



AUGUST 2020
*Prayers for
Mennonite Education*

This month we especially remember the music teachers across all of Mennonite education and the concerns they carry about how to sing and make music together this fall.

Prayer requests for AUGUST 2 – 8

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Joel Boettger assumes a new position, director of bands, at Bethel College this school year. Pray for him as he takes on new responsibilities amidst the uncertainty of whether or not it's safe to have practices and performances.

Colegio Américas Unidas, Cali, Colombia: Please help us pray for our new students and for financial support to cover teachers and staff. Pray for God's wisdom to help us face many challenges during this global pandemic time.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Volunteers will be joining a solar panel "barn raising" at EMS to install 350 solar panels, which will generate one third of the electricity used by the school's facilities. Pray for safety in the heat and with COVID restrictions.

Freeman Academy, Freeman, South Dakota: Please uplift our Little Blessings Daycare & Learning Center to have our children and staff thrive. We ask you to also uplift our Board of Directors, faculty, staff and all of the committees to hear God in the actions we take as we navigate each and every day.

IBA (Instituto Bíblico Anabautista): Pray for the IBA students of the study center in Harrisonburg, Virginia, who are studying the course on Old Testament. Pray for their tutor, Lizzette Hernandez, that God may give her wisdom and guidance as she leads them in their weekly Zoom classes in this unusual times. Pray for students that they may adapt to new ways of learning. May this course be of blessing for the students and their respective congregations and community.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Please pray for adjustments to the new state requirements. Pray that God will help teachers and administration to model a positive and humble spirit.

AUGUST 9 – 15

Bethany Christian Schools, Goshen, Indiana: Pray for the students and faculty beginning the school year in person. Pray for a safe and healthy return to campus.

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for Bethel College students who begin returning to campus this month, especially those from identified hotspot areas who will need to quarantine for 14 days.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Please pray for EMU student life and residence life staff as they prepare to welcome new and returning students and orient them to new safety procedures on campus.

Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana: Pray for students who are returning to Goshen College in-person, and for those who are opting to continue learning virtually, as they navigate their college experience.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Dock is extremely thankful for the thoughtful input received from parents on a recent survey and we offer a praise for so many parents/students wanting to return to campus for school in the fall. We pray for wisdom in making decisions on how to do that safely and to offer online alternatives for those who need it.

Hesston College, Hesston, Kansas: Pray for Hesston College students, faculty and staff as they return to campus and prepare for the year. May we all open ourselves to rely on God for the manna we need, may we accept it with gratitude and may we patiently and confidently await God's provision each day.

AUGUST 16 – 22

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for William Eash, D.M.A., director of choral activities at Bethel College. Being in a pandemic raises special challenges for singers and vocal groups.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Please pray for the safety of our fall sport student-athletes and coaches as they prepare to begin practices and workouts.

Eastern Mennonite School, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for Eastern Mennonite School music teachers and students as they adjust to the loss of not being able to sing or play wind instruments together. Pray for creativity, patience and new ways to make meaningful music.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for first year students at EMU. The incoming class has already had many traditions and celebrations interrupted due to the pandemic. Pray that EMU faculty and staff can receive them with warmth and care, help them grieve losses and move into adulthood with a new sense of self and vision.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: Please pray for the wisdom to find ways to provide vital community connections safely.

AUGUST 23 – 29

Goshen College, Goshen, Indiana: Pray for professors as they try to plan for the upcoming semester, finding ways to adapt to the new realities of teaching during a pandemic.

Kraybill Mennonite School, Mount Joy, Pennsylvania: The first day of school is August 26. Pray for peace, positive attitudes and welcoming spirits.

Lancaster Mennonite Schools, Lancaster, Pennsylvania: Pray for LMS administration and staff as a new school year begins this month. Pray for wisdom and clarity as decisions are made for a safe return to school. Remember the students and faculty as they face new routines and COVID-19 precautions. Pray that anxious students feel a sense of calmness and are excited and prepared for a good year.

Mennonite Early Childhood Network (MECN): Jesus loved to hear children's songs of praise (Mt. 21:16). Pray that adults may familiarize young children with music that expresses love of Jesus and His teachings. May they then join and inspire children to draw on that repertoire to blend praise with everyday living wherever and whenever they are reminded of Him.

Quakertown Christian School, Quakertown, Pennsylvania: Pray for the opening of school, in whatever capacity that may look like, under new leadership.

AUGUST 30 – SEPTEMBER 5

Bethel College, North Newton, Kansas: Pray for instructors and staff of the Bethel College Academy of Performing Arts, who are navigating how to safely continue to offer instruction in instrumental music and dance to children and youth of all ages.

Dock Mennonite Academy, Lansdale, Pennsylvania: Please pray for our Tech team as they work hard to prepare the campus, implement new technologies install equipment and train faculty/staff for the 2020-21 school year.

Eastern Mennonite University, Harrisonburg, Virginia: Pray for all those who are preparing to teach and learn in new ways this fall, including faculty and students at EMU.

Lancaster Mennonite Schools, Lancaster, Pennsylvania: The theme for LMS this year is "Seek Wellbeing" (Jeremiah 29:7). Pray that faculty and students are challenged to be a community which seeks wellbeing by growing as followers of Jesus, becoming better neighbors and creatively working toward wholeness in our world.

SeBAH (Seminario Bíblico Anabautista Hispano): Pray for the staff and faculty, for health and good spirits as the pandemic crisis continues. In God's immense mercy and love, pray that the needs of this program will be supplied so that biblical and theological education will continue for Anabaptist leaders of the USA and other Latin American countries.

Mennonite Education Agency (MEA), is the education agency of Mennonite Church USA. These prayer requests, listed alphabetically, were gathered from across Mennonite education, from early childhood – grade 12, undergraduate and graduate schools and seminaries, and MEA's Hispanic Ministries Education programs. By partnering with these schools and helping them flourish, MEA works to **strengthen churches through education**. Thank you for joining us in these prayers for faith and learning. To subscribe to this monthly publication, please contact Jolene VonGunten, JoleneV@MennoniteEducation.org.

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