



MCA is....

- a community of 1,200 participants in 10 congregations, worshipping in 3 languages
- ministries that support congregations, nurture connections, and celebrate faith in action
- part of MC Canada, a nationwide faith community of 200 congregations in 5 regions

MCA Snapshot: A Summary Report, January 2026

2025 was a year of blessings

--**21 Pastors Council** members including pastors, chaplains, and other faith leaders served MCA congregations, ministries, and others beyond the MCA faith community

--over 100 members of the MCA family gathered at Foothills in March for Annual Delegate Sessions celebrating 500 years of Anabaptism and **"The Courage to Love"**



--Over 400 children, youth, staff, and volunteers experienced God in creation at **Camp Valaqua**. While campers are the core of summer camp, it is amazing to see faith and leadership grow in young people as they learn and experience God through this significant ministry!

--more than 20 people from MCA congregations joined over 400 others for MC Canada's Gathering in Kitchener, Ontario, where the theme, **"Each Gift,"** encouraged intercultural connection as we recognize being the body of Christ together.

--MCA ministries continued to support congregations by assisting in **pastoral searches** at Bergthal, First Calgary, and Trinity; encouraging intercultural connections and relationships through Bridge Building; and financially supporting the Edmonton South Sudanese and Bethel congregations.

2025 was a year of transitions

--In April MCA leadership was saddened to receive a letter from the Calgary Chin Christian Church in Calgary requesting that their membership in MCA be withdrawn. A follow-up meeting with their church leadership allowed for greater understanding and a departure with words of blessing.

--After 5 years, as Communications Coordinator, **Ruth Bergen Braun retired** in November. In her place, Linda Dickinson from Foothills was hired as Interim Communication Coordinator. In the coming months, further discernment will take place to decide how to meet MCA's communication needs.

--In November MCA received the request to begin conversations about **membership** with a fledgling Mennonite Chin church in Lethbridge. This young congregation is connected with Chin who are part of the Mennonite church in Ontario and are looking for new connections through their Alberta Mennonite family. We look forward to exploring our relationship with this **new congregation**.



2025 was a challenging year financially. Inflationary pressures led to significantly higher costs for the ministry at Camp Valaqua, while donations from individuals did not meet the budgeted goals. This led to a significant deficit for 2025 and the need for program and support adjustments in 2026. While these results were disappointing, the MCA faith family continues to have a tremendous impact through the ministries we share. The financial support of the MCA community strengthens our ministry as congregations, as a regional church, and as a nationwide community of faith. **Thank you to congregations** for your faithful giving and meeting the commitments made in 2025, and for the **many individuals** who helped supplement that support.

As we look to 2026

Over the last year and a half MCA leadership led an engagement process that identified **3 key priorities** for MCA's ministry focus. The following will guide MCA ministries in the coming years:

- 1. Witnessing to Jesus' healing and hope.** Some ways to do this include loving our neighbours, sharing our hope, and living the "Jesus way". Our witness includes both actions and telling stories of encounters with Jesus.
- 2. Building mutual relationships between congregations.** Aspects include seeking ways to connect as congregational members and leaders, becoming stronger as an MCA community, and building our Christ-centred identity as part of the Mennonite church.
- 3. Calling, developing, and nurturing leaders.** This includes encouraging all to use their gifts and skills in Christ's service, providing opportunities for training and mentoring, and "cultivating a culture of call"

*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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