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Shattering spears and bows



Setsuko Nakamura was 13 years old in 1945, the day American forces dropped an atomic bomb on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, where she lived.

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Hope and faith . . . even when things don't go as planned

There is a new church among the farmlands of southwestern Manitoba, but it has more than a hundred years of history.

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'Are you a pastor's wife?'

In Vietnam it is still uncommon to see female pastors. But the president of the Evangelical Vietnamese Mennonite Church (EVMC) is a woman and also a pastor. Reverend Hong Thi Nguyen is the leader of 40 Mennonite congregations throughout the southern part of Vietnam.

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Worship is what I need

During a Zoom call a month or so ago, a pastor friend mused, "Is worship all we have left?" Our virtual meet-up—all folks involved in congregational leadership—had been sharing various strategies we had tried to carry on with Sunday morning worship services.

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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.

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'Be on our side'

Acknowledging that "the church has been awakened and reawakened to racial injustice in our midst after the death of George Floyd," MennoMedia, an agency of Mennonite Church Canada and MC U.S.A., dedicated one of its 'adaptive church webinars' to addressing racism in churches.

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‘House church with a building’

With eight members, Northgate Anabaptist Fellowship of Dawson Creek is the smallest congregation in Mennonite Church British Columbia. It is also the most remote, located about 1,880 kilometres northeast of Vancouver, near the Alberta border.

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From days gone by to ‘Richer Days’

Like many rural congregations, Pleasant Point Mennonite Church isn’t as large as it once was. But, although small in number, the church enjoys a rich and interesting congregational life.

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Riverton Fellowship Circle closes its doors

Riverton (Man.) Fellowship Circle decided on June 24 to close its doors, passing a motion to dissolve the church corporation and its assets.

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Wilmer Martin investigation mishandled, says complainant

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada should have taken action against Wilmer Martin at least two years ago, says one of the people responsible for bringing complaints against him to the regional church.

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MC Alberta calls congregants to prayer with Zoom

At 7:30 on Monday mornings, members of Mennonite Church Alberta wake up to pray together on Zoom.

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Setting our sights on God's shalom vision

An interview with Sara Wenger Shenk, president emerita of Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary and a plenary speaker at Mennonite Church Canada's virtual study conference, 'Table talk: Does the church have legs?' on Oct. 24

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MEI planning for in-class reopening

Mennonite Educational Institute plans a Stage 1 reopening of school in September for the 2020-21 academic year.

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Together in Worship website set to launch this fall

“Worship is the beating heart of the Christian church,” says Carol Penner, who teaches practical theology at Conrad Grebel University College and the University of Waterloo.

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MEDA supporters across North America plan August move-a-thons

Mennonite Economic Development Associates (MEDA) supporters, whose efforts to create business solutions to poverty, enjoy getting together. In normal years, groups across North America have regular meetings throughout the year, and annual barbecues in the summer to raise funds for MEDA projects.

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