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# *Angelus:* A Call to Prayer

December 2018

1. Pray for those who will be leading the ESL 101: Teaching English in Your Church workshop at Stumptown Mennonite Church. May all in attendance be blessed by this workshop and incorporate what they learned in their communities.
2. Please pray for newly forming neighborhood churches and their leaders that God gives vision and wisdom in their early stages.
3. Lancaster All Lancaster Mennonite School campuses will be presenting Christmas concerts the weeks of December 3-14. Pray that all students will perform to the best of their ability, that everyone will be calm and that students, faculty and those attending the concerts will feel the presence of God as they celebrate the joy of the birth of Christ.
4. Pray for the LMC Finance Committee as they meet to finalize the new budget and end of year matters.
5. Pray for Community Mennonite Fellowship youth fall camp weekends – for God to move mightily in their lives.
6. Join Ryan and Bethany Umble in praying for the leadership team of Phnom Penh Mennonite Church. Pray for wisdom for the church's elders as they mentor and coach the leadership team. Ask that the team would grow in dependence on God as they provide strong leadership for the church.
7. Please pray for the upcoming Black Rock Retreat Christmas Hymn Sing to be held on December 9. Pray that the event will be a blessing to all who attend.
8. Pray for Gerry Keener and Don Sensenig, for cultural and linguistic competence, as they work with a Vietnamese translator to prepare Marian Bontrager's *The Bible as Story* and Palmer Becker's *Anabaptist Essentials* for publication and use in Vietnam.
9. Interns at Yellow Creek Mennonite are preparing for mission assignments. Please keep them covered in prayer in their travels and in their various assignments.
10. Lea\* has begun a new school year as a teacher. She requests prayer for wisdom, courage, and love in all of her responsibilities. Ask that she will know the love of God for herself, her students, and fellow teachers.
11. Jonas and Hannah\* continue to reach out to refugees. Pray for grace and love as they seek to be a community that extends friendship to everyone that God brings to their door. Pray that God would raise up leaders to step in when they are on sabbatical next summer.
12. Pray for the credentialing commission interviews, which take place today.
13. Please pray for a clear theme and vision to emerge during the Staff planning day for the year 2020.
14. Pray for Andrea\* as she continues with her studies. Praise God that Rolando's\* volunteer permit came through to work in the prison. Pray for wisdom for the family to be God's ambassadors while being culturally sensitive. The family is currently on a student visa but is looking at other alternative visa options. Pray that this process will go smoothly.

15. Pray for West End Mennonite Fellowship that God might replenish our congregation as we raise up new leaders.
16. Pray that funds will come in for Eric and Janelle\* to begin their assignment and for the trust that God will provide the necessary funds.
17. Pray for Wendell and Melanie Nofziger in their new roles as regional representatives for Central America. Pray for wisdom in balancing family, work, and regional representative responsibilities.
18. Continue to pray for a new lead Pastor at Community Mennonite Fellowship in Milton, Pa.
19. Pray for the many people that Owen and Abby\* are connecting with. Ask that there will be openness and a desire to learn more about Jesus. Pray for good health for the whole family.
20. Austin Zuercher serves with discipleship training for VidaNet. Pray that he might know the amazing love of God and see ways that God is meeting his needs and the needs of those he works with.
21. Ask God's blessing and direction on today's joint Bishop Board and Conference Executive Council meeting.
22. Pray that all Lancaster Mennonite School students, faculty and staff can relax and enjoy the Christmas break. Remember those that will be traveling and pray that this Christmas season is a meaningful time for all with family and friends. Also, pray that those who may feel loss at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.
23. Landis Communities asks for prayer for all of those from Landis Homes, Welsh Mountain Home and Landis at Home who are serving others during this holiday season. In doing so, they sometimes miss their own celebrations. They are living examples of being the "hands and feet of Christ" to those they serve.
24. Pray for Felix and Ruth\* as they discern the direction of the Lord in their service. Ask God for peace and wisdom in the midst of uncertainty.
25. *For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. (Isaiah 9:6)*
26. Pray for Phil and Linda Gottschalk as they teach and mentor students at Tyndale Theological Seminary. Pray for safety when they travel to teach at other seminaries.
27. Pray for a family as they continue teaching, peace-building initiatives in the region, educational studies, and medical work. Pray for friends, fun, school, and language learning for the children.
28. Thank God for the EMM staff who serve in Salunga, Pa. Undergirding the mission of God through EMM is a group of dedicated people who show up to carry out the daily work. Pray that they are filled with divine peace, joy, and strength to persevere.
29. Please join Yellow Creek Mennonite Church in prayer as they are in the midst of staff transitions.
30. Please pray with us that God will strengthen Michael Clancy in his work in Lebanon, Pa., with people that have been incarcerated, and that others would join the work of discipling these future leaders.
31. Reflect on 2018. Thank God for all he has given you...blessings and challenges. Pray for the New Year that is ahead.

\*Name(s) changed or last name(s) omitted for security reasons.