



Angelus: A call to pray

June 2023

1. Peter Sensenig's (Christian-Muslim Relations Team) closest colleague at the seminary, Sali, just lost his brother-in-law in an attack by Boko Haram in northern Cameroon (just across the border from Chad). We'd already been in discussions about how to work at peacebuilding across the Muslim-Christian divide in our area. This is a deeply personal sign of how much we need peacemakers. We ask for wisdom as to what sort of program we should implement, and also how to bring the right Muslim and Christian leaders together.
2. Please pray for the new residents and staff that are beginning to move into Landis Place on King, a new age 55 plus apartment complex in Lancaster, PA that is part of Landis Communities.
3. Please pray for Roedersville Mennonite Church. They are launching a search for an Associate Pastor who could hopefully replace our lead pastor as he nears retirement. Bishop Dave Musser is leading this search. Also pray for the general well being of this congregation as it has faced struggles with interpersonal relationships and declining attendance. Many of those who remain are discouraged and key leadership positions in the church are unable to be filled.
4. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in interceding for Michael and Laura* in their work of peacemaking between believers from two different ethnic backgrounds in the Middle East. Please also join them in interceding for the people in their countries and nations throughout the whole Middle East. Ask God to prepare a harvest.
5. Pray for those students who are graduating from Lancaster Mennonite School today. 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.
6. Pray for a safe, relaxing, and refreshing summer break for Lancaster Mennonite School faculty and students.
7. Please pray for 15 people from Living Light Mennonite Church who are heading to Albania for a week in June to build relationships with some brothers and sisters there. Pray for deep relationships with God and each other and sweet times of giving and receiving blessings as God allows.
8. Continue to pray for the recruitment of STEP students and STEP instructors that the Holy Spirit will bring together those He is calling in this season.
9. Pray for Christy's presence at the hospital as most of her expat colleagues are departing Chad in the coming weeks.
10. Pray for the administration and staff of Lancaster Mennonite School as they work through the summer months. Pray that the more relaxed pace will inspire continued creative planning and preparation for the 2023-24 school year.
11. Yellow Creek Mennonite Church has begun a process of Revitalization as they discuss and share the possibilities of new directions in all ministries that will help them more effectively fulfill their mission to grow God's Kingdom. Today, Yellow Creek Mennonite Church will hold its first meeting to launch its discernments over the next year. May God guide, direct, and bless their discussions and plans.
12. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in praising the Lord for Michael Clancy's faithful and persistent walk with men recovering from addictions in Lebanon City, PA. Pray against discouragement. Pray for Michael and his family as they raise funds for a new term of service.
13. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Aaron and Katarina Miller as they wrap up their 18-month internship in Chile. Ask God to bless their farewells with those with whom they've built relationships.
14. Please pray for the Credential Commissioning as they will be meeting today. Please pray as well for wisdom and discernment as the commission is receiving more applications.

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15. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Angie Earl as she continues to serve with EMM's Christian-Muslim Relations Team. Pray for her as she builds life-giving relationships with Muslims and shares her life with them.
16. Please pray for the LMC Bishop Council meeting in Ohio, today and tomorrow. Pray for safe travels and a meeting being led by the Holy Spirit.
17. Please pray for the Dinner Church Motley as they face many challenges with location and providing to the needy population around Lancaster City. Pray for pastor Robert Brody for ideas and creativity to find resources and to continue blessing others as they seek Christ in a different way.
18. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Michael* as director of operations at Immerse International as he connects with residents and students. Pray for Ruthy*, who graduated from nursing school in May, that God will direct her next step for employment and this ministry of caring and healing. Pray for the whole family as they travel to South Asia this summer to lead a prayer pilgrimage with several participants.
19. Let's welcome and bless together the LMC new congregations that have joined. Pray for good relations as we are getting to know them.
20. Pastor Jim Laverty from Mountville Mennonite Church is thankful for all that God taught him during his sabbatical. Both his family and the church participated in renewal activities underwritten by a grant. They are grateful for the ministry of Pastor Dawn Winey who was their interim pastor during the three-month sabbatical.
21. Prayers for our credentialing commission as their schedule is very full. Pray for an ability to imagine a new way forward.
22. Pray that we will continue to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to worship him in his temple. (Psalms 27:4)
23. Pray with Mountville Mennonite Church for members of their body who are overwhelmed by hardships (parenting, marriage, health, self-destructive habits, bullying, etc.) that their trust in the Lord will grow as they look to Him.
24. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Peter and Christy* and their family as they spend some time in the U.S. this summer. Pray for good connections with family and their supporters and that they will be renewed and refreshed when they return to Central Africa.
25. Pray for people in East Africa and Sahel where safety has felt tenuous since the COVID-19 economic downturns. Pray for economic growth, peace, and stability in the days ahead.
26. Pray with Eastern Mennonite Missions for Lea* as she serves in Central Asia. Pray for wisdom as she decides what is next after this current school year. Pray that doors will reopen for her to return to her former country of service.
27. Join Eastern Mennonite Missions in prayer for Mike and Nancy Hostetter as they serve in Chile. Pray for them as they walk with and disciple people as they discover God's purpose for their lives and as they grow in their relationship with Jesus. Pray for the continued development of the Christian retreat center.
28. Praise the Lord with Eastern Mennonite Missions and Clara and Vince*, for the new families who have begun attending their church. Pray for spiritual health in the church and that persons will grow stronger in their faith. Pray for financial support for Clara to continue her ministry in South Asia.
29. Pray for the churches at LMC. Pray for their leaders and ask God to bless our churches and their leaders with the Holy Spirit anointing them to become a Spirit lead movement.
30. Mountville Mennonite Church is hosting a Vacation Bible School in cooperation with Child Evangelism Fellowship of Lancaster in July (24-28). Pray with us for the salvation of children and their families from our surrounding community who will hear the gospel (possibly for the first time).

“But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. 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 8:25-27

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