

## POINT GREY INTER-MENNONITE FELLOWSHIP

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August 13, 2017

### Kasey Kimball - Jesus Saw Their Faith

**Worship Leader:** Kevin Hiebert  
**Accompanist:** Rosemary Bell

**Music Worship:** Veronica Dyck  
**Usher:** Henry Neufeld

**Last Sunday** Dr. J. Evan Kreider (Professor Emeritus of Music, UBC) spoke on Psalm 17, a Davidic plea to Yahweh to pay attention and act in justice (1-2; 6-9; 13-15) based on a declaration of faithfulness (3-5) and a lament over the enemies that lurk in ambush like a lion (10-12). The unnamed petitioner poetically wrestles with God, like Jacob's all-night match in Genesis (32:22-31). While we may try to live in peace, chronic pains or debilitating illnesses may be our enemies rather than people. Evan challenged us to try praying for others using the pattern of this psalm before using it for ourselves. [KH]

The message can be heard in your favourite browser at <https://pgimf.org/service/psalm-17-a-plea-to-yhwh/>

### PGIMF News

August 20	J. Evan Kreider	Genesis 45
August 27	Henry Wurz	Meet the Hutterites
September 3	John Klassen	Christian Spirituality Meets Germanic Beliefs
September 10	Yangs and Lees	Community

**Summer potluck BBQ.** Please come ready to celebrate with PGIMF's end-of-summer potluck Barbeque at Erika's ((address available from webmaster) on Sunday August 27<sup>th</sup>. Bring your favourite dish to share - the fun will begin right after the service.

**Birth Announcement** Ex-Menno and PGIMF Alumnus Michael is pleased to announce the birth of Elisabeth 'Elsie' Grace at 7/12 and 20" long to Jennifer Thomas on August 10 around 9:40 pm. The picture they attached is positively beatific.

### Wider Church

**MCC-BC** MDS and MCC are accepting donations to assist families impacted by the BC wildfires. Please 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. To donate to MCC, please go to <https://donate.mcccanada.ca/cause/bc-wildfires-mennonite-disaster-service-mds> or call 1-888-622-6337.

**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](http://home.mennonitechurch.ca/winnipeg2017)

#### **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.

*Moderator*—Curtis Funk (604-992-6913); *Worship*—J. Evan Kreider (604-228-1217);  
*Congregational Care*—Lois Funk (604-992-8213); *Recording Secretary*--- Andre Pekovich (604-879-0007);  
*Music*—Ruth Enns (604-987-7430); *At Large*— Travis Martin (604-603-7843); Chan Yang (778-681-1475);  
*Finance* — Doug Medley (604-328-2980); *Congregational Co-ordinator* — Veronica Dyck

**Future Directions Task force Documents.** Please see the PGIMF home page for links to the documents for the Special Delegate Assembly in Winnipeg MB. At the bottom of the home pages, there two links to download your own copies of the new **Covenant of Churches**, and a **Backgrounder** for each one. You will also find a link to the Mennonite Church Canada webpage where you can find all the reports and recommendations from the Future Directions Task Force.

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## **Violence in Congo**

Deborah Froese, News Director for MC Canada, reports "Since the murder of Mennonite peace worker Michael J. Sharp in Congo last March, violence in Congo's three Kasai provinces, where most of the Mennonite churches are located, has suffered thousands killed, with over 40 mass graves discovered, and recent reports indicate that roughly 1.4 million people have been displaced as a result of this crisis, including 850,000 children. A contact (name omitted for security reasons) in Congo is walking alongside the church leaders of the three Mennonite denominations in the country and communicated: "The atrocities are beyond imagination. The evil is beyond telling. [Government and tribal] leaders with tunnel vision have [fanned the flames of ethnic rivalries] that have created a hell on earth.". Describing a conversation with a Congolese church worker; "It was painful for him to speak," wrote the contact. "He had seen so many, many people who saw loved ones hacked to death. They are now living with hunger, lack of medical care, and a dullness of spirit that surely must be some kind of psychic protection against too much spiritual and emotional pain. Please ask everyone to pray for our brothers and sisters here." The situation in Congo evolved from political turmoil and conflict over global demand for Congo's rich mineral resources, including coltan, used in the manufacture of capacitors for electronic devices. Mennonite Church Canada does not have a direct ministry presence in Congo, but collaborates in ministry on the African continent with Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM), Mennonite Mission Network, and other organizations, and are sisters with Congo Mennonite churches through the Mennonite World Conference (MWC). Please pray that MWC and other organizations will develop an efficient plan and adequate resources to deal with the growing refugee crisis. Pray that local congregations will find ways to reflect the peace of Christ in the midst of chaos."

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## **Scripture**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved **(Romans 10:8-13)**

Jesus Cleanses a Leper **(Mark 1:40-45)**

Jesus Heals a Paralytic **(Mark 2:1-12)**

Jesus Calls Levi **(Mark 2:13-17)**

## **Call To Worship based on Psalm 85:7-11**

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord, and grant us your salvation. Let us hear what God the Lord will speak, for he will speak peace to his people, to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts. Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet; righteousness and peace will kiss each other. Faithfulness will spring up from the ground, and righteousness will look down from the sky.