

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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August 6, 2017

J. Evan Kreider - Psalm 17

Worship Leader: Janice Kreider **Music Worship:** Angela Ruthven
Accompanist: Andre Pekovich **Usher:** Peter Neudorf

Last Sunday Dr. Laurel Borisenko returned to summarize one aspect of the summer course she taught last week at Regent College based on concepts in John Paul Lederach's book, *The Moral Imagination: The Art and Soul of Building Peace*. Transcending violence requires imaginative storytelling by communities with four characteristics: organic interdependence (web of relationships), dynamic curiosity (understand the causes of conflict), artistic creativity, and risk-taking (by including your enemies). She gave examples of artists working in defiance of war: the Leningrad premiere of Shostakovich's Symphony No. 7, the Sarajevo Film Festival, and the Sevdah Cafe movement in Mostar, Bosnia. Her Ph.D. dissertation is available from the University of Amsterdam: *Arts-based peacebuilding: Functions of Theatre in Uganda, Kenya, and Zimbabwe* (2016). [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/arts-based-strategies-for-peacebuilding/>

PGIMF News

August 13	Kasey Kimball	Jesus Saw Their Faith
August 20	J. Evan Kreider	Genesis 45
August 27	Henry Wurz	Meet the Hutterites
September 3	John Klassen	Christian Spirituality Meets Germanic Beliefs

Summer potluck BBQ. Please come ready to celebrate with PGIMF's end-of-summer potluck Barbeque at Erika's (5952 St. Catherine's St., Vancouver) on Sunday August 27th. Bring your favourite dish to share - the fun will begin right after the service.

Wider Church

MCC-BC MDS and MCC are accepting donations to assist families impacted by the BC wildfires. You are invited to donate directly to MDS or send a donation to MCC which will be used by MDS towards recovery efforts. Please pray for the victims, and consider volunteering with MDS in the recovery efforts. If you would like to donate to MCC, please call 1-888-622-6337 or go to <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/bc-wildfires-mennonite-disaster-service-mds>.

Yard Sale

To benefit the MCC Refugee Food Bank at Sherbrooke church on Saturday, Aug. 12, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church. (7155 Sherbrooke St., Vancouver) Items to sell and helpers to sell them wanted - household goods, children's toys, jewelry, linens, books, garden items, anything that has potential to be sold. Some clothing OK. See Janice or Hannelore for more details.

MCBC Seeking Administrative Assistant /Communications Coordinator Are you creative, gifted and trained in the area of Communications? Are you interested in administrative work? MCBC is seeking to fill the Administrative Assistant/Communications Coordinator position beginning September 1st, 2017. This is a 10 hour/week contract position to replace Aften Thiessen who will spend more time at home with her family; and remuneration is commensurate with experience. See the job description at <http://www.mcbs.ca/job-postings/>

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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The **Walk for Reconciliation** is a positive movement to build better relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. This bold vision calls on everyone of all ages, all backgrounds, all cultures and all faiths to come together as communities and as individuals. Now is the time to transform and renew relationships among Indigenous peoples and all Canadians. You can join the Walk for Reconciliation in Vancouver on September 24th, meeting at 9:30 am at Queen Elizabeth Theatre outdoor plaza (690 Hamilton St., Vancouver).

Dick Benner's Cancer Treatment Dick Benner, former Publisher of the Canadian Mennonite has suffered a series of reverses since his retirement, the most immediate on being a bout of stomach cancer. After losing his wife of 55 years short months ago, the discouragement of the diagnosis was exacerbated by a health insurance scheme that would only cover a bout of chemotherapy that might only produce even more discouraging results. Dick's past brushes with cancer have been successfully overcome, but this one is a greater challenge than any before. His sister Louise found a three-week alternative therapy in Germany which he is attending now, but lacks the funds to do so, and for which his insurance scheme will not reimburse him. Just short months into his retirement, the adjustments he has had to make are overwhelming. Dick remains faithful to God and thankful for the great help that has been sent his way in the guise of friends and family. If you wish to extend the blessing, you may help financially through GoFundMe. Simply google Go Fund Me and type Dick Benner's name in, or if you read this on-line click on <https://www.gofundme.com/gt5rj9>. Thank you in advance for your wonderful support.

Mennonite Church Canada 2017 Special Delegate Assembly Please make plans to attend the special assembly where the reorganization proposal for the conference will be debated:

- Strengthen Local Congregations as centres of mission and worship
 - Enhance Area Churches to better resource congregations in their work
 - Re-imagine Mennonite Church Canada as our connecting point for Mennonite identity and witness.
- There will be more opportunities for mission as we prepare for the future of our church. Event takes place October 13–15, 2017 at the Radisson Hotel, Winnipeg, MB. Please register soon at home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017

Wisdom Corner The word "human" comes from the Latin humus, which means earth. Being human means acknowledging that we're made from the earth and will return to the earth. We are earth that has come to consciousness. For a few years we dance around on the stage of life and have the chance to reflect a little bit of God's glory. As a human, I'm just a tiny moment of consciousness, a tiny part of creation, a particle that reflects only a fragment of God's love and beauty. And yet that's enough. And then we return to where we started—in the heart of God. Everything in between is a school of love.

Excerpt from Richard Rohr's Daily Meditation, August 3, 2017

Scripture

Jacob wins an all-night wrestling match.

Genesis 32:22-31

We are more than conquerors.

Romans 8:31-39

5,000 plus people have a picnic with only 5 loaves and 2 fish.

Matthew 14:13-21

Psalm 17 (NRSV)

A plea, Davidic

I [A plea to Yhwh to pay attention]

Hear a just cause, O LORD; attend to my cry;
give ear to my prayer from lips free of deceit.
² From you let my vindication come;
let your eyes see the right.

II [A declaration of faithfulness]

³ If you try my heart, if you visit me by night,
if you test me, you will find no wickedness in me;
my mouth does not transgress.
⁴ As for what others do, by the word of your lips
I have avoided the ways of the violent.
⁵ My steps have held fast to your paths;
my feet have not slipped.

III [A plea to Yhwh to pay attention and act]

⁶ I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God;
incline your ear to me, hear my words.
⁷ Wondrously show your steadfast love,
O savior of those who seek refuge
from their adversaries at your right hand.
⁸ Guard me as the apple of the eye;
hide me in the shadow of your wings,
⁹ from the wicked who despoil me,
my deadly enemies who surround me.

IV [Lament]

¹⁰ They close their hearts to pity;
with their mouths they speak arrogantly.
¹¹ They track me down; now they surround me;
they set their eyes to cast me to the ground.
¹² They are like a lion eager to tear,
like a young lion lurking in ambush.

V [A plea to Yhwh to act]

¹³ Rise up, O LORD, confront them, overthrow them!
By your sword deliver my life from the wicked,
¹⁴ from mortals—by your hand, O LORD—
from mortals whose portion in life is in this world.
May their bellies be filled with what you have stored up for them;
may their children have more than enough;
may they leave something over to their little ones.
¹⁵ As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;
when I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.