

Community Events:

- Sun. Oct. 13, 5:00 and 7:00 pm. Empty Bowls for Haiti at Steinmann Mennonite Church. Tickets \$30. Proceeds to MCC. Tickets available at emptybowlsforhaiti.eventbrite.ca or call 519-745-8458.
- Sun. Oct. 13. Prepare the Way: Voices Together – A Resource Day for Worship and Congregational Song. For more information, visit mcec.ca/mcec-events
- Sun. Oct 14, 3 pm. Voices Together Hymn Sing at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Come and sing a mix of favourite and new songs. Donations to the work of Voices Together.
- Sat. Oct, 27, 10 am – 4 pm. Mennonite Historical Society of Ontario presents Living History: Indigenous and Mennonite Stories of Encounter: a day of listening, learning and conversation about our history on this land, at Conrad Grebel. For more info, go to www.mhso.org.

From Mennonite Disaster Service:

On Sept. 21, 3 tornados touched down in the north west part of Ottawa and Gatineau. In Dunrobin alone 30 homes need to be rebuilt and another 20 are in critical condition. MDS ON local CCP, Osiah Horst, was on site the next morning investigating. MDS ON has responded in the week following the tornado with local volunteers and called in volunteers with chainsaw certification. The first week 36 volunteers, putting in 50 volunteer days, cleared fallen and damaged trees around homes, cleaned up debris, and repaired farm fences. Further work is planned as MDS moves out into the more rural areas. With limited accommodations only skilled day volunteers are requested. Please send any inquiries to ON Unit Secretary, Nick Hamm at 905-401-3990 or email hammnicholas.mds@outlook.com.

Volunteer Opportunity: The Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support (www.mcrs.ca) is looking to expand and diversify its Board of Directors. If you have an interest in refugee issues, a passion for helping, and skills in the areas of personnel, finance, governance or fundraising, please contact Nan Cressman (Chair) at nancressman@sympatico.ca, or go to www.mcrs.ca/getinvolved/volunteering-at-mcrs

From MCEC:

MCEC and MC Canada request your feedback to assist us in communicating better with you, keeping you up-to-date with what God is doing in Canada and beyond. Your voice is important to us. Please take a few minutes to complete the Communications Survey on-line at <https://mccanada.respondnow.ca/> by October 31, 2018.

From MC Canada:

MC Canada is currently in the processing of hiring a new Executive Minister to give leadership in our nationwide community of faith and to support our Regional Churches, as together we seek to faithfully share God's reconciling love in our neighbourhoods and around the world. The first round of candidate interviews are scheduled for the week of October 1 – 5 and we invite our constituency to support this discernment process with your prayers. Please pray for the candidates as they interview and for the search committee as they seek God's wisdom and guidance. Your prayerful support for this discernment process would be deeply appreciated.

Willard Metzger, current Executive Minister, concludes his ministry with MC Canada on October 31, 2018. Henry Paetkau begins as Interim Executive Minister October 16, 2016.

**Update from the Nith Valley Re-Learning Community Team
(Lois, Tammy and Kathryn)**

Living life in community with others, while also discipling one another, continues to be a major focus for our team. Monday night Missional Community wrapped up just before the summer and we recently enjoyed another season of church campfires over the past couple of months. Being part of a Missional Community was a rich experience. The regularity of meeting 3 weeks out of each month led to a familiarity with each other and predictability for our schedules. For some this high commitment level was a bit much and for some (like Simon!) there was great anticipation for each Monday night. Through recent brainstorming, we have some new initiatives to offer beginning throughout the fall and we hope they are exciting for all!

Tammy will continue to offer a missional community on Monday evenings. Based on the group, they will decide together the timing and frequency. This will likely start sometime in October. Please consider it and watch for more details soon.

Stay tuned for “First Sunday” groups and monthly gym nights. Again, more details will follow on both of these.

Our next gathering with the greater Re-learning Community is in mid-November. Please let any of us know if you would be interested in attending. We are grateful for the opportunity to learn and grow as disciples and leaders during these weekends away.