

## ***Prayers for Mennonite Education***

August 2021

### **Daily prayers for August 1 – 31, 2021**

1. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our adult students (degree-completion and graduate studies) who are beginning their classes this week. By advancing their knowledge and skillsets, may they make a difference in their lives, in the management of their organizations and in the well-being of their communities.

2. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** We thank God for a restful summer season for EMU faculty and staff.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:**

Prayer for a spirit of Shalom within our city as we are currently experiencing a high rate of homicides.

3. **Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** Pray that the Lord guides new leadership to Hinkletown Mennonite School as is needed and for wisdom and courage to current leaders as they step into new roles.

4. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College students as they prepare for arrival on campus.

**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:**

Remember LMS administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray that any remaining open positions will be filled and that everyone will experience a sense of anticipation and hope for the upcoming year.

5. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for student athletes and leaders who begin returning to Goshen College early this month to settle in and start their work.

**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:**

Remember Lancaster Mennonite School administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray that any remaining open positions will be filled and that everyone will experience a sense of anticipation and hope for the upcoming year.

6. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Bethel College fall athletes and parents, especially first-year students and new transfers preparing to move in today, August 6.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:**

Prayer for ALL students as they re-enter into a school setting.

7. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We rejoice in our growing numbers as more families seek us out and desire to become a part of the QCS family.

**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** The theme for Lancaster Mennonite School this year is "God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does God require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God." (Micah 6:8) Pray that faculty and students will do what's right, love what's kind and continue to be obedient to God.

8. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for AMBS Vice President for Administration and Chief Financial Officer Ron Ringenberg, who is retiring this month after 18 years of service, and for how God has used his leadership gifts, experience and expertise in carrying out AMBS's mission. Give thanks also for Deanna Risser, who has answered the call to begin in this role in August, and pray for a good transition.

**Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our student leaders and athletes who begin returning to campus this week. May they embrace Bluffton's mission of responsible citizenship and service to all peoples for God's universal kingdom.

9. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Pray for new families and students to become part of the Central community!

**Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Prayers are needed for enrollment at Lezha Academic Center and for getting enough teachers for the 2021-2022 school year.

10. **Diamond Street Early Childhood Center, Akron, PA:** Prayers of blessing on Ms. Sandi in her retirement. She is loved and will be missed.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Prayer for wisdom for the opening of school. Plans are currently in place for a healthy return.

11. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the facilities team at Hesston College as they prepare campus for a new school year.

**Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** We praise God for a successful summer camp that Lezha Academic Center organized in partnership with Guri i Themelit Church. 50-60 children from the Lezha community participated in this summer Bible camp.

12. **Mennonite Early Childhood Network:** Thank God for teachers, parents and children who come to this new school year strengthened, refreshed and delighted to embrace new learning everywhere children gather. Pray that caring adults will recognize the gifts bestowed on each child and guide them in developing peacemaking skills as they make new friends in their early childhood centers.

13. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Samuel Haynes, Bethel College vice president for student life, and all the Bethel student life staff who are leading Thresher Days orientation for new freshmen and transfer students.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Prayer for rest and rejuvenation for the teachers.

14. **Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Please cover the Hillcrest Academy Administrative Team and Operating Board in prayer as they will be interviewing and hiring teaching candidates in the fields of Music and Math.

**The City School, Philadelphia, PA:** Prayer for our mission, theme verse and overall vision for the school to flourish in Jesus name.

15. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** As new students and returning students prepare for the start of another year at EMU, pray that each of them would come with hearts prepared to engage with each other and with transformative education.
16. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Pray for wisdom of leaders to navigate through trying times. In particular, please pray for Terry Shue, the new interim lead administrator for CCS. Pray for wisdom and discernment as he leads in this time of transition.
17. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** Eastern Mennonite School welcomes more than 360 K-12 students back to school today, August 17. Pray especially for new students transferring in from area public schools or homeschooling as they find new friends and adjust to new routines.
18. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College employees who are gathering today for their annual all-employee retreat today.
19. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:** Prayers for administration, staff and teachers as we prepare for the beginning of the 21-22 school year today, August 19.  
  
**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** August 19 is a staff development day for faculty at Lancaster Mennonite School. Remember them as they prepare for a successful school year and pray for wisdom and strength as they teach and model the life and teachings of Christ for their students each day.
20. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for AMBS students and faculty members as they begin a new academic year this month — both in person and at a distance. May their collaborative learning processes be filled with fruitful, Spirit-led connections and insights.  
  
**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for EMU faculty and staff as we share our passions and service with the Harrisonburg and Lancaster communities during faculty-staff conference week.
21. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Michael Unruh, Bethel College campus pastor, and all those involved in planning and leading the all-campus opening worship service tomorrow morning, August 22.
22. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our students who are moving onto campus this week. May they embrace Bluffton's Enduring Values of Community, Discovery, Respect and Service as they strive to discover their purpose in the world.
23. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for Hesston College coaches and performing arts faculty, who will greet their players, singers and performers on campus for pre-semester practice.
24. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** Remember Lancaster Mennonite students and faculty as they begin the new school year today, August 24. Pray that anxious new students are welcomed and feel a sense of calmness and that returning students are excited and prepared for a good year.

25. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:**  
Pray for all those working to finish the school building renovation for opening day!

**Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** We are thankful for our returning and new staff as we look forward to starting our school year today, August 25. Please pray for our staff and new and returning students as we begin a new year together.

26. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:**  
Bethel College's award-winning forensics program has faced challenges over the past several years, not least because of the pandemic – pray for the students and for new Director of Forensics Cristy Dougherty.

27. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:**  
Praise God for all the Roma adults that participated in Reading and Writing classes that Lezha Academic Center in partnership with Guri i Themelit church organized the last 4 months. We ask for prayers that they all will return in September when we start the classes again.

28. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for participants in AMBS's yearlong Spiritual Direction: Foundations seminar led by Dan Schrock, DMin, as they grow in confidence and competence in accompanying people on their spiritual journeys. May they and their directees be transformed as they listen for God together.

29. **Diamond Street Early Childhood Center, Akron, PA:** Prayers for our Board, leadership and care staff as we make plans for our Childcare Center to meet the community need for care through program expansion beginning in the new school year tomorrow, August 30th.

30. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College students and faculty whose classes start today.

**Quakertown (PA) Christian School:**  
We rejoice in a relaxing summer where all office and administrative staff could recharge in preparation for our August 30th First Day.

31. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as the fall 2021 semester begins. May we learn from each other, embrace new opportunities and better the world together.

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