



A community of Anabaptist-Mennonite congregations

growing as communities of grace, joy, and peace as we seek to embody Jesus Christ in the world

MCA ministries focus on:

Supporting Congregations

A community of 1300 participants in 11 congregations, worshipping in 4 languages

- Financial aid helped provide rental space for **Edmonton South Sudanese Mennonite**, assisted **Bethel** in supporting their bi-vocational pastor, and helped **Holyrood** hire their interim pastors.
- MCA walked with the **Edmonton Christian Life Community Church**, which closed in April after several decades of Chinese-language ministry; with **Holyrood** in its process of discernment; and with **Trinity and Bergthal** in their pastoral searches.
- **19 credentialed leaders**, as Pastors Council, serve as congregational pastors, chaplains and in other ministry capacities
- **Terry Fach** was installed as interim pastor at **Trinity**, while at **Foothills**, **Bill Christieson's** Ordination was officially recognized, and **Aiden Scherzinger** was Licensed Toward Ordination.
- At **Camp Valaqua** 32 young people served as staff, growing in faith and developing leadership skills to serve the church.

Nurturing Connections

Part of MC Canada, including over 200 congregations in its 5 regions.

- **Annual Delegate Sessions** at **Holyrood** saw 100 participants from across MCA come about MCA ministries. Speaker Joon Park outlined Christ's calling to reach across cultural boundaries and join together in faith. The Saturday evening cross-cultural worship featuring music from Edmonton congregations was a highlight.
- **Pastors Council** met 5 times for relationship building, prayer, and peer support. A **Faith Studies** event in May focused on Creation Care, a **fall retreat** included personal sharing and discussions about anger, and pastors joined an **online Boundary Training**, hosted by MC Sask.
- **"Come Together"** events in Edmonton and Calgary brought together people to hear stories of transformation through MCA's ministries, raise funds, and have a good time!

Celebrating Faith in Action

Serving in ministries across the street and around the world.

- At **Camp Valaqua** 365 campers experienced God in creation, supported by 60 volunteers and staff.
- In Ethiopia, **Werner and Joanne De Jong** concluded 3 years of teaching and support for students at the Meserete Kristos Seminary (MKS), while **Tom and Christine** Poovong continued their ministry in Thailand. Through **MC Canada Witness** MCA helped build the church in 16 countries around the world.
- MCA continued to facilitate the training of two **South Sudanese** pastors at MKS.
- **Bridge Building** organized the annual dialogue with Christians and Muslims in Edmonton, which featured the study of the prophet Jonah. Bridge Building increased its focus on **Indigenous Relations** and offered **"Powwow Prep"** encouraging people to attend these open events.
- In August **Bethel, Holyrood**, and a few from **First Mennonite Edmonton** gathered to witness the baptism of 5 young people from Bethel in the river at a nearby park.

We are grateful for the ongoing commitment we share as congregations, pastors and leaders walking with each other in our service to Jesus Christ!



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