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***See I am doing
a new thing!***

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Welcome to Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg!

Loving God, Each Other and Our Neighbours

We are excited to be hosting this year's Gathering of our Regional Church. It is a privilege to welcome folks from congregations across Mennonite Church Manitoba (and perhaps beyond!) to this space where we at Bethel worship, serve and listen for God together.

The Bethel congregation has roots in Winnipeg that go back to 1938, beginning as a mission to Mennonite young people migrating to the city from rural areas. The church has met in its current location in the Grant Park neighbourhood since 1955, and the present large sanctuary is an addition built in 1991. The MCM Gathering sessions on Saturday will be held in the Dining Hall, which is actually the sanctuary of the original building.

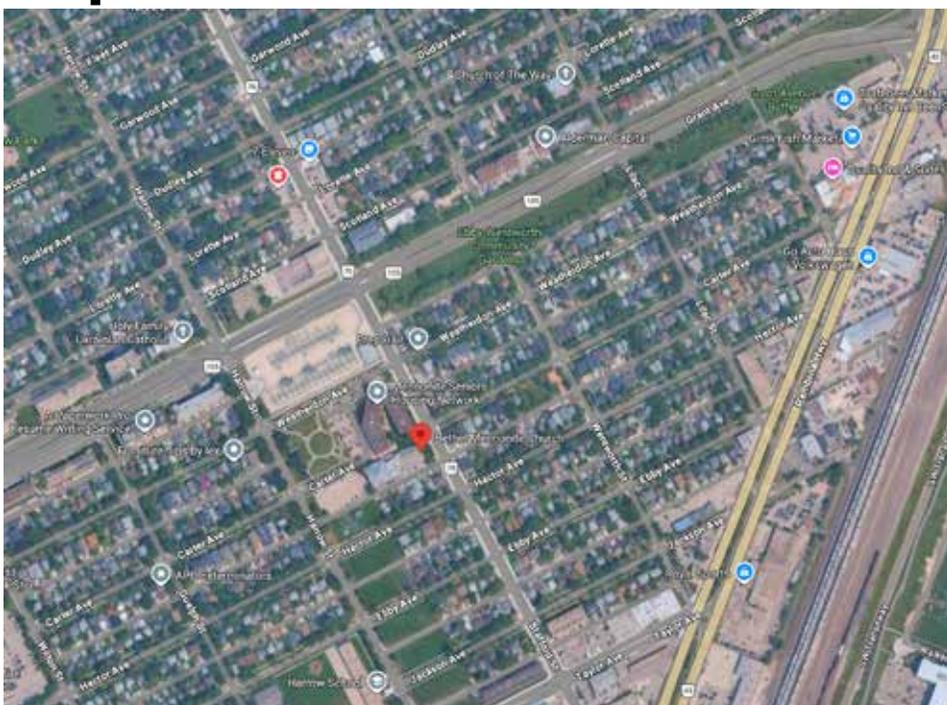
These days, Bethel is an active, busy place – both during the week and on Sunday mornings. For many years now, we have recognized a call from God to invest in community ministry partnerships and programs that connect with people in our neighbourhood. Bethel is home to the Carter Early Learning Centre, a Harvest Manitoba distribution site, neighbourhood Kids and Youth Clubs, a local school reading program and partnerships with other community resource organizations.

Bethel Mennonite Church is also a partner to Bethel Place, the affordable housing community for seniors right next door. Many from Bethel Place end up coming to worship at Bethel Church, even as they might maintain connections with other congregations. Bethel has become an older congregation by most metrics, enjoying both the energy and the wisdom of the many seniors who participate here. But we also have a growing cohort of young kids and families who bring much joy to our worship and gatherings.

Bethel has long had a multi-staff pastoral team, currently consisting of Kevin Derksen, Kathy McCamis and Valerie Alipova. We are also blessed with many strong and gifted congregational leaders, who support the life of the church. Like many congregations, we wonder what the future will hold as we reckon with some challenging realities. But we are grateful to share the journey with our sibling congregations in MCM, and welcome you to Bethel this weekend to walk a few more steps in good company.

Map

Bethel Mennonite Church
465 Stafford St. Winnipeg



Acronyms

AIMM	Africa Inter Mennonite Mission	MC Canada	Mennonite Church Canada
AMBS	Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary	MCC Manitoba	Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba
CAWG	Climate Action Work Group (MCM)	MCM	Mennonite Church Manitoba
CLM	Church Leadership Ministers (MC Canada)	MCIS	Manitoba Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity
CMU	Canadian Mennonite University	MEDA	Mennonite Economic Development Association
CwM	Camps with Meaning	MDS	Mennonite Disaster Service
EMC	Evangelical Mennonite Church	MDS MB	Mennonite Disaster Service Manitoba
EMG	Executive Ministers Group (MC Canada)	MLC	Ministerial Leadership Committee
IW	International Witness (MC Canada)	MMC	Manitoba Multifaith Council
JC	Joint Council (MC Canada)	PIN	Palestine-Israel Network (MCM and MC Canada)
LTO	License towards ordination		

Health Note

Covid, RSV, and other airborne illnesses are still prevalent in Manitoba. Please stay home if you are sick with symptoms such as an unusual cough, sneezing, or fever. You are welcome to wear a mask during Gathering, but masks are not required.

Giving Opportunities at Gathering

During the Friday evening worship service, a special offering will be taken to support our Staff Sponsorship Fund for Camps with Meaning. This fund helps to pay the youth and young adults who serve as summer camp staff, especially those who don't have a supporting congregation. Please give generously!

Gathering Video

Only the Friday evening worship from Gathering 2026 will be livestreamed. Video of staff reports and excerpts from plenary sessions will be made available on the MCM website after the Gathering.

MCM Update and Monthly

The weekly MCM Update is the best way to stay on top of MCM and MC Canada news, updates, and bulletin updates. The MCM Monthly newsletter shares stories from among our congregations, regional church, and nationwide church. Subscribe to these at the bottom of this page: www.mennochurch.mb.ca/contact

Guiding Statement from the MCM Board

As we come together in this shared space for Gathering 2025, we seek to be guided by the following statement from the MCM Board (see www.mennochurch.mb.ca/creatingspace):

"Mennonite Church Manitoba is a community of congregations covenanted together for fellowship, mutual support, and shared ministry. We encourage congregations to discern the Spirit's leading for themselves regarding their welcome and affirmation of LGBTQ+ people, and this has meant that our congregations are in different places theologically and practically regarding this. We continue "making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace" (Eph 4:3), recognizing that our unity in Christ is not complete uniformity of belief and practice and that diversity can be a beautiful, if sometimes surprising, gift from God.

"In our shared spaces as Mennonite Church Manitoba, we strive to provide a welcoming and safe place for everyone. These shared spaces include our annual Gatherings, our Mennonite Church Manitoba office, our Camps with Meaning camps and programs, our committees and working groups, and our resourcing workshops and events. To make these shared spaces safe for all, we will avoid disparaging remarks about one another's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, and we will respect chosen names and pronouns. We will also avoid disparaging remarks about one another's perspective on LGBTQ+ welcome or affirmation, and we will not promote our congregation's position as normative for all congregations."

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79th Annual Gathering Program

Friday, March 6

9:30 - 3:30am Leadership Day (Home Street Mennonite, Winnipeg)

6:30 pm: Registration

7:00 pm Worship Service: Looking Back and Looking Forward

Saturday, March 7

8:30 am: Registration

9:00 am: Plenary Session: opening worship, Vision and Mission Statement, table discussion

10:30 am: Break

11:00 am: Plenary Session: financial report, program reports

12:15 pm: Lunch

1:30 pm: Plenary Session: nominations, new congregation, strategic planning, table discussion

3:00 pm: Plenary Session: closing worship, commission for ministry

Foreword

“I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth; do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert...to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.” (Isaiah 43:16-21)

Welcome to the Mennonite Church Manitoba report book, looking back at 2025. In this book you will find a representation of the work that our MCM staff, our MC Canada staff, and the staff of many related organizations provide for our constituency. Of course, there is much more that goes on among us as MCM than is reflected in this book. The vast majority of MCM’s work is done among us and through us as congregations seeking to follow Jesus within our communities toward greater faith and hope and love. To get a fuller picture of the ministry we share as MCM, we would need to include the annual report book of every congregation!

As you prepare for Gathering 2026, please use this report book as your guide to what has happened this past year in our shared and related ministries. The Gathering will focus not as much on the past as it will on exploring what God is doing among us now and what we can anticipate God doing among us in the coming months and years. We trust these reports will give us a common understanding of what God is already doing in our midst, what we are facing, and what opportunities lie before us.

We are grateful to Bethel Mennonite Church for hosting Gathering 2026. Our Gathering theme this year is, “See, I am doing a new thing!” based on Isaiah 43:16-21. In our worship together on the Friday evening (March 6) we will both reflect back on our history as a community of congregations and look forward to the new things God is already doing among us. During our business sessions on the Saturday (March 7) we will process our proposed new Vision and Mission Statement and work together to provide input to the MCM Board for a strategic plan for MCM’s next three years.

This report book and our Gathering are made possible because of the collaborative effort of many people. Thank you to all who have submitted material for this book, and to those who have prepared to contribute to our Gathering. Special thanks to Darryl Neustaedter Barg, our Communications Director, for producing this book, and to Naomi Ewert, our Administrative Assistant, for coordinating our Gathering.



Michael Pahl
Executive Minister
Mennonite Church Manitoba



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Pahl
Executive Minister

Vision and Mission

VISION

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.

Our Vision is the ideal we want and hope to become. We see ourselves growing in size and faithfulness, and building up our community of churches. Our reason for being is our faith, lived and known and, specifically, articulated in the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective. As a community, we will strengthen each other and our member congregations, to follow Jesus Christ and present Him to all people.

MISSION

Our mission is to resource and empower each other, and to facilitate spiritual growth, service and evangelism.

To fulfill our mission, we are committed to ministries such as:

- proclaiming the gospel of Christ
- promoting Christian education
- planting and nurturing new congregations
- dialoguing and working with congregations, conferences and other denominations
- fostering relationships of mutual accountability
- calling, nurturing and providing leadership
- planning joint worship and faith celebrations

Values

COMMUNITY

MCM is a covenant community whose sense of togetherness flows from common vision, understanding of scripture and confession of faith. Our commitment is to be together and to grow closer in love without insisting on uniformity.

LOVE, CARE AND NURTURE

God's message of love motivates us to nurture and care for others and each other.

MUTUAL ACCOUNTABILITY

MCM and member congregations are accountable to each other in matters of doctrine and discipleship.

DOCTRINE

All doctrine is grounded in the holy Word of God as found in the Bible. The core of our doctrine is articulated in the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective.

DISCERNMENT

As a community and as individuals, we seek the will of God for the church through the guidance of the Holy Spirit, by searching scripture, discerning the culture and the times in which we live, and waiting patiently for God's revelation.

DISCIPLESHIP

We encourage churches and their members to be obedient disciples of Christ, living holy and God-honouring lives.

EVANGELISM

We proclaim and witness to the good news of salvation in Christ, and God's kingdom.

SOCIAL CONCERN

We reach out to, and walk with, people afflicted by poverty, conflict and injustice.

PEACE

We believe that peace is the will of God, and that we are called to live and work as Christian peace-makers.

STEWARDSHIP

We embrace the biblical message about the management of all we are and have been given under God's creation.

—as adopted at delegate meeting @ Bethel Church, June 17, 1998

From the Moderator

I thank my God every time I remember you. In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you (in us) will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. Philippians 1:3-6

These are the words printed on the cover of my Moderator binder filled with lists and notes and minutes and articles and plans and hopes for MCM. They are printed there so that I am reminded to pray for you without ceasing, to pray with a heart of joy for who you are and for all that you do for your church, and to remember that above all God is among us and God is at work. And with all of that, how can I not humbly proclaim, “what a time to be the Church!”

A year ago, when we gathered at Grace Mennonite Church in Steinbach, our keynote speaker, John D. Roth, expertly wove together our history and our calling for what is ours to do in this time, and challenged us to do all of this from a place of courageous love that is rooted in the heart of the Gospel narrative. He invited us to consider what it means to live into our calling of discipleship in the 21st century, in a time of discord and polarization, in a world where AI is going to not only challenge our understanding of the world and what is true but will also change the way we do life. Roth reminded us that in a culture, in a sea of distraction and consumerism, the job of the church is to call people in, to come together to ask the big questions. Our calling is to hold onto our personhood and invest in our sense of social contract. In other words, to fiercely hold on to the love of God and love for one another.

I have thought of these words – do something courageous...from a place of fierce love – often in 2025. These words have come to mind as I have read and listened to monthly staff reports where they have shared about the ways in which they are supporting the work of you, the local congregations. These words have come to mind as Michael and I have continued to listen to focus groups share about the joys and hopes as well as laments and concerns about their own churches and the life of the

Church. These words have come to mind for me as I have prepared for and engaged our MCM board in the work of visioning and guiding the work of MCM, especially in the creation of a new vision and mission statement for MCM. These words have come to mind because this work, these moments, these conversations, are filled with hearts and minds, words and actions – people – who are engaging all of these activities with courage and fierce love for God and for their neighbour.

As a board, we have heard the voices of the focus groups, read the words of the surveys and church reports, and we have seen, heard, and felt the heart of a people seeking to do something courageous and loving. All these voices, words, feedback, have informed the creation of a new vision and mission statement for MCM that we will continue to discuss and then approve at our Gathering in March. And these statements will then be added to the guideposts that inform the work of our MCM staff and board. It is my hope that the work will continue to exemplify courageous love.

It is no secret that one sometimes need a bucket or more of courage when dealing with finances (feel free to add your emoji of choice here). As a board we were both cautious and courageous about our finances and financial health as we began 2025. The donations and expenses ebbed and flowed, as they always do (our church treasurers likely know this experience well). Our camping ministry took a big financial hit in the springtime with some significant rental cancellations due to wildfires. And so, while the rest of the rental season and the summer camping season were successful on so many levels, they were not enough to compensate for the financial hit of those cancellations. Today it is, with deep gratitude and humility that I can describe our year end financial position as much better and healthier than expected at some points in the 2025 calendar year. And this is a direct result of both individual and church generosity throughout and especially late in the year when the appeal for donations went out. Thank you for your commitment to and support of the work of MCM. You will see the details of the 2025 financial

statement as well as the forecast for a balanced 2026 budget later in the addendum to this report book. Let us continue to be courageous in our planning, our doing, and our giving!

Our Gathering will once again mark the changing list of congregations who call MCM their home. We will say our formal farewell to Douglas Mennonite Church. I deeply lament their leaving our Regional Church, and I call us all to bless them and continue to pray for them as they seek a new home. May they flourish where they decide to plant their roots. It is with delight that I look forward to welcoming FaithWorks into our MCM community. They have been on a journey of discernment for some time now and are requesting affiliate status as they continue to discern a new conference home for their congregation. May MCM a welcoming and soft place to land for the folks of FaithWorks Church.

So, here are. All of these words to simply say, we who are MCM continue to be called to be the church. And I remain filled with hope and courage for what is to come. I am also, once again, reminded to pray. So, let us hold on to the hope we have in Christ, and let us fill our hearts and minds with courage for the road ahead. And as I embrace my commitment to prayer, I share these lyrics of blessing from a song in our Voices Together hymnal (#396):

May you be rooted and grounded in love,
strengthened in the Spirit through faith,
to know the height and depth and length and breadth
of God's understanding and grace.
AMEN

Cheryl
Braun
Moderator



Executive Minister's Report

It's hard to believe this is now my sixth MCM Gathering as Executive Minister! Completing five years in this position has prompted me to reflect on the work that you as member congregations of MCM have called me to do. My job description is comprehensive (and somewhat daunting!), but essentially it can be boiled down to four main areas of focus.

1) Nurturing the vision and tending to the unity of our community of congregations.

This area of my work is both the most rewarding and the most challenging. I get to visit our congregations, hear about what God is doing among you, and share about what God is doing among us as a regional and nationwide church. I typically make about 15 of these visits each year. I've also been gratified to work with the MCM Board in a visioning process over the past two years, Hope and Courage. This process has led to many conversations with individuals and small groups about what God is doing among us and what God is calling the church to be at this time. I'm pleased with the proposed new Vision and Mission Statement which has emerged from this work, and I hope it can guide us for the foreseeable future.

Tending to the unity of our congregations has also meant some difficult conversations and challenging situations, as we continue to experience the effects of the "unsettling and resettling" that is going on as conferences, congregations, and pastors shift affiliations in light of wider political, social, and theological realities. We lament that Douglas Mennonite Church has voted to withdraw from MCM effective March 31, 2026, even as we pray God's blessing upon them moving forward. We rejoice that River East Church has recently voted unanimously to move from affiliate to full membership, and that FaithWorks has applied to join MCM as an affiliate member.

2) Overseeing the ministries we share together as a regional church.

This Report Book reflects the various ministries we share as a community of congregations. A key part of my role is overseeing all these ministries, working with the MCM Board to ensure that we have the staff, finances, policies, and other resources to do the work we have discerned together to do. This is the bulk of my work.

We have a terrific team of staff, and I'm grateful to God for them. At our regular MCM office staff meetings, Camp

Assiniboia staff meetings, and MCM program directors meetings, we share about the work we're involved in your behalf, offer support and counsel to each other, and pray together for our work and for our congregations and pastors. 2025 saw some program director transitions for us: Karen Schellenberg stepped down as Co-Director of Leadership Ministries in January, and Dorothy Fontaine concluded her tenure as Director of Camps with Meaning at the end of the year. Jeff Friesen has now moved to a full-time role as Director of Leadership Ministries, Dave Bergen has stepped in as Interim Director of Camps with Meaning, and our new long-term Director of Camps with Meaning, Jody Godwaldt, will be starting March 15, 2026.

In the past two years, the oversight of our Congregational Ministries has also moved onto my plate. You can see the Congregational Ministries report for more details on my work in this area.

2025 held some financial challenges for us as a regional church, in particular with lower than budgeted rental revenue at Camp Assiniboia due to environmental factors beyond our control, and with still responding to a drastic drop in congregation forwarding from 2024 with one of our congregations facing serious internal turbulence. Nevertheless, by God's grace and with your generosity, we have ended the year with a surplus. You can find out more about this in the financial report, which will be included in an upcoming Addendum to this Report Book.

3) Participating on MCM's behalf in our shared work as a nationwide church.

MCM is one of five regional churches that together make up Mennonite Church Canada. The common identity, mutual support, meaningful fellowship, and shared ministries we have through MC Canada are invaluable. You can find more information about our nationwide church in this Report Book.

As a regional church Executive Minister, I participate in our nationwide church leadership in a few key ways. The Executive Ministers Group meets regularly for encouragement and support, to discuss what's going on in our regions and work through challenges together, and to advise Doug Klassen, our MC Canada Executive Minister, and the MC Canada Joint Council on our nationwide programs and other initiatives. The EMG also attends Joint Council meetings, offering our voice to their deliberations.

4) Representing MCM beyond our denomination in ecumenical and public settings.

This is the most ad hoc dimension of my work, in many ways following where the wind of the Spirit blows. Since I began my role in 2021 I have participated in the annual opening ecumenical service for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, along with leaders from many different denominations. The recent edition of this was hosted by MCM, with First Mennonite serving as congregational hosts, and I led the service and gave the meditation. Over the past two years I have also participated in a nationwide Anglican-Mennonite dialogue, focused specifically on what the Anglican Church of Canada and Mennonite Church Canada are doing in reconciliation work with Indigenous peoples and how our ministerial roles function in our churches. Other, less formal, ecumenical work includes semi-regular conversations with other denominational leaders over coffee.

I have also had the opportunity to speak publicly out of my role as a leader within our denomination. This has included interviews for radio, television, and newspapers, writing letters to political officials regarding matters of concern to us as Mennonites, and more. I always endeavour to speak publicly within the parameters of official, recognized statements of MCM or MC Canada: our Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective, our vision statements as a regional and nationwide church, and formal resolutions passed at recent or historic delegate sessions. I have been encouraged by the number of people within MCM who have found my public words encouraging—I know I don't always get it right!

I'm grateful to God for the opportunity to serve the church in these ways. Thank you for entrusting me with this work!



Michael
Pahl
Executive Minister

Camps with Meaning

Tending the home fires: Celebrating God's Faithfulness in 2025

Dave Bergen (Interim Director of Camps with Meaning)

The hospitality and retreat ministry of Camps with Meaning in 2025 saw 154 bookings representing 90 organizations and 6,941 people making use of our facilities for school learning events, church retreats, family milestone celebrations and more.

We are profoundly grateful for the generosity of our donors in 2025. Thanks to your support we received approximately \$45,400 in general donations not including financial support given to camperships and stafferships! Unfortunately we also experienced some budgetary challenges due to rental revenue loss from cancellations by some who were severely impacted by wildfires in northern Manitoba communities. Despite these challenges we were able to finish out 2025 with only a modest operating shortfall. We look forward to a return to greater financial stability in 2026.

In 2025 the Camp Committee launched a new initiative called Company of 100. This is a stability-building initiative that invites camp boosters and enthusiasts to make regular financial support of Camps with Meaning a habit. If 100 people commit just \$10, \$20 or \$100 dollars a month, the impact on the financial stability of our camp would be incredible. Please consider becoming a Company of 100 member today and join this merry band of camp supporters.

2025 was also a year of staff transition. Earlier in the year Dave Peters assumed a shared role with Lauren Gervais helping to give leadership and stability to food services coordination. Then, at the end of December long-time Director of Camps with Meaning, Dorothy Fontaine concluded her work. We are deeply grateful for the energy, creative vision and persistent dedication Dorothy brought to her role in leading our camp ministries over many years.

In addition, at the end of January 2026 Facilities Manager Ed Doerksen concluded his work after multiple years. His presence as a multi-talented 'fixer', and a warm and generous team-builder will be missed. We give thanks to God for leading us in identifying capable people to take on these important roles going forward: Jody Godwaldt as Director (following a brief interim stint by Dave Bergen), and Peter Enns as Facilities Manager.

At Camp Assiniboia we continue to work toward an enhanced experience for our guests. This means



The Wednesday Crew

staying on top of needed improvements to our aging facilities, within capacity, and keeping rental rates competitive and accessible while also responding to inflationary costs. From time to time we receive a welcome surprise, as in the unexpected gift last year of two high quality buildings. These new (to us) buildings (Willow Bend and Maple Ridge) will serve us well as summer staff headquarters and additional indoor activity/group meeting space. Thank you to the generous individual who graced us with this gift!

No camp report would be complete without acknowledging the valuable role of the countless volunteers who support our ministry. From the dauntless "Wednesday Crew" who help repair and care for the physical plant, to volunteer kitchen staff and the many people who help in a variety of ways simply because they love camp and believe in our mission. Thank you!

We look back on 2025 with thankfulness for the support of our MCM Community and the faithfulness of the God who leads us.

Fanning the Flame: following God into the future

Krista Neustaedter Barg (Campaign Chair), Dave Bergen (Interim Director of Camps with Meaning)

The 1989 movie Field of Dreams has at its centre, an impossible dream to build a world class baseball diamond

in an Iowa cornfield. Inspired in this venture by a voice heard in a vision that says “if you build it he will come” farmer Ray Kinsella sets out to make his vision reality. The “he” in the vision is long dead baseball legend Shoeless Joe Jackson.

Sometimes leading Camps with Meaning into the future seems a little like this dream—incredible and, to some, impossible. But we have a remarkable track record going back more than 75 years. Beginning in 1949 and throughout our history, by the faithfulness of God we have inspired and supported faith and leadership growth in children, youth and adults across the church and in the wider community.

Years later, in the mid-1970s a group of people with an incredible vision for where camp ministry needed to go embarked on an ambitious (some thought impossible) plan that resulted in the building of the camp lodge buildings that today grace Camp Assiniboia and Camp Koinonia. Their vision came to fruition, and Camps with Meaning has grown into a rich, multi-faceted ministry of summer children’s camping, and retreat and conference ministries that host innumerable church, school, and wider community groups.

Now, more than 50 years after this second visionary expansion of camp ministry we are again on the cusp of great change. With the Light the Fire Campaign we are poised to position our camps for the next generations of churches, retreat groups and event planners. This past year as in every venture into uncharted territory, our efforts to position Camps with Meaning for the future are encountering a mixture of successes and challenges, enthusiasm and doubt. Yet, we continue to believe and trust that “if we build it, they will come!” We believe that if we provide the right kind of physical space, foster the right supportive staffing environment—they will come! We believe the communities we serve will respond positively to the vision that propels us and will help bring our shared dream to reality.

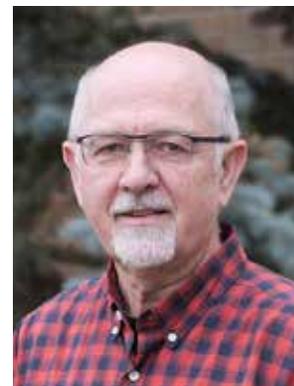
In 2025 the Light the Fire team focused on continue awareness building with congregations and individuals, meetings with potential donors and refinement of plans for the next phases of the campaign. In June we held Light the Fire booster events at Camp Koinonia and Camp Assiniboia. The enthusiasm and strong attendance, supported by the melodious music of the Janzen Boys helped make these events a huge success.



The Coffee Corner reno

We have already completed the various projects that comprise Phase 1 of Light the Fire, including flood protection, 4 new cabins, a maintenance shop and more. The value of these projects is \$1.28million. Now we are working to complete Phase 2. Looking to 2026 we anticipate a Light the Fire fundraising event April 19 featuring comedian Matt Falk, at the Caboto Centre in Winnipeg. We are also in the process of establishing a building committee that will help guide Phase 2 work, which will include enlargement of the kitchen in the Camp Assiniboia lodge as well as numerous cosmetic building and washroom upgrades. Through the generosity of our supporters, who have given or pledged over \$585,700, some of this work has already begun. But we need an additional \$200,000 to help us achieve our Phase 2 goals. Your donations and pledges can help us get there!

Pledge, or give, now at www.lightthefire.ca



Dave Bergen
Interim Director
of Camps with
Meaning

Camp Koinonia is moving into its 60th year as Koinonia. Jake Neufeld reminded us at the Light the Fire Worship service in June that God was moving in this space long before Camp Koinonia existed and will remain here long after this ministry ceases. The idea fills us with humility as we continue on as stewards of this space.

The Fall/Winter rental season of 2025 was filled with children's groups, groups that often make the best use of the beauty of Camp Koinonia. The space was also well used by crafting retreats and larger family gatherings. We are enjoying increasing our regulars as we build relationships across families and organizations, increasing rentals from 2024. Despite our increase in the number of rentals, on the whole the number of people in each group is decreasing; so while weekend capacity is close to full, income generating is not, where it once was. Summer was filled with energy – as usual.

In the previous year, site and facilities improvements included fire suppression and detection system upgrades, a new refrigeration compressor, exterior painting of the managers' house, and of course basic upkeep and maintenance. Camp welcomed 4 volunteer work groups outside of summer that helped keep projects moving forward. The good work of the woodcutters retreat benefitted camp with a significant hydro credit at the end of this year!! Westgate Mennonite Collegiate sent an energetic group of high school students for a day and a half of volunteer work. The More-with-Less Revival group (a simplicity group from MCM congregations) did a thorough clean and winter prep of lodge and yard. And

finally, Pembina Fellowship (Morden) sent a crew to take down standing dead trees and begin work on summer cabin improvements.

A highlight of the year was welcoming 3 new board members into the fold. Our board now consists of Jan McIntyre (Chair), Ben Heide (Treasurer), Marcus Rempel (Secretary), Meara Harrison, Lillian Krahn and Kate McIntyre. We continue to be so grateful for the tireless work of the board and the renewed energy our new members bring.

Moving forward we ask of you, prayers for guidance. We know we are not alone or unique in facing the unknown reality of small camps and non-profit organizations. We are dependent on donations, volunteers, and God's grace in becoming what is needed in our world. Our prayer is that we are open to the movement and voice of the Spirit, all the while embracing change while honouring the rich heritage we have been blessed with.

Paul and Elisa Barkman - Co-Managers

www.campkoino.ca

Summer Program Report

Bible Curriculum and Theme Song

Our Bible curriculum for this year was Knowing God and Growing in Faith and was written by Marnie Klassen— a writer, speaker, preacher and facilitator focused on faith and climate. Guided by Romans 8:38-39, the curriculum followed traditional liturgy to explore how we know God and grow in our faith through prayer and praise, confession and grace, passing the peace, communion, and sending/blessing. The new camp song for this year, written by camp staff with the help of Darryl Neustaedter-Barg, followed the Roman's scripture to reiterate the promise: Nothing can ever separate us from God's love – a worthy message to send home with each camper.

2026's Bible theme is called People of the Project and will explore examples of faith throughout the ages!

Spring and Summer Programing

We had 82 summer staff and 68 volunteers in 2025. Our Adults with Disabilities Venture programs were completely full at Assiniboia, including waitlists. This continues to be a strong and beautiful part of our ministry at Camps with Meaning, and a unique program that we offer.

In the world of kids' camp, our Junior-Intermediate week with day camp at Camp Assiniboia was full of energy, with 80 campers one week and 83 the other. Junior High numbers, which struggled last year, were up – hitting almost 40 campers at Assiniboia's second junior

high week! Our youth week at Koinonia is becoming increasingly popular, with a totally of 42 teens this last summer. Already, we are seeing registration numbers that are slightly higher from last year at this time – good news!



One difficulty this past year was hiring leadership, specifically summer program directors. It seems we are wading through a bit of a lull, with lots of young staff, and few experienced staff in the leadership age. I anticipate summer 2026 feeling similar, with following years easing this difficulty.



Campers enjoyed the lake at Camp Assiniboia, especially with the new "camp train" that helped campers get out to the lake area a little bit quicker. Though weather (smoke or storms) interrupted many of the canoe trips at Koinonia, camper energy was high throughout. Paul and Elisa Barkman provided strong support for a changing Koinonia leadership, which included guest directors because of hiring difficulties. Marnie Klassen flew out from Toronto to teach the

bible for youth week, a sweet addition, seeing as she wrote the curriculum.



Retreats

This year's birders made their way to Camp Assiniboia near the end of May. There were 46 people total, including six teens/young adults and four young children. The 2026 retreat will take place at Camp Koinonia this upcoming May.

In November, around 50 summer staff signed up for the Fall Retreat at Camp Assiniboia

– this number continues to grow, showing a desire for gathering in community in the off-season. We worshipped, dreamed about summer, got outside for a night game, and had the first annual staff retreat trivia night. It was a blast!

As always, both Koinonia and Assiniboia continue to be available for church and group retreats of all kinds; we would love to have you on site to share the beauty of these places.

Staff and Volunteers

Our Leadership Team began with a week of training in early May. We sat together in sessions, listened to guest speakers, participated in team building exercises, ate together, and simply enjoyed each other’s company at both Assiniboia and Koinonia, ending our week with some bowling and dinner in Boissevain.

We had 15 people in our teen volunteer program and 22 in our servant leader in training program. The remaining staff worked as junior and senior counsellors, as well as activity leaders to ensure things like archery, canoeing, ropes, zipline, wilderness skills and kayaking went off without a hitch!



68 volunteers joined us throughout the summer. This was essential for helping programming run smoothly, keeping our staff in good spirits, supporting leadership, and adding to the “biome” of camp that is a little different each week. These volunteers were health officers, kitchen helpers, maintenance workers, and camp pastors. We are so grateful for their participation in our program, and we know this support runs wider and deeper into our congregations and beyond. Thank you!



Nadya Langelotz
*Assoc. Summer Program
 Director*

The following were the 2025 Leadership Staff:

Assiniboia

Summer Program Directors: Fiona Janzen and Natan Hastings-Fuhr
 Bible Instructor: Katja MacGregor
 Inclusion Coordinator: Trinity Blair
 Activity and Staff Support Coordinator: Keira Peters
 Farm Coordinator: Astrid Franz-Warkentin

Koinonia

Summer Program Directors (Guest Directors): Alayna Smith, Nicholas Pauls-Harder, Ava Campbell-Enns, Miriam Huebner, Carrie Schulz, Grace Siemens, Claudia Dueck and Nadya Langelotz.
 Nature Instructor: Jeane Bergen
 Bible Instructor: Isaiah Koslowsky-Wiebe
 Inclusion Coordinator: Isaac Hildebrandt

SLT Directors: Cheyenne Keeper and Caleb Friesen Epp
 TV Director: Kara LeBlanc

Leadership Ministries

MCM's Leadership Ministries program and staff work with spiritual leaders and congregation across our regional body by providing care, resources, networking possibilities, and support. For pastors and spiritual leaders serving MCM congregations, we offer individual pastoral visits, opportunities for continued education, and monthly cluster meetings. We work with congregations in the calling and locating of pastors and other ministry leaders, tending to the pastor-congregation relationship, credentialing for ministry, and structuring healthy approaches to conflict mediation when needed. We also serve as a point of connection to Leadership Ministries staff in other regional churches across MC Canada and MC USA as well as with staff in other Manitoba Mennonite denominations.

As you can see from the table on the next page, there are 15 pastoral transitions in the past year involving eleven of our congregations. This is a smaller number of transitions than previous years, but is still significant. It has been helpful to have a variety of programs and resources available at both the regional and nation-wide church level to use. Onboarding a new pastor involves such things as one-on-one interactions between pastors and us to familiarize ourselves with one another, assigning them a pastor mentor, credentialing, and participating in cluster groups. We also provide congregations with templates for such things as employment agreements, salary guidelines, job descriptions, and pastoral reviews. These resources prove essential in developing a strong and trusting relationship between the pastor, the congregation, and the regional church.

One key piece of onboarding new pastors in MCM is MC Canada's Transition into Ministry program (TiM). This program seeks to lay the foundation for long, healthy, and thriving ministry by equipping and supporting pastors as they learn and grow as ministers. TiM is built around three elements: core-training modules, coaching sessions, and mentoring by an experienced pastor. As a program of the nation-wide church, not only does this resource and equip our pastors as they minister to MCM congregations, it also builds relationships between pastors across Canada that will strengthen the connections between congregations throughout MC Canada.

As Director of Leadership Ministries I am also responsible for attending MCM's Ministerial Leadership Committee (MLC) and MC Canada's Church Leadership Ministers (CLM) meetings. The CLM meets monthly to discuss

Nation-Wide Church matters related to the work of Leadership Ministries. This includes such things as maintaining pastoral records, supporting each other through difficult aspects of our jobs, and tending to the accountability structures in place for all credentialed ministers of MC Canada. Of significance in this work over the past year was the initiating of a new annual credential registration process. Each year, every individual who holds a ministry credential, is required to sign the Clergy Code of Conduct and Ethical practice found in the Guiding Ministerial Leadership in the Mennonite Church polity manual, and pay a licensing fee. With this registration process, we are strengthening our commitments to holding each other accountable as ministers of the church, while also receiving funds to be used for resources and training sessions for credentialed leaders. This process has also given me the ability to establish accurate records of who is currently holding a ministry credential with MCM and in what capacity.

The MLC is our advisory group who we meet with to discuss the work of our office related to the regional church. A key piece of this to assist with the credentialing of pastors and spiritual leaders. We give thanks for the continued work of the members of the MLC, which includes Julia Thiessen (January-March, Charleswood), Glen Fehrmoore (March-December, Morden), Marla Langelotz (Sargent), Lynell Bergen (Hope), Liz Brasier (Pinawa), Virginia Gerbrandt-Richert (Altona Bergthaler), and Dan Epp-Tiessen (Home St.).

We are grateful for the Leadership Bursaries we can distribute to support financially those pursuing training related to ministry: The A. G. Neufeld, Jake & Dorothy Pauls, and Johann Funk funds. In 2025 Heidi Martens and Ava Campbell-Enns received funds for pastoral ministry training.

Jeff Friesen,
Director of
Leadership
Ministries



MCM PASTORAL PLACEMENTS

(Congregation)	(Name)	(Position)	(Start Date)
First Mennonite Church	Karissa Durant	Associate Minister	January 26
Prairie Mennonite Fellowship	Marvin Thiessen	Pastor	February 28
Elim Mennonite Church	Elizabeth Wipf	Pastor	March 16
Seeds Church	Marla Langelotz	Interim Minister	March 30
Grace Mennonite (Steinbach)	Kara Friesen	Co-Pastor	June 3
Morden Mennonite Church	Rick Neufeld	Interim Minister	October 15
Sterling Mennonite Fellowship	Teresa Enns Zehr	Lead Pastor	November 23

CONCLUDING ASSIGNMENTS

(Congregation)	(Name)	(Position)	(End Date)
Sterling Mennonite Fellowship	Moses Falco	Lead Pastor	March 28
North Kildonan Mennonite	Emma Siemens	Faith Formation Pastor	June 30
Morden Mennonite Church	Justin Majeau	Pastor	June 30
First Mennonite Church	Zach Dueck	Associate Minister	August 14
Aberdeen Mennonite Church	Teresa Enns Zehr	Pastor	October 13
Emmanuel Mennonite Church	Lois Bukar	Co-Pastor	October 31
Seeds Church	Marla Langelotz	Interim Minister	November 2
Altona Bergthaler Mennonite	Virginia Gerbrandt	Associate Pastor	November 2

CREDENTIALS GRANTED

(Congregation)	(Name)	(Credential)	(Service Date)
Sterling Mennonite Fellowship	Moses Falco	Ordination	March 23
First Mennonite Church	Karissa Durant	LTO	June 30
Grace Mennonite (Steinbach)	Kara Friesen	LTO	September 14

Abram G. Neufeld Minister and Missionary Education Fund

The goal of the Abram G. Neufeld Minister and Missionary Education Fund is to provide financial support to pastors and missionaries who would like to further their training. Leadership Ministries administers the proceeds of this fund. We also attempt to invest in the fund as possible. We invite your donations.

If we can build the invested amount, it will be possible to help more pastors and missionaries. Your gifts are an investment in people preparing for Kingdom work. We'd love to hear from you.

Each year we are able to award bursaries based on the earnings of the fund. Since the monies have been invested in mutual funds (administered by Abundance Canada), the amount varies from year to year. The earnings are made available to us in mid-June.

Applications received by June, 1 2026 will be considered.

If you would like to apply for the **Abram G. Neufeld Bursary**, **Jake and Dorothy Pauls Pastoral Leadership Training Fund**, **Johann Funk Memorial Fund** in 2026, please contact MCM Leadership Ministries to receive guidelines and an application form.

Donations are welcome.

Jake and Dorothy Pauls Pastoral Leadership Training Fund

The idea for this fund grew out of a vision of Jake Pauls that the training of pastors should be given high priority in the Mennonite Church. The purpose of this fund, therefore, is to support leadership training for people who are called to pastoral ministry and who are in a program of studies with an Anabaptist/Mennonite focus.

Those who apply are eligible for up to \$2,500.00 per year dependent on the earnings of the fund. Monies are invested with Abundance Canada and are administered by Mennonite Church Manitoba.

Applications received by June 1, 2026 will be considered.

Johann Funk Memorial Fund

The Johann Funk Memorial fund provides interest free loans to students who desire theological training. An applicant may borrow up to a maximum of \$1,500.00 per year and make a maximum of two consecutive loans. (Since the fund is quite small, we cap the total loan for any one student at \$3,000.00).

Applications received by June 1, 2026, will be considered.

Congregational Ministries

Together as a community of congregations we engage in mutual support for one another, and one aspect of this mutual support is assisting our congregations to become as healthy as we can be. This—with particular attention on the internal congregational dimensions of worship, faith formation, and congregational care—is the focus of our Congregational Ministries program, and of the Congregational Health Committee that advises staff related to this work.

Our MCM Mondays offer one-hour online resourcing related to specific aspects of congregational life and ministry, running on Monday evenings from January to March. Often these are opportunities for people from across our congregations to come together and share questions and wisdom and encouragement together. Our 2025 MCM Mondays program included equipping sessions on decolonization and reparations with Sarah Augustine, a session on revising church constitutions, and more.

Our Congregational Check-ups provide congregations with a general assessment of the overall health of the congregation—a little like going to the doctor for a basic check-up. It is especially useful for congregations at transition points, or for those who have not done any self-assessment for some time. In 2025 two congregations participated in this program: North Kildonan Mennonite Church, and Hope Mennonite Church. One congregation has signed up for a Congregational Check-up so far for 2026.

In 2025 we kicked off a new program called Companion Congregations. In this program, two congregations from within MCM are paired up (Winnipeg and non-Winnipeg), or one from MCM is paired up with one from Central District Conference in MC USA. The purpose of this is to connect with another congregation different from our own, to learn from one another, to encourage and pray for each other, perhaps even to worship or fellowship or serve together. Eleven MCM congregations have joined this program so far.

Projects for 2026 include planning an online resourcing afternoon in the fall related to different aspects of congregational life and ministry—watch for more information on that. Also, we are working on providing samples and templates for recommended policies congregations should consider having, and hope to make a dent in that task this year.

Congregational Ministries is a bit of an amorphous program for us. I (Michael) am the staff point person for this program, but elements of this program are held by other staff in various ways. Other staff participate in MCM Mondays, oversee our youth and young adult retreats, and so on. Programs such as our Faith and Life Choirs and Circle of God's People are also part of Congregational Ministries—see separate reports for these.

Aspects of our Congregational Ministries are also supported through our wider church body. As part of Mennonite Church Canada, we benefit from MennoMedia, our publishing arm which produces worship and faith formation materials, and from CommonWord, our nationwide church resource centre providing physical and online materials related to worship, faith formation, congregational care, and more. Our proximity to and partnership with Canadian Mennonite University also provides opportunities for resourcing in these areas.

I am grateful to the Congregational Health Committee for their work on behalf of our community of congregations: Lisa Enns (Charleswood), Dori Zerbe Cornelson (Hope), Mark Tiessen Dyck (Altona Bergthaler), and Andrew Wiens (Nordheim).

Our prayer for our congregations continues to be that we will “grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love” (Ephesians 4:15-16).



Michael
Pahl
Executive Minister

Faith and Life Choirs



Faith and Life Male Choir - photo spring 2023

Conductor: Paul Dueck Pianist: Loren Hiebert



Faith and Life Women's Chorus - photo spring 2023

Conductor: Janet Brenneman Pianist: Anna Schwartz and Verna Wiebe

The mission of the MCM Faith and Life Choirs is to participate in the mission of the wider Church, and specifically that of Mennonite Church Manitoba, by leading others into worship of God through music.

Male Choir

It has been a wonderful privilege to conduct the Faith and Life Male Choir. The commitment that the singers demonstrate to the mission of the choir is remarkable, many coming from a considerable distance for rehearsals. We look forward to sharing music and friendship with each other and with the congregations we visit.

The annual season consists of three church visits, a Christmas Carol Sing and a Spring Concert. Often additional opportunities arise. This fall we had the privilege of singing with the Hoosli Ukrainian Male Choir as a fundraiser for the Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine.

Working with Loren Hiebert has been an inspiration. Personally, I have appreciated his encouragement and flexibility. Thank you, Loren, for your many years of service to this choir. We will miss you.

Paul Dueck

Women's Chorus

In 2024–25, the FLWC comprised 43 singers drawn from numerous Mennonite Church Manitoba congregations, as well as a small number from outside the conference, including the Mennonite Brethren conference and non-denominational communities. The choir continues to embody a strong sense of community, characterized by mutual care and shared learning within a supportive environment. We value our time together and take delight in one another's company as we learn new repertoire, develop and refine vocal techniques, and prepare for worship services, the annual carol sing, and spring concerts.

I extend my sincere gratitude to the FLWC Executive for their leadership and dedicated service, and to our former pianist and Assistant Conductor, Anna Schwartz, who skillfully and seamlessly fulfilled both roles throughout the year.

We extend our sincere thanks to the congregations of Mennonite Church Manitoba for their ongoing support. We are especially grateful to Michael Pahl for his guidance in our planning and discernment, and to Naomi Ewert for her essential behind-the-scenes planning and administrative work.

Janet Brenneman

Church visits

- Home Street Mennonite Church—March 2025 (Women's Chorus)
- North Kildonan Mennonite Church—March 2025 (Male Choir)
- Springstein Mennonite Church—April 2025 (Women's Chorus)
- Grace Mennonite Church (Brandon)—April 2025 (Male Choir)
- Gretna Bergthaler Mennonite Church—November 2025 (Women's Chorus)
- Altona Mennonite Church—November 2025 (Male Choir)

Concerts

- Spring Concerts—May 2025 in Winnipeg and Morden
- Friends of the Mennonite Centre in Ukraine Fundraiser—October 2025 (Male Choir)
- Christmas Carol sing—December 2025

Circle of God's People Radio Program



Isaac Kuhl-Schlegel and Mackenzie Nicolle

Circle of God's People is a monthly, 15 minute radio program highlighting Mennonite Church Manitoba ministry, community and music.

The program is hosted by Isaac Kuhl-Schlegel and Mackenzie Nicolle.

Broadcasting Times

8:45am. Every second Sunday of the month in Manitoba. Both CFAM and CHSM can be heard in Winnipeg.

Station	Location
CFAM/950	Altona (accessible in Winnipeg)
CHSM/1250	Steinbach (accessible in Winnipeg)
CJRB/1229	Boissevain
Online	www.pembinavalleyonline.com/radio/cfam

Mission Ministries

Intercultural Church

Common Word's book launch with author Carmen Lansdowne in fall 2025 gave relief to those struggling with the concept of mission. Her Indigenous perspective insists we come together from multiple cultural backgrounds and commit to be transformed by the other without trying to combine stories into a single narrative (2025, p.92). The MC Canada gathering reflected on a vision for intercultural church and our global partners discouraged us from trying to do the work of decolonizing ourselves. To many of you I asked the question: what are our practices of intercultural church here in Manitoba? Members of **Prairie Mennonite Fellowship** were clear that interculturality is being lived out every day through encounters at the grocery store, in the work place or on the street. May we continue to be transformed as our global community is reflected in our neighbourhoods and communities.

Shared Giving

Let us be encouraged by our missional goals as reflected in our 2025 shared giving to ministries of International Witness and Indigenous Solidarity. 8 congregations contributed \$33,183.17 to **International Witness** ministries in China, South Korea, Myanmar, Thailand and Ethiopia. These funds support our global companions who are engaged in resourcing and equipping leaders in their contexts. An additional \$5,140 from individual households was directed to seminary scholarship programs in Ethiopia and Mennonite World Conference. Total IW giving has increased by almost \$12,000 compared to 2024. The **Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity** raised just over \$10,000 through various events and directed donations to Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery (C2DDOD), Clan Mother's Healing Village, Swan Lake First Nation Cultural Program, and Cross Lake Children's Program. Thanks all for your contributions to these ministries.

Church Engagement

At least 35 of our MCM congregations were engaged by

joint events/fundraisers (24), speaking engagements (14), retreats (5), anniversary celebrations (1), meetings (35+), and visits (+). As much as possible, I show up to pastors retreats, leadership days, ReNew conferences to build relationships with our local leaders and make connections. Last January, pastors traveled to Portage La Prairie and visited the National Indigenous Residential School Museum with lunch in Oakville. Ernie and Lorraine Daniels shared of their residential school experience. This visit resulted in a number of congregations making their own pilgrimage to visit the museum as a way to deepen our shared commitment to listening, learning, and taking action. I joined pastors in Altona who gathered at **The Community Exchange** to collaborate. Pastors were also invited to a conversation on Intercultural Church where we heard from Pamela Obonde, Berhanu Ayano, Ha Nguyen and Anna Dang.

168 people registered for an evening of Stories of Lament and Hope organized by the Palestinian-Israel Network last January. Together with MCC, Canadian Food Grains Bank, **Vietnamese and Sargent Ave. Mennonite Churches** we held a refugee simulation called Forced to Flee. **Sterling and Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship (FGMF)** held a fundraiser for Cross Lake headlining singer/songwriter Don Amero. I introduced the forms of Interplay at the Youth Adult Retreat as a way to reduce stress, connect to each other, and

invite playfulness. Native Ministries Alumni gathered in spring for a sharing circle on reconciliation. Congregations Doing Repair (10) met at least 3 times and spear-headed events such as the "We are Treaty People Ride/Walk" (70 attendees) and a viewing of Sugarcane where we raised money for Clan Mothers Healing Village. Together we are learning about the ongoing injustices experienced by Indigenous people in our communities and have begun to offer weekly prayers in the MCM Update to encourage living in right relationship.

As part of **MCM Mondays**, Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidary hosted Sarah Augustine (Indigenous Mennonite author and Executive Director of C2DDOD) for 6 Equipping Sessions. Efforts were made to learn more



We are Treaty People Ride

about the ways our congregations are connecting to the growing work of Indigenous Solidarity in Southern Manitoba by visiting Steps Towards Reconciliation (Altona), Truth and Action Working Group (Morden/Winkler), and new groups sprouting up in Morris and Carmen. **Altona Mennonite and Bergthaler churches** transformed **Matheson**



Matheson Is Mission transformed

Is. facilities during a May work-weekend and brought 23 volunteers to the Island again for Summer Bible Camp (check out photo link above). A visit to Pimicikamak Cree Nation during their annual Trapper's Festival allowed for deeper connections to be made with this community and **Living Word Church**. Unfortunately wildfires canceled summer trips to Pimicikamak and Pauingassi. Sterling stepped up to host families in their church building during this terrifying time while others volunteered through MDS to assist evacuees. At least 32 MCM members from **Steinbach Mennonite** and other Native Ministries alumni joined the 65th Celebration of **Manigotagan Community Chapel**. Randy Hildebrand, now Pastor at **Springstein Mennonite Church**, shared of his 20 years connecting to Manigotagan since the late 1990's.

International Witness

In June, congregations were blessed to meet Kelbessa Muleta Demena, Meserete Kristos Church (MKC) Vice President from Ethiopia.

Kelbessa shared at 5 events: lunch with pastors and evening with Southern cluster congregations at **Altona Bergthaler Church**; meeting with MCM staff; dinner and evening with **Steinbach Mennonite Church**; and breakfast with city constituents at **River East Church**. We were inspired by stories of Mennonite connections made post-WWII and the radical growth in the Ethiopian when the church was forced underground.

African Inter-Mennonite Mission (AIMM) brought John Fumana for visits in September and we learned that Pamela Obonde from **Charleswood Mennonite Church** is their new church liaison. North Kildonan Mennonite Church held a folk fest fundraiser

in support of AIMM that same weekend. New connections were made with the Semilla seminary in Guatemala as they also visited in September. We learned of the important contextual work of congregations working to transform societies experiencing deep poverty.

Activ8

Thanks to the leadership of Kim Arpin-Ricci of **Little Flowers Community**, this young adult program started Sept. 15 with its first retreat at Camp Assiniboia. Participants from **Nordheim and FGMF**, age 18-21, include young adults who are both working and attending university. Each Monday the group gathers on zoom to reflect together. 35 people have joined to hear inspirational speakers from Canada, USA, Australia, and South Africa. Speakers bring topics based on what they wished the church had told them growing up. By the end of the program, participants will have attended three retreats, including the MCM Young Adults Winter Retreat. Participants say Activ8 has helped them think more deeply, broaden their perspective, encouraged self-reflection, and broken barriers between theory and practice. Most importantly, they are experiencing spiritual growth as they dig into passages of scripture to explore social context and meaning beyond the surface.

*see Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity for more information on 2025 activities.



Activ8 begins Sept 2025



Melanie Neufeld
Dir. of Mission Engagement

Working Groups

Palestine-Israel Network

A voice was heard in Ramah, weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she refused to be comforted, because they were no more. Matthew 2:18

The MCMPIN has spent this last year bearing witness to a Holy Land where ancient olive trees, symbols of steadfastness, are uprooted, their fruit left to die on the ground and rot, inaccessible to the Palestinian people who have nurtured life over centuries. This land, the soul of an ancient people, absorbs the waste from missile and drone toxins, buildings now reduced to ash, bodies dismembered, tears and wailing of those left behind to bear the horror inflicted upon generations. We were saddened by the October 2023 attacks of militants on innocent Israelis and the agony of hostages and their families. Our hearts are with the two million Palestinians in Gaza--displaced, dismembered, dismissed, dishonored, disappeared – by Israel's state sanctioned, unending violence. We mourn the tens of thousands in the West Bank who are homeless and harassed through settlement expansion. The world is recognizing and naming the realities: *ethnic cleansing, apartheid, settler colonialism, and genocide.*



**Mennonite
Church Manitoba
Palestine-Israel
Network**

Palestinian Christians cry out to us, the Church, to respond, through prayer and action, to end the deliberate erasure of the 'living stones'-- the Christians, in the Holy Land. They speak not just for themselves, but on behalf of all Palestinian peoples who long for dignity and peaceful co-existence in the land of their ancestors. On behalf of MC Manitoba, we try to listen and respond to their call. Over the last year, MCMPIN activities have included the following:

Solidarity Visit

In November 2025, two PIN members, Esther Epp Tiessen and Jan McIntyre, were part of a delegation attending the Kairos Palestine II conference in Bethlehem. Here they witnessed the release of Kairos Palestine's statement, "Moment of Truth—Faith in a Time of Genocide." In it, a broad coalition of Palestinian church

leaders and academics name the crisis in their land, calling their own churches and the global church to act boldly for peace and justice. The statement updates and sharpens the message of their 2009 "Moment of Truth" statement and has been adopted as a key guide for the work of our PIN.

Letters And Petitions

The MCMPIN has signed and/or written numerous letters and petitions to the Canadian government and to the Government of Manitoba to end the arms trade with Israel, to hold Israel accountable to international law and humanitarian law, and to allow unrestricted humanitarian aid into Gaza.

Vigils

In partnerships with local advocacy groups, we have participated in and helped lead:

- Stories, Poems, and Prayers for Gaza at the Canadian Museum for Human Rights (CMHR), co-sponsored with Canadian Palestinian Association of Manitoba (CPAM) & Manitoba Friends of Standing Together (MFoST)
- Light for Gaza at the Forks, co-sponsored with Mennonite Action
- Summer Thursday vigils for the children of Gaza at the CMHR co-sponsored with MFoST
- Regular rural church prayer meetings for Palestine in fall: Prayers for Peace
- Longest Night vigil of lament at Home Street Mennonite, December 21, co-sponsored with Mennonite Action

Webinars

Dr. Dan Epp-Tiessen, How did we get from the Bible to the War on Gaza? Three-part series co-sponsored with Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba (over 400 registered attendees). Epp-Tiessen has presented the series in several other venues online and in person.

Public Political Actions Where Pin Members Participated

- Weekly Saturday rallies with coalition members (Independent Jewish Voices, United Jewish Peoples Order, CPAM, Craftivists, Peace Alliance, Health Care Workers for Palestine, and others)
- Nakba Commemoration (May) at the Legislature, and the Palestinian flag raising on Nov. 15th, (the first ever in Canada in recognition of the State of Palestine by the Canadian government), where MCMPIN chair Joanna Hiebert Bergen was an invited speaker
- Numerous peace and prayer vigils at Magellan Aerospace, which manufactures parts for the F-35 bomber used on Gaza (with Mennonite Action)
- Letters and visits to the Premier's office to raise concerns around anti-Palestinian racism found in educational materials, (in coalition with Jewish peace advocates)

Events

- Movie Screening at Cinematheque, 1948: Creation and Catastrophe co-sponsored with (MFoST) & No Other Land – Crystal City
- Four MCM PIN members attended the Call to Remembrance Conference in Ottawa – to liaise with ecumenical groups working for justice – United Church, Presbyterian, Lutheran, Catholic etc
- Run for Palestine Assiniboine Park fundraiser in September for humanitarian relief for Gaza (CPAM)
- Promotion of MC Canada PIN's Advent fundraiser for scholarships at Bethlehem Bible College

Monthly Newsletter & Church Speaking Engagements

We promoted MC Canada PIN's monthly Update e-newsletter, which includes current events in Palestine/Israel; wisdom from Christian, Muslim and Jews rooted in the Holy Land working tirelessly for peace; calls to action; announcements for educational events and resources; and

prayers of lament and hope. To subscribe, visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>

MCMPIN, the Manitoba chapter of Mennonite Church Canada PIN, was born out of the July 2016 General Assembly of MC Canada. We remain committed to living out our faith prayerfully, in coalition with others working toward a non-violent, just solution to Palestinian dispossession and genocide. We believe God calls us to stand in solidarity with those in peril. We hear this cry from our Palestinian siblings in faith:

From the land of the Incarnation, the Cross and the Resurrection, we renew our word of hope in the God of the poor, the oppressed and the downtrodden. The genocidal war has sought to strip us of our hope and faith in God's goodness and in life upon our land. Yet we declare our adherence to our faith in a holy and just God, and in the right God has given us to live with dignity on our land and the land of our ancestors. This is our hope. This is our steadfastness. This is our resistance.
From Kairos Palestine II, "A Moment of Truth"

Respectfully submitted; Joanna Hiebert Bergen (chair)
Mennonite Church Manitoba Palestine/Israel Network

Manitoba Mennonite Coalition for Indigenous Solidarity

This past year, MCIS members continued efforts to be in Solidarity with Indigenous communities and individuals we are in relationship with. These efforts encouraged congregations to also deepen relationships and equip MCM to act collectively.

Our newest member, Gerald Regehr, has begun a monthly e-newsletter called Living into Right Relations – Miscoosipi. Not only does the newsletter highlight great events and opportunities around the province for folks to engage with Indigenous concerns, he also includes powerful personal reflections. To sign up for the newsletter, contact us at: mcis.manitoba@gmail.com

In January to March, MCIS hosted a series of six MCM Monday virtual conversations on **Equipping congregations to Build Communities of Repair**. Tewa author and Director of the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery, Sarah Augustine, opened each session with powerful reflections, inspiring participants to create an organizing and facilitation strategy that builds endurance and provides concrete redress to Indigenous communities. Each evening included small group conversations that fostered new connections and listening into action. One participant shared, “Sarah was a fantastic, inspiring, encouraging and challenging presenter.” Another’s commitment to action was to “push our congregational group to make our reparations go beyond money to advocacy and other support.” 38 different people participated over the various sessions from 13 congregations (3 outside of MCM).

MCIS seeks to respond to invitations from Indigenous communities or individuals and invite Mennonites into these opportunities. In the spring, several members of MCIS participated in two fundraisers for a conference for 60’s Scoop Survivors hosted by Anish Healing Center in May. Volunteers created, fried, and wrapped Bannock dogs, with the proceeds going to support survivors from around the country to attend this important gathering for mutual support and building community. In the summer, when Northern communities were evacuated due to wildfires, many individuals volunteered alongside MDS at various sites to support evacuees.



Another opportunity created this year was the first **We are All Treaty People Bike Ride/Walk** organized by MCIS as an opportunity to intentionally and reflectively explore the landscape of Winnipeg through the lens of sites of significance to Indigenous peoples. Beyond learning and exploration, the self-guided tour was a fundraiser in support of Clan Mothers Healing Village [<https://clanmothers.ca>] and their efforts to bring healing into the lives of Indigenous women. Krista Anderson, social enterprise and innovation manager for the Healing Village, spoke to the 50+ participants over an outdoor lunch at MCC Manitoba. The ride preceded the annual We Are All Treaty People Celebration organized by Mennonite Central Committee along with the Treaty Relations Commission of Manitoba and other churches.

In December, MCIS supported Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship in the screening of Sugarcane [<https://films.nationalgeographic.com/sugarcane>], the award-winning debut feature documentary investigation into an Indian residential school, shedding light on years of forced separation, assimilation and abuse that Indigenous children experienced at the hands of Church and government. The conversation among the attendees was as powerful as the film.

The MCIS **Search the Landfill** subgroup continued to deepen relationships with local Indigenous families who experience loss of loved ones, and there was a good turnout of Mennonites at various gatherings like the Red Dress Day Walk on May 5. We started highlighting related prayer requests through the weekly **MCM Update and Announcements** in hopes that individuals and congregations will lift up these concerns. **Energy and Resource Extraction** also continues to highlight hydro and other land-related concerns of impacted First Nation communities. Congregations Doing Repair meets at least 3 times a year to share ongoing activities and upcoming events.

This year MCIS offered financial support to Indian Springs School in Swan Lake First Nation through partnership with Elder David Scott and his work on the Secret Treaty. MCIS gave a donation to the Coalition to Dismantle the Doctrine of Discovery in recognition of the contribution

by Sarah Augustine to our MCM Monday series. We also joined with Sterling and Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship in the fundraiser to support the summer program in Cross Lake – Pimicikamak Cree Nation.

We continue to be grateful to congregations who maintain these relationships with northern First Nation communities. Trips to Cross Lake and Pauingassi were cancelled due to wildfires. Steinbach Mennonite celebrated with Manigotagan the 65th years of worship as a Community Chapel. Altona Bergthaler and Altona Mennonite held a work weekend in May as well as a week of bible camp in collaboration with Matheson Island.

We invite you to continue to explore ways for your congregations engage in Indigenous Solidarity. You could invite us to facilitate the Kairos Blanket Exercise or an adult learning session. Consider participating in activities for Orange Shirt Day, or the Red Dress walk May 5 with others in support of Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women, Girls and Two-Spirit people. Many churches have already been undertaking book studies or film nights that contribute to our ongoing learning together. Please be in touch if there are ways we can support your congregation as you explore opportunities for relationship and reconciliation.

Like us on Facebook [<http://www.facebook.com/100084351986296/>] or Instagram [<http://www.instagram.com/mennos4indigenoussolidarity/>]

Prepared by Kerry Saner-Harvey and Melanie Neufeld,
Co-chairs

Climate Action Working Group

Warm greetings from the Climate Action Working Group (CAWG) to the MCM community. May our hearts and minds be filled with love and gratitude with every breath we take in, and may that love and gratitude flow to all we encounter with every breath we release.

Fresh winter air has replaced the smoky air of last summer. Pray for good snow cover and spring rains so that the wildfires, smoke and evacuations of 2025 do not return in 2026. Pray for good planning, community cohesion, and mutual aid responses in the face of mounting climate risks.

CAWG started off 2025 planning for a webinar on degrowth. Building on our November 2024 event, the webinar on March 27 was titled "The Upside-Down Economics of Jesus, Part 2: Degrowth". James Magnus-Johnston spoke of degrowth as a movement towards a steady-state economy; an economy that would maximize well-being for humanity and the earth, instead of maintaining a high material standard of living for some, by reducing inequality through equitable redistribution and right-sizing the economy within planetary limits. He also spoke to the implications of our current global economic system, with provocative ideas like:

- Growth is a substitute for sharing.
- In our current system, money cannot exist without debt.
- Inequality is a result of our debt-based money system.
- A degrowth paradigm cannot exist within a debt-based monetary system because in a debt-based system the economy needs to grow at least at the rate of interest.
- The Jubilee is inherently redistributive, it prevents violence and it enacts grace and redemption.
- Might we revive the call of the Jubilee: "Cancel the debt! Redistribute the land!"

CAWG led a workshop at last year's MCM gathering, entitled "Sitting with Jesus in a Groaning World." We asked participants to imagine what might happen if large numbers of us set aside significant time in our weekly schedules to "consider the lilies."

In April we happily accepted an invitation to visit Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship (FGMF). Visiting MCM churches has been one of CAWG's most rewarding activities (we'd love more invitations!). Among other good things, the visit to FGMF led to Pat Gerber-Pauls joining our working group.

On July 2nd in Kitchener, at a pre-gathering event before the MC Canada Gathering, several CAWG members joined Climate Action working group members and Indigenous Relations working group members, and others, from across MC Canada Regional Churches to explore the call to "love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with our God." A theme that emerged was that responding to the Micah 6:8 call requires us to be in community, building strength and resilience through strong local relationships with our co-conspirators.

We did not host an event this past fall, as we had done the previous three years, but we are glad to reassure you that we have another event in the works: We are partnering with Sterling Mennonite Church to host speakers

from Pimicikamak Cree Nation (PCN) in April. We aim to highlight the impacts of climate change in Manitoba, with accounts of what it was like for PCN residents to face the forest fires last summer. Stay tuned for more info!

Submitted on behalf of CAWG by Marta Bunnett Wiebe and Matthew Wiens (co-chairs)

CAWG Members:

Carla Bergen – Springstein
 Marta Bunnett Wiebe – Home Street
 Fern De Avila – Sargent
 Pat Gerber-Pauls - Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship
 Kenton Lobe – Charleswood
 Josiah Neufeld – Hope
 Sandy Plett – Pembina Fellowship
 Matthew Wiens – St Julian's Table



78th Annual Gathering | March 1, 2025

Grace Mennonite Church, Steinbach

- Welcome:** Cheryl Braun, Moderator, welcomed all, called the meeting to order at 9:05, and opened with a land acknowledgement.
Kyle Penner, pastor at Grace Mennonite Church, shared about the congregation and church building and led in prayer.
- Gathering music:** led by members of Grace Mennonite Church
- Keynote Address:** Cheryl thanked Kyle and the Grace Worship Team. Cheryl then introduced John D. Roth, project director of MennoMedia's Anabaptism at 500 initiative.
John recounted the history and tradition of the Anabaptist movement and connected it to current cultural realities and stories from other parts of the world focusing on the theme of being courageous for God's sake, following the example of Jesus' love.
- Table Discussion:** Cheryl thanked John and introduced the table discussion topics on congregational programs and initiatives and connections to following Jesus.
Comments from discussions:
 - Food programs within churches – being respectful and honouring dignity
 - Being genuinely welcoming and a safe place for sharing
 - Being good neighbours
 - Building relationships with northern communities
 - Using the church space for those beyond the congregation, the church becoming a hospitable place to communities and neighbourhoods
 - Connecting within the church through end of life discussions, or Dungeons and Dragons
 - Reconciliation efforts and climate change work

-----**BREAK**-----

- Introduction of Board:** Cheryl introduced the MCM Board members (11:06am): Cheryl Braun, Moderator, Ed Neufeld (Eastern region: Grace Steinbach, East), Evelyn Rempel Petkau (Southern region: Carman), Marvin Dyck (Southern region: Emmanuel), Karen Tiessen (Western and Northern region: Prairie Mennonite), Bryan Dyck (Winnipeg region: Hope), Roy Lee (Winnipeg region: Sterling), Johanna Klassen (Young Adult representative, First Mennonite).
- Quorum:** Cheryl reported that quorum was met with 31 of 40 congregations represented with a total of 100 delegates. Harold Peters Fransen (once again) will serve as parliamentarian and Nadya Langelotz is taking minutes.
- Review of Agenda:** Cheryl shared that the program on page 5 of Report book and on the half sheet from tables will serve as the agenda for the day.
- Acceptance of Minutes** (pp. 28-31 of Report Book): Cheryl reviewed the minutes from 77th Annual Gathering, highlighting key motions.

Motion from the Board: That the Annual Gathering minutes of March 2, 2024, be accepted as presented. (Seconder: Lynell Bergen, Hope Mennonite). Motion carried.

Cheryl noted that if there are any nominations for the vacant Board position to pass that on to Nominating Committee chair Harold Peters Fransen over the lunch break.

- Affirming 2024 Board Actions** (p. 2 of Delegate Addendum): Cheryl reviewed decisions made by the Board in 2024.

Motion: That the 2024 MCM Board actions be affirmed as presented.

(M: Erika Enns-Rodine, Altona Mennonite, S: Jonathan Muebling, Sargent Mennonite). Motion carried.

10. Financial Report and Presentation of 2025 Budget (pp. 3-15 of Delegate Addendum): A detailed introduction to the 2024 financials and 2025 Budget are on pages 3 and 4 of Delegate Addendum. In his video, Michael Pahl shared stories behind the numbers of the financial reports and budgets noting how funds are distributed when they are donated to MCM, expanding the mission of the local congregation. He thanked conference churches for their generosity.

Motion from the Board: That the 2024 Financial Report be received as presented (Seconder: Mark Olfert, Hope Mennonite). Motion carried (none opposed).

Motion from the Board: That the 2025 budget be approved as presented. Moved by the Board. (Seconder: Stephen Nighswander-Rempel, Hope Mennonite).

Questions/Comments:

- Janessa Giesbrecht (Jubilee)- clarification regarding the reserve fund used to cover the deficit and why it is not included in financials? Response from Zachary Entz (MCM) that funds are separated from operating budget which is why it is not listed. Michael Pahl (MCM) noted these reserve numbers are not secret and can be requested from the office.

Motion carried.

11. Delegate approval of budget discussion: Cheryl gave background information of Board discussions (rational on p. 4 of delegate addendum) of whether to continue formal approval of budgets by delegates or to receive them as part of the financial reports. Delegates were invited to give feedback in groups on slips of paper and instructed to leave the papers on the pews after the time to discuss.

12. Staff and Program Reports: Michael notes Staff Reports in Report Book look back on 2024 and the video reports will look ahead.

Video Reports:

- Executive Minister: Michael Pahl shared about the Hope and Courage visioning process and the continuation of congregational ministries programming since Kathy G's retirement.
- Leadership Ministries: Jeff Friesen reflected on the adjustment of his position with Karen Schellenberg's retirement earlier this year. His work continues to involve conversations with those interested in pastoral ministry as well as credentialing and licensing for pastors, and regular times such as clusters and retreats for pastors to connect. 2025 will bring opportunities for leadership to connect at a nationwide level.
- Mission Ministries: Melanie Neufeld reported on MCM Monday conversations with Sarah Augustine and conversations about clean energy and hydro impacts. Meetings of churches doing reparations and northern connections were highlighted. Upcoming events include Forced to Flee refugee experience and Activ8 program for young adults.
- Camps with Meaning: Dorothy Fontaine and Krista Neustaedter Barg provided updates on the Light the Fire Campaign and upcoming events. Nadya Langelotz introduced new training and leadership position for Camp this summer and asked for prayers for more staff applications. Marnie Klassen shared about the 2025 summer Bible curriculum. Paul Barkman reported on work at Camp Koinonia.
- Nationwide Ministries: Al Rempel introduced leadership day at MC Canada Gathering in July, Jeanette emphasized the importance of the global church, Sandy Plett and Jonathan Neufeld shared of the interconnectedness of climate engagement and Indigenous reconciliation noting specific resource day at July's Gathering, and Arlyn Friesen Epp introduced new titles and resources available through CommonWord.

Michael highlighted that registration for MC Canada's 2025 Gathering opens this week.

Michael introduced MCM, Camp Koinonia, Camp Assiniboia and MC Canada Staff present.

Motion: To approve the staff reports as presented (M: Janessa Naylor-Giesbrecht, Jubilee Mennonite, S: Mark Olfert, Hope Mennonite)

Comments/Questions:

- Hugo Peters (Bethel Mennonite): Upset there was not opportunities to give at the Light the Fire Campaign launch and the continued lack of updates in the bulletins about how the campaign has been going.

Motion carried.

----- LUNCH -----

13. **Greetings:** Cheryl noted that the nominations are now closed. She then acknowledged the wider church family and all of MCM partner organizations whose reports are included in Report Book.

- Greetings from Mennonite Church Canada: Doug Klassen, Executive Minister, shared an invitation to join the nationwide church in Kitchener in July for Gathering, highlighted the energy among young adults to gather as well, and introduced a brochure/resource about legacy giving.
- Greetings from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan: Len Rempel, Executive Minister, told stories of both difficulties and excitement in MC Sask where the Spirit is moving and God is leading.
- Greetings from Canadian Mennonite University: Cheryl Pauls, President, reflected on questions of what it means to be Canadian, Mennonite, why CMU was created, and how to remain 'slightly offside' from society. She then shared how CMU is exploring keeping the faith alive.
- Greetings from Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary: David Boschart highlighted the importance of calling leaders within the church as even with an increase in enrollment at AMBS, fewer students are choosing Masters of Divinity programs. Gratitude for partnerships with MC Canada were also expressed.
- Cheryl thanked other guests and representatives from partner organizations in attendance: Will Braun (Canadian Mennonite), Sandy Koop Harder (CMU), Dave Sawatsky (Eden Health Care Services), Darryl Loewen, Wesley Ncube and Erin Morash (MCC Manitoba), Mark von Kampen (IMCA).

14. **Nominations:** Harold Peters-Fransen introduced the Nominating Committee and reviewed Board nominations to committees and reps to other organizations for delegates to affirm. Additions to the printed Nominations slate include Karen Bullock Pries (Grace, Steinbach) as Eden Health Care Services rep, Kennedy Froese (Sterling) as MCM Board Young Adult rep, Scott Warkentin (Home St) on Camp Committee.

Motion from the Board: That the Board nominations to committees and partner organizations be affirmed as presented (Seconder: Virginia Gerbrandt-Richert, Altona Bergthaler). Motion carried.

Motion: That the nominations to the Board be affirmed as presented (M: Andrew Wiens, Nordheim, S: Laverne Siemens, Gretna). Motion carried.

15. **Prayer for the Church:** Michael Pahl closed this part of the session in prayer.

16. **Breakout Sessions:**

- Professionalism and Ministry in MCM: Examining Mennonite Church Manitoba's Ministerial Code of Conduct and Ethical Practice (led by Jeff Friesen) - 18 participants
- What are Congregational Check-ups? Assessing the Health of Christ's Body (led by Michael Pahl) - 16 participants
- Jesus at the Centre: Stories and Songs by the Fire (with Camp Staff) - 14 participants
- Following Jesus in Gaza: A Solidarity Pilgrimage to Palestine (led by MCM PIN) - 27 participants
- Waiting with Jesus in a Groaning World (led by CAWG)- 17 participants
- The Beauty and Devastation of our Northern Watershed (led by MCIS) - 26 participants

17. **Open Conversations:** Cheryl welcomed folks back from breakout sessions and invited sharing on any affirmations or questions from the day:

- Doug Unrau (Lowe Farm): reflected on the Camp session with the encouragement to affirm each other in the work we are doing.
- Stephen Nighswander-Rempel (Hope): From Climate Action session, encouraged to challenge ourselves to think about “What do we really need? vs. what we want.
- Gabrielle Bishop-Wiebe (Jubilee): Inspiring during first table discussion as people shared about what their congregations were up to and where there was energy.
- Julia Thiessen (Charleswood): Affirmed the work put into the GMLC document and its usefulness in congregations, challenging how can we ALL embrace this code of conduct and take it to heart?
- Moses Falco (Sterling): shared that he has felt at home at MCM Gathering in his 25 years pastoring and really resonates with Jesus as the center of our faith. How do we continue to share the goodness of our message and tradition and invite people in?

18. Closing Worship:

- Music led by members of Grace Mennonite Church
- Cheryl thanked Board members, committee members, representatives to other organizations (page 32-34 of Addendum book), highlighting the people who have completed terms or positions and thanked them for their work and contributions. Cheryl acknowledged the work of Karen Schellenberg who served many years as a pastor at four different MCM congregations and for the past two and a half years as Co-Director of Leadership Ministries.
- Michael led a Commissioning for Ministry for those involved as MCM Staff, Board members, members of MCM committees and working groups, pastors and lay ministers, church council and church committee members, delegates, and guests. Michael led a prayer for all of these people and for our work together.
- Cheryl thanked John D. Roth for his sharing, Grace Mennonite for hosting and feeding and providing times of worship Friday and Saturday, presenters for planning and leading breakout sessions, MCM Staff for their work in planning and pulling everything together (especially Naomi Ewert, Darryl Neustaedter Barg and Michael Pahl), and all those participating in the work of MCM and the gathering today. Closing with a final benediction

19. Adjournment: 3:56pm

Minutes recorded by Nadya Langelotz

MCM Committees

Board of Directors

- Cheryl Braun, Moderator (Glenlea) 2029
- Evelyn Rempel Petkau, South (Carman) 2026 (completing term)
- Brian Dyck, Winnipeg (Hope) 2027
- Marvin Dyck, South (Emmanuel) 2027
- Kennedy Froese, Young Adult (Sterling) 2028
- Chris Friesen, Winnipeg (Jubilee) 2028
- Karen Tiessen, West/North (Prairie) 2028
- Ed Neufeld, East (Grace Steinbach) 2029

Ministerial Leadership Committee

- Marla Langelotz (Sargent) 2026 (completing term)
- Dan Epp-Tiessen (Home Street) 2027
- Liz Brasier (Pinawa) 2027
- Virginia Gerbrandt Richert (Altona Bergthaler) 2027
- Glen Fehrmoore (Morden) 2028
- Lynell Bergen (Hope) 2029

Congregational Health Committee

- Andrew Wiens (Nordheim) 2026 (completing term)
- Lisa Enns (Charleswood) 2027
- Dori Zerbe Cornelson (Hope) 2028
- Mark Tiessen Dyck (Altona Bergthaler) 2028

Camp Committee

- Sol Schlegel, Chair (Morden) 2027
- Erika Enns-Rodine (Altona Mennonite) 2027
- Bruce Pauls (Bethel) 2028
- Scott Warkentin (Home Street) 2028
- Marie Loeppky (Bethel) 2029

Finance Committee

- Marvin Dyck, Board representative (Emmanuel) 2027
- Ruth Siemens (Gretna) 2026 (completing term)
- Doug Dyck (Covenant) 2027

Nominating Committee

- Moses Falco, Chair (Sterling) 2027
- Harold Penner (Arnaud) 2027
- Laverne Siemens (Gretna) 2027
- Harold Peters Fransen (Home Street) 2028
- Elsie Rempel (Charleswood) 2028

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Randy Willoughby (Douglas) 2027

Emma Hamm (Hope) 2028

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Karen Bullock Pries (Grace Steinbach) 2028

Ingrid Peters Fransen (Home Street) 2029

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Manitoba Multifaith Council

Peter Rempel (Charleswood) 2028

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Danika Gingerich (Sterling) 2027

Yvonne Stoesz (Pembina) 2028

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Our Nationwide Ministry Together

Our Covenant

Five Regional Churches—Mennonite Churches British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan, Manitoba, and Eastern Canada—covenant together to create Mennonite Church Canada. Mennonite Church Canada carries our nationwide and international identity and ministry. Our shared programs as Mennonite Church Canada are funded by the Regional Churches each contributing a percentage of our congregational and individual giving. This covenant creates a close working relationship among the regions, and helps us to support our congregations more effectively, living into our conviction that the congregation is the primary locus of the church's life and ministry.

Joint Council

Mennonite Church Canada is governed by a Joint Council. Each region has two members on the Council: the regional moderator and one member-at-large. The Executive Minister of Mennonite Church Canada, the national moderator, the vice-moderator, and the secretary/treasurer make up the balance of the Council. The Executive Ministers Group advises Joint Council, which meets 3-4 times per year.

Executive Ministers Group (EMG)

The EMG is comprised of all the Executive Ministers: the five regional EMs, the national EM, and the national Associate EM. This is a critical working group in our nationwide church which meets at least monthly for collaboration and to advise the Mennonite Church Canada Executive Minister and Joint Council.

Other nationwide groups meeting regularly:

- Finance, Policy, and Audit Committee: the secretary/treasurer and other appointees
- Sustainability Leadership Group: representatives from Joint Council and EMG plus regional reps, focused on environmental sustainability for Mennonite Church Canada
- Church Leadership Ministers: regional Leadership Ministers plus the Associate Executive Minister
- Communicators: regional communicators plus the nationwide Communications Coordinator

Nationwide Gatherings

- Regional church delegates and congregational representatives meet annually for business agenda
- Every third year this is an in-person meeting hosted by a regional church, to learn, discuss, worship, and build community

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Geraldine Balzer (Saskatchewan)

Joint Council Manitoba reps
Cheryl Braun, MCM Moderator (Glenlea) 2029
David Wiens, Regional Representative (Elim) 2029

Nominating Committee
Harold Peters Fransen (Home Street) 2028

Mennonite Church Canada Biannual Gathering participants:

- Each regional church can send one base delegate plus a number determined by the number of individual members in the regional church. MCM can send a total of 9 regional church delegates.
- Each congregation can send three representatives. These are encouraged to be a pastor/leader, a person who understands congregational and regional dynamics, and a person under 35 years of age.
- Regional church delegates and congregational representatives participate together in reviewing the work of MC Canada, discussing budgeting priorities of MC Canada, discerning issues facing the church and giving guidance to Joint Council. Regional church delegates have additional fiduciary responsibilities.

Mennonite Church Canada: Moving Forward Together



Year in Review 2025

Every three years, our nationwide church gathers to celebrate, worship, and discern where God is calling us. This past summer, we met in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, and from that gathering, **four Key Initiatives emerged:**

- **Centring on Jesus Through Theological Renewal**
- **Becoming a Vibrant Intercultural Church**
- **Discovering, Calling, and Equipping Leaders**
- **Embodying Peace as a Witness and a Bridge**

To deepen this discernment, we invited further input through a survey sent to congregations and registrants. With 102 responses, we heard strong calls for embodied spiritual practices rooted in Anabaptist identity, deeper intercultural inclusion, and shared leadership models. Respondents highlighted priorities such as empowering youth, fostering peace witness tied to justice and creation care, and equipping congregations to resist division and violence. Together, these insights point to a church seeking clarity, depth, and connection as we take faithful next steps. For more reflection, see Doug Klassen's article in *Canadian Mennonite*. (<https://canadianmennonite.org/confessing-christ-in-the-face-of-apocalypse/>)

CommonWord
Bookstore and Resource Centre

Celebrating 10 Years of CommonWord

In 2024, CommonWord marked its tenth anniversary and over 50 years of ministry as a trusted source for books, worship resources, and digital materials. In its first decade, CommonWord circulated 30,000 loan items, served nearly 93,000 retail customers, and partnered with initiatives like *Together in Worship* and *MennoMedia* to provide high-quality resources. Despite challenges such as declining textbook sales and the pandemic, retail sales have rebounded, Indigenous-authored books and crafts have grown significantly, and public events like book launches continue to expand CommonWord's reach. We invite you to explore our resources and join us in shaping Christian formation for the next generation.

Our Shared Work

Strengthening Partnerships Leadership Ministries

The Church Leadership Ministers (CLM) team meets monthly to support congregations and credentialed leaders in a changing ministry landscape. With fewer candidates entering traditional pastoral training and many positions now part-time, CLM is responding through resource development, partnerships with educational institutions, and the Leadership Day at Gathering 2025. Recent initiatives include a revised Transition into Ministry (TiM) program with AMBS and the new Guiding Ministerial Leadership in Mennonite Church Canada (GMLC) policy, which strengthens ethical standards and ongoing training.

Walking the Path of Reconciliation Indigenous Relations

Our relationship with Indigenous communities encompasses generations of history and continues to be shaped by God's call to be reconciling neighbours on the land. The Regional Indigenous Relations working groups of MC Canada through their congregations, are building kinship through collaboration with Indigenous-led movements, acknowledging Indigenous concerns in our worship and preaching, and making financial commitments to Indigenous-led projects. Together, we seek to grow beyond barriers that divide and live more into Jesus' call to healing, restoration and justice.

Building Global Relationships International Witness

International Witness cultivates partnerships that allow the global church to share God's gifts with one another. From Myanmar's courageous witness amid civil war to China's commitment to resourcing pastors, and from South Africa's call for solidarity to Burkina Faso's leadership in peacebuilding, we see God's fingerprints in diverse contexts. Through scholarships, leadership training, and collaborative networks, these relationships nurture hope and equip future leaders to embody Christ's peace. Congregations are invited to join Witness Support Networks, by sharing resources, prayer, and presence as we respond to God's call for justice and reconciliation.



Caring for Creation Climate Action

Since 2022, Climate Action Ministry has supported Regional Working Groups to engage with the climate crisis through education, reflection and action. Initiatives include workshops, book studies, youth engagement, and partnerships with organizations like Mennonite World Conference and A Rocha. Over \$60,000 in Emissions Reduction Grants have supported 23 congregations. Gathering 2025 included a Resource Day co-led with Indigenous Relations, focussing on Scripture's call to "love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with our God," grounding this peace-building work in community, centered on Jesus. We invite congregations and individuals to join us in shaping faithful, hope-filled responses to the climate crisis.

Resources

International Witness

IW Reflection by Janet Plenert: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4306>.

Palestine and Israel Network: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/1910>

Climate Action

Highlight of work being done across the regions:
<https://www.commonword.ca/go/4256>

Emissions Reductions Grant: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45818-emissions-reduction-grants-2025>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3427>

Indigenous Relations

Opening of Clan Mothers Healing Village and Knowledge Centre:
<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45649-opening-of-clan-mothers-healing-village-and-knowledge-centre>

Land, Identity, and Faith online conversations:
<https://www.commonword.ca/go/4179>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/1561>

Leadership Ministries:

Reflection on Youth Gatherings: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45426-reflections-on-youth-gatherings-paul-peters>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/1900>



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MCBC Annual Report 2025

Greetings MCBC and MC Canada brothers, sisters, kin in Christ!

A reminder: I have two jobs for MCBC: Executive Minister/Director (EM) and Church Leadership Minister (CLM).

This past year had a bit of a slower pace as I leaned into: (1) Centring on Jesus as our Lord and source of unity (Centre-Set), (2) Encouraging churches to work at renewal/revitalization, (3) Continuing to support and develop our leaders (pastoral and otherwise), and (4) Planning for financial stability, sustainability, and alignment around shared vision.

One of the major works of my role has been developing more clarity around our regional staff team, as a team. I have instituted regular staff meetings, annual reviews for feedback, growth, and adjustment. I, with help from the moderator, am in the process of updating role descriptions (building on the existing ones). We also reduced our staffing by one position (~0.25 FTE). If you are unaware of how we work and resource our churches, there is a summary of roles and responsibilities in the extended report.

In 2025, Valley Road Church, a developing congregation, continues to impact Kelowna. We also became aware of some potential new opportunities to explore, one being an Ethiopian plant in the Surrey/New West/Burnaby area. Your church received a letter from me regarding this. Also, possibilities in Vancouver are percolating.

As I am becoming increasingly acquainted with MCBC at the ground level/grassroots, my sense is that our structure could use more simplification around support and shared leadership for those items that impact all our churches. A leaner, more focused regional office around these areas and to support new congregations/fresh expressions together is vital for a better future.

Finally, a huge thank you to our ministry and task group leaders and staff team.

And of course, to Gerry Grunau for his years of service as our MCBC moderator. I am personally thankful for his work onboarding me into my role. He has served MCBC above and beyond what should be required of a volunteer. His love for our congregations and his desire to help hold a big-tent Anabaptist network together are commendable. I am sure we will still be seeing him around in various capacities. Wisely, he also recognizes there is a time to step down and to ensure good hand-offs.

In Christ who holds it all together,

Shelby Boese

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Shelby Boese", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

PS: I am available to meet with your church governance board to share more deeply and conversationally about vision and shared ministries.



MCA is...

- a community of 1,200 participants in 10 congregations, worshipping in 3 languages
- ministries that support congregations, nurture connections, and celebrate faith in action
- part of MC Canada, a nationwide faith community of 200 congregations in 5 regions

MCA Snapshot: A Summary Report, January 2026

2025 was a year of blessings

--**21 Pastors Council** members including pastors, chaplains, and other faith leaders served MCA congregations, ministries, and others beyond the MCA faith community

--over 100 members of the MCA family gathered at Foothills in March for Annual Delegate Sessions celebrating 500 years of Anabaptism and **"The Courage to Love"**



--Over 400 children, youth, staff, and volunteers experienced God in creation at **Camp Valaqua**. While campers are the core of summer camp, it is amazing to see faith and leadership grow in young people as they learn and experience God through this significant ministry!

--more than 20 people from MCA congregations joined over 400 others for MC Canada's Gathering in Kitchener, Ontario, where the theme, **"Each Gift,"** encouraged intercultural connection as we recognize being the body of Christ together.

--MCA ministries continued to support congregations by assisting in **pastoral searches** at Bergthal, First Calgary, and Trinity; encouraging intercultural connections and relationships through Bridge Building; and financially supporting the Edmonton South Sudanese and Bethel congregations.

2025 was a year of transitions

--In April MCA leadership was saddened to receive a letter from the Calgary Chin Christian Church in Calgary requesting that their membership in MCA be withdrawn. A follow-up meeting with their church leadership allowed for greater understanding and a departure with words of blessing.

--After 5 years, as Communications Coordinator, **Ruth Bergen Braun retired** in November. In her place, Linda Dickinson from Foothills was hired as Interim Communication Coordinator. In the coming months, further discernment will take place to decide how to meet MCA's communication needs.

--In November MCA received the request to begin conversations about **membership** with a fledgling Mennonite Chin church in Lethbridge. This young congregation is connected with Chin who are part of the Mennonite church in Ontario and are looking for new connections through their Alberta Mennonite family. We look forward to exploring our relationship with this **new congregation**.



2025 was a challenging year financially. Inflationary pressures led to significantly higher costs for the ministry at Camp Valaqua, while donations from individuals did not meet the budgeted goals. This led to a significant deficit for 2025 and the need for program and support adjustments in 2026. While these results were disappointing, the MCA faith family continues to have a tremendous impact through the ministries we share. The financial support of the MCA community strengthens our ministry as congregations, as a regional church, and as a nationwide community of faith. **Thank you to congregations** for your faithful giving and meeting the commitments made in 2025, and for the **many individuals** who helped supplement that support.

As we look to 2026

Over the last year and a half MCA leadership led an engagement process that identified **3 key priorities** for MCA's ministry focus. The following will guide MCA ministries in the coming years:

- 1. Witnessing to Jesus' healing and hope.** Some ways to do this include loving our neighbours, sharing our hope, and living the "Jesus way". Our witness includes both actions and telling stories of encounters with Jesus.
- 2. Building mutual relationships between congregations.** Aspects include seeking ways to connect as congregational members and leaders, becoming stronger as an MCA community, and building our Christ-centred identity as part of the Mennonite church.
- 3. Calling, developing, and nurturing leaders.** This includes encouraging all to use their gifts and skills in Christ's service, providing opportunities for training and mentoring, and "cultivating a culture of call"

We are grateful for the ongoing commitment we share as congregations, pastors, and leaders walking with each other in our service to Jesus Christ!



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Mennonite Church Saskatchewan 2025 Annual Report

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan (MC Sask) is a family of 20 congregations, united in our commitment to being Christ-centered and sent into the world. Together, we prayerfully support one another, collaborating in ministry with Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite World Conference, trusting that God’s healing and hope flow through us to all the world.

Our Annual Delegate Session was held in March at RJC High School and was jointly hosted by RJC and Rosthern Mennonite Church. The theme “Differences for the Common Good” focused on how we build up the church and God’s kingdom together even when we have differences. Our guest speaker was Fanosie Legesse, MCEC Intercultural Minister. We were challenged and inspired as he spoke from his experience and passion for the church and God’s people.

“ Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” – 1 Cor. 12:4-7

The year 2025 marked the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism and we commemorated this in several ways throughout the year including an afternoon included music and storytelling in Rosthern sponsored by MC Sask and the Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan.

Youth: The youth, under the leadership of Evan Bueckert, had many opportunities to get together over the year but a highlight was their trip to Waterloo, Ontario for the MC Canada Gathering 2025! MC Sask was well represented by the 24 youth and sponsors who attended. We are grateful for all of Evan’s work in the planning of this trip and in his role as Interim Youth Minister. He ended his time in this role at the end of July.

Transitions: Looking back at 2025, we reflect on the transitions within our congregations. We thank God for all who have served and those who are called to new ministries, using their various gifts for God’s kingdom through MC Sask.

Two pastors retired during the year: Paul Matheson (First) and Patty Friesen (Osler). We had 3 installation services: Calvary deJong (First), Don Froese (Nutana Park), and Brad Schroeder (Osler). Also, Peter Lippmann (Wildwood) was licensed for specific ministry and Lisa Martens Bartel (North Star) was ordained.

Throughout the year, we have been witnesses to God’s work among us. We are thankful to be participants in this kingdom work. We also look forward to where God is inviting us in the new year. May we all continue to seek God’s guidance and the leading of God’s spirit as we live out our mission that God’s healing and hope may flow through us to the world.

Len Rempel and Marianne Siemens (MC Sask Staff)



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Pastor Thing Sai and Kitchener Emmanuel Church celebrated his ordination this past year.

GROWING INTO THE FUTURE

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Nurturing Vibrant Communities

MCEC comes alongside pastors and congregations to help them nurture spiritually alive, mission-engaged Anabaptist congregations. Through leadership development, practical resourcing, intercultural learning and church-revitalization conversations, we strengthen leaders for faithful ministry. As we grow into the future together we trust God's Spirit to guide and sustain our shared ministry.

Identity & Purpose

Identity Statement

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada is a diverse community
Transformed by the love of God
Inspired by the hope we find in Jesus
Called to action by the power of the Holy Spirit

Purpose Statement

We come together as a regional church to:
Energize congregations in worship, discipleship and mission
Encourage leaders of hope, vision and transformation
Embody God's reconciling ministry for all creation.

“I am grateful for MCEC's ongoing support of congregational leaders, including the financial assistance to congregations supporting sabbatical leaves, through the Leadership Formation Fund.”

- Brandon Leis
Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church

At A Glance...

106

Across MCEC's 106 congregations, more than 100 worship services happen every week!

166

MCEC gives thanks for 166 pastors who have answered God's call to serve in ministry.

142

Congregational Ministries Team personally met with 142 pastors to encourage and support their ministry leadership.

128

MCEC staff engaged congregations through 128 worship services, trainings, consultations and events.

73

Nearly three-quarters of our congregations, 73%, took part in MCEC events held across the year.

Ministry Highlights

1

Strengthened Safe Church Practices

MCEC resourced congregations with workshops, equipping them to create safer faith communities.

2

Fostered Intercultural Friendships

Worship, workshops and volleyball tournaments celebrated the beloved-ness of our community.

3

Celebrated Congregational Growth

Embraced growth in five congregations in transition: three provisional and two full member congregations.

4

Campanioned Congregations and Leaders

MCEC walked with congregations and pastors through discernment processes and meaningful conversations.

5

Welcomed Nationwide Family of Faith

Hosted MC Canada Gathering, welcoming participants from across the country to worship together.



Communion in community - Anthony Siegrist, MCEC Executive Minister, serves the gathered church at the MC Canada Gathering in Kitchener, ON, July 2025.

Priorities

NAVIGATING CHANGE - fostering a culture of learning, innovation and adaptability.

DEVELOPING LEADERS - equipping individuals to pursue their ministerial and leadership calling

INTERGENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP - collaborating in support of discipleship and faith formation

EMBRACING DIVERSITY - inviting the church to explore the variety and richness of God's people

SEEKING PEACE AND JUSTICE - supporting and resourcing congregations in peace and justice issues, grounded in Anabaptist-Mennonite theology.

Gifts To MCEC In Action





Report to Mennonite Church Manitoba

AMBS serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world.

Our programs integrate academics, spiritual formation and practice. Join us — in person or at a distance, full time or part time — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

Degrees and programs (* = distance-friendly program)

- Master of Divinity*
- Master of Arts in Christian Formation
- Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism*
- Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership*
- Graduate Certificate in Ecotheology*
- Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction*
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies* (choose your own courses)
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Spanish)*
- Journey Missional Leadership Development Program* (undergraduate-level certificate)

ambs.ca/degrees-and-programs

We offer generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants for both full- and part-time graduate students. See also benefits for Canadian students!

ambs.ca/canadian-students

Leadership and enrichment

Grow your ministry skills and gain Anabaptist approaches to today's leadership challenges through our nondegree offerings. (* = distance-friendly program)

Short-term options

- Practical Leadership Training modules*
- Online Short Courses*: four to six weeks, discussion-based, noncredit (no grades, no papers!)
- Invite AMBS*: request a speaker (in person or online)
- Pastors & Leaders conference*: Feb. 22–25, 2027

Offerings of one to two years

- Transition to Leadership*: program for new pastors
- Ministry Reflection Circles*: reflect on current ministry challenges with the support of a group
- Spiritual Direction Seminars*

ambs.ca/leadership-and-enrichment



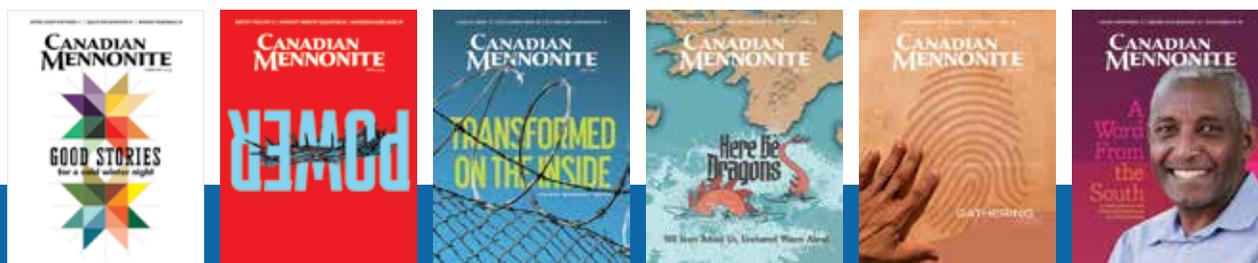
AMBS statistics

- In May 2025, 15 women and 18 men from eight countries — Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Thailand and the U.S. — graduated from AMBS (*see above*). Nineteen of the graduates completed part or all of their studies at a distance.
- In 2025–26, 162 graduate students are enrolled at AMBS: 86 from the U.S., seven from Canada and 69 international students (10 on campus). Fifteen students are pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Spanish).
- The undergraduate-level Journey program has 38 participants in Canada, Nigeria, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, Uganda and the U.S.
- In 2024–25, 624 people participated in lifelong learning offerings of the Church Leadership Center.
- In 2024–25, no degree-seeking students borrowed to pay for their AMBS studies.

Want to try out seminary?

- Sign up for an Online Short Course:
 - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
 - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
 - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture
 - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
 - Challenging Christian Nationalism

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CANADIAN MENNONITE

2025



In 2025, *Canadian Mennonite* continued the refreshed format introduced last year. Now a monthly publication with expanded feature sections, the magazine offers thoughtful reporting on complex issues facing the church today, while continuing to carry news from across the regional churches through correspondents in western and eastern Canada.

With more than a full year of monthly publishing behind us, Faith Story, Deeper Communion and Life in the '80s columns have contributed deeper reflection, broader perspectives and a wider range of voices.

We've heard from diaspora leaders, looked back on 500 years of denominational history, envisioned what the future could hold for our churches, considered how our faith determines our relationship to power and technology and highlighted the diverse ways we express our faith in local congregations.

MennoCreative, our residency program for emerging creative communicators, entered its second active year. Three projects wrapped up in 2025. Melody Steinman wrote profiles of people with disabilities, Nolan Kehler produced a five-part podcast about a Brooklyn opera company's production of an opera set in a Mennonite colony (launched October 1)

and Elizabeth Millar wrote 10 stories based on interviews with newcomer/diaspora church leaders within Mennonite Church Canada (*CM* February 2026). Five new MennoCreative projects have begun.

Our work continues to be guided by a desire to strengthen our Anabaptist community, to represent the breadth of the church and to encourage gracious listening—especially when we differ. In the spirit of Hebrews 10:24, we hope to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Through it all, we are grateful to donors for their support in 2025, sustaining this ministry of connection and conversation across the church.

We invite you to stay connected: visit our website, sign up for *CM* This Week and subscribe to the monthly magazine. Through the Every Home Plan, members of Mennonite Church Canada congregations receive the magazine at half the regular subscription cost, with fees paid collectively; contact your congregation for more information.

Whether you read on paper or a device, browse the website, follow on social media or discuss articles in your congregation, thank you for participating in this national conversation.



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2026 Report to MCCanada Churches



Undergraduate Degrees:
CMU offered six undergraduate degrees— Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Music, and the only Bachelor of Music Therapy program in the prairies.

20 Bachelor Majors:
Including Biblical and theological studies, psychology, environmental studies, communications and media, peace and conflict transformation, arts and science, English, history, and more.



Fall 2025 Enrolment:
697 students on main campus, undergraduate and graduate (**632** full-time equivalent)
Of first-year students, **17%** are Indigenous and **26%** are first generation university students in their families
106 full-time equivalent students in Menno Simons College programs (CMU courses in UofW degree programs)



Faith Representation:
30% from Mennonite/Anabaptist traditions
40% from other Christian traditions
5% from other faith traditions
25% no faith disclosed

Geographical Representation:
75% from Manitoba
25% International (30 countries) and from other Canadian provinces



Exciting News from CMU:

- Celebrated 25 years of CMU (cmu.ca/25)
- Announced an Education Degree program beginning in Fall 2026
- Launched CMU's new brand and visual identity
- Offering Free Dorm for first year students beginning in Fall 2026
- Renewed our primary dormitory, Poettcker Hall
- Created a new Mennonite High School Student Award (\$1,000 award for graduates of Mennonite high schools)





Central Commons Grand Opening

On September 24th, the community celebrated the official opening of Central Commons Housing in Winkler with a ribbon-cutting ceremony—a milestone five years in the making. The new development offers 28 safe, affordable homes, including 14 units that will receive dedicated support from Eden’s Housing & Supports program. This support ensures residents have the tools and guidance they need to thrive and get back on their feet.



Health Minister Uzoma Asagwara and Minister of Housing, Addictions and Homelessness Bernadette Smith joined leaders from Eden, Central Station + Central Community Homes to mark the grand opening of Central Commons.

As part of Eden’s Housing and Supports program, Central Commons reflects our mission to provide hope, healing, and community. Supportive housing is more than a roof; it’s a launching platform for independence, dignity, and renewed purpose. All of the units filled immediately, underscoring the urgent need for housing that fosters mental wellness. Eden will continue to maintain and support this development, ensuring residents flourish. Central Commons is a testament to what can happen when community organizations and their supporters work together to create spaces that nurture dignity, healing, and new beginnings

Meet Brandon

(Supportive Housing Client Story)

Living with mental health challenges isn’t easy, but art has always been something that keeps me going. I grew up in Little Black River, about three hours north of Winnipeg, and I’ve always loved being creative. It’s a part of who I am. I’ve been at Linden Place for over two years now. It’s been a good place for me, somewhere I can work on myself, my goals and feel supported.

“Eden gives me structure. Getting up to work out or go for walks every day has been a big part of feeling better.”



This September, I did a project for the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation. The staff encouraged me to take it on after seeing some of my art. I made pins by hand, each one with the intention of energizing people and helping them feel the meaning behind the day. The response was really positive, Eden staff wore them across different locations, and I was proud to see my work had made a difference.

One of the best things about Linden Place is the routine. I get up every day and either exercise or go for a walk around the neighbourhood. Exercise is good for mental health, that and the compassionate staff at Eden really help me to stay on track. One of the biggest things I look forward to now is having my own place, somewhere that’s mine. Thanks to Eden, I’m getting closer to that every day.

2025 COMMUNITY REPORT

EDEN'S YEAR IN REVIEW



Eden Foundation

\$641,208 Funds Raised

5 Fundraising Events Held

Improved marketing efforts have grown our social media engagement leading to better event attendance (e.g. Number of Facebook views increased from 4,000 to 21,000 during the summer months.)

Recovery of Hope Counselling

6170 Counselling Sessions

Increase in EAP & Third-Party Sessions Since 2024
32%

6170 marks our highest number counselling sessions in ROH history. Our counselling services are increasingly integrated with employer assistance programs and insurance partners. This growth means reducing barriers and expanding affordability.

Segue Career Options

2132 Client Connections

31 Next Steps Class Participants

In 2025 Segue Career Options celebrated 20 years in service. We hosted a celebration event with many different community attendees including 40 employers, staff, funders and community partners who make our work possible.

Eden Mental Health Centre



Occupancy Rate (2022-2024)

Occupancy Rate (2025)

The optimal standard occupancy rate for inpatient hospital care is 85%. Having reached the peak of the high occupancy threshold in 2022-2024, we have now exceeded beyond the standard occupancy rate in 2025. Exceeding this target reflects the increased demand for mental health services. This upward trend shows both the growing need in our community and the importance of maintaining capacity for urgent admissions and to avoid turning people away.

Eden Housing and Supports

145 + 14 = 159 units Total

Eden Housing and Supports has achieved some major milestones this year. With the opening of Central Commons in Winkler we have added 14 units of tier three support. This brings us to a total of 159 units across Winkler, Steinbach and Winnipeg. This allows us to transition more of our residents into different stages of semi-independent housing to support their healing journey.

Words From The CEO

At Eden, we feel a great privilege and calling to be the hands and feet of Christ as we provide mental health care in southern Manitoba. Eden exists as a response to a calling that came from the Mennonite churches in the 1960s to do more for those living with mental health concerns and mental illness.

While we know the needs today are great, our strategic plan is challenging us to enhance what we do well and scale our programs for greater impact. We are excited to have partnered with Central Station + Central Community Homes to expand our specialized care in Winkler.

With the opening of Central Commons, Eden is actively planning with other partners in Steinbach & Winnipeg to develop even more social housing and specialized supports as demand far outweighs the supply.

We need support to accelerate growth in mental health services. Eden is actively working to expand our partnerships with the community, donors, businesses, non-profits, health regions, government, and others to strengthen and develop a fully integrated system of mental health and addiction services. Together we can take the next steps in providing hope, healing, and community!



Brad Unger
 Chief Executive Officer
 Eden Health Care Services



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Inter- Mennonite Chaplaincy Assoc.

Inter-Mennonite Chaplaincy Association (IMCA) is a ministry serving students, faculty and staff at the University of Manitoba Fort Garry campus. The ministry provides an Anabaptist presence and half time Chaplain in a space known as the “Menno Office.” The space is accessible to students 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. weekdays and staffed on a half time basis Tues., Wed. and Thurs. IMCA is a partnership of two Mennonite conferences (MCM and EMMC) and also receives critical support from congregations and individuals who value Christian witness, formation and community in the university setting.

The Menno Office is located in room 524 on the fifth floor of the University Centre within the U of M’s Spiritual Care and Multi-faith Centre. Alongside our neighbours, the Menno Office provides a setting that invites curiosity, wonder and deeper engagement with the Good News of God’s love and faithfulness revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Here students find a safe place to process their studies, their daily lives and the events of the world around us in a caring Christian context.

Hospitality is an important part of our ministry. Our bright and welcoming space serves as a gathering place where students come to eat their lunch, connect with friends between classes, study, play musical instruments or games, chat with the chaplain over a cup of tea or coffee or read faith related articles or books available to students.

Though much of the time in the office is unstructured, students meet twice weekly for “Menno Talk,” a more focused time for discussion, reflection and worship. During the past term our Wednesday gatherings have reflected on Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount in Matthew’s Gospel. The Thursday discussions were topical in nature

giving students the opportunity to discuss matters that come up in the news, in their lives or in their studies from a Christian faith perspective. Discussions are usually framed by a time of checking in with one another, prayer and singing.

The Menno Office has experienced a large influx of new and returning students this year, making it the busiest since before the pandemic. While most of these students have some connection to Mennonite affiliated churches, camps or schools, the office continues to attract students from other denominations and faiths as well as some with no



particular faith convictions but who find the space and community hospitable and the conversation thought provoking and inviting. A number of new international students have also become regulars this year, creating unique opportunities for global impact and perspective.

Through the activities and atmosphere in the Menno Office, IMCA continues to provide a welcoming setting in which students

experience peer support as well as pastoral care, which is also available to faculty and staff.

Thank you for your ongoing support, financial gifts and prayers for this important campus ministry. Please continue to inform those you know who study or work at U of M of this opportunity for Christian fellowship, discipleship and support on campus. You can do this by directing them to mennooffice.ca



Mark von Kampen
Campus Chaplain

MCC Manitoba 2025 Report to MCM Gathering

Peter describes the actions of Jesus’ followers: they love without failing, show hospitality and serve with the gifts of God’s grace—all with strength. To receive a gift is to be sent to give it to others in loving gratitude.

Is it surprising to see these qualities in MCC’s many friends, supporters, staff, partners and volunteers in Manitoba? The stories, images and data in this report speak clearly of this sharing. Each one calls out, “Thank you!”

This year, the MCC Manitoba (MCCM) board visited the Material Resource Centre in Plum Coulee. There, local volunteers sew, receive and bale comforters, and pallet and ship kits for international program—familiar MCC gifts and tasks, done with care.

Guided by MCCM’s volunteer and engagement coordinator, Konrad Loewen, the centre is a hub for material resources from across the province. Every comforter and kit sent from Manitoba to MCC’s international programs passes through Plum Coulee. Church and community groups often join in this work at the centre or when Konrad visits their communities.

For MCCM, Plum Coulee and its people truly are Manitoba’s gateway to the world. And again, the stories say, “Thank you!”

Also this year, colleagues in MCC Thrift approximated the value of a volunteer hour: \$20. It’s a number with many applications around the world. That’s more than enough to provide a fuel-saving rocket stove. These stoves use one-third the fuel and save about 2,000 hours of wood gathering each year—time often carried by girls. Less time gathering wood means more time in the classroom—a seemingly simple gift that helps open the door to education for girls.

Your care, your time and your gifts make all of this possible. Thank you!



DARRYL LOEWEN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MCC MANITOBA



Program Highlights

from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

\$ 3.25 million

forwardings from
MCC Thrift shops in
Manitoba to MCC

4,200

individuals,
businesses and
churches made a
donation



30

youth and young
adults gained
employable skills



7,317

comforters shipped from
Manitoba



12

local partners supported by the
Indigenous Neighbours program



200

participants in
climate and creation
care events and
activities



101

refugees welcomed
to Manitoba



MCC Photo/Josh Paetkau

MCC in Manitoba and Around the World: Celebrating 10 years of growing food and hope

This year marked 10 years since the start of Grow Hope in Manitoba – a unique partnership between dedicated farmers and generous urban sponsors who work together to grow food and raise funds for people facing hunger around the world.

Since its launch in 2015, Grow Hope Manitoba has raised nearly \$2 million to support global food security projects through Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB). Each year, local farmers donate their land, time and resources to grow food crops, while sponsor donations help cover input costs like seed

and fuel. The proceeds from the harvest are deposited to Mennonite Central Committee’s (MCC’s) account with CFGB, where they’re eligible for up to 4:1 matching from the Government of Canada – multiplying the impact of every acre grown.

“Supporting farmers who are donating their time, their land and their resources – you feel that you’re part of a bigger picture,” says Willie Reimer, a Grow Hope supporter from River East Church.

That bigger picture includes Joseph Hofer, a Grow Hope farmer from Greenwald Hutterite Colony near Beausejour, Man., where 20 to 25 people help with fieldwork during seeding and harvest, and others pitch in by preparing meals. Supporting people facing hunger and hardship connects deeply with their faith and values. It’s a way, Hofer says, “to be a bigger part of the hands and feet of Jesus.”

Watch our 10 year Grow Hope celebration video



MCC Manitoba Financial Highlights



TOTAL EXPENSES:
13,734,287

- International program **\$8,646,809 (64%)**
- Manitoba programs **\$2,478,706 (18%)**
- Fundraising **\$559,755 (4%)**
- Social Enterprise **\$474,298 (3%)**
- Administration **\$1,574,719 (11%)**

TOTAL REVENUE:
13,981,966

Funding sources

- Donations **\$6,914,309 (49%)**
- Thrift **\$3,248,074 (23%)**
- Internal grants **\$1,041,840 (7%)**
- Estate bequests **\$842,745 (6%)**
- Sales & events **\$641,214 (5%)**
- Material resources (in-kind) **\$533,990 (4%)**
- Grants **\$218,170 (2%)**
- Other sources **\$541,624 (4%)**

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REPORT

2025

“I never thought there were so many kind people in the world”

That’s what retiree Sylvia Starr said after volunteers from the MDS Manitoba Unit built her, and her husband, Jeff, a new home in Libau, Man. They needed a new place to live after the roof of their previous home collapsed following a large snowfall in 2022.

After their former home was rendered unlivable, the Starrs received limited help from the provincial government. But it wasn’t enough to replace their home, which was uninsured. They didn’t know what to do.

That’s when MDS became involved. The Starrs were exactly the kind of people MDS wants to help—they were seniors, both have disabilities, the house was uninsured, and they had no means to replace their home.

“It didn’t take long to decide we would help,” said Denis Sabourin, chair of the MDS Manitoba Unit and project director for the Libau build.

“When we had to move out, we didn’t know what to do next,” said Jeff. “There are no words to explain what it means to us.” “We are so thankful,” said Sylvia.

The MDS project in Libau was one of eight in Canada in 2025. A total of 1,072 volunteers served in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. This included 748 in



The Starrs in front of their new home in Libau, Man.

Winnipeg, where volunteers helped at a reception centre set up to assist wildfire evacuees from the northern part of the province.

As well as serving in Canada, 316 Canadians served with MDS in the U.S. between November 2024 and October 2025.

In other news, 2025 saw the appointment of Reynold Friesen as the new Executive Director of MDS Canada. He will replace Ross Penner, who has been serving in that role since 2015. Reynold, the Director of Alumni, Church, and Donor Relations at Canadian Mennonite University, will begin his new role with MDS in February 2026.

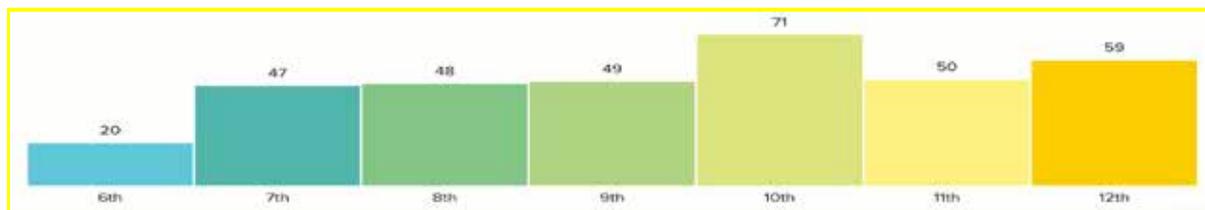
Donations continued to be strong in 2025, with a total of \$1,282,000 donated in the 2024-25 fiscal year, compared to \$1,161,000 the previous year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of MDS as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus to disaster survivors together with you and your church. May God bless you this new year.

WESTGATE MENNONITE COLLEGIATE

February 3, 2026
Annual Report

The mission of Westgate Mennonite Collegiate is to provide a well-rounded education that will inspire and empower students to live as people of God. Our 2025-26 school year is going well with 344 students and full classes in all of our grades.



Staffing

We have three new teachers who are already making a very positive impact on the school. Rebecca Harder is embracing her role as a teacher (after being a very regular guest teacher last year). She has done an amazing job working with our grade 7 class alongside Sherisse Spent as a grade 7 homeroom teacher. Together, they have made the grade 7s feel very much at home and those students are doing really well in these early stages. Lydia Peloquin-Epp is working with the grade 8s and has already been invaluable in her role as Learning Support Teacher. Finally, Susanne du Plooy has become a cornerstone of the German department with everything she has been able to bring to the program. We also have two new EAs. Sam Haight and Olha Lytvynenko have embraced their roles in our Student Services area.

Nurturing Faith

At every opening chapel, Lyndon Baerg and I have a tradition of sitting in front of the entire school and introducing the chapel theme. We pretend that we are at a restaurant or a movie. I think we are almost on our 20th year of doing this simplistic skit. This year we pretended we were on an airplane and whenever something went wrong, we helped each other and then exclaimed, "I love you, man." Yes, the chapel theme this year is about love, God's love, our love for one another, and how that shapes who we are. Julia Thiessen, our new Spiritual Life Coordinator, explained things in a bit more detail and in a bit more depth ... but we had fun pretending to be on an airplane so that made it into this report.

We thank our supporting churches and the wider Mennonite community for supporting us on our mission. As I said in our opening program, this school continues to give me hope. Together, with all of you, we are trying to do something different, screaming out against a world that says we should not trust one another, that violence is the answer. Together we are somehow saying that we need to love one another and care for one another despite our differences, working together to see the presence of God that is with us in every moment of every day.

Respectfully Submitted,

James Friesen
 Principal



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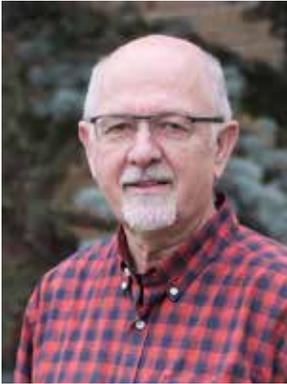
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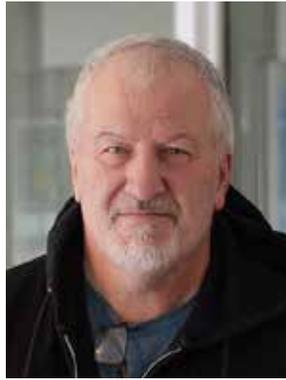
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Clusters of MCM

Western/Northern Cluster

1. Prairie Mennonite Fellowship (Crystal City)
2. Grace Mennonite Church (Brandon)
3. Living Word Church (Cross Lake)
4. Matheson Island Community*
5. Nordheim Mennonite Church (Winnipegosis)
6. Oak Lake Mennonite Church
7. Whitewater Mennonite Church (Boissevain)

Winnipeg Cluster

8. Aberdeen Mennonite Church
9. Bethel Mennonite Church
10. Charleswood Mennonite Church
11. Douglas Mennonite Church
12. First Mennonite Church
13. Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship
14. Home Street Mennonite Church
15. Hope Mennonite Church
16. Jubilee Mennonite Church
17. Lao Mennonite Church
18. Little Flowers Community*
19. North Kildonan Mennonite Church
20. River East Church*
21. Sargent Avenue Mennonite Church
22. Sterling Mennonite Fellowship
23. Vietnamese Mennonite Church

Eastern Cluster

24. Arnaud Mennonite Church
25. Elim Mennonite Church (Grunthal)
26. Glenlea Mennonite Church
27. Grace Mennonite Church (Steinbach)
28. Pinawa Christian Fellowship
29. Saint Julian's Table (Beausejour)*
30. Steinbach Mennonite Church

Southern Cluster

31. Altona Bergthaler Mennonite Church
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33. Covenant Mennonite Church (Winkler)
34. Emmanuel Mennonite Church (Winkler)
35. Gretna Bergthaler Mennonite Church
36. Lowe Farm Bergthaler Mennonite Church
37. Morden Mennonite Church
38. Pembina Mennonite Fellowship (Morden-Winkler)
39. Seeds Church (Altona)
40. Springstein Mennonite Church

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