

# *Angelus:* A Call to Prayer

May 2021

1. Remember the students involved in the outdoor performances of the Lancaster Mennonite High Spring Play, *All the World's a Stage*, on May 1 and 2. Pray that everyone - actors and those behind the scenes - will enjoy the experience and will feel a sense of accomplishment for well-done performances.
2. Pray for times of refreshment and renewal as Jan Heindel wraps up her time of sabbatical and prepares to return to the Czech Republic.
3. Landis Communities is seeking new team members who have a passion for being “Jesus Christ in Street Clothes” to clients and residents. Please pray candidates who see serving others as part of their calling will feel a nudge to see if there are positions of interest and that the Human Resources team would have wisdom in making hiring decisions.
4. Pray for all the healing that needs to happen in our local churches after the chaos and tensions of the last year.
5. Pray for the regional representative for East Asia, Ethan,\* as he supports and encourages workers who have been forced to stay stateside. Pray for favor as he also maintains relationships with partners in East Asia.
6. Pray for Steve and Beth Gibbs in their role as LMC international partner delegates to the Peru Mennonite Church. Pray for the Peru church as they deal with the economic effects of COVID-19 and other challenges.
7. Please consider praying for EMM Board as they will meeting today and tomorrow. Ask the Lord for His guidance during this meeting.
8. Please pray for the STEP classes as they will have the last meeting today.
9. Please pray for The Potter’s House as they prepare for our annual banquet on May 19 & 20. Pray that the words we share, the testimonies we give will bring a blessing to Christ, and the changing works he is doing through the Potter's House ministries.
10. Praise the Lord for his faithfulness to Eric and Janelle\* and their family over the past two years as they settled into their home and assignment in Germany. Pray for them as they return to the US for the summer before beginning a new four-year term.
11. Continue to pray for Yellow Creek Mennonite church as they continue to look for a full-time Youth Pastor.
12. Please pray for LMC Credentialing Commission as they will be meeting today.
13. Give thanks that Lancaster Mennonite faculty and students who were able to meet in person for most of this school year and pray that they will continue to remain focused on their work through the end of the school year.
14. Pray for those students who are graduating from Lancaster Mennonite School. Give thanks for their journey this far and pray that they will be open to God's leading as they face changes and decisions for the next steps in life.
15. Please pray and praise the Lord for the STEP graduates as they will have their ceremony today.
16. Pray for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members as their daily lives and routines have changed due to COVID-19. Pray for the Individuals who are still not able to participate in community and social events. Pray for activity and creativity to fill their days
17. Pray for the administration and staff of Lancaster Mennonite School as they close out this school year and look ahead to decisions that need to be made for the fall.

18. Pray for Galen and Phyllis Groff as they continue to support and encourage partners in Belize while living in the U.S.
19. We are thankful for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members who have received their COVID vaccinations. Pray for good health and strength.
20. Pray for Ben and Lena\* to finish well as they wrap up their assignment. Pray for their children in the transition of saying goodbye to friends and their home.
21. Please pray for the LMC Conference Executive Council as they will be meeting today at the LMC office.
22. Pray for individuals with intellectual disabilities and autism served by Friendship Community who are aging and who may need additional medical care. Pray for resources to meet their needs and wisdom in planning for the next level of care for these individuals.
23. Pray for Michael Clancy as he mentors a few men who are living in a Christian community house which is now up and running in Lebanon, Pa. Pray for the men who live there that they can build a strong Christian community of accountability and support.
24. May the Lord give physical and emotional strength to Daryl and Jen Hoover and their family in their many responsibilities. Pray for wisdom and direction for the VidaMissions Teams. Pray also for unity amidst the transitions with the new directors of VidaNet.
25. Pray for the Friendship Community leadership teams – pray for wisdom and discernment as they grapple with health and safety concerns, budgets, regulatory demands, and the future of the people served by Friendship.
26. Pray for Samson\* as he serves as the regional representative to East Africa. Pray for good connections with our partners and for safety in travel.
27. Pray for Ted and Julie Smoker and their family as they are in the U.S. for a sabbatical. Pray for times of refreshment and renewal and meaningful connections with family and friends.
28. Pray for Lea\* as she continues to stay connected and supports and encourages friends and students in East Asia even though she is currently stateside. Ask God to give her direction for future ministry.
29. Pray for the Friendship Heart Gallery, an art program sponsored by Friendship Community in Lancaster City. As the Gallery resumes its on-site activities pray that it will be able to continue to offer opportunities for individuals with disabilities and others to experience creative expression and fulfillment through the arts.
30. Darrel and Miriam\* and their girls will be coming to the U.S. this summer. Pray for meaningful connections with family and friends and times of refreshment.
31. Pray for favor from the public funding sources of Friendship Community, especially in the changing times of COVID-19. Pray for wisdom for our leaders in government as they work with the demands of many government-funded programs that impact the lives of many people.

*“In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness.  
We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself  
intercedes for us through wordless groans...” Romans 8:26*

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