



Calgary Inter-Mennonite Church

January 15, 2012

Call to worship:

Hymn: HWB #483 "O God who gives us life"

Announcements and Introductions

Hymn: STS #121 "Nothing is lost on the breath of God"

Children's Time: Sunday School

Hymn: STS #49 "I will come to you in the silence"

Scripture:

Prayer:

Meditation: "Speech and Silence"

Hymn of Response: STS #57 "Go my friends, in grace"

Sending: HWB #763

Worship Leader: Diana Mansell; **Meditation:** Brenda Dyck **Pianist:** Graham Neumann; **Song Leader:** Ron Brown **Children's Time:** Sunday School

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Church and Community Announcements

Overture:	<p>Anyone interested in playing guitar (one song), violin or flute (one song), bongo or bass drum (one song), and/or whistling (one song) along with our hymns on Jan . 22? If so, contact Lise at 403-932-0715 or alvin.lisewerner@shaw.ca . We can run through the songs together at 9:45, before the service.</p>
Chair of Christian Thought Lectures	<p>Monday, January 30, 2012, 7 pm Dr. John Rook speaks on “Am I my sister’s and brother’s keeper? The ethics of homelessness and programs that work.” At Grace Presbyterian Church 1009-15th Ave. SW Tuesday, January 31 at 12:30 pm Dr. Rook’s topic is “Homeless Shelter Residents: Who are they and what are their needs in a time of rapid economic growth?” at Taylor Family Digital Library Gallery Hall University of Calgary</p>
Celebration of Community	<p>On January 29, we will be holding our celebration of community service where we commit/recommit to our relationship with each other in this faith community and to God, as we understand God. If you are unable to attend the service, please indicate your intention to me, by 'phone (403-274-4403) , or e-mail.Thanks! Brenda</p>
Memo: To the CIM Members	<p>From the Visioning, Hiring Committee Re: Save the Date In order to help the committee design a fitting job description for our pastoral search, we are planning two activities in which we need participation from the congregation. <u>One is to respond to a survey that will appear in your e-mail on January 16. We need responses by January 22.</u></p> <p>The second takes place from February 2 - 5. We are planning focus groups, facilitated by Jan. Schmidt from Winnipeg, as follows: Thursday, Feb. 2, 7:00 PM Friday, Feb. 3, 10:30 AM and 7:00 PM Saturday, Feb. 4 10:30 AM These groups will meet for 1.5 - 2 hours. For Sunday, Feb. 5, in the regular worship time, we are planning a plenary session to hear and respond to the material gathered, and to set the course for our work as a search committee. Child care is being planned for this time. These activities will be most informative and meaningful if we have a high response level from the community, so we urge you to respond to the survey when it appears, and plan to have someone from your home participate in a focus group and the plenary session. Someone from the committee will call to facilitate scheduling of the focus groups. Thank you for your participation in this important step for our community.</p> <p>The Committee, Ron Brown, Bert Enns, Dale Taylor, Erica Wiens</p>
Jr. High Snow Camp	<p>Snow Camp is coming! Jr. High Snow Camp (grades 7-9) is coming on January 20-22. arrival time for both Snowcamps will be between 7 and 8pm on Friday night and departure on Sunday at 1pm. Talk to your youth pastor or sponsor or contact Camp Valaqua (403-637-2510, valaqua@xplornet.com) for more details.</p>
Youth Ministry in a Changing Environment	<p>Mennonite Church Alberta is pleased to present Youth Ministry in a Changing Environment, a workshop for Youth Pastors, Youth Sponsors, Pastors and all those interested in youth ministry. The workshop will be on January 21st at Camp Valaqua from 10am -4:30pm at a cost of \$25/person (\$15 for those already attending Jr. High Snowcamp). Contact Ed Kauffman for information or to register: 403-249-8784</p>

Brief Annual Report for Churches in Alberta From MCC Alberta, January to December, 2011

On behalf of the MCC Alberta Board, staff and many, many volunteers, I want to thank the churches of Alberta for your continued help in making the work of MCC possible. You pray, you give of your resources, you volunteer, some of you go overseas, you serve on Boards or Advisory Committees, and you invite MCC to make presentations in your churches. All this is part of the work that makes a Christian organization like MCC able to do the work to which God has called us. Thank you.

- At the end of August, MCC Alberta had met our budget in revenues, and even surpassed it a little. Our expenses were in line with our budget. Our revenue target was \$3,600,000, and what we spent in Alberta for programs & administration was just under \$1,200,000.
- Our budget this year is \$2,155,000 because we are in a 7-month cycle for this year only. This is because of the new structures that MCC is evolving and a part of that process is that Canada and the USA will operate on the same financial year time frame: April 1 to March 31.
- Revenues from Thrift Shops in Alberta, last year, totalled \$740,000. The Lethbridge store has just purchased a new building and will take possession April 2, if all goes well.
- The 4th CD, "Take Your Place", recorded by Kim Thiessen, partly in Kenya and partly in Winnipeg, has already sold approximately \$50,000 worth of CDs since its release in May, 2010. All proceeds go to the work of MCC, in 70 different projects, for people affected by AIDS. The 4 CDs, to date, have generated over \$700,000 in sales, and have helped raise over \$2,000,000 in additional revenues for AIDS. There is lots of good news in the struggles against AIDS, but the bad news is that much funding is being reduced. This remains really really urgent. We hope to raise \$150,000 by March 31 and \$300,000 in the next budget year beginning April 1.
- The Sherwood Park Relief Sale generated \$165,000 last July. The Cycle South for AIDS generated \$238,000 for AIDS work of MCC internationally. This year the Sale is happening in Didsbury, June 8 and 9.
- We went to Kenya in May to cycle and visit peace clubs that have been established by MCC partners to encourage peaceful relationships across ethnic lines. The trip was a way of raising the profile of peace-making work amongst community groups who have been in conflict with each other for many years. From May 2 to 7, 4 cyclists plus Cindy Klassen, our Olympic Speed Skating Champion, along with some Kenyan cyclists, carried out this event. In Kenya we were well received by media, government and hundreds of local people in every stop over the 6-day, 480 km trip.
- With the help of Alberta churches, MCCA held two Annual Celebrations (AGMs) again this year, in early November; one event at Bethany Christian Church in Smith, near Slave Lake, and the second one in Trinity Mennonite Church, just south of Calgary. They are an important way for MCC to remain accountable to the churches and donors of Alberta. Joseph Kiranto, from Kenya, and Willie Reimer, from MCC Canada, were our guest speakers. Both events were very well received and a wonderful opportunity to interact with constituents, staff, and Board members.
- MCC in Alberta works with: young offenders and help them to meet the people whose lives they have harmed; families affected by Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder; high risk offenders; inmates; young people volunteering in Alberta from other countries; Material Resources packaged and shipped overseas; peace education; Low German speaking Mennonites in Southern Alberta who are integrating into Canadian Society; AIDS fundraising and learning; refugees and churches or other groups who sponsor them to come to Alberta. There are 10 million refugees worldwide, waiting for sponsors, and this does not include the people displaced inside their own countries.

We are very grateful to God, to his Holy Spirit among us, for leading us, encouraging us all, and reminding us that we are part of His Kingdom here on earth.