



2018 in Review

Extending the Peace of Jesus Christ
making disciples • growing congregations • forming leaders

MCEC is 12,500 people in 109 faith communities together extending the peace of Jesus Christ through making disciples, growing congregations and forming leaders. Alongside Mennonite Church Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta and British Columbia we are part of a nationwide community of faith reaching out with God’s love to our neighbours locally, nationwide and globally.

Famille Assemblée de la Grâce joined our community of congregations this past year. Under leadership of Pastor Westerne, this congregation of 70 people worship in the Creole language in Montreal. They have a strong calling to minister to Haitian people both here in Canada and in the Caribbean. Pastor Westerne says, “I want to teach this Good News so that the freedom that we have can free others too.”

Matu-Chin Christian Church also joined our family this past year. Now known as Kitchener Emmanuel Church, this congregation of 14 adults and 16 children meet at First Mennonite Church in Kitchener, Ontario on Sunday mornings. “Keep us in your prayers,” Pastor Thingsai asks. “We are a very small group. We want to walk together with MCEC. We want to be together as a partner, like a friend. We don’t want to be alone.”

MCEC commissioned Theatre of the Beat, a Canadian touring theatre company, in the production of **#ChurchToo** because we are committed to supporting congregations to ensure that they are safe for everyone. **#ChurchToo** explores the struggle of wading into the realities of sexual assault and examines the difficulties of speaking out, bringing to life stories about hidden trends within our church communities. Twenty shows were held in congregations and communities across Canada.



Pastor Westerne (at podium) shares on behalf of Famille Assemblée de la Grâce along with Pastor Thingsai (to right) and members of Kitchener Emmanuel Church as both joined MCEC this past year.

MCEC at a Glance



Faith Communities

109 Faith Communities
103 Congregations
6 Church Plants



Pastors

122 Congregational Pastors
17 Chaplains
14 Interim Pastors
25 Ministers with Youth Responsibility

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Some other highlights:

- We released the **Hakha-Chin translation of the Confession of Faith in an Anabaptist Perspective**. “The confession of faith has been translated into many languages,” said Cung Lian Bik. “It was time for my people to read it in their own language.” Cung Lian Bik and Jehu Lianching from Chin Christian Church spent countless hours carefully translating and editing this confession into Hakha-Chin.
- We were excited to hire Jean Lehn Epp as **interim coordinator of youth ministry resources**. She connects congregations with youth ministry resources and promotes annual events for the training of youth, pastors, youth workers, sponsors and parents. “I am very excited to be laying the groundwork for networking and sharing of youth ministry resources within the MCEC church family,” says Jean.
- “I do not take lightly the sacred trust that I am being given,” says Marilyn Rudy-Froese, **church leadership minister**. Marilyn began her ministry with MCEC this past year. She supports and encourages strong pastoral, chaplain and congregational leadership throughout MCEC.
- More than 25 congregations intentionally explore being disciples, making disciples and building relationships with God, each other and the world through **ReLearning Community**.
- Many workshops held for pastors and congregational leaders through the **Anabaptist Learning Workshop**, now in its fourth year. School for Ministers provided three days of discovery as pastors sought to understand and embrace the Word of God together. Congregational leaders, pastors and chaplains gathered in January for a day of examining the skills and the spirituality of listening for God in spiritual formation, the biblical stories, intercultural dynamics, in pastoral care, in the context of congregational conflict, to the elderly, and the role of listening in worship.
- **Transitioning into Ministry (TiM)** continues to provide support to new or returning pastors to MCEC.



*Jehu Lianching and Cung Lian Bik
Translators and Editors*



Community Mennonite Fellowship explores disciple making at ReLearning Community.

We anticipate God’s continued faithfulness as we discern God’s leading and engage our world with the peace of Jesus Christ.

Sincerely,

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