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Angelus: A Call to Prayer

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1. The month of April is busy at Lancaster Mennonite School with fundraising auctions, pastor breakfast, prospective students day and open houses. Pray that all will be successful and that faculty and students can enjoy these special events while remaining focused on their classes.
2. Please pray for Sherri Martin and Felixa V. de Kunkle who recently started as part of the LMC staff.
3. Asia: pray for healing and a complete return to health for Lea.* Pray for good relationships with her students and co-workers and open doors to share the good news.
4. Praise the Lord for His Spirit that intercedes for us and help us when we do not know what to pray.
Romans 8:26
5. Guatemala: Pray for the Central America EMM workers' retreat is being held April 14–18 in Guatemala. Pray for good conversations, meaningful times of worship and input, and renewal for each adult and child or youth who attend.
6. Pray for the STEP students as they meet for classes today.
7. Middle East: Praise God that Michael* is able to use technology to facilitate the teaching of leaders throughout his country, saving him travel time to the locations of these leaders. Ask God to continue the growth of the church throughout this region.
8. East Africa: Pray for Felipe and Ines* as they settle back into their responsibilities and continue to adjust to being a family of five. Felipe will begin teaching a new business entrepreneurship course, and at some point, Ines will return to work at the hospital. Pray for them in all these transitions.
9. Netherlands: pray for Linda Gottschalk as she teaches a class on church history in Rotterdam. Ask God for good interaction with her students, safe travel time, and good health.
10. Please pray for the Credentialing Commission as they meet today and interact with pastors.
11. Please remember to pray for those that are working at school; from principals, teachers, custodians, counselors, cafeteria staff, nurses, librarians, and bus drivers. Ask the Lord for a double portion of His wisdom and strength as they work daily with different types of challenges.
12. Germany: Please pray for Bryan and Karah* as they are planning to conclude their service in Germany. During their last few months, pray for continued opportunities to share Christ with their non-Christian friends. Pray also for the pastors and church leaders of all the churches in their city as they meet and pray together for a new Christian witness in an area of the city that has very little Christian presence.
13. Southeast Asia: Please pray for continued opportunities to share the love of Jesus with those that Ben and Lena* work with in Southeast Asia.
14. Central Asia: Ask God for wisdom and direction from the Holy Spirit as Alexander and Maria* serve with business for transformation in Central Asia.
15. South Asia: Ask God for guidance, wisdom, and boldness for Clara* in her witness among Muslims in South Asia. Also, ask for healthy relationships with co-workers.
16. Pray for Lancaster Mennonite High School as they will be hosting the Mennonite Schools Council

Choral Festival April 12 (today) to 14th. Pray for travel safety for all participating students. Also pray that students can relax and perform to the best of their ability and enjoy their interactions with musicians from other Mennonite schools.

17. An orientation for newly/recently credentialed leaders takes place this evening at the LMC Office. Pray for opportunities for all in attendance to learn, network, and be encouraged.
18. Guatemala: Pray for health and safety for Ted and Julie Smoker and their family. Also, ask God for opportunities for more meaningful connections with local believers. Be in prayer for the Red Paz economic development trainings this year, both in new villages and past locations.
19. Praise God for the many opportunities that Wendell and Melanie Nofziger in Honduras have to share God's love through their ministries of homemaking, teaching, and disciple-making. Pray that they will continue to be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their lives and ministry.
20. Please pray for the new people who are being credential on April 17.
21. Let's praise the Lord for His sacrifice as we celebrate today Easter.
22. Please pray for the churches around the Southeast Asia: Pray for Owen and Abby* and their four children as they have extended their service for another year of working with Muslims in Southeast Asia.
23. South Sudan: As Nicole Hess concludes her service in South Sudan, pray for good closure to her work and the relationships that she has developed. Pray for peace in the midst of the goodbyes and for the transition to life in the U.S.
24. Senegal: Praise God for Mennonite Church West Africa and the newly credentialed pastors who are stepping up to bring good leadership. Pray for the church as they try to model living in unity and peace with each other and with their neighbors. Ask that volunteer worker Beryl Forrester might continue to encourage the church.
25. The Mennonite Children's Choir concerts will be held in April and early May. Pray that the children feel God's presence as they perform and pray that God will be glorified in the concerts.
26. Pray for the Bishop Board as they meet today.
27. Pray for the children Ministry event happening today at the LMC offices.
28. Dwell in Romans 8:35; Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?
29. PRAISE the LORD for His faithfulness to LMC. His love endures forever!
30. Pray for congregations that are in pastoral transitions.

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