



## Mennonite Church Saskatchewan 2020 Annual Report

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan (MC Sask) is a community of 25 congregations who have covenanted together to be Christ Centred & Sent. We support each other in ministry, do things together which we cannot do alone, are church together throughout the province, and connect to the larger Mennonite Church body through Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite World Conference.



As we were preparing to *Deepen Our Walk with Each Other & The World* at the 2020 MC Sask Delegate Sessions in March, everything came to a halt. “COVID”, “pivot”, and “Zoom” filled our everyday language as the year we were anticipating did not come to fruition. And yet, as a resilient people, the work and life of MC Sask adapted and continued as we found new ways to walk with each other and the world.

### Congregational Transitions

Throughout the year, transitions continued to take place in creative, ‘COVID-safe’ ways, with virtual or outdoor attendance making many of the following events possible.

On May 31, the life of **Superb Mennonite Church** (MC) was celebrated as the congregation held their final worship service and brought their ministry to a close. On August 23, the MC Sask community gathered at Zoar MC to celebrate the ordination of their pastor, **Andrea Enns-Gooding**. In October, **Zoar MC** also celebrated their 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This event was bittersweet as Zoar MC has decided to close their doors in the spring of 2021. **Josh Wallace** completed his term as pastor of Warman MC in January to enter into church planting with his wife, Cindy. Grace MC, Regina, celebrated the ministry of **Rose Graber** as she retired at the end of June and welcomed **Rodney Hennessay** as their new pastor on October 1. **Claire Ewert Fisher** concluded her interim ministry at Rosthern MC and became co-pastor at Mount Royal MC. **Ed Olfert** concluded his ministry at Grace MC, Prince Albert, at the end of December.

### The Work of the Church: Regionally, Nationwide, Internationally

As 2020 began, **Scott Feick** and **Sarah Unrau** served in interim roles in youth ministry, but when COVID restrictions arrived, all MC Sask youth programming ceased. Our camps (**Elim, Shekinah, Youth Farm**) were significantly impacted by the lack of programming and rentals, however, building upgrades and outdoor activities (like a Fall Pastor’s Gathering, Corn Maze) were able to take place when guidelines allowed. We had the unique opportunity to gather with sisters and brothers across **MC Canada** on a weekly basis over the spring and summer by participating in online worship services, which several of our congregations and pastors, and **Rosthern Junior College**, provided as well. MC Sask has a long history of supporting the work of MC Canada and **International Witness**, and this year we have seen the support and engagement of this work increase in exciting ways. The work of the church opens us up to mutually transformative relationships that allow us to deepen our walk with our neighbours across the street and around the world.

While 2020 was not the year we expected, and we certainly mourn the losses we have experienced, we are grateful for the ongoing support, prayer and work we do together as we seek to be Christ Centred & Sent!

Sincerely,  
Your staff,

Ryan, Kirsten, Josh & Marianne