



Angelus: A Call to Prayer

December 2021

1. *“You who bring good news to Zion, go up on a high mountain. You who bring good news to Jerusalem, lift up your voice with a shout, lift it up, do not be afraid; say to the towns of Judah, “Here is your God!” See, the Sovereign LORD comes with power, and He rules with a mighty arm. See, His reward is with Him, and His recompense accompanies him. He tends his flock like a shepherd: He gathers the lambs in his arms and carries them close to His heart; He gently leads those that have young.” Isaiah 40:9-11*
2. Praise for the way the LMC office team worked together for a successful office move to 450 N Prince Street. We are grateful for the many who were praying for our team. Thank you!
3. Join Landis Communities in giving thanks for the work of our team members, especially during the holidays when they often miss time with their own families to care for residents and clients. We are blessed
4. Revelation - Pray for all the saints to see clearly the connections between Jesus's commands, to love one another, to love our neighbors, to love our enemies, and to proclaim God's good news everywhere.
5. Please pray for continued guidance in moving the congregation forward as it relates to diversity in leadership and the inclusion of newcomers.
6. Prayer for the Transition Discernment Team as they meet and discern the next steps for LMC.
7. We continue asking for your prayers for LMC staff as they interact and get acquainted with EMM staff.
8. Please pray for the Credentialing Commissioning as they meet today. Pray for the transitions within the commissioning.
9. Pray for Regional Representative Samson Mehari as he connects with partners in East Africa. Pray for safety in travel and favor as he assists in resettling refugees in Canada.
10. 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 not able to participate in community and social events and for those who are returning to work and involved in the community.
11. Pray for the STEP students and instructors as they meet today.
12. All Lancaster Mennonite School campuses will be presenting Christmas concerts from December 13-21. 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.
13. Restructure with One Another - Pray for us to seek new ways of following Jesus together 24/7/365, as expressions of our obedience to Jesus's commands.
14. Please continue praying for the preparation and details of next year's Celebration of Church Life that will happen on a weekend in June. Please lift the CCL committee as they plan for this event.
15. Pray for continued energy, enthusiasm, and good health for faculty and students at Lancaster Mennonite School as they enter the excitement of the holiday seasons of Christmas and New Year.
16. Please pray for AAILT to be effective in its service to leaders who are struggling as they face needs for leadership development and ministry formation in their congregations and communities.
17. Please pray for the Bishop Board and the Conference Executive Council as they meet today. There are several major items on the agenda that need Holy Spirit wisdom.
18. We are thankful for the Friendship Community Individuals and Team Members who have received their COVID vaccinations. Pray for good health and strength.

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20. Please pray for Karl McKinney, that he will be an effective and faithful servant to Christ, in serving leaders in this role of Intercultural Leadership Minister.
21. Pray for the Board of Directors as they lead the search process for a new CEO to replace Gwen Schuit who is retiring in 2021. We are thankful for Gwen's leadership these past twelve years.
22. Pray for Glenn and June Kauffman as they relate to the Hong Kong Mennonite Church as LMC international partner delegates. Pray that they would be able to be a source of encouragement and support as the church navigates a difficult political climate.
23. 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 safe and meaningful time for all with family and friends. Also, pray that those who may feel lost at this time of year will find support and comfort from others.
24. Lamentation & Repentance - Pray for us to acknowledge and to repudiate those ways, systems, and structures, mindsets, and ideas, that lead us to segregate from one another. We still have conciliatory work to do as we come into Christ, across the lines and walls we previously lived according to before we began to follow Jesus.
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 Merry Christmas!***
26. Praise the Lord with Jade* for the provision of a teaching job at a university. Pray for wisdom in faith conversations as she interacts with friends and students and enjoys offering hospitality.
27. Pray for Angie Earl as she balances family and her work with the Christian-Muslim Relations Team. Pray for continued opportunities to share God's love in her relationships with her Muslim friends.
28. Pray for Jeremy and Jennifer* as they walk with their team in Southeast Asia, giving encouragement and support as they minister in various places. Pray for wisdom in knowing what opportunities to pursue and for balance in work and family life.
29. Pray for the churches that support EMM and our workers around the globe. May they experience God's provision, peace, and hope.
30. **Revelation & Conciliation** - Pray for all the congregations in LMC to see with clarity how God knits us together in Christ: we need one another; we belong to one another. Pray for us to hear and receive Jesus's call to pursue justice with one another
31. *"And He who was seated on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'" Rev. 21:5 Have a blessed New Year!*

"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

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