

Prayer Request from MCEC:

MCEC asks that each congregation take time this Sunday to pray for the newly restructured MC Canada. On October 14, with an affirmation of 94% of the vote, delegates from across the country approved a proposal to restructure. The newly reconfigured MC Canada will have an increased focus on supporting congregations for missional activity in their own neighbourhoods as well as connecting them to Witness opportunities around the world.

Last week, MC Canada released a number of staff as the first step in implementing the new structure. Staff that have been released are being generously supported through severance packages. In addition, we all have an opportunity to support these staff by expressing our gratitude for their work on our behalf in the past and by assuring them of our prayers during this time of transition.

Please take time this Sunday for your congregation to pray for the staff that are in transition, for the staff that continue in their roles, and the church leaders who will begin to shape and implement the new structure. To learn more about the new structure, visit www.futuredirectionsmc.ca

Community Events:

- TODAY, 2 pm. Conrad Grebel celebrates the installation of their 8th President, Marcus Shantz. Ceremony at the Humanities Theatre, reception to follow at Conrad Grebel.
- TONIGHT, 7 pm. Hymn Sing at St. Agatha Mennonite Church, with a time of fellowship and refreshments to follow.
- Thurs. Nov. 2, 7 pm. MC Canada Post-Assembly Regional Meeting at East Zorra Mennonite Church.
- Sat. Nov. 4, 7:30 pm. Menno Singers presents, 'Come Evening's Rest – Evening, Eternity & Time,' at Rockway Mennonite Church. Tickets \$20 (\$5 for students), available from choristers, at the door or at www.mennosingers.com
- Tues. Nov. 7, 12 pm. MCC hosts, 'Stories of Living Wage: A Listen and Learn Event,' at 50 Kent Ave.
- Thurs. Nov. 9, 7-9 pm. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate hosts 'Discover Rockway Night' for interested students and their parents.

Call to Worship
A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.**

[Sung]

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
our helper he amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
his craft and power are great, and, armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.

**God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.**

[Sung]

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
were not the right man on our side, the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus it is he,
Lord Sabaoth his name, from age to age the same,
and he must win the battle.

The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter;
God speaks and the earth melts.

**The Lord of hosts is with us;
the God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord!

**God makes wars cease to the end of the earth;
God breaks the bow, shatters the spear,
and burns the shields with fire.**

[Sung]

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God has willed his truth to triumph through us.

The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure,
one little word shall fell him.

Be still, and know that the Lord is God!

**God is exalted among the nations;
God is exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us;

The God of Jacob is our refuge.

Confession

**Gracious and forgiving God, we confess that your church has
often failed to live up to its holy calling. We have been divided by
misunderstanding and intolerance, causing suffering and division
in the Christian Family. Help us to forgive each other and to learn
from past sins, so that healing and reconciliation may transform
the body of Christ.**

Assurance

Christ is the way, the truth and the life. He is our peace, who breaks
down walls that divide, who gives us through the Holy Spirit, ever new
beginnings,

In Christ, we receive forgiveness and reconciliation and we are
strengthened for a faithful and common witness in our time.

Amen

Benediction

Christ promises never to leave us; we are assured we that God's
presence goes with us.

**We face the world with renewed faith and hope, God's word
ensures and abides with us.**

God watches over all of us, great and small, upholding all in need,
helping all who call on him.

**All God's children are our brothers and sisters, God's loving care
is ours to pass on.**

God reigns! Let the nations be glad.

God calls us the channel of his grace

**In every step of the way we will show our faith; in all we do and
say, may God be praised.**