

# Our Ministry Together as Mennonite Church Manitoba



What we can do together as a community of congregations is so much more than any one of us can do alone. Here are some highlights of our ministry together.

## Support for Congregational Ministries

Our primary purpose as a regional church is to support our congregations. The health of our congregations is paramount. MCM staff provide resourcing for congregations in the areas of worship, faith formation, and congregational care. They can assist in congregational discernment around vital issues, or help mediate in situations of conflict that cannot be resolved internally. MCM staff are available to preach in congregations or provide teaching in these areas. The primary staff contact for congregational support is Kathy Giesbrecht, Director of Congregational Ministries ([kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:kgiesbrecht@mennochurch.mb.ca)).



Kathy Giesbrecht

## Support for Church Leaders

Healthy congregations need healthy pastors and lay leaders. MCM staff support our pastors through pastoral cluster meetings, one-on-one counsel, and training seminars. They help congregations find a new pastor, whether interim or permanent, part-time or full-time. They guide pastors through licensing and ordination for ministry, alongside their congregations. They can assist church councils in governance and decision-making and provide orientation on effective committee work. The primary staff contact for leadership support is Rick Neufeld, Director of Leadership Ministries ([rneufeld@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:rneufeld@mennochurch.mb.ca)).



Rick Neufeld

## Support for Mission Efforts

Healthy congregations do not exist simply for themselves; they move outward with the love of Jesus. MCM staff can assist congregations in discerning mission within their community. They provide links with other congregations and regional church mission efforts. They connect congregations to our shared nationwide ministries as Mennonite Church Canada, including our international Witness ministries in over a dozen countries around the world. We are looking to hire a new Mission Engagement Director to oversee this work in 2022, but until December 31 the primary staff contact for mission is Dorothy Fontaine, Director of Mission ([dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca)).



Dorothy Fontaine

## Camping and Retreat Opportunities

Our two camps, Camp Assiniboia and Camp Koinonia, are a tremendous resource for us. Situated in beautiful locations, these camps are special places for rest, renewal, and inspiration. Camps with Meaning provides summer programming for children, youth, and adults with disabilities, as well as an effective leadership training program for youth and young adults. Both camps are available year-round for rentals, whether for personal getaways or for group retreats and meetings. The primary staff contact for camps is Dorothy Fontaine, who will be Director of Camps with Meaning as of January 1, 2022 ([dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca](mailto:dfontaine@mennochurch.mb.ca)).

## Get Involved

You can get involved in our ministry together by participating in our shared programs, by letting your name stand for MCM committees or working groups, by volunteering at camps, by upholding these ministries in prayer, by encouraging those who lead these ministries, or by giving financially through your local church or individually. See [www.mennochurch.mb.ca/giving](http://www.mennochurch.mb.ca/giving) for more information on how to give.



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