mennonite church was born, God has been with us, dwelt with us, worked within and through us.

These days, we have recalled some of God's promises for the future: suffering and struggles will end,

the need to seek security will be obsolete,

nothing accursed will exist.

We have remembered God's assurances:

darkness will be superseded by the light of God's own self present Life will flow from God's throne like a river, grow like a perpetually bearing tree — right in our midst —

watering the thirsty, offering fruits for nourishment, leaves for healing.

#### Giving Thanks

**Leader:** To you who have served on boards, commissions, committees, and on staff these past several years, we say thanks.

### Congregation: We thank you for all you did and all you attempted.

**Leader:** We know your dreams could not all come true, your visions not all find form, substance, breath. We realize our national church has not been without struggle, that uncertainty and challenge have been part of your experience of service.

Sometimes you may have felt the not-yet of how things are: promises remain to be fulfilled. Nonetheless, thanks for your sense of expectation, your shouldering of burdens, your creative thoughts.

# Congregation: You have been part of how God has provided light, nourishment, hope in our Canadian Mennonite churches.

#### Commissioning

Leader: Steadily and always God calls us, nudges, readies us — even as we are inadequate — to be always enough. Gradually and forever, God leads us on into new avenues of growth, fresh paths of service, nascent journeys of trusting, emerging areas of prayerful effort.

Always God will lead us — by paths glimpsed but not yet clear — to new opportunities for gratitude.

For what and why *you* have been called to service only God knows and only time will tell. We don't know what the years of your service will bring – for our earth, for Canada, for the church worldwide, for Mennonite Church Canada, or in your own personal journeys... But God does know, and time will show God's work in you, through you, as you are willing.

Are you, then, willing to be God's dwelling on this earth, both in your ordinary living and in your intentional service?

Are you willing to be a channel through which the church, and all around you, may be refreshed, nourished, healed as God gives you opportunity and ability?

Are you willing to let God be your light, your temple, your security as you seek to be faithful in service?

### Continuing, Newly Elected and Appointed Leaders, Mennonite Church Canada Staff: | am.

### Congregation: May God be your Light, your nourishment, your refreshment!

May God be your inspiration, your sustenance!
May you be part of bringing to pass the new things which God wants to do within us as a national church!
We thank you for your willingness to serve.
We will pray for you when God brings you to mind.
Like you, we want to actively be involved in what God is doing.

#### Prayer of All of Us:

Renewing God,

We thank you that the past does not bind you, that darkness cannot quench you, that things which challenge us or cause us to suffer are not debilitating for you.

You know the hard things in our time, the needs among us as your church, the hunger, thirst, and aching of our world which need your provision and your healing.

Work within and through us adequately during this coming year, so that it will be evident you dwell with us here on earth, as in heaven.

As a foretaste of what is to come, renew us, remake us, work through us according to your vision and your promise.

#### Amen.

Since their return to Ontario from serving with MCC in Cambodia last fall, Ruth Isaac Wiederkehr and her family have bought a farm. In becoming a farmer with her husband, she is fully entering into new avenues of growth, nascent journeys of trusting, and anticipates many opportunities for gratitude.



### **SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITH MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA**

Learn, Serve, Live!

#### Navigators Needed

Navigators are mature Christians who have learned from years of experience and wisdom how to shine the light, discern the journey, and walk in God's way with others. Presently there are several Special Assignments available that are suited to those who can teach, mentor, and are willing to experience an international setting.

#### Learn more...

Explore the Mennonite
Church Canada website at
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express your interest in any of these
opportunities by calling the Human
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Canada toll-free at 1-866-888-6785,
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### introducing mennonite church canada witness workers of 2011



#### **BE INFORMED**

Read about ministry updates in the WoW! International Report. To subscribe, contact Ingrid Miller at imiller@mennonitechurch.ca or click on

www.mennonitechurch.ca for more information on Mennonite Church Canada ministries.

#### **SERVE**

Explore service opportunities on the Mennonite Church Canada website, www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve. Please contact Mennonite Church Canada Human Resources

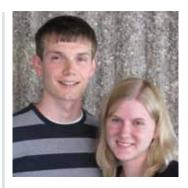
Director, Kirsten Schroeder at kschroeder@mennonitechurch.ca if you are interested in serving.

#### **SUPPORT**

Your financial support plays an important role in growing these ministries. Please contact Mennonite Church Canada to learn how you can develop a congregational partnership or share a gift with these ministries. Donate online at www.mennonitechurch.ca/give.

#### PRAY

Prayer support is so important and gratefully welcomed.
To subscribe to the monthly PrayerNet and be informed of the many prayer requests that come across our desks from around the world, contact Deb Froese at dfroese@mennonitechurch.ca



#### Sarah & Sam Blackwell – Witness Associates in Korea

- Dates: August 2010 August 2012
- Sarah is a Peace Education Volunteer at Korea Anabaptist Center (KAC) in Korea who began ministry in 2010. Her husband, Sam, is now also an Associate with Mennonite Church Canada. He teaches at Connexus, the English language institute affiliated with KAC.
- Home congregation is Crossroads MB Church, Winnipeg, MB



#### Palmer & Ardys Becker – Resource Workers in Palestine/Israel

- Dates: January 12 March 19, 2011
- Served in teaching a course on Pastoral Care and Counseling at Bethlehem Bible College (BBC) in Palestine/Israel. Ardys served as a library assistant at BBC.
- Home congregation is Waterloo North Mennonite Church, Waterloo, Ont..



#### Ben & Patti Wiebe – Resource Workers in India

- Dates: January 15 April 15, 2011
- Ben served as a teacher of intensive New Testament courses at Union Biblical Seminary (UBS) in Pune. Patti assisted in the UBS library and in the Women's Program.
- Home congregation is Stony Creek Church, Stony Creek, Ont.



#### Jenna & Keith Grubaugh – Interns in Philippines

- Dates: February 14, 2011 mid February 2012
- Serve by using their gifts in a variety of ways for the peacebuilding work of Peacebuilders Community (PBCI) in Davao, Mindanao, Philippines. Keith uses his gifts as a business and accounting specialist to assist the PBCI office. Jenna uses her gifts in theatre to produce a theatrical presentation communicating peacebuilding advocacy that can be used and replicated throughout the Philippines.
- Home congregation is Peace Mennonite Church, Richmond, BC.

Mennonite Church Canada is currently accepting applications and is in conversation with candidates for ministry positions in numerous locations. These include Botswana, Ethiopia, Germany and United Kingdom.





#### Jack & Irene Suderman – Resource Workers in Cuba

- Dates: April 13 May 29, 2011
- Jack served by teaching Cuban church leaders and theological students at the Evangelical Theological Seminary and at other church and ministry centers.
- Irene listened to and interacted with Cuban church leaders and theological students at the Evangelical Theological Seminary and at other church and ministry centers.
- Home congregation is Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, MB.



#### Krystofer Penner – Intern in Cuba

- Dates: April 26 July 23, 2011
- Serves in working with specialists in receiving instruction and exposure to local methods of urban agriculture. Krystofer will also build on existing relationships with the Martin Luther King Memorial Center in Havana and Ebenezer Baptist church communities.
- Home congregation is Mitchell Community Fellowship, Mitchell, MB.



#### Kayla Thiessen - Intern in Israel

- Dates: May 24 August 22, 2011
- Kayla is a participant in the SERVE Nazareth program in Nazareth, Galilee. For more information
  on the SERVE program, click on the following link:
   www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve/ServeNazareth.htm
- Home congregation is Steinbach Mennonite Church, Steinbach, MB.



#### Fanosie Legesse – Special Assignment in Ethiopia

- Dates: June 8 July 7, 2011
- Serves on the invitation of the Meserete Kristos Church, the Nazareth Conference, to implement a seminar on Christian Leadership and its Characteristics and to teach a biblical course on Synoptic Gospels, in Amharic, at the Nazareth Campus of the Meserete Kristos College.
- Home congregation is Bethel Mennonite Church, Elora, Ont.

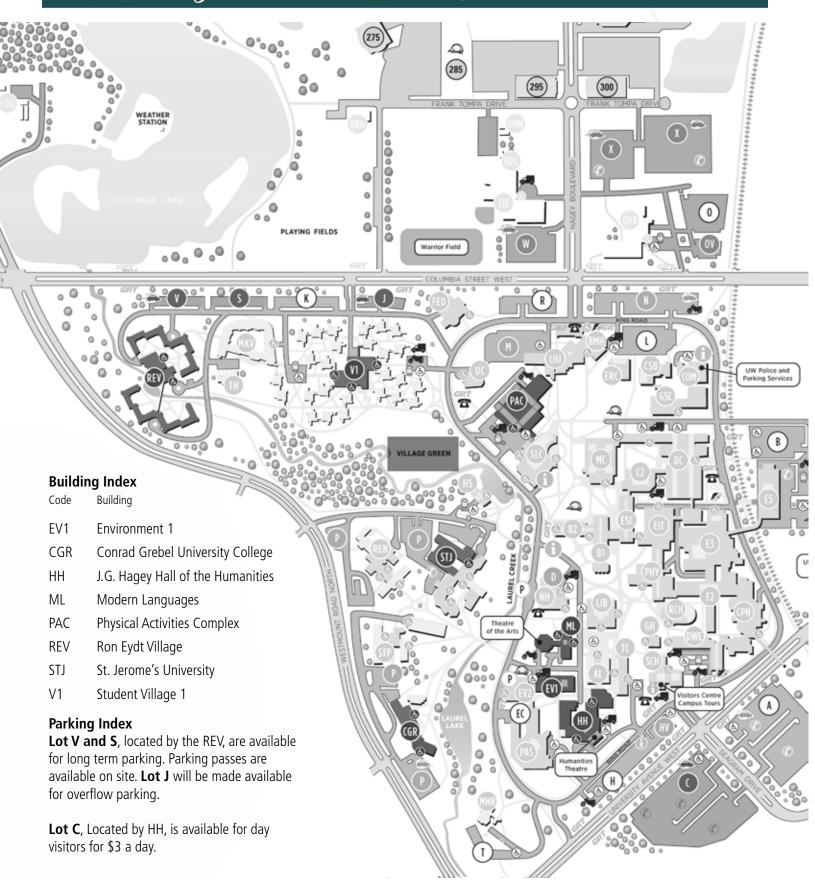


#### Christina & Darnell Barkman – Long Term Workers in Philippines

- Dates: Nov. 1, 2011 Oct. 31, 2014 (Tentative)
- Accepted an invitation to help lead a church planting ministry in Metro Manila. The Barkmans seek to develop a new church in Manila as an outreach of the Integrated Mennonite Churches (IMC) of the Philippines.
- Home congregations are Peace Mennonite Church, Richmond, BC and Northview Community Church, Abbotsford, BC.

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# ron eydt village map



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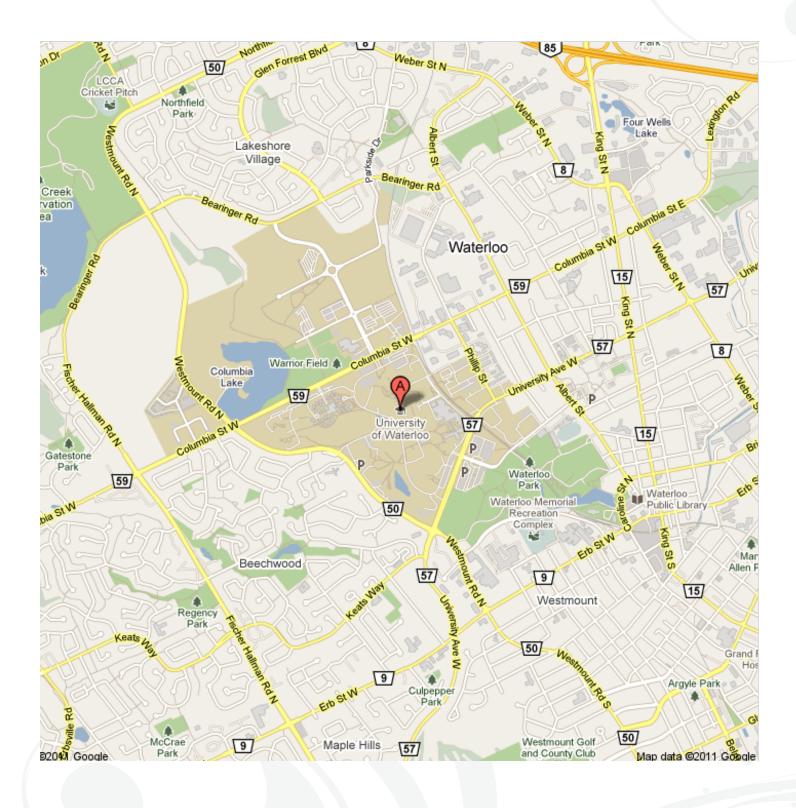
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# waterloo map





# major amenities located near uf of w

Services & Sights	Location
East Side Marios, Mongolian Restaurant, McGinnis, Subway, Burger King, Second Cup, Pita Pit	Ten minute walk from Hagey Hall along University Avenue. From Hagey Hall proceed to University Avenue (visible from the front door of Hagey Hall) and turn left on the sidewalk - they are all on the left hand side, in the plaza, as you walk down the street.
Pizza Nova, Starbucks, Williams Coffee Shop, Dooleys, Tim Hortons, Crabby Joes, Dairy Queen, Popeyes, Pizza Hut	Five to ten minute drive from Hagey Hall along University Avenue. Please note that people in residence will have their vehicles parked in parking lots S and V if they are driving. The parking lots S and V are a 15 minute walk from Hagey Hall. Driving from these parking lots one needs to exit left onto Columbia St. and then left onto Westmount Road. Turn left onto University Avenue and proceed along it to any of the restaurants on University Avenue.
Other Dining Options	Downtown Waterloo is a ten minute Drive from Hagey Hall. Take University Avenue and turn left on King Street and follow the signs. Anyone wishing to drive to downtown Waterloo or Kitchener from parking lots S or V follow the above directions. After about one kilometre driving on University Avenue (from Westmount) turn right onto King Street and a few minutes will get you into downtown Waterloo. Continuing further along King Street after downtown Waterloo will take you into the centre of Kitchener (another five minutes).
Conestoga Mall	Continue another ten minutes on King Street North
St. Jacobs Farmers Market  It is open early Saturday morning until mid afternoon and has a large variety of crafts, clothes, plants, flowers, fruits and vegetables, numerous ethnic and regular meats, and ready made food items for sale indoors and out. (The adjacent stock yard often has an indoor livestock sales auction going on as well. Sometimes there are a variety of buskers performing amid the crowds).	From parking lot S and V exit right onto Columbia Street and go just over a kilometer to Weber Avenue (you will cross King Street) and turn left onto Weber. Follow it for almost three kilometers and you will see the market signs on the right hand side. Parking is free and you will have to look for a space since it is usually quite full. (A 10 - 15 minute trip at most)
Village of St. Jacobs, with its Mennonite Information Centre. Wide variety of specialty shops and food purveyors	20 minute drive from the U of Waterloo. Instead of turning right for the market, continue on the same road and five minutes later you should arrive in picturesque downtown St. Jacobs, which is usually crowded on weekends. The Mennonite Information Centre is on the right hand side amongst the many unique stores in the village.

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# schedule

TIME	JULY 4/11 Monday	JULY 5/11 Tuesday	JULY 6/11 Wednesday	JULY 7/11 Thursday	JULY 8/11 Friday	
7:00		D	D	D	D	
8:00		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast	
8:30	Ministers' Conference Registration	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	Morning Worship	
9:00		Bible Teaching	Bible Teaching	Bible Teaching	Bible Teaching	
9:30	Ministers' Conference	Witness Stories	Formation Stories	Church Engagement Stories	Formation Stories	
10:00		Break	Break	Break	Break	
10:30	Break	Being a Faithful Church 3			Formation Stories	
11:00	Mill IC	Presentation	Discernment	Witness Stories		
11:30	Ministers' Conference	Lunch & Newcomers Lunch	Lunch	Lunch & Joint Hands Lunch	Lunch & Mennonite Women Canada Lunch	
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch					
1:30 - 2:00	Ministers' Conference	Being a Faithful Church 3 Group Work	Tours	Discernment	Discernment	
2:00 - 2:30	Assembly Registration					
2:30	Break	Break		Break	Break	
3:00		Plenary Response		Diamana Daarana	Diamana Daamana	
3:30	Ministers' Conference Assembly Registration	3:00 - 3:45		Plenary Response	Plenary Response	
4:00	, ,	Adult/Youth Joint Seminars		Adult/Youth Joint Seminars	Reflection and Evaluation	
5:00		Evening Worship 5:15 - 6:00	Supper in	Evening Worship	Adult Seminars	
6:00	Supper 5:30 - 7:00	Supper &	Waterloo Park	Supper &	Cupper	
6:30		AMBS Supper		CMU Supper	Supper	
7:00	Opening Worship		Evening Worship		Communion and Closing Worship	
8:00	Discernment Block	Free Time	in Waterloo Park		Free Time	
8:30	Closing Blessing				Farewell and safe travels home!	
9:00 - 12:00 am	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities	Evening Activities		
7:00 8:00 8:30	Discernment Block Closing Blessing	Free Time	in Waterloo Park	Free Time	Closing Worship  Farewell and safe	



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# Radical Journey

#### > Begin a conversation

Radical Journey is a year-long experience that begins a conversation that will continue for the rest of your life. Through this conversation, you will develop spiritually and personally by **integrating faith into your life** through experiential cross-cultural learning and service. You will develop leadership abilities within a supportive community, exploring faith and life from an Anabaptist perspective.

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The conversation will begin in an urban setting like Chicago. For a month, as you discern and live out your faith, you will live in an intentional community that practices hospitality and strives to offer and receive God's love.

#### > To around the world

From there, the conversation will continue in one of several international service assignments for 11 months. Mentors will walk alongside you as you witness God at work in the world and imagine ways you can become an example of God's love to others.

#### > Coming home

After a brief reentry period, you will integrate what you have learned into your home community, and help to encourage and challenge others in their faith journey. You will continue to imagine ways to become a part of what God is doing in the world. Possible assignment locations; South Africa, China, England, Bolivia and Argentina.

Radical Journey is not program oriented, but is interested in developing vital communities of faith and service. Radical Journey focuses on spiritual practices, including prayer, theological reflection, generosity, storytelling, shaping and transforming communities, hospitality and leadership. We are pilgrims together on a radical journey.

#### For more information and to apply:

1-866-866-2872 (ask for Kirsten)

www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve/rji.htm or www.RadicalJourney.org









### Help build a church in Burkina!

L'Eglise Mennonite de Ouagadougou is the first urban church plant of the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina. At the beginning, this church plant was meant to serve the spiritual needs of Mennonite university students who move, from the many villages where Mennonite ministry has been underway for over 30 years, to attend the University in Ouagadougou, the capital city of Burkina Faso. This church plant is growing fast as it is now attracting people from other sectors of the population. Together as Mennonite Church Canada, we are supporting the construction of a church building, alongside the Mennonite Partnership Council of Burkina. Jeff & Tany Warkentin, Mennonite Church Canada workers who have served as a pastoral team and as supervisors of the Foyer Evangélique Mennonite de Ouagadougou ([FEMO], the University students' residence) are available at the assembly if you have questions about this ministry, or you can visit <a href="https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/files/give/FEMO.pdf">www.mennonitechurch.ca/files/give/FEMO.pdf</a>. We have already raised 50%, but still need \$20,000 to complete this project. You can also give to this project online at <a href="https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/give">www.mennonitechurch.ca/give</a>

#### The Translation Project

As Canada's cultural mosaic continues to diversify, so does God's church. Mennonite Church Canada already worships in over 15 different languages across the country. Calls are increasing from Mennonite Church Canada pastors and church leaders from Asian, African, South and Latin American contexts. They seek core Mennonite and Anabaptist documents (such as the *Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective*) in their language to ease teaching and outreach, and to welcome newcomers to their congregations with materials in their own languages. Leadership expects this need to grow. Dave Bergen, Executive Secretary of Formation will be at the assembly and would be pleased to answer any questions you may have about this project. Can you help strengthen our diversity so that God's healing and hope flow through us to the world? Your gift in support of the ministry of translation will be appreciated by many!

#### Yes, I will donate

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### Evaluation Form Mennonite Church Canada Delegate Assembly 2010

Your comments are very helpful to evaluate the future of Mennonite Church Canada gatherings and to plan the next Mennonite Church Canada Assembly. Please take a few moments to complete this form and return it to the Information Desk before you leave. Thank you!

Age Group of Respondent: under 21 □ 21-30 □ 31-40 □ 41-50 □ 51-60 □ over 60 □

Overall Evaluation of tr	ne Assembly: Very Goo	a □ Good □ Fair □ Po	oor 🗀		
WORSHIP	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Worship leaders	,		• 7		
Worship music			-/		
Speakers			- /		
Use of visuals, rituals, etc.					
KIDS ASSEMBLY (if applicable)	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Activities			\ \		
Connection with Assembly theme					
Leaders					
Impact of Assembly timing					
SEMINARS	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Relevance of topics					
Seminar presentations					
FACILITIES AND SERVICES	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
General location					
Bookstore and displays					
Prayer room					
Food services					
Transportation services					
Program book					
Daily news sheet					
DISCERNMENT AND REPORTING – Mennonite Church Canada Delegate Assembly participants only	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Report Book					
Reporting (General Board, Councils, etc.)					
Discussion times					
Balance of reporting and discussion					

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### Evaluation Form Mennonite Church Canada Delegate Assembly 2010

A highlight of the Assembly for me:	
I liked the format: Yes  No Not Sure  Additional Comments:	
Suggestions for future gatherings:	
Please tell us about yourself:  I am a congregational delegate I am a Youth Ambassador I am an Area Church delegate. I am a staff person for Mennonite Church Canada or a related agency	
Please tell us about your reasons for coming to the Assembly (please check all that apply):  It was important to me to participate in a national church gathering.  My church asked me to attend (as a delegate or otherwise).  The event sounded interesting to me.  My staff or volunteer role required me to attend.  Other — please describe:	
Please tell us how often you have attended a church-wide gathering such as a Mennonite Church Canada Assembly:  This is my first time.  I have attended 1-5 gatherings.  I have attended 5-10 gatherings.  I have attended more than 10 gatherings.	
If there would be a future joint Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada gathering, as was the case in 2008, we factor would be most important to you in determining whether or not you would attend:  (Number your choices in order of priority: 1 = most important; 4 = least important)  —— Program (theme, speakers, seminar topics, etc.)  —— Location  —— Cost  —— Other — please describe:	'hich
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General Comments (please feel free to use additional paper):	

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