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New Additions to Waterford Mennonite Library

My Journey Towards Healing: Battling Lyme Disease by Terry Diener. Terry was diagnosed with Lyme disease after twelve years of bizarre health issues. This is a story of faith. When the future is uncertain. When it is easy to ask why. When we are ready to give up. Then we walk by faith.

Road to Uncertainty: Trials of Potawatomi Removals by George Godfrey. Watcheke and her three children were once secure in their cabin near the Kankakee River in Illinois. She was unaware that she would have to endure the 1837 Potawatomi Removal. This is a story of Watcheke's hardships as she journeys to the Removals destination.

Real Families: From Patriarchs to Prime Time by Curtis W. Dubble. A look at what makes Christian families work and what makes them come apart, including a variety of family structures, singles, sibling rivalry, abuse, trust, and faith.

Stories of God at Home: A Godly Play Approach by Jerome W. Berryman. The author offers families a way of nourishing faith in the home while supporting children's spiritual growth through the practice of "storying" our most ancient way of making meaning. This book offers "storying" rituals and techniques from Godly Play for exploring the meaning of Christmas, Easter, Creation, etc., to give sustenance to the family's flow, play, love and spirituality.

Peaceful at Heart: Anabaptist Reflections on Healthy Masculinity by Don Neufeld & Steve Thomas. This book offers a uniquely Anabaptist Christian perspective on masculinity. The vision of masculinity presented is more peaceful, just, caring and life-giving for men, and more sensitive to women and children than both traditional images of

masculinity and hyper-masculine images promoted by popular culture and wider evangelical Christianity. The book demonstrates mutual encouragement regarding how to live as a peaceful man in a violent world.

Invited: the Power of Hospitality in an age of Loneliness by Leslie Verner. Real hospitality is not having a Pinterest-perfect table or well-appointed living room. It is an invitation to enter a sacred space together with friends and strangers. Through vivid accounts from her life and travels in Uganda, China, and Tajikistan, and stories of visiting congregations in the U.S., Verner shares stories of life around the table and how hospitality is at the heart of Christian community.



Voices Together 2020: The Timeline

In 2008 Mennonite Publishing Network started exploring the need for a new hymnal. In 2011 a survey was given inviting Mennonite congregations to think more deeply about worship and music. Out of that study, congregations submitted songs that were sung frequently, through an online survey. In 2014 the Joint Executive Committee of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA gave approval to a new song collection project. Voices Together will succeed Hymnal: A Worship Book (1992) which replaced the Mennonite Hymnal (1969). So although it seems like a new hymnal is a recent development, it has been in the works for about 10 years.

Fall 2019 Endowment Funds Distribution

The Endowment Fund Committee met on October 31, 2019 to review the three applications received this fall. The committee awarded the following amounts:

Pastor Siaka Traore from the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso: \$3,050; Pastor Siaka runs a small business for the sale of butane gas. He will be using the money to purchase more steel bottles that are refillable to better keep up with demand. He plans to use the profits to visit small Mennonite congregations and encourage the pastors, raise awareness for use of gas instead of wood to help with deforestation and environmental impacts, and to employ a young man and young woman part time.

Faith Mennonite Church hospitality houses: \$1,000; To help with funds to cover the deductible for both homes needing new roofs due to the June hail storms in Goshen.

College Mennonite Church Immigration fundraiser: \$500; To help cover the costs of hosting John McCutcheon for a concert in April 2020 to raise funds for a new College Mennonite Church Immigration Legal Aid fund.

Please feel free to contact one of the Endowment Fund Committee members to learn more about these exciting projects. April 1, 2020 will be the due date for the next set of proposals. Applications can be downloaded at www.waterfordchurch.org under resources/endowment fund application.

We are grateful for the opportunity to share resources with others to help build the Kingdom of God.

WMC Endowment Fund Committee: Neil Amstutz, Tim Burkholder, Douglas Graber, Ruby Hochstedler, Jeff Miller and Lyz Zimmerman

MCC Centennial in 2020

Mennonite Central Committee Great Lakes thanks Waterford for the 155 school kits donated this fall.

Everyone is invited to participate in the Centennial Celebration by knotting comforters during **The great Winter Warm-up** on Saturday, January 18, 2020. A regional event is planned for Friday and Saturday, January 17 and 18 in Kidron, Ohio. They also hope to have popup events throughout our area. Call 534-4133 or email the GL office at greatlakes@mcc.org for more information or to register an event.



Winter Weather Cancellations

With the possibility of winter weather interrupting our regular schedules, we will have a system to notify the congregation of any cancellations.



The decision to cancel worship will be made Sunday morning by 6 a.m. All other weekly activities will be decided two hours prior to the scheduled event.

We will post Sunday morning cancellations and those of other activities, on WNDU (TV and online), WFRN radio, on our Website home page, and send out an all-church email. If we cancel first service, there will be no nurture hour, but we may still have second service, depending on conditions. Be sure to check the posting to obtain the proper information.



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