



## Joys & Concerns

- **Pray for:** *Marg W., Helen F., Maureen G., Bev & Al R., Nettie & Roy W.*
- **Families of the Week:** *Jack Bartel; Mike, Jenna, Sawyer, William & Dawson Poelzer; Eric & Verna Olfert*
- Our prayers and sympathies are with **Jake, Bernie (Colleen), Dave (Carol) and the rest of the W. family** on the passing of **Irene** on Friday, February 2. Her funeral was held at Mount Royal on Wednesday, February 7. Irene was a charter member of MRMC and she will be greatly missed by her family and her church family.
- Please keep **Marleny and Arnulfo** in your prayers as they visit family and friends in Colombia .
- We give thanks for last week's offering of \$2,173, given freely as we learn to live through relationships with Jesus, our neighbours and each other.
- **Mary Raber** (Witness partner with Mennonite Mission Network - Ukraine) continues to teach at Odessa Theological Seminary (Odessa, Ukraine). Mary looks forward to teaching a course on women in church history as well as being one of the resource persons for a pastor's retreat and their wives from the militarized zone in March. Please remember Mary in prayer for these upcoming teaching opportunities. (*MC Canada Witness*)
- Pray for the liberation of refugees from the brutal violence that the EU and Turkey subject them to. Pray for the transformation of the oppressive and violent situation on the Greek Islands to a peaceful and just togetherness. (*CPT*)
- Mennonite Church Canada, in partnership with Mennonite Mission Network and Africa Inter Mennonite Mission, provide financial support to the **Benin Bible Institute** for church leadership training and capacity building (Agro-pastoral project). The partnership with Benin Bible Institute (BBI) is fostered by the ongoing and long term commitment of St. Jacobs Mennonite Church through the engagement of the BBI Networking Group (SJMC, Poole MC and Wanner MC). We give thanks for the many students from various denominations who receive sound biblical training at BBI.

## MRMC Coming Events & Notes

1. **Feb 17 Mount Royal has been asked to provide supper for the IVEP mid year conference** at Cornerstone Church. We would like volunteers to help supply food and also to help with serving. Please check out the poster and sign up before Feb 11. Thank you. Hospitality Committee
2. **Feb 26 7:00 pm MRMC Annual Budget Meeting**
3. **March 9 & 10 MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions** at Zion Mennonite Church in Swift Current, co-hosted by Emmaus Mennonite and Zion Mennonite. Early registration discounts end on March 2 and all meal registrations must be in by that date as well. Please let Dave W. know as soon as possible if you are willing to be a delegate.

## Conference & Community Events

- a. **Feb 23 7:00 pm Classical music evening** at Osler Mennonite Church. Nathaniel Froese and Nicola Davies invite you to an evening of beautiful cello and piano music Nate & Nina are a passionate young duo based in Winnipeg, both busy collaborators in chamber music. Nicola, a BC pianist, also works as a vocal coach and opera and musical theatre pianist. Nathaniel teaches cello and has a special interest in vocal chamber music.
- b. **Prayer is our personal response to God's presence, so here is an invitation to learn more about communication with God.** A team of pray-ers, from MC Sask churches, is prepared to come to your church and explore more about talking with and listening to God. If your church is interested in discovering more in a retreat in your own church facility, contact Marianne at the MC Sask office [(306)249-4844]. Someone from the Spirituality Resourcing Team will be in contact with you shortly to provide further information.
- c. **MC Canada** continues to strongly affirm and be engaged in international ministry with its witness partners. Joint Council is pleased to announce the approval of a three-year transition plan during which Witness Workers will be enabled to achieve the necessary relational funding. This plan anticipates that most current workers will return pending normal term reviews.
- d. **MCC Connects:** Did you know that between 300 and 400 Palestinian children and youth (under the age of 18) are held in Israeli military jails at any one time? Did you know that almost all of them experience psychological and physical violence during arrest and interrogation? Please join Mennonite Central Committee in saying that military detention is *no way to treat a child*. Learn more and sign a petition calling on the federal government to protect Palestinian children: [mcccanada.ca](http://mcccanada.ca)
- e. **Shekinah is looking to hire a Program Director.** The position is full-time, year-round, and salaried. Job will oversee school programming and summer camp, working closely with the Executive Director to fulfill the mandate and vision for Shekinah. Visit [www.shekinahretreatcentre.org](http://www.shekinahretreatcentre.org) for more info, or contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp at 306-945-4929, or [director@shekinahretreatcentre.org](mailto:director@shekinahretreatcentre.org).
- f. **Mennonite Church Canada invites applications** for the position of Executive Assistant to the Executive Director. Details can be found at <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/node/1588>
- g. For people of peace in a world with much violence, the **Canadian School of Peacebuilding** is a great place to learn peacebuilding skills, to connect with other peacebuilders and to hear inspiring stories. Come join our wildly diverse community for a 5-day session, **June 11-15 or 18-22, 2018**. More information is available at [csop.cmu.ca](http://csop.cmu.ca) or [csop@cmu.ca](mailto:csop@cmu.ca).
- h. **The RJC Board of Directors is inviting applications for the Principal position** to start August 2018 in preparation for the school year ahead. If interested please submit application to Rosthern Junior College, Attention Tammy Forrester, Board Chair, by March 1<sup>st</sup> Mail: Box 5020, Rosthern, SK S0K 3R0 or Email [tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca](mailto:tammy.forrester@rosthernjuniorcollege.ca) For further details and clarification contact Tammy Forrester at 306-260-7765