

Angelus: A Call to Prayer

February 2018

1. February 1-3 Administrators and Faculty will be attending the Mennonite Educators Conference in Leesburg, VA. This year's theme is *Unexpected Encounters ... God Surprises*. Pray for travel safety and a time of renewal, inspiration, professional development and meaningful conversations.
2. Winter weather can make travel difficult for those caring for residents and clients throughout Landis Communities locations. Pray for safe travels for team members as they go to and from work during this season.
3. Pray for a well-attended Open House with the WJTL Kids Cookie break. Pray that families who are unfamiliar with Black Rock Retreat will enjoy a fun day and will feel comfortable sending their child to either Summer Camp or our new Day Camp program.
4. Construction continues on the new facilities for PROMESA, a Peruvian Mennonite school where Joanna and Duane Harrison serve. Pray for progress to continue in the areas of fundraising and construction.
5. Please pray for cohesiveness for effective ministry for our growing ministry team at The Potter's House since we recently added an additional addiction counselor and Phase One assistant director. Pray that the power of addiction be broken over the 12 men presently in the residential program as they allow Jesus to assume the role as Shepherd of their lives.
6. A breakfast will be held this morning for pastors of churches with LMS students. Pray for a good time of sharing and learning for the pastors and LMS faculty and staff.
7. Please pray that God will give us wisdom in how to extend his kingdom in various neighborhoods of Lancaster city.
8. The Southeast Asia worker retreat is being held in Vietnam on February 9–14. Pray for each adult and child who attends, that their time together will be encouraging and they will leave feeling refreshed
9. Pray for EMM recruiters sharing mission opportunities with students at a Lancaster Bible College conference on February 12–16. Also, pray for Personnel Placement Coach Jimm Derksen as he interacts with students at four colleges in Kansas (Bethel, Hesston, McPherson, and Tabor) on February 12–15.
10. Ask God's blessing on the STEP (Study and Training for Effective Pastoral Ministry) classes that meet today.
11. Drop-in Days are scheduled at each of the Lancaster Mennonite School campuses during the week of February 12-16. Please be in prayer for prospective families.
12. Pray that God will create a spirit of unity within Nancy and Michael Hostetter's family, among their fellow missionaries, and in the local community. Pray that they will find endurance and encouragement in Christ and one another.
13. Thank God for the many people who support EMM every day by engaging prayerfully and financially. What a blessing to be so cared for by everyone moving in mission!

14. Pray for the Credentialing Commission today as they interview a number of potential LMC leaders.
15. Pray for the Strategic Direction Task Force as they meet today and prepare to share their vision for LMC's future.
16. Pray for Black Rock Retreat's Ladies Night Out tonight that all who attend will grow in their relationships with God and one another.
17. Pray for young people to join a 10-month international discipleship school called Vida220 that challenges young adults to experience growth as disciples of Jesus as well as servant hood in the church and beyond.
18. Pray that as Beryl Forrester serves with the Mennonite Church in West Africa, he will be filled with the Holy Spirit and will daily walk in His power (Ephesians 5:18, Galatians 5:16).
19. Pray for EMM President Nelson Okanya as he takes a well-deserved sabbatical until the end of March. Pray that he is renewed through rest and relationships.
20. Remember the students involved in the LMH Musical, *The Wizard of Oz*, February 22-24. Pray that everyone - actors and those behind the scenes - will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.
21. Pray that Christian-Muslim Relations Team member Sheryl Martin will be daily refreshed in her faith and hope in the Lord, so that she can confidently share His love as she works for peace and Christian witness among different people groups.
22. Pray for all those who will be attending and sharing at the one-day seminar for pastors and leaders of Conference Related Ministries, tomorrow with Phil Bergey. Pray for good opportunities to network, learn and be encouraged.
23. Pray for guidance and direction for the discussions and decisions made at today's Bishop Board meeting. Pray for Keith weaver as he leads the meeting.
24. Continue to pray for the many mission interns who have returned from mission assignments in the past year. Pray that God will continue to grow the kingdom seeds that have been planted in and through them.
25. Pray for young people to join German students in an 11-month discipleship training and service program called Freiwilliges Soziales Jahre (Voluntary Service Year), including a three-week outreach where hope is desperately needed.
26. Anita and Jamie Farr, who work with Wycliffe Bible Translators and EMM, reported that in 2017, Bible translation work began among 106 language groups that do not yet have Scripture in their own language. Pray for these new projects, and that the Farr family will be blessed with healthy family and community relationships.
27. Debbi DiGennaro's recent book, "Acclimated to Africa," is a guide for Westerners living in Africa. Pray that it would open doors of communication and relationship between missionaries and people from African communities, enabling the gospel to be shared with many.
28. Pray for the preparations for EMM's summer Kingdom Team program. Pray for a young adult to fill the Kingdom Team director position, as well as open doors for outreach opportunities.