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We Are One Body!



Arli Klassen MCEC Moderator

hether we come together in spirit, online or in prayer scattered across Eastern Canada, we remain one body. These times are reminders that the church has never been about the building. Some of our Mennonite churches use the language of meetinghouse to remind ourselves that we the people are the church. And in these days of being unable to gather for worship or prayer in groups larger than 5 people, we remind ourselves that we are and remain the church, whether we are gathered or scattered. We in MCEC together are part of the Body of Christ, scattered over cities, neighbourhoods and streets, like salt and yeast which do their best work when they are scattered.

Change is part of life, and a sign of life. MCEC staff continue to resource congregations and support pastors, even as congregations continue to celebrate births, remember deaths, provide pastoral care, and change leaders. We have congregations leaving

MCEC, with words of blessing shared for us and them. We have congregations joining MCEC, again with words of blessing shared for us and them. We have staff coming and going. We will look for ways later in the year to offer our appreciation to David Martin who has served us as our Executive Minister for the last 15 years. We will welcome and celebrate the appointment of Leah Reesor-Keller as our incoming Executive Minister, starting in late summer. As congregations and as an area church we will find ways to mark these changes in our body even in these times when we cannot gather together in person.

These pages contain the reports and numbers that summarize our life as one body. They are the markers and signs of life in our body, but they reflect in only a tiny way the immense stories of God at work in our body. Please read these reports with that awareness, giving thanks for the work of the Spirit in our body at MCEC.

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Zoom Instructions for Annual Church Gathering Session

Date: Saturday, April 25, 2020 10:30 a.m. to noon Please join 20 minutes early

Test Meeting:

Date: Thursday, April 23, 2020 7:00 p.m

A time to ensure your computer is connecting probably. Test out polling, chatting and interpretation features.

Important for first time Zoom users.

Notes:

With a large audience we need to moderate the session more than we would if the meeting was live.

- The **links** will be provided to you by email. If you need assistance, please contact Mollee Moua at mmoua@mcec.ca.
- Mollee Moua will be available as Tech Support throughout the Session and Test Meetings. You
 can reach her by email at mmoua@mcec.ca, through the zoom chat or by telephone at toll free:
 855-476-2500 x 701.

Before the Meeting

- It is our suggestion that you download the app to your computer as opposed to using the web
 browser version as the web version does not have access to the full features of the program. If
 you are on a tablet, you may also have limited options available to you. The instructions here
 are based on using the downloaded app version on your computer.
- If you attend the meeting by phone or if you use the phone for audio, please contact Mollee
 Moua at mmoua@mcec.ca with your phone number so that she can verify you in the waiting
 room and admit you into the meeting.
- Meeting questions can be submitted before the meeting via email at annualchurchgathering@mcec.ca

Entering the Meeting

- When you log into the meeting, you will be placed into a **waiting room** until ushered into the meeting room. This allows us to verify participants.
- Upon entering the meeting, please **open your "participant" and "chat" windows** (located at the bottom of the zoom screen).

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- You may choose "gallery view" or "speaker view" (top right corner of zoom window). Gallery view will give you the ability to see up to 49 participants. Speaker view will focus on the person who is speaking. We recommend speaker view for when the meeting is taking place.
- In the "participant" window, you will be able to raise your hand.

During the Meeting

- In the "chat" window, you are able to ask questions. Please chat your questions to Brent Charette during the meeting as he will be moderating the chat discussion. Brent will ensure the proper people field the questions. Please do not chat directly with the presenters as they will not necessarily by monitoring the chat feature.
- Voting will be done through the "polling" feature. Instructions will be given at that time.
- Translation is available. Please be in touch with Mollee Moua for more information. Please also note that you will need to choose translation when you return from a breakout room. There will be one breakout room session in the meeting.
- Please note that this conference will be recorded. If you do not wish to be recorded, please
 ensure that your camera is off and your microphone is muted. You can also change your visual
 name. You can still participant in chat and polling options but your identity will not be public.
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- Chat Moderator: Brent Charette via zoom chat or by email <u>bcharette@mcec.ca.</u>

Session Schedule

MCEC 33rd Annual Church Gathering April 25, 2020 10:30 am. - noon We Are One Body

Participants are invited to log in from 10:10 - 10:30 a.m.

Welcome - We Are One Body When Gathered

Arli Klassen, Moderator and David Martin, Executive Minister

Opening Worship

Bryan Moyer Suderman

We Are One Body When Scattered

David Martin, Executive Minister

Breakout Groups

A few moments to share in small groups How are you continuing to worship, pray and connect within your congregation during this pandemic?

Our Nationwide Community of Faith - Mennonite Church Canada

Doug Klassen, Executive Minister

MCEC Milestones - Anniversaries, Congregational Transitions

Litany of Release for Congregations who Have Withdrawn Membership Celebration of New Congregations

Our Nationwide Community of Faith - Mennonite Church British Columbia

Garry Janzen, Executive Minister

Business

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Finances

Volunteer Slate

Introduction of Leah Reesor-Keller

MCEC's new Executive Minister (Summer 2020)





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Motions for the 33rd MCEC Annual Church Gathering April 25, 2020

Minutes of 2019 Annual Church Gathering

MOTION: "That we accept the minutes of the 32nd annual meeting

of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, held April 26 & 27, 2019."

Approval of Executive Council Actions for 2019 - 2020

MOTION: "That we approve all actions taken by the MCEC

Executive Council for the year May 2019 to April 2020."

Adoption of the Financial Statements FYE January 31, 2020

MOTION: "That we accept the audited financial statements for the

fiscal year ending January 31, 2020 as printed."

Approval of MCEC Spending Plan for 2020 - 2021

MOTION: "That we accept the 2020 - 2021 spending plan as printed."

Approval of Auditors

MOTION: "That we appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors for

the fiscal year ending January 31, 2021."

Approval of Slate

MOTION: "That we accept the 2020 - 2021 slate as presented.

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Deepening Our Relationship with God

Psalm 27

Minutes of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada's 32nd Annual Church Gathering

Steinmann Mennonite Church, 1316 Snyder's Road W., Baden, ON April 26-27, 2019

Friday, April 26, 2019 7:00 pm

- Welcome David Martin, Executive Minister
 Josie Winterfeld, Mission, Peace & Justice and Outreach Worker at Stirling Avenue Mennonite
 Church, offered land recognition
- 2. **April Yamasaki, guest speaker,** spoke on Drawing Near to God: Psalm 27:1 14 read by Allan Rudy-Froese, First Mennonite Church.

We want to go deeper in our relationship with God but cannot seem to get there. Psalm 27 gives us a glimpse of an intimate relationship with God. She invited us to seek God together by praying Psalm 27, as a way of deepening our relationship with God and listening for what God has for us.

- 3. Celebrating and Thankfulness for our Faith and Work
 - a. Milestones
 - i. Congregational Anniversaries:
 - St. Jacobs Mennonite Church 175 years
 - KW House Church 50 years
 - ii. Congregational Transitions
 - Calvary Mennonite Church (Monetville) withdrew their membership in MCEC because of differences of understanding.
 - Sexual Misconduct and Abuse Resource Response Team (SMARRT) turned 25
 this past year; SMARRT has been instrumental in supporting congregations with
 difficult issues related to sexual misconduct; SMARRT is reimagining their
 ministry for future service.
 - Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS) Sarah Wenger Shenk,
 President, was thanked by MCEC; she is concluding nine years of service to MCEC and AMBS.
 - iii. Staff Changes Departures: Scott Albrecht, Accounting Assistant, concluded his service with MCEC in February. Brian Bauman, Mission Minister, is retiring at the end of the year.

4. 2019 – 2019 Financial Statement

- a. Review of audited financial statements Sean East, Financial Manager, and Linda van Bergen from the Finance Council presented the audited financial statements. 2018 2019 was the first year with the new arrangement between Mennonite Church Canada and MCEC. Sean encouraged congregations to send their donations throughout the year, not just at the end of the year.

 Motion "On behalf of the Executive Council, Arli Klassen, Moderator, moved that we accept the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2019 as printed."

 Seconded by Ken Martin, Elmira Mennonite Church. Motion carried.
- Legacy Initiative Fund Update Linda van Bergen reviewed the financial report for the Legacy Initiative Fund.
- **6. Approval of Auditors Motion** "On behalf of the Finance Council, Linda van Bergen moved to appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2020." Seconded by Mike Johnson, Hanover Mennonite Church. Motion carried.
- 7. Offering Offering this evening designated for the Eastern Africa Diaspora project.

8. Ministry Updates

- a. Working Group Concept –David explained how MCEC wants to focus on areas of peace and justice. It is the work of the church, not staff, so church working groups are picking this up.
- **b.** Israeli/Palestine Working Group Fred Redekop and Palmer Becker shared that Mennonite Church Canada passed a motion a few years ago to focus on issues in Israel/Palestine. Palmer gave a biblical reflection on Genesis 12.
- c. Truth and Reconciliation Working Group Josie Winterfeld, Anne Brubacher and Scott Morton Ninomiya shared an update. Canada went through an extensive truth and reconciliation process; Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) made commitments to live into reconciliation. Ninety-four calls to action were issued to Canadian people. How are we as a church living into the commitment of reconciliation? Several working groups in different geographical locations harnessed the energy that congregations have for these issues. A survey last fall brought people together across MCEC to discern how they might walk with indigenous communities in their particular areas. Four area working groups are formed in Niagara (Herb Sawatzky giving leadership), Hamilton (Randell Neufeld organized group from The Commons), KW area (Ron Fleming giving leadership), and Markham Stouffville area (Miriam Reesor giving leadership from Willowgrove). Peter Haresnape and Tim Schmucker are considering what the Toronto area can do. Representatives from each area have formed an MCEC coordinating group to work on larger projects. Scott is taking leadership of the larger coordinating group.
- 9. Introduction to Bylaw Changes Arli Klassen gave a brief introduction to bylaw changes. Changes were last made 13 years ago. This bylaw revision reflects changing practice in MCEC, commonly accepted best practices, and legislative changes in Ontario. The most substantive difference was in section five on membership. It reflects current practices and clarifies practices. The proposed bylaw had input from the Executive Council, legal counsel and ten people took advantage of advance videoconference meetings to ask questions and offer feedback.
- 10. Closing Worship Mike Erb and Anneli Loepp Thiessen led in a song of worship.
- 11. Adjourned 9:22 pm

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Saturday, April 27, 2017 - 9:00 am

- 1. **Opening Worship and Welcome** Arli Klassen introduced herself as moderator and welcomed everyone. Arli acknowledged the land on which we stand. She introduced April Yamasaki as a writer, author and first ordained woman pastor in MC British Columbia.
- April Yamasaki spoke on Seeking and Waiting for the Lord: Psalm 27:7 14 read by Allan Rudy-Froese.

In the Bible, we usually connect physical thirst with spiritual thirst. When we are preoccupied with our lives, we may not realize that we are thirsty even when we are. For our spiritual thirst, we need to spend time with God. Scripture reminds us that we are thirsty for God.

It is not with our effort that we can have a close relationship with God; God draws us near. The first part of Psalms 27, 1-6, is full of confidence and second part, 7-14, turns to lament as the psalmist directly prays to God. With the shifted focus, we are reminded that we need to talk to God to develop relationship with God. Psalms 27 does not end with lament, but turns around to thanksgiving. Anxiety turns into deep trust. A close relationship with God is waiting for us all.

- 3. **Minutes of 2018 Annual Church Gathering** Ernie Harris, Executive Council Secretary, highlighted the minutes of the 2018 Annual Church Gathering. One amendment received under 14b, in MCEC discernment. "Bethel Mennonite Church is not a member of Evangelical Anabaptists Partners (EAP) but the pastor, Dave Tiessen, is a member." **Motion** "On behalf of Executive Council, Ernie Harris moved to accept the minutes of the annual meeting of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, held April 27 and 28, 2018, with one correction."

 Seconded by Dave Burkholder, Rouge Valley Mennonite Church. Motion carried.
- 4. **Review and Accept Executive Council Actions Motion –** "On behalf of the Executive Council, Ernie Harris moved to approve all actions taken by the MCEC Executive Council for the year May 2018 to April 2019." Seconded by Lorne Metzger, East Zorra Mennonite Church. Motion carried.
- 5. **2019 2020 Slate -** Gladys Bender, Chair of the Gift Discernment Committee, introduced the slate and gave verbal updates of changes that were not printed in the Discernment booklet.
- 6. Leadership Ministry Update Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Church Leadership Minister, and Jean Lehn Epp, Interim Coordinator of Youth Ministry Resources, gave an update on youth ministry consultation. MCEC has been responding to a call for youth ministry from last year's Annual Church Gathering. MCEC hired Jean Lehn Epp on contract last September. Jean has been sharing stories from congregations, connecting people, and providing resources. MCEC also hosted a youth consultation. MCEC invited 50 youth and adults representing different regions, congregations, schools and camps. There was strong youth participation, one third of the group. It was led by an organization from the USA called ULEAD. They led in team building and dreaming, using the appreciative-way approach. Marilyn and Jean gave a sampling of the comments. They ended the day drafting a provocative proposition to guide work in youth ministry: investing in an intentional unconditional relationship with youth walking with them toward a fearless faith in Christ Jesus. Next year is a year of discernment to learn what it means to do this. The statement invites all of us to be fearless in our faith with Jesus Christ as we enter this new terrain. Jean's contract has been extended for another year giving leadership to the youth ministry dream team.

7. MCEC Ministry Updates

- **a.** Changes to Bylaws Arli Klassen reviewed the changes to MCEC's bylaw, section by section. The changes refreshed and updated the bylaw with a strong community framework that supports our work together.
 - Executive Council and legal counsel reviewed the bylaw. People were given opportunity over the last few weeks to speak to staff and Executive. If anyone has specific questions or suggestions, please speak to David Martin, Arli Klassen or Ernie Harris.
- b. Mennonite Church Canada Updates Alicia Good, Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council member, and Arli Klassen gave an update on the nationwide church. Alicia has been encouraged and inspired by how God has been at work with the new structure of Mennonite Church Canada. Arli found it interesting to work out what it means to be Mennonite Church Canada together. MCEC is about half of Mennonite Church Canada, but when we sit at the Joint Council table, we are one of five, and we work out what is means to be Mennonite Church Canada together

Willard Metzger, Executive Director, resigned. Henry Paetkau is in an interim position and Doug Klassen, new Executive Minister, will begin his assignment in June.

Henry Paetkau spoke of the privilege of living into opportunities and challenges of the new structure. The foundational unit of the structure is the local congregation meant to strengthen regional churches into a nationwide church. For the first time, each regional church has a communicator in order to connect congregations, regional churches and the nationwide church across regions. Under discussion is a new website that will connect all of us, built on a congregational website, but extending seamlessly through the regional and nationwide churches.

Mennonite Church Canada's Gathering will be held from June 27 to July 1, 2019 in Abbotsford, BC.

Financial donations are channelled through the regional churches. There are eleven staff in total with eight FTE (Full-Time Equivalent). MCEC's Financial Manager, Sean East, has been seconded to Mennonite Church Canada to put finances in order, develop new practices, support staff and develop budget for this coming year.

Jason Martin, Director of International Witness, introduced International Witness workers and the Witness funding model through video.

- 8. **Celebration of the MCEC Community of Congregations** Brian Quan, Assistant Moderator, and Brian Bauman, Mission Minister, introduced the congregations receiving full status membership in MCEC.
 - a. Refuge de Paix Pastor Lucy Roca shared greetings.
 - b. Markham Christian Worship Centre Pastor Kapilan Savarimuthu shared greetings. They received symbols of their membership from MCEC and Mennonite Church Canada. Introduction of these groups was followed by a litany of reception into membership and a prayer of blessing in multiple languages.
- 9. Offering The offering will assist with bringing new and emerging churches to this gathering.

10. Lunch Break

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11. Introduction of 2020 Spending Plan/Budget – Sean East reviewed the budget for 2019 – 2020. The budgeting process resulted in a \$130,000 deficit. This deficit was higher than what has been typical for the last several years. Restricted funds drawn from the Bequest Fund and the Faithful Steward Fund support the MCEC operating budget. We cannot continue to draw from these restricted funds.

This left us with a difficult budget decision and deficit was made up in the following ways

- i. Reductions to external partners (23% of deficit)
- ii. Eliminating the accounting assistant staff position (35% of deficit)
- iii. Accrue for 50% of Mennonite Church Canada delegate expenses in 2018-19 (14% of deficit)
- iv. Increase restricted fund draws (28% of deficit)

These changes allowed us to balance our budget.

Questions:

- Marcus Shantz, Conrad Grebel University College He consulted with other partner
 ministries and, speaking on behalf of that group, they are grateful for continued support
 from MCEC and the trust that is given for the work of the church.
- Victor Klassen, Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church A request was made on the floor last year for more support for youth. Where is that reflected in budget? It is included in Leadership Council budget or congregation resourcing budget.
- 12. Mennonite Church Canada Partnership Mennonite Church Alberta Executive ministers from each region attend annual meetings in other regions. MCEC welcomed Tim Wiebe-Neufeld, Executive Minister of MC Alberta. Tim brought greetings from the community of faith in Alberta and shared his ministry work in that province. Of 12 churches in Alberta, five languages are spoken. They have embarked on a visioning process: 20/20 Faith (re)focused.
- 13. **Bylaw Changes** Arli Klassen received one amendment to reformat the wording of Section 5.9 to provide greater clarity. Under 5.9 Withdrawal from Membership add;
 - i. In the case of a provisional congregation:
 - a) A Congregation that is a Provisional Member...
 - b) If requested by either party,
 - c) A Congregation that is a Provisional Member...

ii. In the case of a full member congregation:

- a) A Full Member Congregation that...
- b) A Congregation that is a Full Member of...
- a. Adoption of MCEC General Bylaw No. 4 Motion: Motion: "On behalf of Executive Council, Arli Klassen moved to accept that whereas Mennonite Church Eastern Canada desires to have a Bylaw that serves the mission of MCEC, which is dedicated to actively support God's mission in the world and the congregations of MCEC; and

Whereas MCEC for the purposes of greater clarity and due to the numerous amendments to the existing General Operating Bylaw, being By-law No. 3; and

Whereas the revised Bylaw No. 4 has been reviewed in its entirety, and with opportunity for amendment, by Delegates to the 2019 MCEC Annual Church Gathering;

Be it resolved that the Corporation of MCEC shall now adopt a new General Operating Bylaw, being Bylaw No. 4, which replaces in entirety the existing General Operating Bylaw No. 3." Seconded by Victor Klassen, Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Motion carried.

Follow-up Comments:

- Marcus Shantz, Conrad Grebel University College He suggested for future
 consideration an addition to the definition section to define what a partner ministry is,
 and what it does for MCEC. Current language does not capture what is in the
 relationship.
- b. Motion Clarifying MCEC Ministry Priorities: "On behalf of Executive Council, Arli Klassen moved to accept that whereas MCEC seeks to be a church that supports God's purposes in the world; Be it resolved that in addition to the purposes expressed in the bylaw governing MCEC that MCEC also adopts as one of its primary mission priorities the sharing of MCEC owned or leased properties with other charitable organizations at nominal cost, provided that the mission of such charitable organizations is deemed to be compatible with MCEC. Decisions to support the efficient and cost effective operation of such minded charitable organizations shall be made at the discretion of the Executive Council."
 - Seconded by Heather Whitehouse, Bethany Mennonite Church, Motion carried.
- 14. Blessing and Sending of Brian Bauman Yoel Masyawong, chair of Mission Council, and David Martin , made a few comments on Brian's work at MCEC. Brian is retiring at the end of this calendar year. It marked an era of 16 years of service to the church and shaped what we do in mission. Brian came to MCEC in 2003 where mission was at the heart of our life of congregations. For about 15 years prior to the merging of conferences, all three collaborated on how we work in mission through Inter-Mennonite Conference of Canada. Brian helped MCEC think about how to do ministry with marginal communities. How do we extend welcome to our new Canadian congregations? Brian was instrumental in sharpening our desire to build our faith. MCEC owes him a debt of gratitude. David thanked Brian for his ministry.

Yoel shared a few reflections. Brian brings a warm heart to those who are first Canadians. Yoel expressed appreciation for inspiring him, and an essence of passion for mission. We are blessed to have him as a mission minister for MCEC.

Brian was grateful for being allowed to do this work for the past sixteen years, and the encouragement he received. Brian thanked colleagues for working with him in mission, support of people on Mission Councils, and the MCEC Administrative team. He also thanked all of the church planters who were open to the crazy work of church planting and to the constituents who have honoured him. Thank you to Floradale Mennonite Church where he was born, raised and shaped as a disciple.

15. **Table Discussion** - Brian Bauman introduced table discussion question: We are confident that God will respond to our individual longing/relationship. How will this impact your personal mission?

16. MCEC Business

- a. Approval of Spending Plan Motion: On behalf of the Executive Council, Linda van Bergen moved to accept the 2019 2020 spending plan as printed on pages 28 30 in the Discernment documents. Seconded by Dave Rogalsky, First Mennonite Church, Motion carried.
- Approval of Slate Motion: "On behalf of the Gift Discernment Committee, Gladys Bender moved to accept the 2019 – 2020 slate as presented."
 Seconded by Lily Hiebert Rempel, Breslau Mennonite Church. Motion carried.

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17. Mission Reflections

a. Introduction of new Mission Minister – David Martin, announced Norm Dyck as the new Mission Minister.

Norm shared his sense of longing for what God will do in mission. Together we explore what God planned for us. Calling leaders among us. He invited congregational support and challenged everyone to work together. Leadership is finding balance, love and to know where God is calling us. The difference between what we can see over our headlights vs. horizon of sunrise. We need to see beyond our headlights.

Deepening our relationship with God involves working together with others. Have your own Paul, Barnabas, and Timothy to challenge and lead you. Seeking people of peace is the heart of mission field. Invite, encourage and challenge them to walk together. David prayed for Norm.

- **b.** Table Discussion: There were table conversations over two questions.
 - i. We are confident that God will respond to each congregation's longing/desire for a deeper relationship. How might this impact your congregation's mission?
 - ii. We are confident that God will respond to our longing for a deeper relationship. How might this impact our mission together in MCEC?
- **18. Mission Office Updates** Brian Bauman and Norm Dyck, Mission Engagement Minister, gave an update on the Mission office. Brian shared how mission office strives to find ways to make disciples, form leaders and grow congregations.

Norm reported on ReLearning Community. How do we disciple people well? This is the call to Missional discipleship. We need disciples who make disciples.

Since 2014, MCEC has invested in ReLearning Community with 27 congregations in total. Norm invited congregations to cohort five starting this fall. Through our relationship with Catalyze Change, we have been invited to a networking relationship with other regional teams around the world. In June 2019, the relationship with Catalyze Change shifts from coach-student relationship to one of partner. We are called to develop an umbrella-like ministry to house a broad range of missions to be "innovative". Rich Robinson, a leader of Catalyze Change, shared his journey with MCEC. Being innovative helps MCEC to grow together with brothers and sisters around the world including Myanmar, Ethiopia and Philippines.

Brian shared a story of what was happening with Mission in Quebec. It has been slow and difficult but last night we ran out of headsets for translation. This is a great story!

19. Leadership Office Update – Marilyn Rudy-Froese shared many gifts and challenges from the past year. She worshiped with many different congregations, officiating at installations, licensing services and ordination, had meaningful conversations with pastors and met people. She introduced new pastors to MCEC and recognized former pastors who passed away in 2018. We give thanks for their life and their ministry. Marilyn apologized for past MCEC mistakes re: managing sexual misconduct. She introduced Healthy Boundaries Workshop and encouraged pastors to attend in their region. Healthy Boundaries Workshops were offered in different languages and the credentialing interview process has been adopted to language needs.

Marilyn introduced three Regional Ministry Associates (Kevin Derksen, Roberson Mbayamvula, and Cathrin van Sintern-Dick) and Regional Minister, Al Rempel. They briefly shared their work.

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Marilyn thanked all the pastors for their hard work and prayed for them.

- 20. **Closing Worship** Mike Erb and Anneli Loepp Thiessen led in a few songs of worship.
 - Sending Prayer by Norm Dyck, newly appointed Mission Minister.
- 21. **Adjourned** 4:46 pm

Executive Council Actions





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2019 - 2020 Executive Council Actions

Resolutions of May 21, 2019 Meeting

- a. Approved Karen Heese's appointment to the Finance Council, effective immediately
- Approved the immediate transfer in its entirety of the MCEC Pastors Study Fund held at
 Abundance Canada to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), the sum of which was
 \$95,377.76 CAD effective March 31, 2019, to be used in accordance with the terms of reference
 of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between MCEC and AMBS
- c. Approved the advancement of \$35,000 to Mennonite World Conference from their pending first fruit giving disbursement from the Legacy Initiatives Fund
- d. At the written request of River of Life Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC, effective May 31, 2019
- e. At the written request of Calvary Church Ayr, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC, effective June 30, 2019

Resolutions of June 20, 2019 Meeting

- a. Appointed Donny Cheung as an MCEC board representative to the Conrad Grebel University College Board, effective immediately
- b. At the written request of Milverton Mennonite Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC, effective June 30, 2019
- c. Rescheduled the executive council board meeting from March 17 to March 24
- d. Agreed that it was premature to be a signatory to a statement by Generous Space and instead encouraged staff to initiate conversations with the LGBTQ2S+ community

Resolutions of September 17, 2019 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of the May 21, 2019 and June 20, 2019 meetings
- b. Approved recommendation that Caroline Hamm represent MCEC on the UMEI board
- c. Forgave Milverton Mennonite Fellowship's outstanding debt to the mission capital fund

Resolutions of November 19, 2019 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting
- Renewed MCEC's Every Home Subscription Plan with the Canadian Mennonite under the existing terms until December 31, 2020
- Approved the continuation of Doug Roeder's term on the Detweiller Meetinghouse Board until April 2022
- d. Endorsed in principle to issue a public apology for MCEC's failure to respond to an article in the Canadian Mennonite, which associated the term "relationship" with the sexual abuse of a victim
- e. As required by federal legislation, approved a Privacy Breach Reporting Procedure (PIPEDA) that defines how MCEC will respond to a breach of privacy that might result from a successful attack on MCEC's computer server
- f. Approved the revised Procedure for Invoice Payment policy

Executive Council Actions

- g. Approved the Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Diversity Award Legacy Initiatives Fund (LiF) proposal for \$250,000
- h. Approved the Anabaptist Witness: Myanmar LiF proposal for \$340,000
- i. Approved the Innovate LiF proposal for \$400,000 over five years, with the condition that MCEC develop a communication plan for MCEC churches to understand Innovate and affirm appointment of representatives to the Innovate board
- j. Approved the job description summary and the position description for the Executive Minister position

Resolutions of January 21, 2020 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of November 19, 2019 meeting
- b. Appointed Darlene Gingerich to the gift discernment committee, effective immediately
- c. Authorized a payment of \$3,390.00 from the Faithful Steward Fund to cover the expenses of a Leadership Council professional misconduct investigation completed in January 2019
- d. Authorized MCEC staff to begin the process of divesting the MCEC owned property at 120
 Avenue Duluth Est. in Montreal, QC to Mennonite Fellowship of Montreal and report back to Executive Council on next steps
- e. Approved receiving Grace New Life Mennonite Church into full membership and Warden Underground and Soul House into provisional membership in MCEC upon affirmation of delegates at the 2020 Annual Church Gathering
- f. Approved a role for the executive officers or a subset of the Council to do advance work prior to Executive Council meetings in order to facilitate decision-making for the entire Council or to provide appropriate direction to staff in the event of an emergency requiring urgent action
- g. Agreed in principle to a framework for consensus decision-making
- h. Approved the LiF proposal from Mennonite World Conference for a \$250,000 grant toward leadership development
- i. Approved the recommendation to adjust the Mennonite World Conference allotment of first fruit giving from the Schmidt Estate to 5% for all future disbursements received by MCEC

Resolutions of March 17 2020 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of January 21, 2020 meeting
- Approved the option of three consecutive terms for MCEC appointments to the Conrad Grebel University College Board
- c. Authorized staff to divest Blenheim Cemetery and Retreat Centre
- d. At the written request of Kingsfield Zurich & Clinton Mennonite Church, Maple View Mennonite Church, and Living Water Community Christian Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregations' memberships from MCEC
- e. Approved provisional membership for Mennonite Disciples Mission Joliette
- f. Approved provisional membership for Goshen Mennonite Church
- g. Adopted the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year End 2020 as printed for delegate approval at the 2020 Annual Church Gathering
- h. Approved recommending PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors for Fiscal Year End 2021 for appointment at the 2020 Annual Church Gathering
- i. Approved the transfer of \$40,937 from the Faithful Steward Fund and the required changes to audited and internal statements. A revised statement will reflect the transfer and delegates will be informed of the deficit.
- j. Adopted the 2021 Spending Plan for delegate approval

Executive Council Actions

- k. Supported development of the French translation and worship resource Legacy Initiatives Fund proposals.
- I. Supported the development of a Legacy Initiatives Fund (LiF) proposal for a dedicated and passionate visionary who can influence a cultural change for youth ministry
- m. Unanimously accepted the search committee's recommendation to hire Leah Reesor-Keller as the new Executive Minister of MCEC
- n. Approved, in principle, the addition of the definition of Affiliated Organization to the bylaw, pending feedback from affiliated organizations

Executive Council Members



Arli Klassen Moderator First Mennonite Church



Ernie Harris Secretary Nairn Mennonite Church



Brian Quan Assistant Moderator Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church



Randall Neudorf Council Member The Commons



Maciel Arias Council Member Toronto New Life Mennonite Church



J.D. Penner Council Member Toronto United Mennonite Church



Suzanne Bender Council Member Steinmann Mennonite Church



Richard Steinmann Council Member Steinmann Mennonite Church



Steph Chandler Burns Council Member Erb Street Mennonite Church



David Martin Executive Minister ex-officio

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MCEC COUNCILS AND COMMITTEES

Executive Council

21-2	Brian Quan	Assistant Moderator	Toronto Chinese
21-1	Ernie Harris		Nairn
22-1	Maciel Arias		Toronto New Life
22-1	Stephanie Chandler Burns		Erb Street
22-2	Arli Klassen	Moderator	First (Kitchener)
22-2	Suzanne Bender		Steinmann
23-1	Diane Lichti		Tavistock
23-1	Richard Steinmann	AFSC Rep	Steinmann
23-2	J D Penner		Toronto United
	David Martin, Ex-officio, MCEC Ex	xecutive Minister	

Finance Council

21-2	Joyce Collard		Erb Street
21-1	Robert Tiessen	Chair	Toronto
22-1	Michael Steinmann		The Gathering
22-1	Peter Janzen		Niagara
22-1	Karen Heese		Hagerman
23-1	Richard Steinmann		Steinmann
	Brent Charette, Ex-officio, N	1CEC Operations and Chui	rch Engagement Minister
	David Martin, Ex-officio, MC	CEC Executive Minister	

Leadership Council

21-1	Ben Cassels		Waterloo-Kitchener
21-1	Alissa Bender		Hamilton
22-1	Chung Vang		First Hmong
22-2	Louise Wideman		Vineland
22-2	Richard Ratzlaff	Chair	Toronto United
23-1	Jen Helmuth		Erb Street
23-2	Karen Sheil		Harrow
	Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Ex-officio, I	MCEC Area Church Minister	

Mission Council

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21-1	Yoel Masyawong	Chair	Grace Lao
21-1	Judith McCartney		Soul House
22-1	Andie Myriam Joseph		Famille Assemblée de la Grâce
22-1	Kara Carter		Wellesley
23-1	Joseph Raltong		Chin
23-1	Visanou Saythavy		Grace New Life
23-2	Rebecca Riek		First (Kitchener)

Gift Discernment

Appointed by Executive Council, Accountable to Executive Council

21-0Darlene GingerichSteinmann22-0Charleen Jongejan HarderNorth Leamington

22-1 Jonathan Brubacher
 22-2 Peter Janzen
 23-2 Gladys Bender
 Chair
 Elmira
 Niagara
 Steinmann

David Martin, Ex-officio, MCEC Executive Minister

MCEC REPRESENTATIVE APPOINTMENTS

Canadian Multifaith Federation (CMF) Board

23-1 Judith Stamp Toronto United

Conrad Grebel University College Board

21-1	Morgan Grainger	The Gathering
21-2	Jim Tiessen	Hamilton
21-2	Paul Fieguth	Waterloo North
22-1	Roger Kehl	First (Kitchener)
22-1	Donny Cheung	Toronto United
22-2	Cate Falconer	Hagerman
22-2	Andrew Roth	Erb Street
23-3	Carol Ringer	Toronto United
23-1	Louise Wideman	Vineland

Detweiler Meeting House Board

23-1 Roy Scheerer Wellesley

22-3 Doug Roeder

Mennonite Central Committee Ontario Board

21-2 Lynn Rempel22-1 Keith RegehrWaterloo NorthFirst (Kitchener)

Mennonite Publishing Services Board

22-0

Ontario Mennonite Music Camp Board

22-1Melinda MetzgerSt Jacobs22-1Sara FretzStirling22-2Sue WahlErb Street

Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Board

Term begins in November

21-1	Chanel Cressman	Breslau
22-1	Mark Diller Harder	St Jacobs

23-1 ______ New

Slate

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Board

22-2 Wendy Janzen St Jacobs

United Mennonite Educational Institute Board

Term begins in November

22-1 Caroline Hamm NLUMC

Warden Woods Community Centre Board

22-1 Judith McCartney Soul House

22-1 Jordan Thoms Warden Underground

Mennonite Church Canada Assembly Delegates – 26 regional church delegates (2021)

Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council

Arli Klassen MCEC Moderator

21-0 Ly Vang MCEC Constituency Rep First Hmong

Mennonite Church Canada Nominating Committee Appointee

22-1 Gladys Bender Steinmann

Congregation and Agency Milestones

1. Bethel Ethiopian Evangelical Church

- 10 years

The Bethel Ethiopian Evangelical Church began meeting in Kitchener, Ontario in September 2010. Since many in the congregation had been part of the Meserete Kristos Church in Ethiopia, they became a provisional member to Mennonite Church Eastern Canada in April 2013. Under the leadership of Mesfin Woldearegay, they are a Bible believing and Bible proclaiming, Christ-centred church that seeks to faithfully proclaim God's word, encouraging people to grow in their walk with him and to know more of his grace in their lives.



2. Shalom Worship and Healing Centre

- 10 years

Shalom Worship and Healing Centre, Kitchener, Ontario, a Tigrinya-speaking Eritrean congregation was accepted as a provisional congregation by Mennonite Church Eastern Canada in April 2016. The congregation had begun meeting about 2010, and several years later began meeting at First Mennonite. The congregation of 100 persons has received pastoral leadership from Jonathan Abraham.



3. Hunta Mennonite Church - 50 years

Hunta, Ontario is a small hamlet in Northern Ontario located about 25 km west of Cochrane, Ontario. A first worship service was held June 1970 with visiting minister Robert Miller, with a total of 39 in attendance. A number of pastors from southern Ontario have served the congregation. Sam Shantz's ten years of service is the longest. Glen Carney, a lay leader in the congregation for many years, frequently helped with pulpit supply as needed. As the only Protestant church in the local area, Hunta Mennonite Church has always played an important spiritual role in the local Hunta/ Frederickhouse community. They are planning a reunion weekend on August 1 & 2, 2020.



4. St. Catharines United Mennonite Church - 75 years

The St. Catharines United Mennonite Church traces its beginning to the early 1940s when more and more Mennonite families were moving to the city for economic reasons. The first worship service was in July 1942. In October 1944 the first membership list was drawn up. The language of worship was exclusively German in the beginning. Sunday School for children was in German, with the use of English to explain the lesson. Parallel English and German classes were started in 1958. Worshiping as a community of believers and studying the Bible to listen to what God is saying to the church today are very important. They state that the church is called by God to share the good news of Jesus in word and deed, showing others a glimpse of what life is like under God's rule.



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5. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate - 75 years

A small school for a big world. Seventy-five years ago on February 15, 1945, delegates of the Mennonite Conference of Ontario (now Mennonite Church Eastern Canada – MCEC) approved the creation of a Mennonite high school in Kitchener. Rockway Mennonite Collegiate provides its students with an opportunity to grow and thrive through a comprehensive school curriculum that includes rigorous academics, character building athletics with fantastic coaching, a varied arts and music program that includes drama, vocal and orchestral opportunities and additionally highlights the importance of spiritual practice. As a Christian educational community within the Anabaptist Mennonite tradition, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate integrates sound academic learning with growth in character and faith, together with a passion for peacemaking and service to God and all creation.

6. Mennonite Central Committee - 100 years

Since 1920, MCC has worked with the church, partner organizations and supporters, gathering food, clothing and money to send to thousands of families affected by war and famine in southern Russia (present-day Ukraine). In the decades since then, MCC has grown and continued to do this work all over the world. MCC is a global, non-profit organization that strives to share God's love and compassion through relief, development and peacebuilding. As an Anabaptist organization, they strive to make peace a part of everything they do. When responding to disasters they work with local groups to distribute resources to minimize conflict.

7. Women of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada - Concluded Ministry

The Ontario Women in Mission (based in the United Mennonite Conference) and the Women's Mission and Service Commission (based in the Mennonite Conference of Ontario & Quebec and the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference) merged in 1995 to form the Women of MCEC (WMCEC). They have now dissolved their official structure as of December 31, 2019. Through the discussion and discernment of the group, it became evident that there was a deep desire to see the continuation of some form of women's ministry emphasis in eastern Canada. A working group will discern the way forward.

1. Goshen Mennonite Church

- Provisional Membership

Goshen Mennonite Church is a group of approximately 40 people who worship in Ontario. Goshen is a part of the MDM (Mennonite Disciple Mission) association of congregations who worship in Swahili. "We want to be part of the MCEC family and work together," says Pastor Francois Machichi. "We want to understand and act in this family as a part of it, and not as foreigners. The government will help to integrate us into the country and we look forward to MCEC to help integrate us into the church." Goshen Mennonite Church has joined MCEC as a congregation with provisional membership.



2. Grace New Life Mennonite Church - Full Membership

Grace New Life is a congregation of approximately 45 people who meet in the heart of Hamilton. Predominantly from Laos, they worship in both Lao and English. They joined MCEC is 2012 as an emerging congregation, now known as provisional membership. They have moved to full membership within the community of congregations. "We look forward to being a full member of MCEC," says pastor Sririsack Saythavy. "We ask that MCEC pray for Grace New Life to become stronger so that we not only receive the benefit from MCEC, but we will be part of the blessing to MCEC as well."



3. MDM Joliette - Provisional Membership

Approximately 60 people gather in Joliette, QC under the leadership of Pastor Victor Mubikalo, and are a part of Mennonite Disciple Mission (MDM) association of congregations who worship in Swahili. They worship in the building where Église évangelique mennonite de Joliette used to gather. Pastor Victor says, "African families who had woshipped with Église évangelique mennonite de Joliette started to dream of starting a new church together and we began to work with some African families to do just that. So now there is a new church in Joliette that is joining MCEC. We don't want to be independent. We want to be part of a family." MDM Joliette has joined MCEC as a congregation with provisional membership.



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4. Soul House - Provisional Membership

Soul House is a house church in Scarborough, ON under the leadership of Judith McCartney. Each week 10 - 20 people gather for a meal followed by Bible study and prayer. Judith is also parish pastor to a group of people on-line and a woman from Soul House leads an on-line Bible study. An on-line presence is an important aspect of Soul House. In fact, Soul House was in part launched from a Facebook invitation. "I invited them to my home as a safe place to talk about and unpack faith," says Judith. "We are a multi-layered, unique expression of church." Soul House has joined MCEC as a congregation with provisional membership.

5. Warden Underground

- Provisional Membership

Primarily focused on young adults and youth, Warden Underground meet together regularly under the leadership of Jordan Thoms and Jon Folkeringa. Whether it is a tutoring program, drop-in night, men's accountability group or summer neighbourhood barbeque, they find unique ways of pouring God's love on the neighbourhood around them. "There is a hunger within the community for the truth and for God," says Jordan. "The majority of the people who come out to our church are not actually committed Christians yet. They are interested and seeking, but it hasn't become real to a number of them yet." Warden Underground officially became an MCEC congregation with provisional membership, "I've very thankful for the trust you have given to us." continues Jordan. "We want it to be a two-way street. We want to build strong relationships with MCEC as a whole."

6. Calvary Church Ayr (Mennonite) - Membership Withdrawn

The Mennonite work in Ayr began in 1954 as a Sunday school outreach by the Mannheim Mennonite Church and the Mennonite Conference of Ontario in the community of Reidsville, just north of the village of Ayr. The group purchased a property in Ayr in 1960, and soon erected a church building and the congregation has served as a community church in the Ayr community since that time. One of the congregation's unique ministries has been a "skate park" built at the rear of the property in 2005 for young Ayr skateboarders. At the written request of Calvary Church Ayr (Mennonite), Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC.

7. Église évangelique mennonite de Joliette - Closed

The Église évangelique mennonite de Joliette began services in 1958, and formally organized in 1974. Harold and Pauline Reesor were the founding missionaries for the group. This mission venture originated through the Mennonite Conference of Ontario and the Mennonite Board of Mission (Elkhart). Opposition from church and municipal authorities in Quebec made for slow discouraging work. The Reesors met together with fellow missionaries Tilman and Janet Martin, along with the Schmidt family from Rawdon for fellowship and worship in French. The first baptism came in 1969 and in the late 1970s a province-wide revival brought many youth to Joliette. Rapid growth in the late 1970s led to gradual splitting off the members from nearby Rawdon for their own church. French membership dipped but was replaced by new immigrants. The congregation has not met officially for a number of years.

8. Jane Finch Faith Community - Closed

The Jane Finch Faith Community was first known as the Black Creek Faith Community. The congregation formally organized in 1993. The congregation originated through outreach by the Missions Committee of the Mennonite Conference of Ontario and Quebec. The congregation was based in a public housing apartment building in Metropolitan Toronto. They were a small church, with a chapel in a high-rise building that is home to over 1,200 people from at least 50 countries. They have not met officially for a number of years.

9. Kingsfield Zurich & Clinton Mennonite Church - Membership Withdrawn

The Zurich Mennonite Church in Zurich. Ontario, Canada, began in spring 1908. The congregation developed a full range of activities for its members and the community. A women's sewing circle began in 1937. Vacation Bible School began the same year later developed into a community effort. The congregation helped develop a coffee house in Grand Bend, Ontario in the 1960s, as well as a mission outreach in Exeter. Ontario known as the Thames Road Mission. In the 1990s the congregation again talked about a church planting initiative. This resulted in the formation of Kingsfield-Clinton in October 2007. The Zurich congregation also began to use the prefix Kingsfield, and the two groups were part of a multiplying church. At the written request of Kinafield Zurich & Clinton Mennonite Church Executive Council authorized the removal of their membership from MCEC.

10. Living Water Community Christian Fellowship - Membership Withdrawn

Living Water Community Christian Fellowship in New Hamburg, Ontario began as a church plant in 1980 by the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference and the Mennonite Conference of Ontario and Quebec. The first Sunday morning service was held in August

1981, and regular Sunday morning services began in October 1981. Leadership was provided by a team of the founding couples and the small group leaders. Living Water equips and inspires people to come to a saving knowledge of God, to follow Him and worship Him with their whole lives and to show all those around them the love of Jesus. They have recently changed their name to Living Water Fellowship Church. At the written request of Living Water Community Christian Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC.

11. Maple View Mennonite Church - Membership Withdrawn

Serving the Lord in Wellesley Township for over 150 years, the congregation began services and formally organized in 1859. John Jantzi is considered the founding leader of the group. Maple View was first known as the Wellesley Amish Mennonite (AM) congregation. Worship services were held in homes until a meetinghouse was erected which was to be used only as a funeral chapel. With a dream of continuing a community Sunday school and also wanted to establish a daughter congregation, members from Maple View Mennonite Church who lived near Crosshill, along with some community neighbors, began to worship at Crosshill in 1950. Maple View seeks to follow the Holy Spirit's call to pour out their lives, love and gifts for God in worship, each other In community and the world in mission. At the written request of Maple View Mennonite Church, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC.

12. Milverton Mennonite Church - Membership Withdrawn

Milverton Mennonite Fellowship began in 1982 as an outreach of the Western Ontario Mennonite Conference in the town of Milverton, Ontario. Many of the conference's churches were located in the countryside, and it believed a "town" church would have appeal to persons in that community. Important parts of the worship life have been music and the sharing time. They have a strong emphasis on connectedness and family. They have changed their name to Milverton Christian Fellowship. At the

written request of Milverton Mennonite

Church, Executive Council authorized

the removal of the congregation's

13. River of Life Fellowship - Membership Withdrawn

membership from MCEC.

In December 1995, 60 people met in cell groups and held weekly celebration worship services as River of Life Fellowship began. The celebration services included an hour of celebration. followed by an hour of teaching for adults and separate ministry for the children. The leadership of River of Life has been provided through a volunteer team of elders. Over time the congregation shifted from a "cell church" to being a church with cells in which all members were encouraged to participate. They continue as a community of faith who share a deep love for God and people. At the written request of River of Life Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC.

Balance Sheet & Operations Statement



BALANCE SHEET

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Balance Sheet and Operations Statement



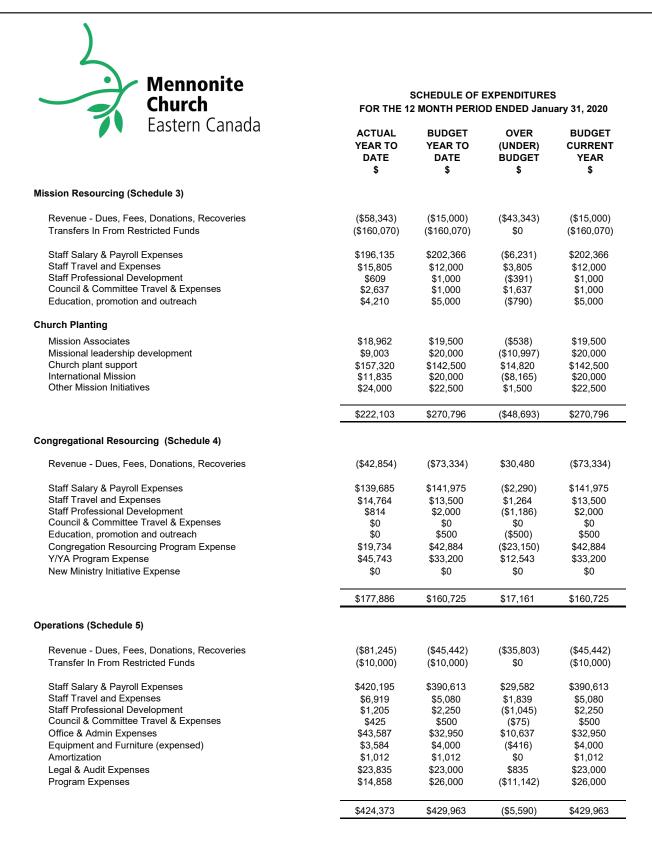
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED January 31, 2020

	ACTUAL YEAR TO DATE \$	BUDGET YEAR TO DATE \$	OVER (UNDER) BUDGET \$	BUDGET CURRENT YEAR \$
REVENUE				
Revenue - Individual and Estate Donations (MCEC) Revenue - Individuals & Churches (MC Canada) Revenue - Church Giving Revenue - Relational Witness Giving Revenue - Women of MCEC Revenue - Interest Income	\$100,461 \$27,955 \$1,776,255 \$294,153 \$2,000 \$81,620	\$100,000 \$50,000 \$1,828,959 \$300,000 \$1,500 \$81,004	\$461 (\$22,045) (\$52,704) (\$5,847) \$500 \$616	\$100,000 \$50,000 \$1,828,959 \$300,000 \$1,500 \$81,004
	\$2,282,445	\$2,361,463	(\$79,018)	\$2,361,463
Partner Ministries				
Mennonite Church Canada - Operating Mennonite Church Canada - Relational Witness	\$610,250 \$294,153	\$610,000 \$300,000	\$250 (\$5,847)	\$610,000 \$300,000
Pass Through Donations	(\$2,000)	\$0	(\$2,000)	\$0
Mennonite World Conference Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Conrad Grebel University College Rockway Mennonite Collegiate United Mennonite Educational Institute Ontario Mennonite Music Camp Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Willowgrove Camp Canadian Mennonite	\$6,962 \$40,000 \$146,462 \$70,215 \$26,510 \$2,185 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$80,888	\$6,962 \$40,000 \$146,462 \$70,215 \$26,510 \$2,185 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$79,842	\$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$0 \$1,046	\$6,962 \$40,000 \$146,462 \$70,215 \$26,510 \$2,185 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$79,842
TOTAL OPERATING FUND REVENUE	\$974,051	\$1,046,518	(\$72,467)	\$1,046,518
OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES				
Executive (Schedule 1) Leadership Resourcing (Schedule 2) Mission Resourcing (Schedule 3) Congregational Resourcing (Schedule 4) Operations (Schedule 5) Occupancy (Schedule 6) Operations Support of Restricted Funds (Schedule 7)	\$137,514 \$112,142 \$222,103 \$177,886 \$424,373 \$103,478 \$32,500	\$133,796 \$105,537 \$270,796 \$160,725 \$429,963 \$108,214 \$32,500	\$3,718 \$6,605 (\$48,693) \$17,161 (\$5,590) (\$4,736) \$0	\$133,796 \$105,537 \$270,796 \$160,725 \$429,963 \$108,214 \$32,500
Total Operating Fund Expenditures	\$1,209,997	\$1,241,531	(\$31,534)	\$1,241,531
Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	(\$235,946)	(\$195,013)	(\$40,933)	(\$195,013)
Transfers (to)/from Faithful Steward Fund (Policy)	\$195,013	\$195,013	\$0	\$195,013
Transfers (to)/from Faithful Steward Fund (Surplus)/Deficit	\$40,933	\$0	\$40,933	\$0
Net Operating Fund revenue (expenditures)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Balance Sheet & Operations Statement

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Mennonite			
	BALANCE SHEET		
Church	AS AT January 31, 2020		
T Eastern Canada		CURRENT YEAR	PREVIOUS YEAR
•		\$	\$
AS	SSETS	•	•
Current Assets			
Cash and Short Term Deposits		\$413,200	\$177,175
Accounts Receivable		\$21,366	\$52,717
Due from Restricted Funds Prepaid Expenses		\$29,352 \$7,458	\$19,395 \$12,632
r repaid Expenses		\$471,377	\$261,919
Other Assets Investment Shares		\$0	\$0
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Fixed Assets		Φ.	Φ2
Conference Land Conference Office Building		\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Furniture and Equipment		\$0 \$0	\$0 \$0
Computer Equipment		\$0	\$0
Leasehold improvements		\$2,581	\$3,593
Capital Lease - Equipment		\$0	\$0 \$3.593
		\$2.581 \$473,958	\$3.593 \$265,513
LIABILITIE	S & SURPLUS		
Current Liabilities			
Internal Borrowing - Due to Restricted Fund		\$0	\$0
Due to Restricted and/or Capital Trust Funds		\$287,506	\$0
Accounts Payable and Accrued Liabilities		\$161,494	\$163,018
Deferred Revenue Contributions Designated for Future Distribution		\$0	\$2,000
-In MCEC ministry programs		\$53,770	\$88,369
-To Emerging Congregations and Other Organizations		\$0	\$0
		\$502.770	\$253.387
Long Term Debt			
Lease Payment Obligation		\$0	\$0
		\$0	\$0
Surplus			
Investment in Fixed Assets - Operating Fund		\$0	\$0
Operating Surplus - Opening Balance		\$12,124	\$4,401
- Current Year Adjustments		\$0	\$0
- Excess(Deficiency) Revenue over Expenditures		\$0	\$7,723
- Closing Balance		\$12,124	\$12,124 \$42,424
		\$12,124	\$12,124
Appropriations		(4.40	<i>*</i> -
Designated Endowment and Restricted Funds		(\$40,937)	\$0 £1
Difference in Rounding		(\$40,936)	\$1 \$1
		\$473,958	\$265,513

Balance Sheet and Operations Statement



Balance Sheet & Operations Statement



SCHEDULE OF EXPENDITURES FOR THE 12 MONTH PERIOD ENDED January 31, 2020

ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER	BUDGET
YEAR TO	YEAR TO	(UNDER)	CURRENT
DATE	DATE	BUDGET	YEAR
\$	\$	\$	\$
(\$855)	\$0	(\$855)	\$0
\$94,626	\$94,716	(\$90)	\$94,716
\$6,562	\$6,000	\$562	\$6,000
\$483	\$500	(\$17)	\$500
\$8,680	\$9,250	(\$570)	\$9,250
\$22,556	\$21,330	\$1,226	\$21,330
\$5,462	\$2,000	\$3,462	\$2,000
\$137,514	\$133,796	\$3,718	\$133,796
(\$7,347)	(\$26,000)	\$18,653	(\$26,000)
(\$21,486)	(\$33,000)	\$11,514	(\$33,000)
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$82,939	\$83,337	(\$398)	\$83,337
\$6,926	\$7,000	(\$74)	\$7,000
\$618	\$500	\$118	\$500
\$1,283	\$1,500	(\$217)	\$1,500
\$5,010	\$2,700	\$2,310	\$2,700
\$21,486	\$33,000	(\$11,514)	\$33,000
\$22,714	\$36,500	(\$13,786)	\$36,500
\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
\$112,142	\$105,537	\$6,605	\$105,537

Executive (Schedule 1)

Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries

Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses Staff Travel and Expenses Staff Professional Development Staff Professional Development Pool Council & Committee Travel & Expenses Special Projects

Leadership Resourcing (Schedule 2)

Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries TiM - Fees, Donations, Recoveries Lebold Banquet - Tickets, Donations, Sponsorships

Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses
Staff Travel and Expenses
Staff Professional Development
Council & Committee Travel & Expenses
Pastor & Congregational Support
TiM Program Expenses
Education & Training
Lebold Banquet Expenses & Donation

Restricted Funds

<u>)</u>		Externally Re	stricted Fund	s		Internally Res	stricted Funds	
Mennonite Church Eastern Canada	Blenheim 1/31/20	Reesor 1/31/20	Mission Capital 1/31/20	Mission Donations 1/31/20	Faithful Steward 1/31/20	Property 1/31/20	Discretionary Retirement & Assistance 1/31/20	Leadership Formation 1/31/20
ASSETS								
Cash and Short-term deposits	\$27,647	\$11,872	\$227,911	\$777,387	\$992,533	\$0	\$1,650	\$175,014
Account Receivable	\$282	\$0	\$50,181	\$12,305	\$93,860	\$0	\$5,275	\$137
Loans Receivable	\$0	\$0	\$100,000	\$0	\$0	\$1,425,000	\$0	\$0
Prepaid Expense	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total Assets	\$27,929	\$11,872	\$378,092	\$789,692	\$1,086,392	\$1,425,000	\$6,925	\$175,151
LIABILITIES								
Accounts Payable	\$0	\$0	\$4,525	\$0	\$0	\$19,553	(\$5,274)	\$0
Loan Payable	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$398,227	\$0	\$0
Total Liabilities	\$0	\$0	\$4,525	\$0	\$0	\$417,780	(\$5,274)	\$0
EQUITY								
Balance Beginning of Year	\$26,871	\$12,665	\$374,446	\$925,260	\$1,300,088	\$1,007,378	\$12,570	\$168,686
Interest	\$1,058	\$307	\$4,121	\$22,874	\$27,339	\$0	\$137	\$3,094
Donations	\$0	\$0	\$5,000	\$1,628	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Other Income	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$3	\$0	\$0
Transfers In	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$6,500	\$26,000
	\$27,929	\$12,972	\$383,567	\$949,762	\$1,327,427	\$1,007,381	\$19,207	\$197,780
Expenses	\$0	(\$1,100)	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$161)	\$0	\$0
Grants and Disbursements	\$0	\$0	(\$10,000)	\$0	(\$5,089)	\$0	(\$17,557)	(\$22,629)
Transfers Out	\$0	\$0	\$0	(\$160,070)	(\$235,946)	\$0	\$0	\$0
Balance End of Year	\$27,929	\$11,872	\$373,567	\$789,692	\$1,086,392	\$1,007,220	\$1,651	\$175,151
Total Liabilities & Equity	\$27,929	\$11,872	\$378,092	\$789,692	\$1,086,392	\$1,425,000	\$6,925	\$175,151

Spending Plan/Budget

Mennonite Church

MCEC OPERATING FUND

STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Church Eastern Canada	2020-21 Budget \$	2019-20 Actual (YTD) \$	2019-20 Budget \$
Revenue - Individual and Estate Donations (MCEC) Revenue - Individual Donations (MC Canada) Revenue - Church Giving Revenue - Relational Witness Giving Revenue - Women of MCEC Revenue - Interest Income	\$100,000 \$28,000 \$1,725,184 \$300,000 \$0 \$184,732	\$100,461 \$27,955 \$1,776,255 \$294,153 \$2,000 \$81,620	\$100,000 \$50,000 \$1,828,959 \$300,000 \$1,500 \$81,004
Gross Revenue	\$2,337,916	\$2,282,445	\$2,361,463
Partner Ministries			
Other Pass Through Donations	\$0	-\$2,000	\$0
Mennonite Church Canada - Operating Mennonite Church Canada - Relational Witness	\$570,000 \$300,000	\$610,250 \$294,153	\$610,000 \$300,000
Mennonite World Conference Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary Conrad Grebel University College Rockway Mennonite Collegiate United Mennonite Educational Institute Ontario Mennonite Music Camp Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Willowgrove Camp Canadian Mennonite	\$6,962 \$40,000 \$146,462 \$70,215 \$26,510 \$2,185 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$79,842	\$6,962 \$40,000 \$146,462 \$70,215 \$26,510 \$2,185 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$80,888	\$6,962 \$40,000 \$146,462 \$70,215 \$26,510 \$2,185 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$10,923 \$79,842
Total Partner Ministries	\$1,274,945	\$1,308,394	\$1,314,945
Net Operating Revenue	\$1,062,971	\$974,050	\$1,046,518
Executive Council (Schedule 1) Leadership Council (Schedule 2) Mission Council (Schedule 3) Congregational Resourcing (Schedule 4) Operations (Schedule 5) Occupancy Costs (Schedule 6)	\$129,586 \$164,090 \$243,025 \$163,493 \$419,676 \$106,060	\$137,514 \$144,642 \$222,104 \$177,886 \$424,373 \$103,478	\$133,796 \$138,037 \$270,796 \$160,725 \$429,963 \$108,214
Total Ministry Expenses	\$1,225,930	\$1,209,997	\$1,241,531
Surplus/(deficit) from operations	-\$162,959	-\$235,946	-\$195,013
Transfer from/(to) Faithful Steward Fund	\$162,959	\$195,009	\$195,013
Net Operating Surplus/Deficit	\$0.00	-\$40,937	\$0

Spending Plan/Budget

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada	2020-21	2019-20	2019-20
	Budget	Actual (YTD)	Budget
	\$	\$	\$
Executive Council (Schedule 1) Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	\$0	-\$855	\$0
Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses Staff Travel and Expenses Staff Professional Development Staff Professional Development Pool Council & Committee Travel & Expenses Special Projects	\$109,336	\$94,626	\$94,716
	\$6,000	\$6,562	\$6,000
	\$500	\$483	\$500
	\$9,250	\$8,680	\$9,250
	\$2,500	\$22,556	\$21,330
	\$2,000	\$5,462	\$2,000
Total Executive Council	\$129,586	\$137,514	\$133,796
Leadership Council (Schedule 2) Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries TiM - Fees, Donations, Recoveries Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses	-\$15,000	-\$7,347	-\$26,000
	-\$38,400	-\$21,486	-\$33,000
	\$97,390	\$82,939	\$83,337
Staff Travel and Expenses Staff Professional Development Council & Committee Travel & Expenses Pastor & Congregational Support TiM Program Expenses Education & Training	\$7,000	\$6,926	\$7,000
	\$500	\$618	\$500
	\$1,500	\$1,283	\$1,500
	\$19,200	\$11,510	\$35,200
	\$38,400	\$21,486	\$33,000
	\$53,500	\$48,714	\$36,500
Total Leadership Council	\$164,090	\$144,641	\$138,037
Mission Council (Schedule 3) Transfer In - Mission Donations & Bequests Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	-\$118,454	-\$160,070	-\$160,070
	-\$42,958	-\$58,343	-\$15,000
Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses Staff Travel and Expenses Staff Professional Development Council & Committee Travel & Expenses Education, promotion and outreach	\$199,436	\$196,135	\$202,366
	\$12,500	\$15,805	\$12,000
	\$1,000	\$609	\$1,000
	\$2,000	\$2,637	\$1,000
	\$5,000	\$4,210	\$5,000
Mission Associates Missional leadership development Church plant support International Mission Other Mission Initiatives	\$12,000	\$18,962	\$19,500
	\$20,000	\$9,003	\$20,000
	\$109,500	\$157,320	\$142,500
	\$18,000	\$11,835	\$20,000
	\$25,000	\$24,000	\$22,500
Total Mission Council	\$243,025	\$222,103	\$270,796

Spending Plan/Budget

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada	2020-21 Budget \$	2019-20 Actual (YTD) \$	2019-20 Budget \$
Congregational Resourcing (Schedule 4) Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	-\$18,750	-\$42,854	-\$73,334
Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses Staff Travel and Expenses Staff Professional Development Council & Committee Travel & Expenses Education, promotion and outreach Congregation Resourcing Program Expense Y/YA Program Expense New Ministry Initiative Expense	\$137,493 \$13,500 \$2,000 \$0 \$500 \$1,250 \$27,500	\$139,685 \$14,764 \$814 \$0 \$0 \$19,734 \$45,743	\$141,975 \$13,500 \$2,000 \$0 \$500 \$42,884 \$33,200 \$0
Total Congregational Ministries	\$163,493	\$177,886	\$160,725
Operations (Schedule 5) Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries Transfer in from LiF (ACG) Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses Staff Travel and Expenses Staff Professional Development Council & Committee Travel & Expenses Office & Admin Expenses Amortization Equipment and Furniture (expensed) Legal & Audit Expenses Program Expenses	-\$85,350 -\$10,000 \$426,234 \$7,280 \$2,000 \$500 \$39,000 \$1,012 \$5,000 \$18,000 \$16,000	-\$81,245 -\$10,000 \$420,195 \$6,919 \$1,205 \$425 \$43,587 \$1,012 \$3,584 \$23,835 \$14,858	-\$45,442 -\$10,000 \$390,613 \$5,080 \$2,250 \$500 \$32,950 \$4,000 \$1,012 \$23,000 \$26,000
Total Operations	\$419,676	\$424,373	\$429,963
Occupany Costs (Schedule 6) Rent & CAMS Office & Building Maintenance Insurance	\$99,560 \$0 \$6,500	\$99,791 \$0 \$3,686	\$102,714 \$0 \$5,500
Total Occupancy Costs	\$106,060	\$103,478	\$108,214

Legacy Initiatives Fund



Legacy Initatives Fund Revenue and Disbursements to Date For Period Ending January 31, 2020

	Actual FYE 31-Jan-20	Actual Prev. Years	Total to Date	Projected Totals
Revenue				
Estate Gifts	\$0	\$11,233,063	\$11,233,063	\$16,233,063
Interest Income	\$106,626	\$607,324	\$713,949	\$1,365,551
Less: Legal Costs	\$0	-\$140,775	-\$140,775	-\$220,775
Net Revenue to date	\$106,626	\$11,699,612	\$11,806,237	\$17,377,838
Disbursements				
Tithing to Wider Church	\$35,000	\$1,139,672	\$1,174,672	\$1,631,672
Tithing to MCEC Restricted Funds	\$0	\$2,219,342	\$2,219,342	\$3,203,342
Making Disciples	\$129,063	\$1,249,585	\$1,378,649	\$2,190,982
Forming Leaders	\$259,709	\$1,371,962	\$1,631,671	\$2,011,893
Growing Congregations	\$91,087	\$615,407	\$706,494	\$1,940,089
Total Disbursements	\$514,860	\$6,595,969	\$7,110,828	\$10,977,977

Ministry Transitions





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MINISTRY TRANSITIONS - FEBRUARY 1, 2019 - JANUARY 31, 2020

Ordained

Alicia Buhler Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener Minister Jessica Reesor Rempel Pastors in Exile, Kitchener Minister Nick Schuurman St. Catharines United Mennonite Church, Minister

St. Catharines

Len Rempel St. Agatha Mennonite Church, Baden Minister

Licensed Toward Ordination

Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun Minister Toronto Mennonite New LIfe Church, Toronto Bounnho Phommaseng Lao Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church, Minister

St. Catharines

Peter Haresnape Toronto United Mennonite Church, Toronto Minister

Licensed For Specific Ministry

Credential Withdrawn (Non-disciplinary)

Denise Gruber River of Life Fellowship, Kitchener Termination of MCEC

Congregational

Membership Hans Peters Milverton Mennonite Fellowship, Milverton Termination of MCEC

Congregational

Membership

Brian Laverty Credential withdrawn at his request

Placements

Steph Chandler Burns Erb Street Mennonite Church Associate Minister Doug Amstutz Erie View United Mennonite Church Supply Minister Anita Schroeder Kipfer Floradale Mennonite Church Minister Minister

Nancy Frey ◊ Listowel Mennonite Church Chris Hutton Niagara United Mennonite Church Adult Ministries

Daniel Janzen Niagara United Mennonite Church

Ken Driedger North Leamington United Mennonite Church Interim Minister Glenda Ribey Parkwood Mennonite Home Interim Chaplain Melissa Miller Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship Transformational Minister

Laura Mullet Koop The First Mennonite Church Interim Minister Peter Haresnape Toronto United Mennonite Church Minister Marvin Friesen Valleyview Mennonite Church Minister Taucha Inrig ◊ Wideman Mennonite Church Minister Lloyd Oakey Zion Mennonite Fellowship Supply Minister

Ministry Transitions

Concluding Assignments

Lloyd Oakey Calvary Church Ayr Minister

Marvin Friesen Community Mennonite Church of Stouffville and Interim Minister

Rouge Valley Mennonite Church

Youth Worker Kim Rempel Floradale Mennonite Church Clare Lebold Listowel Mennonite Church Interim Minister Waldo Pauls Niagara United Mennonite Church Interim Minister Mesfin Zeme Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship Interim Minister

Doug Amstutz Poole Mennonite Church Minister

Carrie Martens Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church Minister of Faith

Formation

Rudy Baergen Valleyview Mennonite Church Interim Minister

Ken Driedger Wideman Mennonite Church Transformational Interim

Dawne Driedger Wideman Mennonite Church Transformational Interim

Minister Fanosie Legesse Zion Mennonite Fellowship

Pastoral Retirements

Tom Warner Erie View United Mennonite Church Minister

Bev Suderman-Gladwell Parkwood Mennonite Home Chaplain

Deaths

Minister

Minister

Doug Snyder Retired Minister (Erb Street, St. Agatha, Conrad March 10, 2019

Grebel, MCC, MCCO)

Retired Minister (St. Jacobs, Waterloo North, Sue Steiner August 26, 2019

> Jane Finch Faith Community, Riverdale, Nith Valley, Waterloo-Kitchener)

Tilman Martin Retired Minister (St. Jacobs, Waters, December 12, 2019

Église évangélique mennonite de Montréal-Nord)

55 years

Waldemar Regier

40 years

David Epp-Stobbe **Doris Weber** Rod Weber

25 years

John Fast **Ruth Anne Laverty** Ingrid Loepp Thiessen Marianne Mellinger Jan Steckley

10 years

Steve Cox

Jonathan Emerson-Pierce

Ardith Frey Kenneth Gazley Juanita Laverty Nancy Mann Yoel Masyawong **Ross Penner**

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Pastoral Transitions 2019

PLACEMENTS

Community Mennonite Fellowship, Drayton ON Stephanie Ball, *Youth Worker,* January 1 2019

Erie View United Mennonite Church, Port Rowan ON Doug Amstutz, *Supply Pastor*, November 1 2019

Erb Street Mennonite Church, Waterloo ON Steph Chandler Burns, *Associate Pastor*, January 7, 2020

Floradale Mennonite Church, Floradale ON Anita Schroeder Kipfer, *Pastor*, June 1, 2019

Lao Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church, St. Catharines ON Bounnho Phommaseng, *Minister*, January 1, 2019

Listowel Mennonite Church, Listowel ON Nancy Frey, *Pastor,* September 1, 2019

Niagara United Mennonite Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON Chris Hutton, *Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*, April 28, 2019

Niagara United Mennonite Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON Daniel Janzen, Pastor, September 1, 2019

North Leamington United Mennonite Church, Leamington ON Ken Driedger, *Interim Pastor*, September 17, 2019

Parkwood Mennonite Home, Waterloo ON Glenda Ribey, *Interim Chaplain*, May 1, 2019

Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship, Kitchener ON Melissa Miller, *Transformational Pastor,* January 1, 2020

The First Mennonite Church, Vineland ON Laura Mullet Koop, *Interim Pastor*, November 1, 2019

Toronto United Mennonite Church, Toronto ON Peter Haresnape, *Pastor*, November 15 2019

Valleyview Mennonite Church, London ON Marvin Friesen, Pastor, October 1, 2019

Wideman Mennonite Church, Markham ON Taucha Inrig, *Pastor*, June 16, 2019

Zion Mennonite Fellowship, Elmira ON Lloyd Oakey, Supply Pastor, September 22, 2019

STUDY AND OTHER LEAVES

Pastors in Exile, Kitchener ON Jessica Reesor Rempel, *Parental Leave*, April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020

Markham Chinese Mennonite Church, Markham ON Paul Mo, Sabbatical, May 1,2019 - July 31, 2019

Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church, Toronto ON Brian Quan, *Sabbatical*, July 3, 2019 - November 3, 2019

Leamington United Mennonite Church, Leamington ON Mike Williamson, *Parental Leave*, July 20, 2019 - October 28, 2019

North Leamington United Mennonite Church, Leamington ON Alicia Good, *Maternity Leave*, August 1, 2019 - July 31, 2020

CONCLUDING ASSIGNMENTS

Calvary Church Ayr, Ayr On Lloyd Oakey, *Minister*, September 15, 2019

Community Mennonite Church of Stouffville, Stouffville ON and Rouge Valley Mennonite Church, Markham ON Marvin Friesen, *Interim Minister*, September 20, 2019

Erie View United Mennonite Church, Port Rowan ON Tom Warner, *Minister*, Retiring August 1, 2019

Floradale Mennonite Church, Floradale ON Kim Rempel, *Youth Worker*, February 15, 2019

Listowel Mennonite Church, Listowel ON Clare Lebold, *Interim Pastor*, August 31, 2019

Niagara United Mennonite Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake ON Waldo Pauls, *Interim Minister*, August 31, 2019

Parkwood Mennonite Home, Waterloo ON Bev Suderman-Gladwell, *Chaplain*, Retiring April 30, 2019

Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship, Kitchener ON Mesfin Zeme, *Interim Minister*, December 31, 2019

Poole Mennonite Church, Milverton ON Doug Amstutz, *Minister*, January 31, 2019

Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church, Kitchener ON Carrie Martens, *Pastor of Faith Formation*, April 30, 2019

Valleyview Mennonite Church, London ON Rudy Baergen, *Interim Minister*, July 31, 2019

Wideman Mennoite Church, Markham ON Ken Driedger, *Transformational Interim Minister*, June 30, 2019 Dawne Driedger, *Tranformational Interim Minister*, June 30, 2019

Zion Mennonite Fellowship, Elmira ON Fanosie Legesse Wolde, *Pastor*, July 31, 2019

INSTALLATIONS

Floradale Mennonite Church, Floradale, ON Anita Schroeder Kipfer, *Pastor*, June 9, 2019

Listowel Mennonite Church, Listowel, ON Nancy Frey, *Pastor*, September 22, 2019

Niagara United Mennonite Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON Chris Hutton, *Pastor of Youth & Young Adult Ministries,* April 28, 2019

Niagara United Mennonite Church, Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON Daniel Janzen, *Pastor*, September 8, 2019

Valleyview Mennonite Church, London ON Marvin Friesen, *Pastor*, October 6, 2019

Wideman Mennonite Church, Markham, ON Taucha Inrig, *Pastor*, June 16, 2019

CREDENTIALINGS

Len Rempel, St. Agatha Mennonite Church, Baden ON, *Licensed Toward Ordination*, January 20, 2019

Danielle Raimbault, Listowel Mennonite Church, Listowel ON, *Licensed Toward Ordination*, January 27, 2019

Alicia Buhler, Stirling Mennonite Church, Kitchener ON, Ordination, March 24, 2019

Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun, Toronto Mennonite New Life Church, Toronto ON, *Licensed Toward Ordination*, March 24, 2019

Bounnho Phommaseng, Lao Christian Fellowship Mennonite Church, St. Catharines ON, *Licensed Toward Ordination*, April 20, 2019

Jessica Reesor Rempel, Pastors in Exile, Kitchener ON, Ordination, June 9, 2019

CREDENTIAL WITHDRAWN (NON-DISCIPLINARY)

Denise Gruber, River of Life Fellowship, Kitchener ON, *termination of MCEC congregational membership*, May 31, 2019

Hans Peters, Milverton Mennonite Fellowship, Milverton ON, termination of MCEC congregational membership, June 30, 2019

DEATHS

Vernon Brubacher, Retired MCEC minister, January 23, 2019 Formerly at Hillcrest and Hunta Mennonite Churches

Gerald Schwartzentruber, Retired MCEC Minister, January 27, 2019 Formerly at St. Agatha, Wellesley, Hunta Mennonite Churches and chaplain at Nithview Home

Doug Snyder, Retired MCEC Minister, March 10, 2019 Formerly at Erb Street and St. Agatha MC. Also served in Conrad Grebel, MCC, and MCCO.

Sue Steiner, Retired MCEC Minister, August 26, 2019 Formerly at St. Jacobs, Waterloo North, Jane Finch Faith Community, Riverdale, Nith Valley, and Waterloo-Kitchener MC. Also served as Youth Minister and Interim Mission Minister for Mennonite Conference of Ontario and Quebec

Tilman Martin, Retired MCEC Minister, December 12, 2019
Formerly at St. Jacobs, Waters, and Église évangélique mennonite de Montréal-Nord. He and his wife, Janet Martin were pioneer missionaries in Quebec, sent by the Mennonite Board of Missions.

New/Returning Pastors

February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020

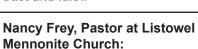
Anita Schroeder Kipfer, Pastor at Floradale Mennonite Church:

I began ministry at Floradale Mennonite Church in June of 2019. While I don't live in the community, one of the highlights so far is being involved in a weekly evening kids' program at FMC called "Hopping Thursdays." Most of the kids who regularly attend live in or around the Floradale community. I lead a creative, enthusiastic junior high group! It's been great getting to know them and developing relationships with the families connected to this program. Many people from the community visited our church over the Christmas season to see our wonderful Bethlehem diorama, built over several months by congregational members who contributed amazing skills and creativity. This project sparked excitement and joy and brought people together in ways we'd not anticipated. God's Spirit surprises with endless possibilities as we step out in trust and faith.



Melissa Miller, Transformational Pastor at Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship:

I am writing these words after just a few weeks in my new assignment as interim transformational pastor at Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship. I have been surprised and delighted by this beginning, occurring just months after I moved to Ontario from Manitoba. I see how God has been at work as lay leaders have co-laboured with their pastors to gather for worship and fellowship. to serve in mission, and to listen for and respond to God's voice. I have been warmly welcomed and see God's hand in my life and that of the congregation as we begin to walk together.

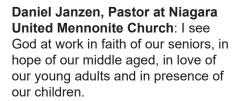


Where two or three are gathered in Jesus' name, breaking bread, worshiping, serving, fellowshipping, there God is present. I rejoice in the many places I catch a glimpse of the holy as I go about my daily duties.



Laura Mullet Koop, Interim Pastor at The First Mennonite Church:

I see God at work in our congregation through the shared commitment of caring for one another through the joys and struggles of life. Being a community where all gifts, skills and voices are valued above difference of opinion or theology is a testament to God's transforming presence.







Peter Haresnape, **Pastor at Toronto United** Mennonite Church (LTO): The Good News is brought through 'Bearing Light: Women in Scripture', preaching from ancient stories of challenge and blessing that are too frequently missed. Good News is heard through reports from Aurora House, supporting people in their journey towards healing and liberation from human trafficking. Good News is shared through active Christian Education for all ages. We are grateful that God's work continues in our congregation, and we pray for the Holy Spirit's guidance in this new year of grace.

New/Returning Pastors

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Credentialed Ministers

Taucha Inrig, Pastor at Wideman Mennonite Church:

I see God at work in our congregation and our community in the many loving exchanges that happen across cultures and generations. When the broken are embraced by those who have experienced healing, when youth are invested in by retirees, or when children are made to feel a valued part of a congregation, we see another little corner of the Kingdom of God revealed. Genuine relationships are lifechanging! In a world plagued by loneliness, it is invigorating to see God's people extending their hands and hearts to embrace the people He places in our lives.



Steph Chandler Burns, Associate Pastor at Erb Street Mennonite Church:

At Erb Street, I am working primarily with the children and youth. I experience God in their questions, their enthusiasm, and their energy. They are excited to learn together, to grapple with difficult topics and to serve others. They ask lots of questions about why church is the way it is, and why the Bible says what it does. They don't take anything as a given, and push me to reassess what is truly important about and meaningful in my own faith, and in our ways of relating to one another and God in the church.





Len Rempel, Pastor at St. Agatha Mennonite Church (Ordination): In my role as pastor of St. Agatha Mennonite, I have felt God at work through the people and their commitment to each other and to God's kingdom. As we gather for worship and our weekly discussion time, it is clear that we are in the presence of God and God's spirit continues to guide us. We have also experienced some pain and loss over the past year and especially during those times God has been faithful and given us the

strength we have needed.



Alicia Buhler, Spiritual Caregiver in Kitchener Waterloo (Ordination): Over the past year since ordination my work and ministry have evolved from a more general spiritual care practice to a focus on supporting women who are experiencing reproductive loss. It has been an honour to accompany many who do not have a source of spiritual/pastoral support and are struggling to make meaning out of their journey with infertility or grief after miscarriage. There aren't easy answers in the darkness that is reproductive loss; however, each day I am invited to hold the Christ Light for these families and maintain hope on their behalf as they move through despair and return to life once again.



Hyung Jin (Pablo) Kim Sun,
Pastor at Toronto Mennonite
New Life Church (LTO): Our
church, Toronto Mennonite New
Life Church, is a small congregation
composed of people from Central
and South America, and many of
us are considered as low-income.
Yet, we are rich in so many ways.
When we gather to worship, our
hearts are filled with God's love

Credentialed Ministers

February 1, 2019 to January 31, 2020

and encouragement. When we share prayer requests and pray for one another, we sense a deep solidarity with each another. When we have a special service, we have guests from all around GTA and our sanctuary gets crowded. We provide food, monetary assistant, and services to those who are in need, but so far, our bank balance has not gone down to zero. In all these different areas of our church's life, we experience God's presence and work. And so as one of our lay leaders, Maciel Hernandez, often says, "God provides."

Bounnho Phommaseng, Pastor at Lao Christian Fellowship

(LTO): God's love, grace and reconciliation come through my personal relationship and meditation when I concentrate on Him. I also experience God's love and grace as it has transformed my life. Therefore serving the congregation and sharing of Christ with the community is a great challenge. I enjoy helping people turn their lives toward Christ and reconciliation with God.



Jessica Reesor Rempel, **Pastor with Pastors in Exile** (Ordination): Through the wonder filled eyes of a baby and a preschooler, I experience God in the simple and intricate things that make up the natural world. I have just returned to my ministry with PiE after taking a one year parental leave. During this time, even as I focused on parenting, I was aware that my calling as pastor is always with me. Participating in a Climate Strike with my partner and kids this past fall, I had the strong sense that God was calling me to pursue



ecological justice both as a parent and as a pastor. I am excited to be back in my role as pastor with PiE and to follow God's leading deeper into this unconventional ministry with young adults.



Nick Schuurman, Pastor at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church (Ordination): In what can feel like anxious and uncertain times for churches, we continue to recognize and celebrate God's presence and work in our midst. To gather each week, as multiple generations; to vision and listen together; to bless our community with programs, events and a space to meet. For these things and more, we are grateful

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Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2019

Mennonite Church Canada gathered in Abbotsford, BC summer 2019 to ignite the imagination of the Church. MCEC sent 25 delegates as Regional Church - MCEC - representatives. Through "firestarter conversations," worship, teaching from Dr. Elaine Heath and connections throughout the weekend, we heard stories that demonstrated how the Spirit is at work in and through faith communities in our nationwide community of faith. Here are some of our delegates reflections.



Igniting the Imagination of the Church

- It felt like a big family reunion
- Pastor Lyne Renaud's (Hochma, Montreal) story impressed me the most. I sobbed when she told us how an addicted man's life was changed.
- Delegates were committed to see the new structure and vision become a reality as we live into God's desired future for the church.
- I was impressed with the diversity of the people who are part of the church. What a gift to us all.
- All weekend discussions took place about what the church will look like in the future and what our part
 of that will be.
- I was moved by Dr. Heath's comments that "the failing, anxious system will crush the innovators
 unless the innovators speak back into the anxious system and reflect back while they're in it, by saying
 'come and see". She said 20% of people in a congregation need to experiment and be open to trying
 something new, that's the tipping point. I felt a renewed sense to stay the course, keep trying new
 things, and trust God.
- God expanded my relationships, broke down my stereotypes and surprised me during the Gathering.
- Connecting with Mennonites across Canada helped me feel positive about the direction we are moving together as a nationwide church.
- It was very moving as the baton of leadership passed to our new Executive Minister, Doug Klassen.
- My attention was pointed toward God in conversations with like-minded people who care about the future of the church.
- I experience God in the informal and social times. There was so much joy in the intergenerational socials (crokinole and coffee house), it felt a little like heaven might be.
- The idea that we are in the front end of a new reformation was inspiring and hopeful.
- We are the people of God, brothers and sisters in Christ, a united family on a journey of discovering what God is doing through God's church.
- I stared to think creatively about how I could get to know my community better. I need to practice neighbouring at home and encourage others to do the same.
- My imagination was ignited when I witnessed members of Mennonite Church Canada listening to one
 another and challenging one another to work for peace and redemption in light of a very difficult history
 and tradition.
- Hearing about small gatherings in specific contexts that were intergenerational and outside of structures re-emphasized that church is the people living out their life in relationship with God and each other.

Mennonite Church Canada Gathering 2019

- Dr. Heath referred to our culture's state of post-Christendom as a reformation that calls us away from "big" and back to the small and the real.
- It was good to hear the update from each mission worker around the world. That was an encouraging and up-lifting message.
- Evangelism is the fruit of true presence, deep listening, wise discernment and loving action.
- We are on the cusp of a new reformation. Look back, remember the story and where you came from, love those who will not change, look forward and innovate.
- Trauma is something we must take seriously if we are to be good neighbours to anyone.
- When we come together in many languages and nations, we look beautiful like a bouquet of flowers. We learn from each other and build each other up.
- · We need to move out of the church walls.
- We are at a tipping point. Being Mennonite is not a cultural group, but rather a diverse spiritual movement. This was evident in the stories and teachings at Gathering 2019.
- I realized how beneficial it is for our churches to communicate and share ideas and resources with one another.
- To see many delegates from many cultures was a great sign. This was the first time that I saw many first generation churches as a part of MC Canada.
- It is a wonderful feeling being part of a nationwide community of faith and being able to have communion and an annointing service together.
- How might my congregation become more welcoming to those who are in need and to those who may not share the same set of experiences?
- I was encouraged to get at the content of faith.
- We need each other. The church is alive.
- Re-imagining how we describe our faith, and seeking to understand how those around us view life
 and faith, will give our conversations about God and spirituality more meaning, causing both parties
 to dig deeper in their understanding.

MCEC Mennonite Church Canada Assembly Delegates

- Gladys Bender, Steinmann Mennonite Church
- Suzanne Bender, Steinmann Mennonite Church
- Ruth Boehm, Faith Mennonite Church (Joint Council)
- Stephanie Chandler Burns, Bloomingdale Mennonite Church
- Tina Charbonneau, North Leamington United Mennonite Church
- · Gord Driedger, Petitcodiac Mennonite Church
- Hannah Geurkink, Montreal Mennonite Fellowship
- Karlie Haining, Vineland United Mennonite Church
- Ernie Harris, Nairn Mennonite Church
- Emily Hunsberger, Shantz Mennonite Church
- Max Kennel, Rainham Mennonite Church
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- David Martin, MCEC Executive Minister
- Gloria Martin, Elmira Mennonite Church
- Yoel Masyawong, Grace Lao Mennonite Church
- Roberson Mbayamvula, Hagerman Mennonite Church
- · Randell Neudorf, The Commons
- J.D. Penner, Toronto United Mennonite Church
- · Brian Quan, Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church
- · Al Rempel, MCEC Staff
- · Lyne Renaud, Hochma
- · Yared Seretse, Meheret Evangelical Church
- Katie Steckly, Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church
- Chung Vang, First Hmong Mennonite Church
- Mesfin Woldearegay, Bethel Ethiopian Evangelical Church

Mennonite Church Canada



Year in Review 2019

Executive Minister Doug Klassen has seen God's presence at work over the past six months:

- in each one of the nine congregations I preached in this past fall (Springstein, Vineland United Mennonite, Langham, Carman, Altona, Springridge, Lethbridge and Orodara and Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso). I experienced a genuine invitation to faith in Jesus Christ and the offer of joining the community as it lives into what God is calling it to be;
- at the Continuing Education Event and Equipping Day hosted by Mennonite Church Saskatchewan in mid-October. It was an excellent time of learning;
- at the Africa Inter-Mennonite Mission partnership council meetings in Bobo-Dioulasso, Burkina Faso. I brought forward several new joint-project ideas thanks to generous donors who wish to see our ministry continue;
- in Joint Council and Executive Staff Group meetings, where
 we are excited to see the vision emerging of who we are
 becoming as a nationwide church. Comprised of faithful
 local congregations, gathered into regional church bodies,
 we come together as Mennonite Church Canada to form a
 people of God through relationship-building, partnership
 and resourcing.

CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre

Overall, we are grateful to report strong numbers in the first three quarters of our current fiscal year which reflect our growing ministry:

- Our sales revenue has grown by 8.2 per cent, including a significant 24 per cent increase in general book sales.
- We expect to again serve over 10,000 retail customers this year (up one per cent from last year's third quarter).
- The number of borrowers has remained the same. The quantity of items borrowed has increased by seven per cent.
- Of items borrowed by Mennonite Church Canada congregations, a record 56 per cent circulated outside Manitoba (up from 49 per cent last year), including increases in MCBC, MCA and MC Sask.

International Witness

International ministry continues in Thailand, South Korea, China and the Philippines through the work of our nine Witness workers and our ministry partners. Please remember in your prayers:

- Dann and Joji Pantoja (Philippines)
- George and Tobia Veith; Jeanette Hanson (China)
- Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park (South Korea)
- Tom and Christine Poovong (Thailand)

International Witness updates from 2019:

- Jason Martin stepped down as director at the end of July 2019. We are thankful for his faithful service during difficult years of transition. Jeanette Hanson is currently interim director.
- Using feedback gained through the formation of the Witness Support Team (WST) model, International Witness is currently transforming WSTs into Networks of sustainable support for our Witness programs. Instead of relying on individual members, these networks will be congregationally based. More information on the Networks is forthcoming in 2020.
- Mennonite Church Canada is exploring new ministry partnerships in Bolivia, Palestine-Israel and Myanmar.

Indigenous-Settler Relations (ISR) Highlights:

- The Treaty Walk (May 31 to June 14), co-created by the Health Sciences Association of Alberta, ISR, and Dr. Pat Makokis, was a two-week-long walk from Edmonton to Calgary to raise awareness of Treaty relationships. Folks on the walk facilitated conversation circles in a dozen churches and community centres by bringing together Indigenous people, union workers and members of faith communities in intercultural and international friendship.
- Three new video resources were created in partnership with ISR: Treaty Walk, This Fight Continues: 262 & The Declaration, and Demand 1: Adopt the Declaration.
- ISR facilitated a delegation of 15 Mennonites from across the country to participate in NAIITS: An Indigenous Learning Community's Symposium on "Land and Place" at Tyndale University College in Toronto, Ont. on June 6-8.
- In support of the Global Climate Strike on Sept. 27, ISR coordinated two interfaith prayer gatherings and helped mobilize Christian communities for participation.
- ISR issued another print run of *Unsettling the Word:* Biblical Experiments in Decolonization. Paperback editions are now available through CommonWord.

For our full report go to https://www.commonword.ca/ ResourceView/66/21909. Blessings to your congregation this New Year!

Sincerely,

Doug Klassen Executive Minister

Mennonite Church Manitoba



Our vision is to be a community of congregations unified in Jesus Christ, living a biblical Anabaptist faith, together presenting Jesus Christ to the world

MCM Congregations

40 Churches20-765 Membership Range7200 Members Total

Congregational Ministry

Worship

- Worship happens regularly at 40 sites in Manitoba, each with it's own uniqueness and beauty.
- Music

Nurture

Children's Ministry

Mission

- Partnership Circles
- · Refugee resettlement
- DVBS

Housing

 Lindenwood Group, Bethel Place, Kingsford House, Bethany Group

Schools

- Westgate Mennonite Collegiate
- Mennonite Collegiate Institute

There is a beautiful concept in our Nation Wide covenant that suggests:

When we focus on the ministry we do together we abandon the thinking that requires each congregation to be totally sufficient on it's own.
We share each others ministry and can bless each other's strengths, and shore up each others weaknesses. This is the Body of Christ!

Our Shared Ministries

Who is sharing?

 In our new structure, the congregations make up Mennonite Church Manitoba (a Regional Church), and the Regional Churches make up Mennonite Church Canada (our Nationwide Church)

Leadership

- Ministerial Leadership Committee
- 90 Pastors
- Education
 - Workshops to provide opportunities for pastors, congregational leaders, young people to grow in their skills, create good and healthy boundaries, and share their ideas

- Safe Church workshops for pastors and leaders; response to trespasses
- Youth and Young Adult

Mission (Regional and Nationwide)

- International Witness
 - connecting support to global ministry
- Indigenous Settler Relationships
- Camping (Camps with Meaning)
 - plans for a major camp development at Camp Assiniboia

Communications and website development

- new MC Canada, MC Manitoba sites soon
- 4 pilot churches and Camps with Meaning in the new

CommonWord (Bookstore and Resource Centre) Canadian Mennonite University

- partnership with Prairie Regional Churches **Budget**
- beginning 2020, the Camp budget will be viewed separately from the MCM budget.

A word of encouragement

This is my last report to you as I have resigned from this role as of summer 2020. In the past 9+ years we have restructured our camping ministry, we have restructured the Nation Wide Church, we have prepared for a redevelopment of Camp Assiniboia, and we have had important and sometimes difficult conversations. In the future I want to encourage you to continue to bless each other in the ministry of your local settings. Your local ministry through worship, nurture, mission, and fellowship is vital to your community but your reach is so much greater than that. Through your fellowship in Christ you share the good news of Jesus all over our



province, our country, and in many other countries. My prayers will always be with you.

Peace, Ken Warkentin

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan



MC Sask Report to Regional Churches

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan (MC Sask) is a community of 27 congregations who have covenanted together to be Christ Centred and Sent. We support each other in ministry, do things together which we cannot do alone, be church together throughout the province and connect to the larger Mennonite Church body through Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite World Conference. We are a mixture of small and large congregations living in urban and rural communities; our smallest being 19 members and our largest 260. About 40 per cent of our congregations average 40 worshipers or less. We are served by 29 active pastors and two chaplains (plus two more on Maternity/Parental Leave). Of this group, 16 are female, 15 are male and 30 per cent are under the age of 40. MC Sask is blessed with this current mix of pastoral leadership who enjoy serving, supporting, and laughing together.

Throughout 2019, MC Sask continued on our three-year *Deepening* journey as we *Deepened our Walk with Each Other*. We walked with each other in a variety of ways:

at our Annual Delegate Session with David Fitch in March;

a worship series based on Fitch's *Faithful Presence* material, developed by several MC Sask pastors (available at mcsask.ca);

Regional Worship Services and a workshop with the *Voices Together* hymnal committee in June; a Continuing Education Event focused on our *Life Together* with Tom Yoder Neufeld in October; and at our annual Equipping Day, in which we engaged our deepening theme.

Outside of these "formal" MC Sask gatherings, we continue to walk with each other when congregations join together for worship services, when pastors gather monthly for Pastor Peer meetings, and when we serve together on Committees and Commissions both within MC Sask and beyond.

In Fall 2019, MC Sask partnered with Canadian Mennonite University and Susanne Guenther Loewen (Co-Pastor at Nutana Park Mennonite Church) to provide a graduate level course called *Peace, Violence & The Atonement.* We are looking forward to continuing this partnership with CMU to provide another graduate level course starting January 9, 2020, called *Mission in Perspective*, led by Josh Wallace.

Looking ahead to 2020, MC Sask is excited to welcome Arli Klassen, Coordinator of Regional Representatives for Mennonite World Conference and Moderator of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, as our guest speaker at the MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions, March 13 and 14, 2020 in Saskatoon. The 2020 ADS theme *Deepening our Walk with Each Other & The World* will conclude this year's focus and move us into *Deepening our Walk with our Neighbours*. This will be a weekend of singing, fellowship and reflection, reminding us we are connected to a worldwide body of faith through Mennonite World Conference. But even more than that, "World" has double meaning in this theme. To quote from the MC Sask *Refresh*, *Refocus*, *Renew* final report:

Deepening our Walk with our Neighbours: We are being called to turn our faces toward the world, working for wholeness (shalom), joy and reconciliation. (year 3). While our whole journey is missional in nature, we want to take time to focus our energies on how we are being called "to love our neighbours as ourselves." What does this look like practically? To what new (or old) thing is God calling us?

As 27 congregations located in 27 neighbourhoods and communities throughout Saskatchewan, we are well placed to bear witness to the grace and peace of Christ in our time.

In Christ, Ryan Siemens

Executive Minister, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Mennonite Church Alberta



January 15, 2020

2019 Annual Report



Executive Council

Brenda Tiessen-Wiens Moderator

Wavne Janz Finance

Elizabeth Wall Secretary

Tim Wiebe-Neufeld Executive

Minister

In community, our twelve n our northern climate, the congregations build a changing of the seasons is a foundation for their identity and natural part of life. The season of find a place of belonging. We waiting for "God with us" is draw on each other's strengths followed by an exploration of and gifts to explore faith, pray, Jesus' manifestation and purpose, celebrate and mourn, become drawing us to a deeper sense of our enlivened, practice generosity, own calling. The nudges and urges and share resources. Community that arise in this season of new is a place to receive and to give. beginnings invite us to live out our It's a place to ask the question, call together with others, in "And who is my neighbour?" and community. "Community" is what then explore the nature and breadth of our neighbourhoods. The richness and fellowship that



MCA Moderator

we experience as members of a regional, nationwide, and global church is a taste of the Kingdom of

Paul Neufeldt Vice-Moderator

MCA is about!

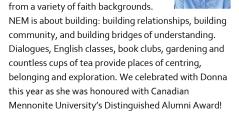
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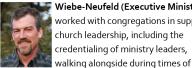
No where are seasons more evident than at Camp Valaqua! Jon Olfert (Director) and Jeff Schellenberg (Manager) provide year-round leadership to Camp, which invited over 2000 people for exploration, renewal,

peace, and inspiration in 2019. Camp provides service and leadership opportunities for a wide range of people. Children of all ages plug into God's creation and develop life-long connections with one another.

Through her work with North Edmonton Ministries (NEM), Donna Entz (Mission Worker) provides opportunities to engage with people



Much of our administrative team's work is behind the scenes to support congregations and to bridge our local, nationwide and global ministries. In 2019, Tim



Wiebe-Neufeld (Executive Minister) worked with congregations in support of church leadership, including the credentialing of ministry leaders,

pastoral transition, and providing resources and guidance during challenges that come with living in community. Tim also liaises with the many ministry arms of the Mennonite Church and works together with the Executive Staff Group (ESG) to shape the work and vision of MC Canada.

MCA congregations have expressed a desire to connect more deeply with one another. We do this when we share about God's presence and leading. You can find MCA, nationwide and international stories by subscribing to The MCA Communiqué (www.mennonitechurch.ab.ca). June Miller (Communications) works at these connections and is involved in the roll-out of new websites for MC Canada, Regional Churches and participating congregations, rolling out February 11, 2020

The third member of our administrative team is Tany



Warkentin (Treasurer). While Tany's tasks largely centre around keeping track of numerical details, her broad perspective provides a bridge between MCA staff, committees and programs,

and also keeps us connected in our relationships and commitments with the nationwide church.

CommonWord

MCA now has a special web page dedicated to resources for

Year 1: Encountering, Embracing, Embodying Christ in life.

www.commonword.ca/ qo/1879

Web Launch

With the new website launching on February 11, MCA will also be changing domain names—something simpler—mcab.ca.

To ease transition, overlap of addresses will occur.

We are moving from **mennonitechurch.ab.ca** to **mcab.ca**

Mennonite Church Alberta

MCA committees* are made up of a dedicated group of 24 volunteers who work with staff to add hands, feet and vision to our ministries. The best place to meet everyone at the same time and discover more about each committee's scope is at our delegate sessions in Edmonton, March 20-21, 2020. Delegate or guest, everyone is invited!

*Committees include: Congregational Leadership, Program & Festival, Community Building, Camp Valagua, Mission & Service, Nominating, Personnel, Finance, & Executive.

Interested in being a part of the bigger vision? Contact Ruth Friesen for more information.

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Pictured: Top to Bottom: Congregational Leadership, Community Building, Mission & Service, Executive

In 2018 and 2019, the Vision 20/20 process led us through a deeper understanding of our time and place in the cycles of the Church. Vision



Gatherings were both reflective and stimulating. We're excited about Vision outcomes and possibilities that the next three years will offer as we explore, "Encountering, Embracing, Embodying Christ in life, in community, in the world." Watch for reflections and opportunities to delve into "Deepening our faith; engaging in prayer and spiritual practices" throughout 2020. Resources are available on our website.





Mennonite Church Canada Our nationwide community of faith

Our nationwide church

Through MC Canada, we work with other Regional Churches to do programs such as International Witness and Indigenous Settler Relations. In addition to nine Witness Workers in four countries, we work with mission partners to support ministries in seven additional locations. We partner with Canadian Mennonite University to offer an array of resources through CommonWord, we support education and leadership development at our Anabaptist/Mennonite educational institutions, we are a resource to pastors and church leaders, and we participate in ecumenical gatherings. We relish the relationships that help us to grow in our global community!

Thank You!

Invariably, when I meet the people of MCA at meetings, at faith studies, congregational celebrations, Trivia Nights or equipping sessions, I see eyes spark, I hear creative ideas, and I become fired with a shared energy and passion. Whether we're talking about personal spiritual journeys, congregational outreach, or relationship boundaries, people are striving to learn from each other and to grow together. Our seasons and our journeys are not ours to walk alone. Through the church we bind ourselves to one another. Thank you for being church together!

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2019 **Bursary Recipients**



Each year Mennonite Church Alberta offers bursaries to post-secondary students attending an Anabaptist institution. The application deadline each year is July 31. Watch the website for 2020-2021 school year application.

The recipients for 2019-2020 school year are as follows: Top row: Anne Retzlaff—CBC; Jaden Krahn—CMU; Bradley Wiebe— CMU; Middle row: Claire Dueck—CBC; Bryant Neufeldt—CMU; Bottom row: Olivia Neufeldt—CMU; Cassidy Brown—CMU; Darian Weibe Neufeld—CMU

> Trivia Night Feb 8 A Camp Valaqua Fundraiser Calgary and Edmonton

MCA Women's Retreat June 5-7 Sunnyside Retreat Centre

Sylvan Lake, AB

Annual Delegate Sessions March 20-21

First Mennonite Church Edmonton, AB

Visit mcab.ca for more details

Mennonite Church British Columbia

The MENNONITE CHURCH BRITISH COLUMBIA (MCBC) Story for 2019 Submitted by Garry Janzen

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

The primary role of MCBC is to partner with and provide resources for our local MCBC congregations in order that they may thrive. Mennonite Church British Columbia exists to help congregations be *Anabaptist, Missional,* and *Connected.*

As an initiative to develop our capacity in being a missional Anabaptist church, eight representatives from MCBC participated in a Nationwide Mennonite Church Mission Consultation in Calgary at the end of March. A piece that we took home to remember and work on in MCBC is that we are a people who are the dearly loved of God. Betty Pries, a speaker at the consultation, said that we are in a season of reknitting our relationship with God. A sobering reflection shared by Jared Siebert, another one of the resource people, is that while we are planting and watering, God is not giving the growth - God is not giving an increase to our efforts. It is not because we are unfaithful that we are not seeing the growth in our churches that we would hope for. In fact, this could be a time when we are most ready to see God working.

A 2019 highlight for MCBC was to host the first Mennonite Church Canada Nationwide Gathering since restructuring in 2017. This was held on the July long weekend in Abbotsford. Fire starters were a great feature of the Gathering. These were brief stories of how God is igniting the imagination of the church in different ways and in many places across the country – as pointers to the local congregation as the place where the real life of the church happens.

In our International Witness connection, we are growing a relationship with Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam and Mennonite Cambodia Church. In late March, I spent five days in Phnom Penh, Cambodia, teaching the Mennonite Cambodia Church congregation what it means to be an Anabaptist Christian. I spent five more days doing the same teaching in Ho Chi Minh City with 45 pastors, representing 40 congregations of the Evangelical Mennonite Church Vietnam. Five of these pastors from Vietnam attended the closing service of the Nationwide Gathering in Abbotsford. We now have one MCBC congregation exploring a relationship with the Vietnam church.

The proposal is to sell the property of the former Clearbrook Mennonite Church. Our delegates called for MCBC to put forward a plan as to how the resulting funds would be used before voting positively on the proposal to sell. The Funds Discernment Task Group has been testing ideas with the MCBC constituency; they will be bringing a plan for the funds to the MCBC Annual Gathering in February of 2020.

Five years ago, MCBC went through a reimagining process that came up with three key themes that represent our values: Anabaptist Identity, Missional Community and Building Connections. A task group has been working at restructuring MCBC's ministries to reflect these themes. There is also an emphasis to be more efficient with our call for volunteers and to make each position more meaningful. Our aim is to have a more functional structure.

We said goodbye to Church of the Way in Granisle, as they have joined another denomination. We are also bringing forward an application from a new Vietnamese congregation seeking to join MCBC.

Mennonite Church British Columbia

We are in the midst of many pastoral transitions in our congregations, and we are walking with them in discerning new leadership. With this comes much valuable time spent in prayer, interviews and installation services. We are also working with our congregations towards having all our pastors credentialled. We have two credentials: Ordination and Licencing for Specific Ministry.

We had a wonderful time with Meghan Larissa Good, author of <u>The Bible Unwrapped: Making Sense of Scripture Today</u> as our resource person at our annual Pastor/Spouse Retreat.

Our key theme of building connections with and among our congregations happened through: our Symphony of Hymns fundraising concerts with Calvin Dyck, gatherings with our congregational chairs, a Peace Sunday Service that brought together five Vancouver area congregations, and building relationships with our Indigenous neighbours through the work of Bridget Findlay in our partnership with Mennonite Central Committee British Columbia (MCC BC). We are also seeking to be meaningfully present where there have been strained relationships.

It makes sense that there would be an Anabaptist presence in every community in BC. We are not quite there yet. In our exploration of a potential church plant in Powell River, we learned that they aren't looking to have a Mennonite congregation, but there is an Anabaptist presence through those who are involved with the MCC BC Thrift Shop.

I just want to close with a word of appreciation for Ken Ha. He is the chair of our Church Health Committee. He has been working hard at recruiting new committee members. He is always available for a new pastor or credentialing interview. He has travelled with me to many church visits around BC; he has gone to worship with congregations on his own, and he is always willing to help out where he can. Thanks Ken.

In 2020, we are looking forward to learning about Mental Health at our LEAD Conference on February 28th. We are also looking forward to providing a taste of the global Anabaptist-Mennonite church in Abbotsford on March 28–29, 2020. This is part of a series of annual events around the world in preparation for the Mennonite World Conference Renewal 2027 gathering. Hopefully many of you can join in these opportunities.

MCEC Community of Congregations

- 1. Agape Fellowship
- 2. Avon Mennonite Church
- 3. Bethany Mennonite Church
- 4. Bethel Ethiopian Evangelical Church
- 5. Bethel Mennonite Church
- 6. Blenheim Ecumenical House Church
- 7. Bloomingdale Mennonite Church
- 8. Breslau Mennonite Church
- 9. Brussels Mennonite Fellowship
- 10. Cassel Mennonite Church
- 11. Chin Christian Church
- 12. Church of the Living Word in Ottawa
- 13. Community Mennonite Church, Stouffville
- 14. Community Mennonite Fellowship
- 15. Crosshill Mennonite Church
- 16. Danforth Mennonite Church
- 17. East Zorra Mennonite Church
- 18. Elmira Mennonite Church
- 19. Erb Street Mennonite Church
- 20. Erie View United Mennonite Church
- 21. Faith Mennonite Church
- 22. Famille Assemblée de la Grâce
- 23. First Hmong Mennonite Church
- 24. First Mennonite Church
- 25. Floradale Mennonite Church
- 26. Freedom Gospel Ethiopian Church
- 27. Goshen Mennonite Church
- 28. Grace Christian Church
- 29. Grace Lao Mennonite Church
- 30. Grace Mennonite Church
- 31. Grace New Life Mennonite Church
- 32. Hagerman Mennonite Church
- 33. Hamilton Mennonite Church
- 34. Hanover Mennonite Church
- 35. Harrow Mennonite Church
- 36. Hawkesville Mennonite Church
- 37. Hillcrest Mennonite Church
- 38. Hochma
- 39. Hunta Mennonite Church
- 40. Kitchener Emmanuel Church
- 41. KW House Church
- 42. Lao Canadian Evangelical Mennonite Church
- 43. Lao Christian Fellowship
- 44. Leamington United Mennonite Church
- 45. Listowel Mennonite Church
- 46. Mannheim Mennonite Church
- 47. Markham Chinese Mennonite Church
- 48. Markham Christian Worship Centre
- 49. McArthurs Mills Christian Fellowship
- 50. MDM Joliette

- 51. Medahnialem Ethiopian Evangelical Church
- 52. Meheret Evangelical Church
- 53. Mennonite Fellowship of Montreal
- 54. Mississauga Mennonite Fellowship
- 55. Nairn Mennonite Church
- 56. Niagara United Mennonite Church
- 57. Nith Valley Mennonite Church
- 58. North Leamington United Mennonite Church
- 59. Open Table
- 60. Oromo Evangelical Church of Ottawa
- 61. Ottawa Mennonite Church
- 62. Petitcodiac Mennonite Church
- 63. Pioneer Park Christian Fellowship
- 64. Poole Mennonite Church
- 65. Preston Mennonite Church
- 66. Rainham Mennonite Church
- 67. Refuge de Paix
- 68. Rockway Mennonite Church
- 69. Rouge Valley Mennonite Church
- 70. Shalom Worship and Healing Centre
- 71. Shantz Mennonite Church
- 72. Soul House Connect City
- 73. St. Agatha Mennonite Church
- 74. St. Catharines United Mennonite Church
- 75. St. Jacobs Mennonite Church
- 76. Steinmann Mennonite Church
- 77. Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church
- 78. Tavistock Mennonite Church
- 79. The Commons
- 80. The First Mennonite Church
- 81. The Gathering Church
- 82. The Network Church
- 83. Toronto Chinese Mennonite Church
- 84. Toronto Mennonite New Life Church
- 85. Toronto United Mennonite Church
- 86. Tree of Life/Arbre de Vie
- 87. Valleyview Mennonite Church
- 88. Vineland United Mennonite Church
- 89. Wanner Mennonite Church
- 90. Warden Underground Connect City
- 91. Waterloo North Mennonite Church
- 92. Waterloo-Kitchener United Mennonite Church
- 93. Waters Mennonite Church
- 94. Wellesley Mennonite Church
- 95. West Hills Mennonite Fellowship
- 96. Westview Christian Fellowship
- 97. Wideman Mennonite Church
- 98. Wilmot Mennonite Church
- 99. Windsor Mennonite Fellowship
- 100. Zion Mennonite Fellowship