






May 2005, *Equipping*

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Date	Prayer Requests: Please pray for the work of the Church!	Announcements: Stay in tune with the wider church	Witness Notes: This is how your financial support of Mennonite Church Canada WITNESS is ministering... <b>from across the street to around the world!</b>
<b>May 1, 2005</b>	<b>Stewardship Sunday</b> "O generous God, open our hearts to comprehend the grace that centres us and open our wills to share generously of the grace you have bestowed upon us."	 Wanted: Congregational Delegates for Charlotte 2005. Discuss important issues: denominational priorities; how we address issues of theology, ethics and practice; re-defining membership in MC Canada; funding the church's ministries. Celebrate the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of <i>Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective</i> and <i>Vision: Healing and Hope</i> . Worship with 10,000 Mennonite youth and adults from across N. America. Find out more at <a href="http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/charlotte">www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/charlotte</a> .	<b>Intotemak</b> is a quarterly magazine put out by <b>Mennonite Church Canada Witness Native Ministry</b> , with a readership of just over 1500. Intotemak is Ojibwe for "My Friends". This magazine keeps people informed and connected with what is happening in the lives of Christian Native communities and provides spiritual input for its readers. You and your church are invited to subscribe.
<b>May 8, 2005</b>	<b>Christian Family Sunday</b> "O Calling God, who graciously calls us together to belonging in Christ, may our tables be extended to include, not exclude, to welcome, not reject and to offer care and friendship to those who are alone, those who are outsiders."	 Wanted: Congregational Delegates for Charlotte 2005. Discuss important issues: denominational priorities; how we address issues of theology, ethics and practice; re-defining membership in MC Canada; funding the church's ministries. Celebrate the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of <i>Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective</i> and <i>Vision: Healing and Hope</i> . Worship with 10,000 Mennonite youth and adults from across N. America. Find out more at <a href="http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/charlotte">www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/charlotte</a> .	<b>Erwin and Marian Wiens, Mennonite Church Canada Witness workers in Korea</b> , have just completed their assignment with the Jesus Village Church in Chun Chon, where they supported and encouraged the church through their involvements. JVC is excited about planting an Anabaptist church in Seoul. Your support enables the church to grow.
<b>May 15, 2005</b>	<b>Pentecost</b> "O Spirit of God, who opened ears to understand unknown languages, and who opened hearts to Pentecost joy, open us: our ears, minds and hearts to your power and joy!"	 Wanted: Congregational Delegates for Charlotte 2005. Discuss important issues: denominational priorities; how we address issues of theology, ethics and practice; re-defining membership in MC Canada; funding the church's ministries. Celebrate the 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of <i>Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective</i> and <i>Vision: Healing and Hope</i> . Worship with 10,000 Mennonite youth and adults from across N. America. Find out more at <a href="http://www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/charlotte">www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/charlotte</a> .	<i>The Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective</i> continues to be translated into more languages. It is presently being published in Mandarin, in Hong Kong. There are many people in Canada and abroad eagerly waiting for its availability. This project has been facilitated by <b>Samson Lo, director of Multi Cultural Ministry</b> and by your support and financial gifts.
<b>May 22, 2005</b>	Janet Plenert, as our representative for Global Mission Fellowship, spent this past week at a conference with the World Council of Churches, which focused on World Mission and Evangelism. Pray for clarity and guidance as these mission leaders work towards the future in which God's love and peace is shared and understood more fully.	 Servant projects are meant to be intergenerational. Adult participants are encouraged to serve alongside their youth group. Don't pass up this wonderful opportunity for adults to interact with youth from your congregation! Register to participate in a Servant Project online at <a href="http://www.Charlotte2005.org">www.Charlotte2005.org</a>	<b>Vic &amp; Kathy Thiessen, mission workers in England</b> with the London Mennonite Centre, are presently in Canada, itinerating in churches for the next two months. They will be sharing about the many opportunities to present what God's mission for the church is and what this means for people in England and Europe. Your support helps us, as a church, to share our Anabaptist understandings of being the church.
<b>May 29, 2005</b>	This weekend and the next, Jack Suderman, Executive Secretary for Christian Witness is leading two workshops in Mennonite Church BC on the Missional Church. Pray for these sessions and the visits with church leaders and congregations he will be having during the week. Pray that all will be encouraged and inspired for their work of furthering God's Kingdom.	 Charlotte 2005 activities will include an intergenerational festive-type event for all ages, a joint worship service for adults, junior high and youth, as well as a joint Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA delegate session. For more information, visit the Charlotte Web site at <a href="http://www.Charlotte2005.org">www.Charlotte2005.org</a>	<b>Mennonite Church Canada Witness</b> has many opportunities to speak in congregations across Canada. Sermons, Sunday School classes, church retreats, mission weekends, workshops and seminars are some of the ways Mennonite Church Canada is able to be a resource to the churches. Your support and invitations broaden the possibilities.