

POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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February 9th, 2014

Janice Kreider: A Temporary Peace

Worship leader:
Laura Eriksson
Accompanist:
Ruth Enns

Song Leader: Edwin Hintz
Usher: Peter Neudorf

Last Sunday Salt is essential for life and important for enhancing food flavours. In Old Testament times the Israelites were told "...your grain offering you shall season with salt." (Lev. 2:13) Jesus was a travelling preacher and teacher who told stories and developed short, pithy sayings that were easily remembered: "You are the salt of the earth, you are the light of the world," Evan Krieder pointed out last Sunday that some of Jesus followers would have heard these sayings many times and eventually they were written down. Jesus was critical of scribes and Pharisees who were obsessed with correct doctrine keeping rules to satisfy the Mosaic law. Jesus told people their behaviour needed to exceed the behaviour of these two groups. Salt does not create flavours; it enhances them. We need to find ways to enhance life for each other and our communities. Jesus told his followers: if you're a disciple but don't live like one, you're useless.

You are the salt of the earth O people,
Salt for the Kingdom of God,
Share the flavour of life O people,
Life in the kingdom of God. (hymn #226) (HN)

PGIMF News

February 16th
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Dr. Cheryl Pauls
Gareth Brandt
Troy Terpstra
Readings and Prayers for Lent

Reaching for What's been Lost and Found
The Journey of Healing - Poetic Reflections
TBA

 Susie Funk informs us that donation receipts are in your mailboxes now.

Wider Church

MCC MCC will supplement food to about 2,000 children under the age of five in South Sudan, among the 75,000 refugees from recent violence in Awer County (Lakes State). MCC is working with partner organizations in other regions of South Sudan on food and other forms of assistance for about 575,000 people displaced by violence. For information on how you can help, visit

<https://donate.mcc.org/project/south-sudan-relief-0>

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary

You are invited to the **MinistryLift Small Group Ministry Conference** (Feb. 28 - Mar. 1), being hosted at MBBS-ACTS, "Resourcing Churches, Developing Leaders". The Canadian MB Churches may now live-stream the conference for FREE. Just register for the conference at ministrylift.ca and select "I am part of a group that has already registered all of its members for the conference" under registration options. If you have any questions, don't hesitate to contact Randy Wolff at (contact information available from webmaster)

RECORDING THE SERVICE

Please note that we now 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 continue to be not recorded.

Moderator—Henry Neufeld (604-946-3961); **Worship**—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);
Pastoral Care—Laura & Sven Eriksson (604-946-2345); **Recording Secretary**—Diane Ehling (604-904-1380);
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Congregational Co-ordinator (bulletins)—Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007)

Not Just a Job Opportunity!

The Menno Simons Centre (an off-campus residence for 23 Christian students attending UBC or Regent College in the West Point Grey area of Vancouver) is seeking to employ one member of a married couple, in a three-quarters time capacity, starting in May 2014. The position of Residence Coordinator is for a minimum of two years. The couple, both of whom are important to the Centre's community and student life, would live in the private one-bedroom suite in the residence. Preference will be given to applicants who have attended university and are familiar with the Anabaptist tradition. Job duties include student ministry, administration (including banking and bookkeeping), and building upkeep & maintenance. The successful candidate will also work with Board and Committee members on long term projects related to strategic planning and building upgrades. For more details about the position, visit pcda.bc.ca/msc-residence/rc2014job and send your cover letter and résumé to rc2014job@mennosimonscentre.com by the application deadline. For more information about the Menno Simons Centre, contact the PCDA President, Kevin Hiebert (604-307-2305), or arrange for a tour with the current Residence Coordinators, Morgan or Benjamin Tipton (604-224-5202). Applications will be accepted until February 25th.

Regent College is proud to host The Justice Conference Vancouver, an annual simulcast gathering to educate, inspire, and connect a generation of men and women around a shared concern for biblical and social justice, the vulnerable and oppressed. In breakout workshops, you'll hear speakers such as Dr. Bernice A. King, Lynne Hybels, and Donald Miller. February 21-22, 2014 at Tenth Church, 11 W. 10th Avenue. Cost \$34. To register, contact Regent College Conferences by e-mail online at www.regent-college.edu/lifelong-learning/conferences/justice-conference-2014

Mennonite Church BC LEAD Conference and Annual Sessions. Discover theological and missional implications of creation care with Rick Faw, education director at A Rocha. Friday Feb 21, ffrom 1-5 pm at Eden Mennonite Church, 46551 Chilliwack Central Rd. Return for the annual sessions and business meeting on Saturday morning and be a delegate! Please register with Andre by Feb. 12th.

Mennonite Church Canada Annual Sessions Mark your calendars for the MC Canada's 2014 Delegate Assembly Wild Hope: Faith for an Unknown Season - July 3-6 in Winnipeg. Get more information and register now at www.home.mennonitechurch.ca/events/Winnipeg2014. All are welcome! Also The Assembly Local Hosting Committee is seeking volunteers to assist in a variety of positions for the Assembly. If you are interested in volunteering please contact Kathy Fast at (e-mail contact available from webmaster)

The **Canadian School of Peacebuilding** at CMU invites you to consider a theology break this spring, featuring two 5-day courses this June at CMU in Winnipeg. De-Colonial Theology: Thought and Practice, taught by Mi'kmaq Terry LeBlanc (instructor at George Fox University and Tyndale College) examines the colonial imprints that lie heavy on "Christian praxis and theology and explores whether a different Indigenous theology and parixs might emerge. June 23-27, 2014. That same week you can attend Restorative Justice with Youth and Schools, with instructors Alana Abramson and John R. Wiens (Dean of Education UofM) where an interactive course will look at what restorative justice is and how it can be implemented with youth using effective dialogue-based processes. All courses can be taken for professional development, personal inspiration or academic credit. Application deadline is April 1, though applications may be accepted later depending on course availability. For more information or to apply, visit www.csop.cmu.ca, follow on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/csop.cmu> or Twitter https://twitter.com/CMU_CSOP. Cecilly Hildebrand, Coordinator 204.487.3300

Mennonite Church Canada Native Assembly From July 28 - 31, Mennonite Church Canada will host the first ever urban Native Assembly (bi-national). For more information and to sign up, check out: <http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/event/NativeAssembly2014>

Mennonite World Conference (MWC) is coming to North America! MWC Assembly will be held 21-26 July 2015 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, USA. It takes a (global) village to serve a gathering of up to 10,000 people, so volunteers are needed – find out more and register as a volunteer at www.mwc-cmm.org/pa2015.

Interfaith dialogue at Peace Mennonite Church In January, Tim Kuefer, pastor at Peace Mennonite Church in Richmond, was invited to speak as a Christian pastor on the role of faith in our culture at a Muslim youth meeting in Surrey. Tim was impressed by how his Muslim neighbours continue to be so open to inviting him - a Christian - to share his perspective on really important subjects, even though they realize that they will disagree with him. You can find the content of Tim's speech, as well as a Powerpoint presentation to the group that evening on the website of Peace Church at <http://www.peacemennonite.ca/2/archives/01-2014/1.html>

Anagrams for the Masses

Many of you know that anagrams are words whose combinations of letters are rearranged to form entirely new words - for instance "freed" can be rearranged to form "defer". Many of you may not know that Anagrams are a hobby of Rosie Perera's and she has created a number of anagrams based on Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship, some of which may owe more to Freud than Jesus....

Point Grey Inter-Mennonite Fellowship

People with no life, try intense morning.
Prone to worship finely in Lent meeting.
Often met worshipping entirely online.
Town people intone, sing firmly in there.
Penitent religion, no pew, filthy sermon.
Morning: few people listen to Henry in it.
Holy people form winning Internet site.
Few repel interesting monthly opinion.
No minister; people wing it, then felony.
People sing new hymn, title not inferior.

Micah 6:1-8

- ¹Hear what the Lord says:
Rise, plead your case before the mountains,
and let the hills hear your voice.
- ²Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the\ Lord,
and you enduring foundations of the earth;
for the Lord has a controversy with his people,
and he will contend with Israel.
- ³'O my people, what have I done to you?
In what have I wearied you? Answer me!
- ⁴For I brought you up from the land of Egypt,
and redeemed you from the house of slavery;
and I sent before you Moses,
Aaron, and Miriam.
- ⁵O my people, remember now what King Balak
of Moab devised,
- what Balaam son of Beor answered him,
and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal,
that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.'
- ⁶'With what shall I come before the Lord,
and bow myself before God on high?
Shall I come before him with burnt-offerings,
with calves a year old?
- ⁷Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of
rams,
with tens of thousands of rivers of oil?
Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression,
the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?'
- ⁸He has told you, O mortal, what is good;
and what does the Lord require of you
but to do justice, and to love kindness,
and to walk humbly with your God? [NRSV]

Psalm 15

A Psalm of David.

- ¹O Lord, who may abide in your tent?
Who may dwell on your holy hill?
- ²Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is
right,
and speak the truth from their heart;
- ³who do not slander with their tongue,
and do no evil to their friends,
nor take up a reproach against their

neighbours;
⁴in whose eyes the wicked are despised,
but who honour those who fear the Lord;
who stand by their oath even to their hurt;
⁵who do not lend money at interest,
and do not take a bribe against the innocent.

Those who do these things shall never be moved.
[NRSV]

Numbers 24:15-16

- ¹⁵So he uttered his oracle, saying:
The oracle of Balaam son of Beor,
the oracle of the man whose eye is clear,
¹⁶the oracle of one who hears the words of God,

and knows the knowledge of the Most High,
who sees the vision of the Almighty,
who falls down, but with his eyes uncovered:
[NRSV]