



# MCEC 2017 in Review



## ARRIVING HOME!

“Today it feels like we are arriving home.”

- Caleb Ratzlaff, Westview Christian Fellowship

**F**ive congregations declared MCEC as their “tribe” this past year.

Received as emerging congregations: *Hochma*, an emerging faith community in Montreal, QC; *Meheret Evangelical Church*, an established Ethiopian congregation in Kitchener, ON; *Oromo Evangelical Church of Ottawa*; and *Westview Christian Fellowship*, a parish congregation in St. Catharines, ON.

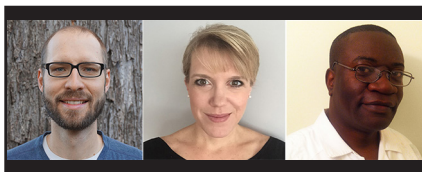
*Lao Canadian Evangelical Mennonite Church* in Toronto formalized their full membership. Always a highlight of Annual Church Gathering, each congregation blessed MCEC through prayer and, this year, a unique blessing in song from five men from Meheret Evangelical Church.

MCEC walks with many congregations in the area of church growth and adoption.



### Working Into Our New Mennonite Church Canada

**W**e came together across Canada as 94% of Mennonite Church Canada delegates voted in favour of a new structure for MC Canada. Executive Staff Group (MCEC: David Martin), Joint Council (MCEC: Paul Wideman, Alicia Good and chair, Calvin Quan) and Communicators (MCEC: Lisa Williams, Brent Charette) have already begun working together with their colleagues across Canada to strengthen our nationwide ministry. Congregations will play a pivotal role in determining our collective ministry across Canada.



### Regional Ministry Strengthened in MCEC

**T**hree Regional Ministry Associates were hired in fall of 2017 to strengthen regional ministry. Kevin Derksen will work with the central portion of MCEC, Cathrin van Sintern-Dick will focus on the western part, and Roberson Mbayamvula will relate to congregations in the eastern part of MCEC. Collectively they will connect with congregations that are geographically distant from an MCEC cluster. They work alongside Al Rempel, Regional Minister, and Henry Paetkau, Church Leadership Minister, providing support to congregational and pastoral leaders.

### Quick Facts

#### 108 Faith Communities

- 88 Congregations
- 13 Emerging Congregations
- 7 Church Plants

#### Pastors

- 319 Pastors
- 123 Congregational Pastors
- 18 Chaplains
- 15 Interim Pastors
- 14 pastoral placements in 2017
- 8 ordained & licenced in 2017

#### Events at a Glance

- 329 captivated at **Annual Church Gathering** by stories from ReLearning Community & music from Rescue Junction.
- 17 pastors supported through **Transitioning into Ministry**.
- 136 **youth and jr. youth** impacted through retreats focused on God and peace.
- **School for Ministers** encouraged 107 pastors to embrace their humanity as they minister.
- **Make a Difference Day** engaged 109 junior youth and sponsors.
- **Lebold Banquet** inspired 77 supporters of leadership development and Anabaptist Learning Workshop.
- 192 **congregational leaders** gathered for a day on befriending death.

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