

Finding God In My Neighbourhood

The God who made the world and everything
in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does
not live in temples built by human hands.
Acts 17:24

MCEC 29th Annual Church Gathering
April 29 & 30, 2016

UMEI Christian High School
614 Mersea Rd. 6, Leamington, Ontario



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Facility/Logistical Information



Emergency Telephone

519.781.5197



Evaluation

An evaluation form will arrive by email within the week. We would appreciate if you would take a few moments to complete it.



Information Poly Envelope

Please help us recycle the poly envelopes. At the end of the Gathering, please remove the contents and leave the empty envelope in the box by the doors.



MCEC in Ministry Congregational Mailing

Please ensure that your congregation's mailing has been picked up. Pick-up is located at the registration table.



Medical Assistance

If you require medical assistance, contact someone wearing a red apron who will direct you to our nurse, Gladys Bender.



Name Tags

Please help us recycle the name tag holders. At the end of the Gathering please remove the white name tag from the holder, wrap and tuck the string inside and leave in the box by the doors.



Offering

Please find offering envelopes in the offering basket on your table.

To use your credit card:

- Fill out the form provided in the offering basket at your table and put in an offering envelope.
- Make a donation at registration table.
- Go to www.mcec.ca and make your donation through the *Donate* button on the home page.



Photos

Photographs will be taken for MCEC purposes. Please speak with the photographer, Jennifer Kellner, or someone with a red apron if you have a concern.



Prayer Room

Thank you to the Mennonite Spiritual Directors of Eastern Canada who are providing prayer support for this weekend. The prayer room is open to everyone and is located in the library on the 2nd floor as indicated on the floor plan on page 22. and is available to everyone for quiet



Red Aprons

If you have a question or need assistance, people wearing red aprons are here to assist you in any way that they can.



Twitter

Look for **@extendthepeace** and use hashtag **#Godintheworld** to share your reflections electronically.

How We Communicate



How We Communicate — Sharing Our Wisdom

- » Please treat each other with respect in Christian love.
- » Identify yourself and your congregation/organization before making your remarks.
- » Direct your remarks to the moderator and speak for yourself only, unless specifically commissioned to speak for a group. If so, name the group.
- » Clarify whether you support the motion on the floor or have a different view.
- » Keep your remarks brief to allow others time to speak.
- » Allow everyone who wants to speak an opportunity to do so before speaking a second time to the same motion.
- » Floor privileges are extended to all attendees.
- » Voting privileges are reserved for delegates.



Parliamentarian

Sam Steiner is our parliamentarian and will advise us on procedural process when necessary.

Friday Evening Worship (6:45 - 9:00 p.m.)

Worship Leader
Music Leader

Vic Winter, Pastor, Leamington United Mennonite Church
David Dyck, Pastor, Leamington United Mennonite Church

6:00 p.m. Registration and Refreshments

6:45 p.m. Gathering Music
with Leamington United Mennonite Church and Levite Choir

7:00 p.m. Welcome David Martin, Executive Minister

Opening Worship

Finding God in My Neighbourhood



Stuart Murray



Alex Ellish

Table Discussion and Reflection

Congregational Anniversaries/Staff Changes

MCEC Discernment

2015/16 Financial Statements

Paul Wideman, Moderator
Lloyd Redekopp, Administrative & Financial Services Council
Sean East, Financial Manager

Approval of Auditors

Offering - *see offering note on page 4*

Levite Choir

Brian Quan, Assistant Moderator

Closing Worship

9:00 p.m. Continuing the Fellowship
Reception and Refreshments

Congregational Anniversaries

Grace New Life Mennonite Church 25 years



West Hills Mennonite Fellowship 25 years



Refuge de paix 10 years



Motions

1. Adoption of the Financial Statements FYE January 31, 2016

MOTION: "That we accept the audited financial statements for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2016 as printed."

2. Approval of Auditors

MOTION: "That we appoint PricewaterhouseCoopers as auditors for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2017."

3. Minutes of 2015 Annual Church Gathering

MOTION: "That we accept the minutes of the 28th annual meeting of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, held April 24 - 25, 2015."

4. Approval of Executive Council Actions for 2015-2016

MOTION: "That we approve all actions taken by the MCEC Executive Council for the year May 2015 to April 2016."

5. Future Directions Task Force

MOTION: "That MCEC adopt the directions set by the Future Directions Task Force Report and collaborate with MC Canada and the other Area Churches to implement a newly reorganized national body along the lines envisioned in the task force report, with its purpose being the resourcing of the Area Churches so that they can better respond to God's call to equip our congregations for the living out and sharing of the peace of Jesus Christ with our local and global neighbours."

6. Approval of MCEC Spending Plan for 2016-2017

MOTION: "That we accept the 2016-2017 spending plan as printed on pages 40 - 43 in the *Discernment Documents*."

7. Approval of Slate

MOTION: "That we accept the 2016-2017 Slate as presented."

Saturday Morning Worship (8:45 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)

Worship Leader
Music Leader

Alicia Good, Pastor, North Leamington United Mennonite Church
Jim Wiebe

8:00 a.m. Registration & Refreshments

8:45 a.m. Gathering Music

9:00 a.m. - Opening Worship
Welcome

Paul Wideman, Moderator

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Stuart Murray



Alex Ellish

MCEC Discernment

Introduction of Executive Council
Minutes/Executive Council Actions
Introduction of Slate of Volunteers

Brian Quan, Assistant Moderator
Shirley Redekop, Executive Council
Jeff Taylor, Gift Discernment Committee

MCEC Initiatives

Ministry Transitions
New Approach to Congregational Ministries
Sacred Trust
Table Discussion and Reflection

Henry Paetkau, Area Church Minister
David Martin, Executive Minister
David Martin

10:35 a.m. Break

MCEC Discernment

Future Directions Task Force - Part 1
Spending Plan/Budget

Paul Wideman, David Martin
Willard Metzger, MC Canada Executive Director
Brent Charette, Operations and Church Engagement Minister
Sean East, Financial Manager

Celebration of the MCEC Community of Congregations

Shalom Worship & Healing Centre

Offering- *see offering note on page 4*

Grace for Noon Meal

Brian Quan
Brian Bauman, Mission Minister
Alicia Good

12:15 p.m. Lunch

Meet New MCEC Volunteers

Kevin Derksen Leadership Council



Kevin is on the pastoral team at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church with a focus on Christian Formation. He has worked with local and wider church boards and councils, including MCEC. He desires to help MCEC hold its diversity together, learn from each other, and be the church across congregations.

Steve Drudge Delegate to MC Canada Assembly



Steve is part of the pastoral team at Steinmann Mennonite Church. As Lead and Christian Witness Pastor, he likes seeing people discover the joy of following Jesus, engaging in God's mission, and growing in leadership.

Cate Falconer Conrad Grebel University College Board



Cate attends Hagerman Mennonite Church and is an Educational Consultant. She is very involved in congregational ministry and was an original committee member/staff for Ontario Mennonite Music Camp, which is held at Conrad Grebel. She has a strong background in teaching and has a passion for Arts programming and has been involved in leadership for various arts camps and organizations.

Ryan Jantzi Delegate to MC Canada Assembly



Ryan is pastor at Kingsfield - Zurich Mennonite Church. Formerly he was a church planter with Kingsfield - Clinton and has been a mentor to young dads through the Room2Grow Pregnancy and Family Resource Centre in Clinton, ON.

Wendy Janzen Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Board



Wendy is part of the pastoral team at St. Jacobs Mennonite Church. Ever since her own experience of attending a Mennonite camp in Saskatchewan, she has seen the value of camping ministry. She looks forward to supporting MCEC in being attentive to how God is calling us to engage in building the Kingdom of God in our congregations, our organizations, and beyond to the world around us.

Meet New MCEC Volunteers

Cameron Kaufman-Frey Delegate to MC Canada Assembly



Cameron is pastor at Community Mennonite Church in Stouffville. He brings a great richness to his role from his years of voluntary service, his knowledge of discipleship and reconciliation, and his pastoral leadership training.

Maxwell Kennel Conrad Grebe University College Board



Maxwell is a Doctoral Student in Theology. He has been involved with pastoral ministry at Steinmann, Crosshill and Rainham Mennonite churches and has preached in several MCEC congregations. His interest is in the future of Mennonite higher education at the university level, particularly in the future of Mennonite history and theology.

Brian Koop Administrative & Financial Services Council



Brian attends Vineland United Mennonite Church and is an accounting technician and bookkeeper by vocation. He remembers many family vacations to church-wide conferences and has worked on church committees since his youth. He believes it is important for MCEC to be relevant in a changing world while staying true to our Anabaptist beliefs.

Anneli Loepp Thiessen Delegate to MC Canada Assembly



Anneli is active at The Gathering Church as a worship leader and in areas of Christian formation. She has been a part of the Emerging Voices Initiative, a group of young people responding to the Future Directions Task Force documents.

Elizabeth Loewen Andrews Ontario Mennonite Music Camp Board



Elizabeth attends Toronto United Mennonite Church. At the age of three she informed her parents that she wanted to play the violin. Now an accomplished violinist, Elizabeth has a Master of Music Performance from the University of Toronto and is a core member of the Hamilton Philharmonic Orchestra.

Meet New MCEC Volunteers

Randell Neudorf

Delegate to MC Canada Assembly



Randell is a bi-vocational pastor serving at The Commons in Hamilton, ON. He is a visual artist, musician, and youth outreach worker involved with many organizations and initiatives, including *Re-create*, an art studio that ministers to at-risk youth.

Don Neufeld

Delegate to MC Canada Assembly



Don is a member of Bethany Mennonite Church, serving on the church board, teaching Sunday school, and preaching. He is a social worker and therapist. Don has served for many years with MCEC as a representative to Canadian Mennonite University.

Ken Ogasawara

Mennonite Central Committee Ontario Board



Ken is a member at Shantz Mennonite Church and is involved with worship in that congregation. He has worked with MCEC and other organizations providing expertise in digital story-telling and documentary filmmaking. He would like to see MCEC thrive through a vibrant, multi-generational constituency that cares about the needs of the world around us.

Carol Penner

Gift Discernment Committee



Carol worships at St. Catharines United Mennonite Church. She has a passion for church ministry as shown by her great involvement in her local congregation and in the wider church body. She has been a part of the MCEC Gift Discernment Committee in previous years and returns with her experience and knowledge.

Meet New MCEC Volunteers

Richard Ratzlaff Leadership Council



Richard is a member of Toronto United Mennonite Church and is an editor with the University of Toronto Press. He has been extensively involved in his local congregation, as well as the global Church. In his new role he hopes to encourage pastors in MCEC to accept the call to be servant leaders in all areas and seeks to nurture the dynamic, educated, discerning leadership that the Church needs to thrive.

Emily Rempel Delegate to MC Canada Assembly



Emily has just finished her first year at Canadian Mennonite University in Winnipeg, ON. She is a member of East Zorra Mennonite Church and is excited to be a delegate to this year's MC Canada Assembly because she is deeply interested in the issues the church is facing today.

Robert Tiessen Administrative & Financial Services Council



Robert attends Toronto United Mennonite Church and is a retired Actuary. He has been involved with his local congregation and is on the board of Mennonite New Life Centre of Toronto. He is interested in financial reporting and operating measures and brings his great experience to support congregations in pastoral work, education, and operations.

Louise Wideman Leadership Council



Louise is pastor at Vineland United Mennonite Church. Her desire is that MCEC continue to equip and nurture strong pastoral leadership who will in turn equip and inspire congregations with people whose faith is deeply rooted and growing.

Future Directions Task Force

Summary Report to Congregations

Re: Future Directions Task Force Consultations in MCEC

Introduction

The report submitted to Mennonite Church Canada congregations by the Future Directions Task Force (FDTF) calls for a renewal of vision and organizational structure to undergird the mission of the church in the context of an increasingly secular society in Canada.

The intention of the FDTF report was to breathe new life into our Mennonite Church Canada vision: ***“God calls us to be followers of Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit to grow as communities of grace, joy and peace so that God’s healing and hope flow through us to the world.”*** In order to share the peace of Jesus Christ in a secular society, the church is called to re-own its identity as followers of Jesus and to boldly live out God’s peace in our faith communities, local neighbourhoods and the global community. The FDTF report challenges the Mennonite church in Canada to deep transformation at all levels – individual and congregational as well as adapting our current organizational structures to more effectively support the new challenges that are being experienced by congregations and the wider church.

Preparing for Discernment Conversations at the MCEC Annual Church Gathering

In order to use our time well when we gather in Leamington on April 29 and 30, the Executive Council is requesting that delegates spend some time reviewing this report individually and collectively. The primary affirmations and concerns have been named in the consultation meetings and our time will be best spent reviewing these rather than re-naming them. You are also reminded to view the advance video on future directions that was forwarded to delegates and is available on the MCEC website.

Delegates will be asked to rank the above affirmations and concerns during table discussions, so it will be helpful to give this some advance thought. Delegates will also be asked if there is something significant that is missing in the affirmations and concerns.

MCEC Executive Council Commitment

The Executive Council recommends the adoption of the directions of the FDTF report by MCEC delegates. We are committed, however, to ensure that the concerns and affirmations raised at the Consultations are clearly represented at the national level and will request that they be given careful consideration and evaluation as next steps are being framed. In addition, The Executive Council commits to providing regular ongoing communication and information to congregations as the national process unfolds.

Regional Consultations

Given the importance of this new direction, the MCEC Executive Council made a decision to invite as many congregations as possible to offer feedback through regional consultations. From the end of February to the beginning of April, six regional consultations were held across MCEC. There was excellent participation from the 60 congregations that were able to participate. Attendance was strong across MCEC with many gatherings having 30 to 60 people present.

David Martin, MCEC Executive Minister, and Willard Metzger, Executive Director for MC Canada, summarized the directions being proposed and participants were invited to share their affirmations, counsel, and concerns. (Information can be found on the MCEC website under Future Directions Task Force – www.mcec.ca.)

The tone of the gatherings was one of strong engagement with deep passion expressed for the health of the local, regional, national and global church. Amidst both excitement and apprehension, participants expressed affirmation for new directions as well as registered concern for retaining the best of what is currently in place. In all, participants recognized the need to change and the desire to adapt to the new realities that are confronting the church.

Future Directions Task Force

Consultation Feedback

Participants in the consultations asked many probing questions, requested clarification of what was intended in the FDTF documents, and shared their affirmations and concerns with David and Willard. Some of the key themes that emerged over the course of the consultations are as follows:

Affirmations ...

- The vision for congregations to increasingly become centres of mission as well as communities of worship, faith formation, and pastoral care.
- The emphasis on being engaged in the neighbourhood and getting outside of our comfortable church communities.
- Making disciples and witnessing to our faith needs to happen within the church **and** in the local neighbourhood.
- Focus on supporting and equipping congregations for health and vitality.
- Adapting our current organizational structures and finances to the current realities.
- The need to let some things die in order for new things to emerge.
- Championing a strong national identity as a people of Anabaptist Mennonite faith.
- Fostering relationships across the country between pastors and lay leaders through biennial gatherings and study conferences.
- Decentralizing resources to congregations while maintaining a strong sense of being a national church.
- The need for wider church structures to be financially sound.

Concerns and Cautions ...

- Strong affirmation was expressed for international witness. Concerns were expressed regarding an over reliance on short-term versus long-term term relationships, ensuring good mechanisms for congregations to become aware and engaged, and a call to retain a strong facilitation role at the national level for screening and evaluating invitations to partner internationally.
- Governance cautions in relation to a new organizational model were expressed: How will the new body be governed? What is the role of congregations? Is there an over reliance on staff and boards? How will issues of power and accountability be managed?
- The language in the report describing congregation as the foundational unit of the church was questioned by some. How are we also church at the regional, national, and international level?
- Congregations need to be supported - they can't do this on their own. We need to work together.
- How do we manage theological diversity across the country?
- As the largest Area Church, MCEC should play a supporting role for smaller Area Churches.
- How will we work at fostering and retaining a sense of identity as a national church?
- How can consultants, especially from the business sector support these changes?
- Is there a risk of just focusing on regional agenda? How can we ensure that each Area Church doesn't just go off on its own?
- We would like to see more concrete details regarding structure, staffing and finances. The process would feel better if we were consulted again once more details are confirmed.

Call to Prayer

The Executive Council requests that each congregation in MCEC supports this discernment process in prayer prior to the Annual Church Gathering as well as over the coming year.

New Congregation

Shalom Worship & Healing Centre

Pastor: Jonathan Abrahams

See page 44 in Discernment Documents Booklet



Litany of Response for Welcoming New Congregation

Leader: These persons now presented to you have witnessed to their faith in Jesus Christ and offer themselves as companions in our obedience to Christ. It is our privilege and joy to welcome them into our family of faith.

People: **We freely receive you, even as Christ has received us.**
We open ourselves to fellowship with you in worship, study, service, and discipline.
We pledge our willingness to give and receive counsel and to offer and accept forgiveness in the redeemed community.
We joyfully accept you as partners, both in the care of our spiritual family, and in our mission to the world.

Saturday Afternoon Worship (1:25 - 5:00 p.m.)

Worship Leaders

Ruth Boehm, Pastor, Faith Mennonite Church
Susan Kennel Harrison, Pastor, Windsor Mennonite Fellowship

1:25 p.m. Gathering Music - Soli Deo Gloria Singers (UMEI)
Nancy Dyck, Wes Shuttleworth

MCEC Initiatives

Pastoral Resourcing
Church Planting
ReLearning Community
Legacy Initiatives Fund Update
Table Reflection and Discussion

Henry Paetkau, Area Church Minister
Brian Bauman, Mission Minister
Henry Paetkau, Brian Bauman
David Martin, Executive Minister

MCEC Discernment

Future Directions Task Force - Part 2

Paul Wideman, Moderator

Break

MCEC Discernment

Property Update
Approval of Spending Plan
Approval of Slate
Overview of Understandings for Decision-Making
Open Microphone

Paul Wideman
Lloyd Redekopp, Administrative & Financial Services Council
Jeff Taylor, Gift Discernment Committee
Paul Wideman, David Martin

Closing Worship

Commissioning of Staff, Volunteers, and Delegates

Legacy Initiatives Fund



For Period Ending January 31, 2016

	Actual FYE Jan. 2016	Actual Prev. Years	Total To Date
Revenue			
Estate Gifts	\$2,500,050	\$4,854,592	\$7,354,642
Interest Income	\$64,453	\$254,045	\$318,498
Less: Legal Costs	-\$32,800	-\$42,332	-\$75,132
Net Revenue to date	\$2,531,703	\$5,066,305	\$7,598,007
Disbursements			
Tithing to Wider Church	\$247,115	\$481,226	\$728,341
Tithing to Missional Infrastructure	\$494,230	\$962,452	\$1,456,682
Making Disciples	\$176,699	\$304,127	\$480,826
Forming Leaders	\$109,325	\$277,205	\$386,530
Growing Congregations	\$139,041	\$146,401	\$285,442
Total Disbursements	\$1,166,410	\$2,171,411	\$3,337,821
Fund Balance - January 31, 2016			\$4,260,186

Project Descriptions

Making Disciples

ReLearning Community: MCEC is offering a new opportunity to participate in a two-year spiritual journey that will impact you, your congregation, and your local community. Teams of four to six people from congregations across MCEC are being coached through small and large group experiences in order to learn how *ordinary people* can have *ordinary conversations* about Jesus in with others in their faith community and with their neighbours.

Going Local

Under the leadership of two MCEC pastors, congregations in the Wilmot region of MCEC are being invited to explore together where God is at work in their local neighbourhood. Going Local is an

initiative that invites lay leaders to support each other as they look for signs of God's activity in the local community and then ask how God might be inviting them to join what God is doing in the world.

Faith Formation for New Canadians

Young adults from new Canadian congregations are being invited to explore their faith in the context of the Conrad Grebel University College residence. MCEC is providing financial support to assist new Canadians to join the student community at the college and learn more about their Anabaptist Mennonite faith and how it connects with their university studies.

Pastors in Exile

Project Descriptions

Making Disciples continued

Pastors in Exile

Jessica Reesor Rempel and Chris Brnjas are two young pastors with a passion for helping young adults on the margins of the church explore questions of faith and how they might live it out authentically in their community. This pilot project is currently underway in Kitchener-Waterloo but learnings from this project may be transferrable to other areas of MCEC.

Faith Formation Funding for MCEC Camps

Summer camp is a great way for kids to experience God in creation and to connect with others in their faith community. Camps have also had a long history of training leaders for the work of the church. Shaping the faith of campers and staff is the ongoing mission of our summer camps. MCEC has made a total of \$300,000 available to our four MCEC camps to support faith formation and leadership training.

Growing Congregations

Global Peace Festival

MCEC is a sponsor of the Global Peace Festival being hosted by Conrad Grebel University College, June 9-12, 2016. This conference and festival will explore traditions and contemporary expressions of Anabaptist Mennonite peace beliefs and practices, give expression to peacebuilding ideals through the arts, and invite us to assess and re-envision how we as Mennonites work at peacebuilding.

Go & Grow!

MCEC congregations are eligible for small grants that they can use as seed money to facilitate new initiatives that connect with and support the MCEC mission of Extending the Peace of Jesus Christ: making disciples, growing congregations and forming leaders. Projects have ranged from hosting theatre productions in the local community, support for an afterschool community program or a joint congregational project to provide meals for vulnerable people. Applications for grants are available on the MCEC website.

SHINE – MennoMedia

Fostering faith in our children is a core mission of our congregations. MCEC provided a grant to MennoMedia to help fund *SHINE: Living in God's*

Light, the new children's Sunday School curriculum. SHINE is a brand new dynamic Sunday school curriculum that engages Christian communities and families in experiencing God's transforming love.

Ottawa Catalyzer Project

Connecting Mennonite leaders and congregations in Ottawa and the surrounding region so that they can support each other in their respective ministries and collaborate in inviting others to follow Jesus from an Anabaptist Mennonite perspective is the role of Pastor Bernard Sejour. As a result of the Bernard's ministry, a new congregation in Ottawa as well as one in Montreal are exploring membership in MCEC.

Fostering Scriptural Engagement

Engaging the Bible in ways that inspire, challenge, and transform is a key task for every congregation. Making Scripture alive and relevant for today's world needs to be at the centre of every faith community. Several congregations have worked with Bryan Moyer Suderman to pilot a new approach to engaging scripture.

Legacy Initiatives Fund

Project Descriptions

Forming Leaders

Anabaptist Learning Workshop (ALW)

MCEC has partnered with Conrad Grebel University College to offer a new and innovative approach to learning about Anabaptist Mennonite faith and practice. Funding from the Ralph & Eileen Lebold Endowment, the annual Lebold Banquet, and MCEC legacy funds are helping lay persons, ESL speakers, and pastors to explore their faith in a non-academic environment and qualify for an ALW certificate.

Leadership Training for Under Resourced Urban Neighbourhoods (LTURN)

The goal of this program is to identify young adult leaders in under resourced neighbourhoods in the GTA who are committed to following Jesus and living out their faith in their local community. Colin McCartney provides Biblical instruction, leadership training and mentoring to nurture these young adults into Anabaptist believers who will plant and grow faith communities that impact and transform their neighbourhoods.

Mennonite World Conference Assembly Participation

New Canadian leaders as well as young adults from congregations across MCEC had an opportunity to interact with other global Anabaptists at the Mennonite World Conference held this past July in Hershey, PA. Experiencing

the global peoplehood of Mennonites from around the world has deepened faith, equipped leaders, and inspired a vision for being a people of God's peace.

Six Nations TRC Follow-up Retreat

The Truth and Reconciliation Commission (TRC) has been a watershed mark in the relationship between the First Nations people of Canada and the larger Canadian society. The findings of the TRC have challenged denominations across the country to rebuild their relationship with their aboriginal neighbours. With the support of MCEC, a number of young adults from our congregations participated in a follow-up retreat held on the Six Nations reserve near Brantford that explored what it means for us as Mennonites to walk in new ways with our First Nations brothers and sisters.

Translation Equipment

Providing ESL speakers and new Canadians with access to English content at our Annual Church Gatherings and other venues is something that MCEC does its best to offer. New translation equipment will make this an even better experience for both listeners and translators. Assisting with the translation of other leadership resources for ESL leaders is also a commitment we can offer our new member congregations.

Supporting the Wider Mennonite Church

MCEC sets aside ten percent of the money received from the Schmidt bequest fund and uses it to support the mission of the wider church. The intent of these funds is to support new mission initiatives by our partners in the wider Mennonite Church. The recipients of these funds are **Mennonite Church Canada** and **Mennonite World Conference**.

MCEC Staff



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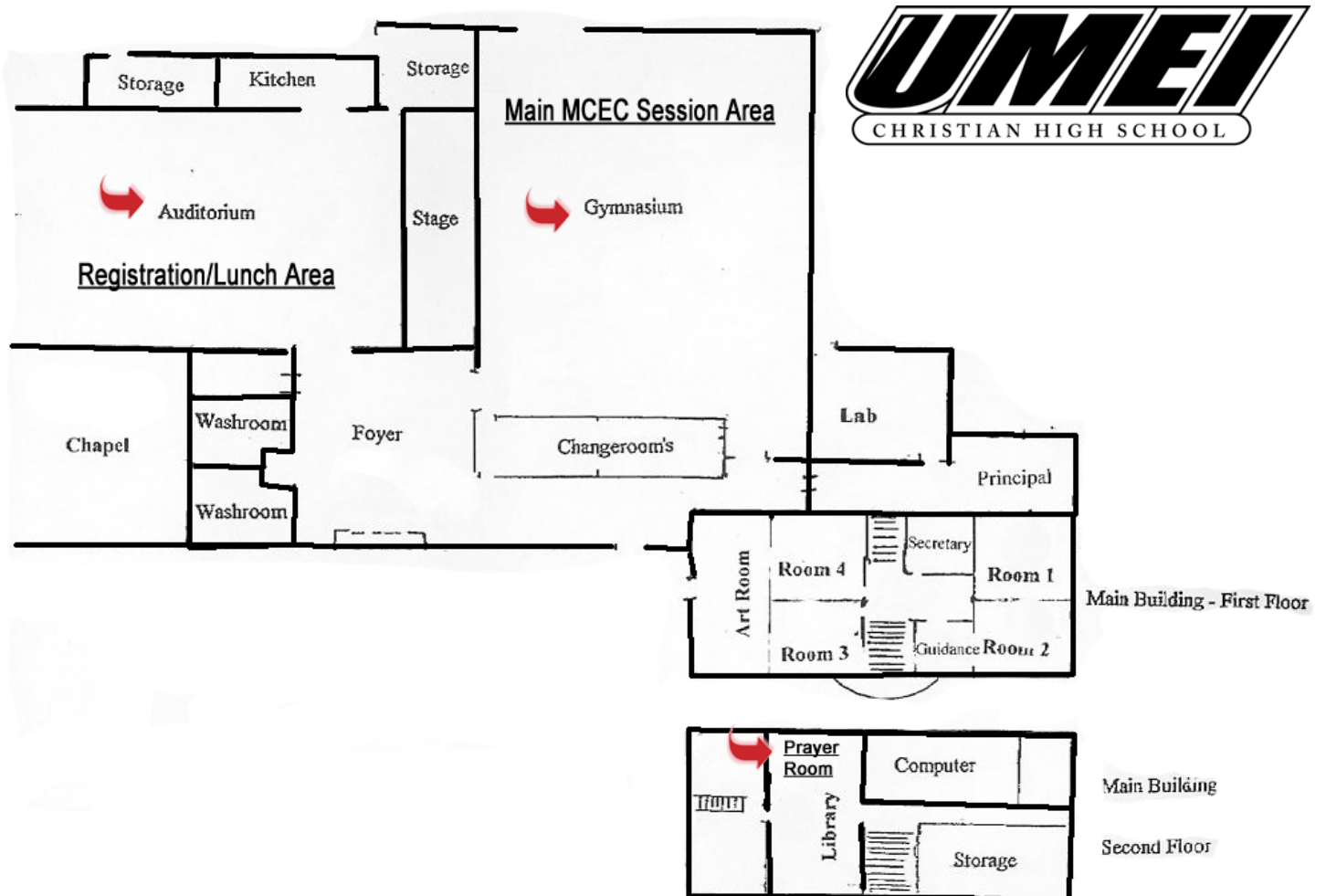
Part of the MCEC Administrative Team; office host; supports the work of the Executive Minister and Operations & Church Engagement Minister.

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Cares for the financial matters of MCEC; works with Administrative & Financial Services Council.



Floor Plan



Sponsors

Thank you to our sponsors.



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Mark Your Calendars



MCEC 30th Annual Church Gathering

**April 28 & 29, 2017
Toronto**

UPCOMING MCEC EVENTS

Date	Event	More Details
May 4 - 5, 2016	Developing Thriving Multi-Staff Church Leadership Teams ■ with John Borthwick, Keith Regehr <i>An Associates Resourcing the Church (ARC) Workshop</i>	Location: Conrad Grebel University College Waterloo, ON To Register: Sue Baker (Conrad Grebel) sbaker@uwaterloo.ca (519) 885-0220 x 24254
May 7, 2016	Doing Church within Canada's Cultural Mosaic ■ with Michele Rizoli <i>An Anabaptist Learning Workshop</i>	Location: Ottawa Mennonite Church Ottawa, ON To Register: www.mcec.ca/alw - "Workshops"
May 11, 2016	The Pastor in the 21st Century of Change Lighthouse, Compass or Cast out to Sea ■ with Betty Pries	Location: Conrad Grebel University College Waterloo, ON To Register: www.mcec.ca
May 13 - 15, 2016	Jr. Youth Retreat Open to God: Exploring Our Gifts ■ with Jonathan Brubacher	Location: Silver Lake Mennonite Camp Sauble Beach, ON To Register: www.mcec.ca
May 31, 2016	Retired Pastors and Spouses Retreat Christianity and the World of Islam ■ with Brice Balmer, Tom Mayvaian	Location: Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp New Hamburg (East Perth), ON Information: www.mcec.ca No Registration Required
June 1, 2016	Administrators' Day Levelling the Road: Tools for Healthy Conversations ■ with Eileen Henderson, Brian Bauman, Brent Charette, Sean East	Location: 50 Kent Ave., Kitchener, ON To Register: www.mcec.ca
June 2, 2016	Ralph & Eileen Lebold Fundraising Dinner The Messiness of Becoming the People of God ■ with Arli Klassen	Location: Conrad Grebel University College Waterloo, ON Information & Tickets: www.mcec.ca
June 3 - 5, 2016	ReLearning Community Gathering ■ For congregations currently in ReLearning Community	Location: Heritage College & Seminary Cambridge, ON To Register: www.mcec.ca
July 6 - 10, 2016	Mennonite Church Canada Assembly God, Faith, People	Location: TCU Place Saskatoon, SK Information: www.home.mennonitechurch.ca/saskatoon2016

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