

MCBC Annual Report 2025

Greetings MCBC and MC Canada brothers, sisters, kin in Christ!

A reminder: I have two jobs for MCBC: Executive Minister/Director (EM) and Church Leadership Minister (CLM).

This past year had a bit of a slower pace as I leaned into: (1) Centring on Jesus as our Lord and source of unity (Centre-Set), (2) Encouraging churches to work at renewal/revitalization, (3) Continuing to support and develop our leaders (pastoral and otherwise), and (4) Planning for financial stability, sustainability, and alignment around shared vision.

One of the major works of my role has been developing more clarity around our regional staff team, as a team. I have instituted regular staff meetings, annual reviews for feedback, growth, and adjustment. I, with help from the moderator, am in the process of updating role descriptions (building on the existing ones). We also reduced our staffing by one position (~0.25 FTE). If you are unaware of how we work and resource our churches, there is a summary of roles and responsibilities in the extended report.

In 2025, Valley Road Church, a developing congregation, continues to impact Kelowna. We also became aware of some potential new opportunities to explore, one being an Ethiopian plant in the Surrey/New West/Burnaby area. Your church received a letter from me regarding this. Also, possibilities in Vancouver are percolating.

As I am becoming increasingly acquainted with MCBC at the ground level/grassroots, my sense is that our structure could use more simplification around support and shared leadership for those items that impact all our churches. A leaner, more focused regional office around these areas and to support new congregations/fresh expressions together is vital for a better future.

Finally, a huge thank you to our ministry and task group leaders and staff team.

And of course, to Gerry Grunau for his years of service as our MCBC moderator. I am personally thankful for his work onboarding me into my role. He has served MCBC above and beyond what should be required of a volunteer. His love for our congregations and his desire to help hold a big-tent Anabaptist network together are commendable. I am sure we will still be seeing him around in various capacities. Wisely, he also recognizes there is a time to step down and to ensure good hand-offs.

In Christ who holds it all together,

Shelby Boese



PS: I am available to meet with your church governance board to share more deeply and conversationally about vision and shared ministries.