

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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Annika Krause - *Post-Modern Proclamations*

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Last Sunday Loren Balisky, co-founder and Director of External Relations at Kinbrace Community Society, spoke about discovering meaning and purpose for living deep, living long, and living light. How can we understand the calling of God’s will that King David, the Apostle Paul, John the Baptist, and Jesus felt even though we don’t always feel a clear sense of guidance? Loren shared how – in retrospect – his life’s path has felt like a series of “Holy” random circumstances of disruption and opportunity. We have much to learn from the stories of refugees who navigate the chaos of forced displacement with a necessarily light attachment to place and possessions. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/meaning-and-purpose-2020/>

Congregational Meeting
Everyone welcome to join our potluck lunch - there is always plenty of food particularly for guests and friends. Please also stay for the congregational Meeting at which important decisions will be taken.

PGIMF News - Upcoming Services

February 2 Frances Kitson
February 9 Curtis Funk & J. Evan Kreider
February 16 Henry Neufeld
February 23 Margaret Trim

The Bible: Why Bother?
Favourite Hymns of Faith - and Why
Three Stories
TBA

Photo and Video Release Please see Janice to help refresh our website by signing PGIMF's Photography & Videography Release, allowing PGIMF to include a photo or video of you on the PGIMF website. You are not required to sign, and your privacy will be respected at all times.

Moves and changes

Addresses, phone numbers and email addresses of various church attenders was listed here and is available upon request from the webmaster.

Wider Church News

- **MCC-BC** The MCC-BC fundraising banquets begin again. Find one in your area and make plans to attend.
February 8 in Richmond (Peace Mennonite Church)
- February 14 in Abbotsford (South Abbotsford Church)
- February 15 in Langley (North Langley Comm. Church)

Voices Together The new hymnal *Voices Together* will be available in the fall 2020 for release. Pricing for individual hymnals is listed at \$32.99 CAD but a discount of up to 10% will be available when ordered by May 1st in bulk. Please watch for the discussion about whether to purchase the new hymnals for the church - an opportunity will be given for you to add your order to the church’s order “at the Mennonite price”.

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we record the response time after the sermon. You are encouraged to share your thoughts as fully as you feel led with the proviso that no privacy can be guaranteed. The response time will not be posted to the website. You are encouraged to bring forth private issues during the time of sharing and prayer, which will not be recorded.

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Our PGIMF gratefully acknowledges that we meet on the unceded ancestral lands of the Musqueam, Tsleil-Waututh and Squamish peoples. As Jesus reconciled us to God, we are called and commit ourselves to the work of reconciliation with each other

Save the Date! The MCBC Annual General Meeting and LEAD conference will be held this year on February 28th - 29th at Cedar Valley Mennonite Church (32860 Cherry Avenue, Mission). See any member of the church board to become a delegate - **5 required**. Attendance for all at the LEAD conference (\$35 registration) is especially encouraged as it features lectures and workshops on the Church and Mental Health with Daniel Whitehead of Sanctuary Ministries. The report book will be made available on-line after February 7th.

Mennonite Disaster Service MDS has a new website with lots of easy-to-find information for those who are curious or want to serve or donate. See more at <https://mds.mennonite.net/> and click on the links to Canadian Projects or Region 5.

Reconciliation Workshop The Society of Friends (Quakers) and MCBC Indigenous Relations Working Group invite you a weekend workshop on *The Cost of Colonialism: The Joy of Jubilee* to be held at Peace on 52nd Church Friday February 7th (7-9 pm) and Saturday February 8th (9am - 4pm). If dispossession and discipleship are mutually exclusive, what Biblical resources are available to address it? Steve Gheinrichs provides guidance in conversation. Free event, food provided: please email Lucia Eitzen at (email address available on request) with your RSVP so arrangements can be made. More information at www.tinyurl.com/JoyofJubilee

Mennonite Heritage Museum invites you to an exhibit of watercolours and acrylics of both local scenes and travels by Marilyn Vooy and Arlene Enns entitled *Mennonite Gals Can Paint*. Runs February 1st to March 21st, opening reception February 8 at 2:00 pm. Free admission, hours 10-4 Mon-Fri and 1-4 Sat.

Vancouver Cantata Singers Invites you to their next concert *Tundra: Music of Northern Lands* featuring sacred and secular music from northern countries including works by Emerson Eads, Ola Gjeilo, Jón Liefs, Sergei Rachmaninov, Caroline Shaw, and the premiere of a new commission by composer-in-residence Craig Galbraith. Sunday February 16 at 3:00 pm at The annex (8233 Seymour St. Behind the Orpheum). Tickets \$10-35 at www.vancouvercantatasingers.com

Isaiah 9:1-4

¹But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. [NRSV]

Psalm 27

Of David.

¹ The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

² When evildoers assail me to devour my flesh— my adversaries and foes— they shall stumble and fall.

³ Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident.

⁴ One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.

⁵ For he will hide me in his shelter
in the day of trouble;
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will set me high on a rock.

⁶ Now my head is lifted up
above my enemies all around me,
and I will offer in his tent
sacrifices with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

⁷ Hear, O Lord, when I cry aloud,
be gracious to me and answer me!
⁸ 'Come,' my heart says, 'seek his face!'
Your face, Lord, do I seek.
⁹ Do not hide your face from me.

Do not turn your servant away in anger,

you who have been my help.
Do not cast me off, do not forsake me,
O God of my salvation!

¹⁰ If my father and mother forsake me,
the Lord will take me up.

¹¹ Teach me your way, O Lord,
and lead me on a level path
because of my enemies.

¹² Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries,
for false witnesses have risen against me,
and they are breathing out violence.

¹³ I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living.

¹⁴ Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord! [NRSV]

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

¹⁰ Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you should be in agreement and that there should be no divisions among you, but that you should be united in the same mind and the same purpose. ¹¹For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. ¹²What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul', or 'I belong to Apollos', or 'I belong to Cephas', or 'I belong to Christ.' ¹³Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴I thank God that I baptized none of

you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶(I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. [NRSV]

Matthew 4:12-23

¹² Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. ¹³He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ 'Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali,
on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee
of the Gentiles—

¹⁶ the people who sat in darkness
have seen a great light,
and for those who sat in the region and shadow of
death
light has dawned.'

¹⁷From that time Jesus began to proclaim, 'Repent,
for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'

¹⁸ As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. ¹⁹And he said to them, 'Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.' ²⁰Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. ²²Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

²³ Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people. [NRSV]