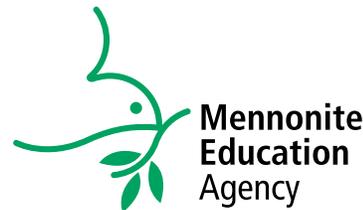


APRIL 2020

Prayers for Faith and Learning



The education agency of
Menonite Church USA

Join us in prayer for our Anabaptist-Mennonite schools who have been so deeply affected by the COVID-19 pandemic.

To our God who sees,

We thank you for our Anabaptist-Mennonite schools, colleges, universities and seminaries, who serve as beacons of your light in our communities. We ask your blessing on them during this difficult time.

*Grant wisdom to **administrators and other leaders**, who have the heavy burden of making decisions that affect the lives and safety of others.*

*Bless our **educators**, who are working hard to find creative ways to teach and connect with students.*

*May your Spirit of peace be felt by our **students**, especially high school and college seniors, who are grieving the loss of social connections and much-anticipated activities and events. May they find ways to connect while staying safe.*

*We also ask for your blessing on **international students**, who may not be able to return to their families. May they be surrounded by a caring and supportive community.*

*Provide for **those whose jobs are impacted** by closures, including those in food service, facilities management, maintenance and transportation.*

*You are the God who heals. We ask for your protection from coronavirus and your healing touch for **those who are ill**. Please also comfort **those who have experienced loss** within their family or school community as a result of coronavirus.*

May you use the challenges we are facing as a global community to strengthen our faith in you, keep us rooted in hope and deepen our connections to each other. Amen

Specific prayer requests

Kendrick Weaver, a senior at **Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas**, is scheduled to give his senior voice recital Saturday, April 16. Pray for creative ways for family and friends to hear and see the recital in a time of social distancing and for Kendrick to feel love and support from those who can't be there.

Please pray for **Freeman Academy, Freeman, South Dakota**, which made the difficult decision to postpone Schmeckfest, the school's largest fundraiser. We pray God will wrap a protective hand over this campus and all of our Anabaptist-Mennonite schools as they navigate uncertain days ahead.

Please pray for God's care and protection for **Lezha Academic Center** and its local community in Albania. Medical care and sanitizing systems are severely limited, and people are still living in shelters following the November 2019 earthquake. Coronavirus is a particularly serious concern under these conditions.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN) encourages adults to use the free monthly Building Faith practices resource available at <http://buildingfaithmecn.weebly.com> or BuildingFaithFamily.com. Please pray for Talashia Keim Yoder, writer, and her mother, Tami Keim, webmaster, as they carry on this MECN ministry.

Congregational prayer

“Prayer for Mercy” by Carmen Shrock-Hurst of Eastern Mennonite Seminary, Harrisonburg, Virginia
<https://emu.edu/coronavirus/docs/covid-19-prayer.pdf>

Please pray for our schools

Seminaries

Anabaptist Mennonite Seminary
Eastern Mennonite Seminary

Mennonite Colleges and Universities

Bethel College
Bluffton University
Eastern Mennonite University
Goshen College
Hesston College

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Hinkletown Mennonite School
Kraybill Mennonite School
Lancaster Mennonite School
Lezha Academic Center

New Holland Early Learning Center
Parent and Preschool Center
Peace Academic Center
Quakertown Christian School
Rockway Mennonite Collegiate
Sarasota Christian School
Shalom Christian Academy
The City School
UMEI Christian High School
Warwick River Christian School
West Fallowfield Christian School
Western Christian School

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Thank you for joining us in these prayers for faith and learning.