

## Daily prayer requests for January 2022

### January 1 – 31, 2022

1. **Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, PA:**

Please pray for safety, good health, renewal, and focus as teachers and students return from Christmas break.

**Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for a safe start to the spring semester for Hesston College students, faculty, and staff as they return amid new and ever-shifting COVID realities.

2. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Pray for the continued health of students, staff, and faculty as we return to school. We give God the glory for how healthy our school has been!

**New Holland (PA) Early Learning Center:** Please pray for our children and staff. The numbers of COVID infections and hospitalizations are growing in our county and we want everyone to be safe. Please also pray that God will provide a preschool teacher and an on-call teacher who are passionate about early childhood education and share our Anabaptist values.

3. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Patty Meier as she transitions Mojo's, the coffee shop on the Bethel College campus and a campus and community institution for 11 years, to new ownership.

**Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** Join us in giving thanks for the blessings of staff and families. Please pray for wisdom as we begin to plan for the 2022-23 school year.

4. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton's Adult and Graduate students who are resuming classes this week. May advanced education make a difference in their lives, in the management of their organizations, and in the wellbeing of their communities.

**Colegio Américas Unidas, Cali, Colombia:** Please pray for the fundraising activities being planned, that they will raise the needed provisions to continue operations. Pray that we will be able to continue serving our low-income community with a high-quality education.

5. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** School resumes today. Pray that all LAC staff, faculty, and students have rested and are energized to complete the rest of the first semester in a very successful way.

6. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for Dee McOwen, who retired in December after having served AMBS for 19+ years — primarily in the Registrar's Office — and for how God has used her organizational, administrative, and relational gifts, experience, and expertise in support of AMBS's mission.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for our faculty, staff, and students as we end the semester. May the holiday break bring relaxation and renewed focus.

7. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** Please pray for our Board members and Leadership Team as we discern plans for our next school year.
8. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for the family and friends of Russ Neufeld (Hesston College staff) as they "Run the Neuf" for the 5th and final time in Neufeld's memory, today on the Bethel College campus.
9. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our students, faculty and staff as the spring 2022 semester begins this week. May students return safely to Bluffton University, and may their minds be open to the new ideas, experiences, and connections afforded by their education.
10. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray that the virtual and in-person participants of Eastern Mennonite Seminary's School for Leadership Training may experience renewed energy for God's dream of shalom for the whole earth.  
  
**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for the continued health and safety of our school community. May we be mindful of each other as we seek to do what is best for us.
11. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for AMBS students both on campus and at a distance as they begin a new semester this week. May God use their coursework to help form and ground them theologically, academically, and spiritually.  
  
**Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for the 16 students and professor Dr. Laura Yoder who will be traveling to Guatemala for Eastern Mennonite University's spring intercultural program.
12. **Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for the 25 middle schools students who signed up for a new winter running club at Eastern Mennonite School. Thank God for active bodies, and coaches, who will nurture a love of physical activity and important teambuilding social skills.  
  
**Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, PA:** Please pray for our middle school athletes as they play basketball and focus on leadership and teambuilding skills.
13. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for Goshen College students who return to school this month.
14. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Pray for those participating in events across the country, including at AMBS, to honor the racial and economic justice work and peace witness of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. May seeds be sown to bring about changes to unjust power systems and structures.  
  
**Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** The first semester ends today at Lancaster Mennonite School. Please pray for both teachers and students during the final week of this semester.
15. **Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, VA:** Pray for students, faculty, and staff at Eastern Mennonite University as they consider what the message of Martin Luther King, Jr. means today.  
  
**Mennonite Early Childhood Center:** "Taste the Story" is the 2022 BUILDING FAITH theme based on Wendell Barry's assumption that food is "God's love made delicious." Pray that God will guide Talashia Keim Yoder and her mother Tamra Keim as they develop this monthly resource for parents of young children, available at [www.buildingfaithfamily.com/](http://www.buildingfaithfamily.com/).

16. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for the Goshen College community as we celebrate the life of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with virtual discussions, speakers, and workshops.

17. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Give thanks along with the Bethel College community for the life and legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

18. **Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for Bluffton's students studying abroad this semester in Greece, and pray for the students who are reacclimating to life at Bluffton after spending the fall semester in Chicago, Nashville, and Guatemala.

**MEA's Instituto Bíblico Anabautista (IBA):**

Pray that the IBA program will continue to be of great blessings for the Hispanic Mennonite churches in USA and their respective communities. May God grant wisdom, patience, and lots of energy to the volunteer tutors and regional coordinators as they continue to work in this ministry in this New Year. Pray for the MEA staff as this year begins and as new plans and goals are set, and for their safety as they travel and lead workshops.

19. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the newly approved School of Engineering as faculty and admissions staff work to recruit the first junior program to join the program.

**Mennonite Early Childhood Network:**

Pray for early childhood schools and centers and the creative and energetic teachers who engage them. May the right people be drawn to the many vacancies.

20. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for Bethel College men's and women's basketball teams and coaches, especially for safe traveling during one of the most difficult weather months of the year in Kansas.

21. **Goshen (IN) College:** Pray for all artists, performers, athletes and other guests who will visit the Goshen College campus this month.

**Hinkletown Mennonite School, Ephrata, PA:** Pray for Hinkletown Mennonite School basketball team members and coaches as they go through the winter sports season. May they continue to develop perseverance, display good sportsmanship, and build Christ-like character through the team.

22. **Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary, Elkhart, IN:** Give thanks for the technology that allows AMBS to offer theological education at a distance to students across the world — in both graduate-level and Lifelong Learning programs — and for the growth and relationship-building that take place through these online courses.

23. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:** Please pray for the CCS Board as they continue the search process for Central's next superintendent.

**Bluffton (OH) University:** Please pray for our education majors who are student teaching this semester. May they gain the confidence and skills to make a difference in the lives of young people.

24. **Quakertown (PA) Christian School:** We give thanks as we finish up our first semester of the school year.

25. **Hesston (KS) College:** Please pray for the coaches and players on Lark athletic winter and spring rosters as they work to balance school, sports, and life.

26. **Lancaster (PA) Mennonite School:** A Winter Open House is scheduled for Lancaster Mennonite School tomorrow. Please be in prayer for prospective families as they consider whether LMS is a good option for their children.

27. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:**  
Students are taking their finals today and tomorrow. Pray that God will guide them through studying and preparation time, and help them focus during exams.

28. **Peace Academic Center, Kykotsmovi, AZ:**  
Please prayer for our teachers, students, and volunteers.

29. **Bethel College, North Newton, KS:** Pray for staff and volunteers of Kauffman Museum at Bethel College as they welcome the community for the annual Celebrate Kansas Day! programs and events.

**MEA's Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano (SeBAH):** Please pray for these eager Anabaptist Christians as they seek to grow in the way of Jesus.

30. **Central Christian School, Kidron, OH:**  
Please join us in giving thanks for the many expressions of Christian service during Community Service Day that will have a positive lasting memory.

**Hillcrest Academy, Kalona, IA:** Pray for wisdom and clarity as the school administration makes decisions to look towards the future. May God guide our path.

31. **Lezha (Albania) Academic Center:** Pray that God will grant our teachers an abundance of wisdom, love, and respect for our students as they start a new semester.

**Mennonite Education Agency (MEA)** is the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. These prayer requests were gathered from across all levels of Mennonite education, from early childhood programs through grade 12 schools, undergraduate schools, graduate schools, seminaries, and MEA's Hispanic Ministries' Anabaptist Seminary and Bible Institute. By partnering with these schools and educational programs and helping them flourish, MEA works to strengthen the church through education.

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