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Reading, watching, listening: A buffet

When the conversation is lagging in social situations, one of my favourite questions to ask is, “What are you reading?” This inquiry often leads to an interesting interchange of ideas and suggestions.

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‘He kept looking ahead’

David Martin is passionate about curling. He is competitive and once won Steinmann Mennonite Church’s version of The Amazing Race. He is a bit nerdy and techy, and he loves a great superhero movie now and then.

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‘There is something beautiful’ about those people

“The people,” he said. “There is something beautiful . . . about all those people . . . being the presence of Christ in their communities.”

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I am my brother’s keeper

Many years ago now—I’m getting a bit long in the tooth—I took what I thought would be a bird course in my second year at what was then known as Waterloo College. It turned out to be anything but, and I remember more from that course than from any other in my seven years of university education. It was a course on political philosophy.

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Employment Opportunity
AIMM Executive Coordinator

The next Executive Coordinator for Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission will be a committed Anabaptist Christian who exemplifies a dynamic, growing faith in Jesus Christ. They will be energized by the call to help lead an organization toward a thriving future in a changing and complex environment. The candidate must be fluent in French and English, be a member of a Mennonite World Conference congregation, and have a university degree. To nominate, request the profile, or submit a letter of application with a resume, email AIMMsearch@AIMMintl.org by July 15 or until the position is filled.

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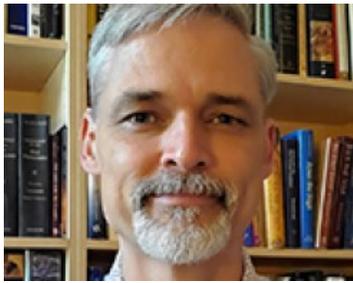
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MC Manitoba executive minister blessed by relationships

After nine-and-a-half years of service, Ken Warkentin concluded his time as executive minister of Mennonite Church Manitoba on June 30.

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Michael Pahl named new MC Manitoba executive minister

Michael Pahl has been appointed as the next executive minister of Mennonite Church Manitoba by the board of directors of the regional church.

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Russian connection comes full circle

Two members of Black Creek United Mennonite Church in British Columbia have found a common heritage that goes back 234 years to the Russian Empire.

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Global Mennonite enviro task force established

The mandate of a new Mennonite World Conference (MWC) creation care task force states that, "MWC is a global communion of Anabaptist churches that are together facing the climate crisis." It then asks: "What does it mean to follow Jesus into this crisis?"

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Employment Opportunity Music/Arts Coordinator (0.33 FTE)

Bethel Mennonite Church (Winnipeg, MB) seeks a 0.33 FTE Music/Arts Coordinator to oversee musical and artistic aspects of Bethel's worship services, starting fall 2020.

Application processing starts July 10, 2020.

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MC Saskatchewan launches online Sunday school for children

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan is offering Sunday school for children via Zoom. Josh and Cindy Wallace started hosting the half-hour sessions at the end of May.

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Albertans raise money in creative ways for MCC

No soup and pie fundraiser in Rosemary. No Mennonite Central Committee Alberta (MCC-Alberta) relief sale in Sherwood Park. No golf fundraisers with barbequed lunches. In other words, no fun—and no money being raised through MCC for all the vulnerable people living in over 50 countries in the developing world.

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Embracing disequilibrium

“We have to embrace the disequilibrium we feel right now and let it teach us what it needs to teach us,” said Claire Ewert Fisher, interim pastor of Rosthern Mennonite Church, speaking at Mennonite Church Saskatchewan’s virtual town hall event, “Dreaming church beyond pandemic.”

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Mennonite Fellowship of Montreal

Employment Opportunity
Pastor (0.5 FTE)
Start date: August 2020

The Fellowship seeks a half-time pastor, as our current pastor is retiring this summer.

Responsibilities include: giving a meditation two Sundays per month, pastoral care and working with the elders group and church council as our congregation seeks God together in the context of this lively city.

Click to learn more, go to mcec.ca/ministry-opportunities or contact pastoraltransitions@mcec.ca.

mfmtl.org



Masks express God's love

The Edmonton Christian Life Community Church is a small congregation with around 25 members. Chinese Mennonite pastor, Ken Tse, recently shared with the pastors that his members were struggling to find masks for sale.

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Coins count, and so do bottles

Every Saturday in May, Rosthern Mennonite Church members drove the streets of Rosthern, picking up bottles and other refundable beverage containers.

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Pandemic shifts Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue online

The Anglican-Mennonite Dialogue scrapped plans for a meeting at Conrad Grebel University College in Waterloo, Ont., this spring due to pandemic restrictions, but met electronically on May 29 and 30.

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