

THE EIGHTY-FIFTH  
ANNUAL CONVENTION  
OF THE  
ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF  
MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

OCMBC exists to glorify God by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ through our member churches by;

***Facilitating Collaboration, Providing Accountability  
& Encouraging Blessing***

February 19th & 20th, 2016

Hosted by: Southridge Community Church  
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## 2016 YEARBOOK



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# Rules of Order

Delegates are invited to respond to the reports and recommendations presented. In order to keep things flowing smoothly, each delegate may speak up to three times on any specific issue. For further comments, he/she must await the Chairperson's approval, and that will be given only when no other delegate wishes to speak.

Delegates are to direct their comments to the Chairperson. Open dialogue between delegates is discouraged on the conference floor.

The Chairperson reserves the right to bring discussion to a close with proper notification. In general, Roberts Rules of Order will be followed during the business sessions.

A spirit of love should prevail in all comments.

# OCMBC Convention 2016 – Schedule

Friday, Feb. 19

6:00pm Registration & Networking

7:00 - 9:00pm

## **Session 1**

Welcome - Jeff Lockyer & Ed Willms

Worship & Prayer - Band

Speaker - Gordon MacDonald “Empowering the Next Generation”

Introduction of Leaders Collective - Joel Francis

Testimonies & Commissioning Prayer

Worship - Communion & Prayer - Jeff Jantzi & Band

Offering Notice & Closing

Saturday, Feb. 20

8:00am

## **\*\*\*Continental Breakfast\*\*\***

8:30 - 10:10am

## **Session 2**

Worship - Band

Speaker - Gordon MacDonald “A Coaches Heart”

Prayer of commissioning for coaches

OCMBC Board Report - Karen West

Motions & Elections - Jeff Jantzi & Karen West

Executive Director Report - Ed Willms

10:10am

## **\*\*\*Coffee Break\*\*\***

10:40 - 11:20am

## **Multiplying Leaders - Breakout Sessions**

... OCMBC Overview and Leaders Collective - Ed Willms

... CCMBC Overview - Harold Froese & Randy Friesen

... C2C Overview - Trevor Seath

... Camp Crossroads Overview - Ed Heinrichs

11:20am

Transition between workshops

11:30 - 12:10pm

## **Multiplying Leaders - Breakout Sessions**

... OCMBC Overview and Leaders Collective - Ed Willms

... CCMBC Overview - Harold Froese & Randy Friesen

... OCMBC Financial Overview - Kim Knight & Jeff Jantzi

... MB Mission Overview - Philip Serez

12:10pm

**\*\*\*Lunch & Connecting (in the gym)\*\*\***

1:10 - 2:30pm

**Session 3**

Worship - Band

Panel of Stories - Ed Willms to lead

Financial Update and Budget Affirmation - Kim Knight

C2C Report - Gord Fleming & Trevor Seath

Open Question Time

2:30pm

**\*\*\*Coffee Break\*\*\***

2:50 - 4:00pm

Worship - Band

Camp Crossroads Report - Ed Heinrichs

CCMBC Update - Harold Froese

MBBS - Bruce Guenther

MB Mission - Randy Friesen

Eden - John Bryan

Faith & Life Team - Ed Willms

Final Business & Discussion - Karen West, Jeff Jantzi & Ed Willms

Worship Send off - Band

# A note from the Ontario Provincial Moderator and Board Chair

Welcome and blessings to each of you as you read through our conference binder in preparation for Convention 2016. We're so glad you're joining us for this important gathering of MB Churches and ministries in Ontario!

As our Ontario churches gather on this one special occasion each year, we are reminded that God calls us to a cause which is bigger than any one church, ministry, city or region—we are called to be on mission together! Convention is an exciting time for us to consider what God is doing throughout our province and our country, and to consider once again how Jesus is asking us to co-labour with his Kingdom in mind.

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As we gather for Convention 2016, it's our prayer as a Board of Directors that the stories we'll hear throughout our time together will inspire each of us in fresh ways; that we'll be reminded of all God is doing in each of our lives and communities; and that we'll leave with our hearts stirred with the possibilities God has in mind for the future.

## **The Ontario MB Board of Directors:**

The 10 members of the Board of Directors for the 2015 fiscal year came from 7 different churches and 7 cities across our province:

Greg Allen, Meadow Brook Church in Leamington (term ending)  
Shelley Campagnola, WMB Church in Waterloo (nominated for Vice-Chair 2016)  
Pat Goertzen (Secretary), Mountain Park Church in Niagara Falls  
Kim Knight (Treasurer), WMB Church in Waterloo (term ending)  
Thom Braun, New Hope Church in St. Catharines  
David Fowler, Life Point Church in Oshawa  
Tracy Jackson, The Gathering in Ottawa  
Jeff Jantzi, The Gathering in Ottawa (nominated for Chair 2016)  
Matt Unruh, Mountain Park Church in Niagara Falls (term ending)  
Karen West (chair), Waterloo MB Church in Waterloo (ending as Chair, nomination for member at large 2016)

Convention 2016 marks the end of my role as Chair of the Board, after serving four years as the Ontario Provincial Moderator. It's been a privilege to serve in this capacity with such a great group of people, all of whom bring a high level of expertise to the table, and give their time tirelessly and with great passion. Thank you for giving me this great opportunity! Moving forward, I have agreed to let my name stand for re-election to the Ontario board as a member-at-large for the remaining years of my term, with the goal of continuing to serve as the provincial representative to the national MB Executive Board. These are exciting times, when I clearly see God at work through our conference, both in Ontario, and across this land. (Details regarding remaining board roles for 2016 are available through the Nominating Committee report.)

Within the 2015 fiscal year, the board met in person for a full day in April, June, September, November and January, with additional teleconference meetings held as necessary in between. We have been working through many processes and initiatives, with the key ones being:

- the clarification and further defining of our mission and vision as a provincial conference
- intentional partnership with our Canadian MB Conference around a common vision and shared resources
- overseeing and partnering with the work of our Executive Director, Ed Willms (see Ed's report)
- leadership gatherings through the Pastor/Leaders' Retreat, and the Fall Regional Gatherings
- partnering with C2C for healthy church planting in Ontario
- various board committees: Faith and Life Team; Governance Committee; C2C Team; Finance; Executive Team
- an exciting new focus, led by the MB staff in Ontario (Ed Willms, Philip Serez, Greg Lang/Trevor Seath, and Ed Heinrichs) for a Leaders Collective—training and equipping young adults in Ontario for ministry leadership (You'll hear more about this at Convention!)

**Canadian MB Conference Executive Board:**

As Provincial Moderator, I also have the privilege of serving on the Canadian MB Conference Executive Board, with regular meetings held in Manitoba and B.C. It has been an amazing experience to gather with other provincial moderators and leaders across Canada to further the vision to reach our country for Jesus. As our MB churches in each province serve together, the greater cause in Canada is advanced. Some key provincial/national initiatives in 2015 include:

- the further implementation of the national Ministry Plan to best facilitate the sharing of resources and training across Canada, through each provincial conference, in order to ensure the best stewardship of our collective resources
- Incorporating a common credentialing questionnaire for pastors across Canada
- the gathering of all provincial Executive Directors and Conference Ministers to network and share vision and ideas
- further development of both the C2C and the L2L national initiatives within each province
- survey and evaluation of national communication initiatives
- discernment and strategic planning for mission across Canada

Please feel free to be in touch with me if you have questions in any of these areas. Look forward to touching base with you at Convention!

Serving with you in Christ's name,

Karen West,

Ontario Moderator, and Chair of the OCMBC Board of Directors

# ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

85th Annual Convention

Hosted by Southridge Community Church

3970 Glendale Ave,

Vineland, ON

**February 19-20, 2016**

Theme: **‘Multiplying Leaders’**

Attendance: 82 delegates, with 52 additional guests (134 present), representing 21 of our 27 member churches and 4 of our 6 associate member churches.

## **Pre-Conference Events:**

- A Pastors and Leaders event was hosted on Thursday and Friday, Feb. 18-19, 2016. This interactive event was designed to explore new opportunities for leadership development in Ontario.

## **Friday Night Session 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm**

1. **WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION:** Ed Willms welcomed the delegates and guests to the 85th annual convention of the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Churches. Lead Pastor, Jeff Lockyer, of Southridge Community Church welcomed everyone to their Vineland location and provided a history of the development of this church since 1980. Jeff explained the ‘anchor causes’ of the downtown site (the homeless community) and the Vineland site (the migrant farmer community). Medical care is provided to these farm workers and there is a new plan for establishing a commercial kitchen in the lower level of the Vineland site to provide second-chance employment for some of the homeless community Southridge serves, to process the fruits of the farming community.
2. **WORSHIP AND PRAYER:** Josh Klassen and Beth Thiessen led the worship team in singing *We Welcome You With Praise, How Great Thou Art, King of Heaven, Come Down, This Is Amazing Grace, We Are Your People/Revive Us Again and Hallelujah/Thine The Glory*. Ed Willms thanked the members of the Worship Team who come together from five different churches to lead us in worship tonight.
3. **“EMPOWERING THE NEXT GENERATION”:** Ed Willms introduced Gordon MacDonald and prayed over his message to us this evening. Gordon spoke of living up to his potential and the value of a good coach in his life. The purpose of the mature Christian is to act as a coach and to empower the next generation of Christians. Empowering is the efforts of a person to press into, and invest in, the growth of someone else. Gordon gave a number of examples of empowerment, one generation to the next, found in the Old and New Testaments.
  - Eli empowered Samuel in 1 Sam. 3 which led to the establishment of Israel.
  - John the Baptist’s parent, Zechariah and Elizabeth, were righteous people chosen by God to be the parents of John, in their old age. Mary, when told of her pregnancy with Jesus, seeks out Elizabeth, who empowers her and encourages her with the tremendous role Mary is to play.
  - There is an empowerment that Paul presses into Timothy. Paul leads, encourages, rebukes

and directs Timothy as he grows and becomes the spiritual leader that his generation desperately needed. Gordon remembered some of the 'Pauls' in his life, and the five rebukes that have stayed with him and directed his thinking over the years. He was warned about his lack of thankfulness, truthfulness, a listening ear, valuing relationships and defensiveness, and these are flaws that he is aware of daily.

•Aquila and Priscilla, a mature Christian couple, empower a young preacher and send him on his way, better equipped by his experience with the earlier generation.

Gordon and his wife, Gail, always have younger friends within their close circles as the young ones bring vision and enthusiasm to the older generation, and the older folk bring their stories, to teach and empower the next generation.

4. **INTRODUCTION OF 'LEADERS COLLECTIVE':** Ed Willms introduced the newly developed 'Leaders Collective' and aired a video of the recent launch. There are 8 churches participating in the pilot year of the program, with 11 participants between the ages of 18 and 26, who will be empowered and equipped as the Kingdom builders of the future. Joel Francis introduced the senior leaders who gave birth to this project. The first participants will provide feedback which will shape and hone the program, going forward. The plan is to leave these young leaders to continue their work within their local Churches throughout the year while receiving mentoring and empowerment from mature leaders in their churches and from the Conference. There will be a workshop on the Leaders Collective tomorrow afternoon.

5. **TESTIMONIES & COMMISSION PRAYER:** Joel welcomed two of the participants to the stage. Michelle Braun, from New Hope Church Niagara, shared her expectations for education, encouragement and opportunities from the new program. Ryan Andres from Southridge Community Church, spoke of his excitement in meeting the other participants and his expectations for the Kingdom advancement initiative. The senior leaders and the Leaders Collective participants stood before those gathered and Gordon and Gail MacDonald said a prayer of commissioning over the young leaders.

6. **WORSHIP, COMMUNION & PRAYER:** The worship team lead in singing *There is Power In His Name*. Jeff Jantzi stated that the only reason we are able to empower others is because we have been empowered, by others, through the will of Christ Jesus. Jeff prayed for the evening and prepared for communion. He encouraged anyone with a story of gratefulness to share with our community of faith, and many shared their stories. The worship team led in the singing of *Lord, I need you and Christ Alone, Cornerstone* during communion.

7. **OFFERING, NOTICE & CLOSING:** Ed Willms gave instruction for breakfast and events of tomorrow. He also explained the opportunity for financial support of the work of the Conference. The band closed with *Build The Kingdom Here*.

**Saturday, February 20, 2016 8:00 am – 12:10 pm**

A continental breakfast buffet was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Southridge community.

8. **WORSHIP BAND:** The worship team led in song: *Awake My Soul and Come Thou Fount*.

10. **WELCOME:** Jeff Jantzi welcomed the delegates to the Convention and thanked everyone in attendance. Jeff introduced Gordon MacDonald and prayed for his message this morning.

11. **GUEST SPEAKER – GORDON MacDONALD:** Gordon began his message reading Luke 5 where Peter reaps a great harvest of fishes upon the Lord Jesus' instruction, despite his doubts. Jesus assures him not to be afraid, as he was to be a fisher of men. Today, a Pastor will measure his success by the size of the crowds he attracts. Jesus attracted great crowds, but he did not measure his success on this basis. He repeatedly distanced himself whenever a large crowd gathered. He would draw out just a few curious people and invested heavily in them. He calls them to place their whole lives into his hands. This is not something you ask of a crowd, but to individuals who are ready to have their lives changed. Today, we sometimes fail to understand that Jesus cast himself as a teacher and rabbi. Gordon talked about the type of rabbis during the time of Jesus, and how they taught their followers; whether in the synagogue, on the road as itinerates, or as political rabbis. A good rabbi would develop a long term strategy for his gospel, with the understanding that he would be unlikely to change the world during his lifetime. Jesus also had a strategy, and he knows that his disciples were equipped and training to touch the entire earth within 100 years of his death. By the time of Constantine, 300 years later, the Church had become the dominant culture in the Roman Empire. When a person agreed to follow Jesus, it was a contract with a number of commitments required of the disciple. You must submit yourself completely to the person you are following, to serve that person in whatever way required, you agree to study and then emulate the leader in your own person. You must learn the world-changing principles of the leader (the beatitudes) and be able to repeat these speeches word for word. The disciple must then go on the road to towns and villages with the message of the leader, to report back on their experiences and to be instructed accordingly. Lastly, when you are fully prepared and tested, you are released as servants and sent out as friends of the rabbi to go into the world to make new disciples, loving each other as Jesus loved them, and by their love, they will be known by the whole world and through them, Jesus will also be known. Within the Conference, the younger folks bring energy, excitement and enthusiasm, while the older generation brings wisdom, mentorship and encouragement. Go ahead, sons and daughters; you are on your own now, trusting in God to make it happen.

12. **PRAYER OF COMMISSIONING OF COACHES:** Gordon prayed a prayer of commissioning for the coaches, the mentors and the mature Christians who have accepted a guiding role within the new Leaders Collective. Ed Willms asked Gail MacDonald to stand with Gordon and thanked the couple for sharing their ministry with us this week. This has been a memorable experience for everyone whose life they have touched during their time with us in Ontario. Ed prayed for their safe travels home.

13. **WORSHIP:** The worship team led in song: *Stronger*.

14. **WELCOME TO OCMBC BUSINESS SESSION & CALL TO ORDER:** Karen West introduced herself and welcomed everyone to the business portion of the meeting and led with a responsive prayer. Karen explained the process for questions and highlighted items in the delegates' handouts. Karen introduced Shelley Campagnola who reported that we meet our quorum requirements of 50 delegates and represent at least 50% of member churches for this annual general meeting.

MOTION 16-6 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the agenda be accepted as presented.

15. **BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Karen reviewed the Vision Statement of the Conference. **The Ontario MB Conference exists in order to glorify God by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ through our member churches by:**

- facilitating collaboration (Eccl. R)
- providing accountability (James 5)
- encouraging blessing (Phil. 2)

This Conference of churches is so much bigger than any one church and together, we are able to achieve much more. It's a mission none of us can engage well unless we do it together. In an even larger picture, we are part of the Canadian Conference, accomplishing this on the national and international stage. Karen reviewed some of the key provincial/national initiatives that were undertaken during 2015 as we continue to share resources and partner together. Karen noted that today is the last day of her term as Chair of the OCMBC Board of Directors and thanked Jeff Jantzi, former Vice-Chair, who has agreed to stand as Chair, with Shelley Campagnola agreeing to stand as Vice-Chair. Karen will continue to serve as a Board Member at large. Karen asked the 2015 Board of Directors to stand as she introduced them and thanked them for their service over the past year. Jeff Jantzi thanked Karen for her four years as Chair of the Board under the new leadership model.

## **16. MOTIONS & ELECTIONS:**

MOTION 16-7 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that we receive the Committee and Board Reports as distributed in advance in the delegate binders and as handed out at the door.

MOTION 16-8 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the minutes from Convention 2015, as sent out electronically and available by handout, be approved.

Karen introduced Ron Willms, Chair of the Nominating Committee. Ron highlighted his Committee report and explained the process for filling the open positions on the Board of Directors. Karen reported that a special resolution has been passed by the Board establishing the number of Directors for 2016 shall be set at ten directors.

MOTION 16-9 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to affirm the special resolution of the Board of Directors that, for the period commencing from Convention 2016 through Convention 2017, the Board be made up of ten (10) Directors. (Article 7.1)

MOTION 16-10 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that Article 8.4.1 of the General Operating Bylaw be suspended, and that the delegates determine the elections in place of the Secretary of the meeting.

The Nominating Committee makes the following motions for approval by the Convention delegates.

MOTION 16-11 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that Jeff Jantzi be acclaimed to the position of Chair of the Board of Directors.

MOTION 16-12 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that Shelley Campagnola be acclaimed to the position of Vice-Chair of the Board of Directors.

MOTION 16-13 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the candidates for Members-at-large on the Board of Directors be acclaimed. New members are Brent Esau, Jeff MacLeod and Herm Plett. Re-elected are Thom Braun, David Fowler, Pat Goertzen, Tracy Jackson and Karen West.

MOTION 16-14 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that all existing members of the Nominating Committee be acclaimed. Members of the NC are Darren Milley, Bill Stubbs, Tabitha VandenEnden and Ron Willms.

MOTION 16-15 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that all election ballots be destroyed immediately following this convention..

Karen presented the motions requiring approval of the OCMBC Conference delegates by the Incorporated Boards and these various motions were presented together for approval.

MOTION 16-16 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that, pursuant to their respective By-laws, the requirements for the incorporated boards associated with the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, be approved as follows:

1)That at the AGM's of the various incorporated boards, we authorize the chair of the OCMBC Board, or his/her designate, to vote in favour of other motions presented at those respective meetings.

2)That at the AGM's of the various incorporated boards, we authorize the chair of the OCMBC Board, or his/her designate, to vote in favour of the motions presented at those respective meetings.

3)That the accounting firm of Crawford, Smith and Swallow be appointed as Bethesda's auditors for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

4)That the following members be approved for membership on the Bethesda Boards for the term April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019:

- Bill Jackson
- John Hildebrand
- Tom Wall

5)That the persons elected to the Tabor Manor Board of Directors be the Board of Directors for:

- Pleasant Manor Retirement Village
- Mennonite Brethren Senior Citizens Home Inc. (Tabor Manor)
- The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Foundation
- The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Support Association

6)That the auditing firm of Crawford, Smith and Swallow be appointed as Tabor Manor's auditors for the fiscal year 2016-2017.

Shelley Campagnola explained the need for the next motion, which establishes the rules for eligibility to stand for elections to the Boards of Directors of the various corporations.

MOTION 16-17 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the proposed amendments to Article 26 of By-law No. 1 of the Pleasant Manor Retirement Village, Mennonite Brethren Senior Citizens Home, The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Foundation and the Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Support Association be approved as presented.

17. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ed Willms referred delegates to his detailed report distributed in the delegate binders. He then invited Vic Boese and Andrea Kaine to the stage and thanked them for their extensive service to the Conference and Boards over many years. He then introduced Kristi Lee, who will replace Andrea as his assistant. Ed invited the members of the Jesus Network to the stage and introduced their various ministries, which are primarily Muslim focused in the Thorcliffe Park area of Toronto.

MOTION 16-18 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the OCMBC Board is satisfied that the Jesus Network meets the qualifications for membership in the Corporation and thus recommends acceptance by the members of the Corporation of the Jesus Network into membership.

18. **BREAK-OUT SESSIONS:** Jeff described the four breakout sessions, over two time allotments available to interested delegates.

#### BREAKOUT 'A'

1. OCMBC Overview – Ed Willms
2. CCMBC Overview – Harold Froese, Randy Friesen
3. C2C Overview – Trevor Seath
4. Camp Crossroads Overview – Ed Heinrichs

#### BREAKOUT 'B'

1. OCMBC Leaders Collective – Ed Willms
2. CCMBC Overview – Harold Froese, Randy Friesen
3. OCMBC Financial Overview – Kim Knight, Jeff Jantzi
4. MB Mission Overview – Philip Serez

Lunch was served and enjoyed by all. Thanks to the Southridge Community for serving us with their gifts of hosting.

#### **Saturday, February 20, 2016 1:10 – 2:30 pm**

19. **WORSHIP:** Josh Klassen and Beth Thiessen lead the worship team in the singing of *King of Heaven Come Down, and Lord I Need You*.

20. **PANEL OF STORIES:** Ed Willms invited the panelists for this discussion. Derek Partenteau, Vishal Rangha & Rafiqua Masih and Shawn & Hayley Cuthill joined Ed on the stage. Shawn & Hayley explained their work with the Muslim Community in the Thorncliffe Park area of Toronto, comprised of 30 apartment buildings and approximately 30,000 to 40,000 Muslim immigrants and refugees, mostly from Pakistan and Afghanistan. They shared the stories of a few of the people who come to their Church. Hayley shared a story about a Syrian family they have been sitting and drinking tea with for eight years before they were ready to come to Christ. This ministry requires patience and perseverance. Dreams and visions play a role in this cultural context and the explanation of dreams is often what is required to make the difference. Derek Partenteau described working with First Nation communities, mostly Ojibwe, but also one Mohawk group, in the Perry Sound area. Much of their work involves working with those suffering from substance abuse and, in partnership with Camp Crossroad, they were able to work closely with a leader in need. He also told of a group he has been working with, using the parable of the one lost sheep to reach them in a meaningful way. Rafiqua and Vishal minister among the Sikhs and Hindus in the GTA. Rafiqua shared that their ministry has finally been able to purchase a building after many years of rejection by the churches they approached for assistance. Vishal explained the cultural need for a solid temple to the living God and rejoiced in the funds as they arrived to make the purchase of a church possible. Ed asked the church planters what their primary prayer requests are. Shawn stated that his role has changed as he takes on more of a director's responsibilities and he prayed that he would not lose touch with the workers.

Derek asked for prayer for the five or six individuals who have stepped forward as leaders, that God would bless them and equip them for the work ahead of them. Rafiqua requested that we continue to lift them up in prayer as they proceed with all of the red-tape in their building project, and also for assistance with true translation of Christian literature that can be distributed amongst their people. Vishal asked for personal prayer that he should not be nervous when asked to speak (and that he be given more time). Trevor Seath prayed for the church planters and for those to whom they minister. Ed asked that delegates consider partnering with this church plant, and encouraged anyone who may be able to assist financially through the Conference.

**21. FINANCIAL UPDATE & BUDGET AFFIRMATION:** Kim Knight explained that she had been able to meet with most of the delegates interested in finance at the break-out session this morning and a number of questions had been addressed at that time. She presented the financial update for 2015 and reported on a number of items. We finished the year with a deficit of \$83,640. Our contribution to C2C was funded, in part, using reserve funds held in the Komoka Fund. 78% of the 2015 revenue was budgeted to come from the Ontario MB Churches. In fact, 87% of total revenue came from the churches, and this percentage was up, with contributions being made by 23 member churches. Kim asked that the churches continue to give faithfully and asked, if possible, that the contributions be made periodically throughout the year to assist with cash flow. Kim reviewed the auditor's statement, which contains a clean audit report.

MOTION 16-19 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the audited financial statements for 2015 be accepted.

MOTION 16-20 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that Bridgman and Durksen be appointed as auditors for 2016 and that the Board of Directors be authorized to set the remuneration for these auditing services.

Kim presented the 2016 Proposed Budget which includes projected income of \$183,100, proposed expenses of \$295,500 producing a net deficit of \$112,400 to be funded using fund reserves balances. \$80,000 has been committed to Ontario Church plants. Kim provided a chart of the reserve fund balances and briefly explained plans for these funds for 2016 and going forward.

#### DISCUSSION:

•Why are we using fund balances? Because the funds are available and needed to meet the vision for the work of the Conference. Also, while reserve funds remain, the Canadian Conference is unable to partner fully with us financially. It is hoped that the Ontario Churches will, in time, meet budget with their offerings.

MOTION 16-21 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the operating budget for 2016 be approved as presented.

**22. C2C REPORT:** Gord Fleming reminded us that the goal is to seek and save the lost, so that everyone will come to know Christ. The Church planters are not the missionaries....the people of Christ are the missionaries. What would it look like if every Church in Ontario planted (birthed) a new Church this year? How much are you willing to give up to make disciples? C2C is praying that the MB Churches will be empowered to send workers into the field, and to pray each day, specifically at 10:02, for more harvesters. Trevor Seath, in his previous work, was looking to set aside denomina-

tionalism in the name of growing the church of God. He expressed how thankful he is to be a part of C2C and the opportunity this has provided for him to be the pastor of a group of Church Planters in Ontario.

23. **Q & A:** Jeff Jantzi reminded everyone of the Conference evaluation forms found in the delegate package and asked us to leave completed forms at the Secretaries desk, along with any financial donations you may wish to make.

BREAK:

**Saturday, February 20, 2016 2:50 – 4:00 pm**

24. **WORSHIP:** The Worship Team lead in the singing of *Our God Saves and Awake My Soul* chorus.

25. **CAMP CROSSROADS:** Ed Heinrichs showed a brief video illustrating the beauty of Camp Crossroads in the wintertime. He highlighted a number of the winter programs. He explained that Camp is approaching middle-age. We are now facing the challenge of what we want to see for Camp in the future. It is a vital mission field, a Christ-centred ministry, and Ed asked for prayer as Camp faces many new cultural challenges and opportunities. The Camp Board is restructuring as a governance board from a management board, and this will lead to a number of changes and opportunities for success as God continues to bless this ministry.

26. **CCMBC REPORT:** Harold Froese, Moderator of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, and Ron Toews of L2L were welcomed to the stage. There are times in life when we all need a Band-Aid. L2L acts so, as a coaching ministry that comes alongside leaders who are faced with obstacles. Apply a little heat to the metal bar, and it will bend easily. As a follower of Jesus, of any age, we need a little heat on the bar. If the Church could only understand what it means to be a radical follower, discipleship will result. They blessed the Leaders Collective initiative in Ontario.

27. **MBBS CANADA REPORT:** Bruce Guenther introduced himself as the President of MBBS and distributed a copy of their written report, which was not included in the delegate handout. He listed on a number of successful graduates of Mennonite Brethren Bible Seminary, and reported on the flexible approach to education with the majority of students studying on a part-time basis as they continue to serve their local churches. MBBS is working out of two campuses, one at Langley BC and the other at CMU in Winnipeg. MBBS is also in discussion with OCMBC about the possibility of expanding into Ontario and it is hoped that a partnership will ensue, at both the Conference and local church level. MBBS has developed 170 training videos available to anyone, and is working on a number of new mini-conferences. Interested Churches should contact MBBS.

28. **MB MISSION REPORT:** Philip Serez presented a video showing the lives and work of a number of missionaries working in foreign fields, proclaiming the gospel wherever they go. So why do we leave to minister overseas when there is so much to be done at home? Because we serve a large God, and he desires for everyone to be refreshed by his Word. Philip spoke of the Armenian and Turkish conflict and the apologies that have recently occurred for 100 year-old injustices. We are to be ministers of reconciliation and ambassadors of peace and justice. Arising from this, the spirit of God now has these two groups working together to plant churches. In the vision of our MB forefa-

thers, we work together through intercessory prayer and opportunities to serve. We prayed over the missionaries to be sent out.

29. **EDEN HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:** John Bryan, Director of the Spiritual Life Department at Eden High School spoke of the ministry in Niagara. A new Student Leadership Track under the name 'EPEREIA' is a one-year commitment/opportunity for motivated students. They are meeting his week-end in Toronto. The civil rights case against Eden has been dismissed and Eden has come through this refining process stronger for the experience. John shared the story of a recent grade-9 student who has lost his father and how the Eden community has ministered to him. John spoke of the partnership with Camp Crossroads and the grade retreats enjoyed by all. John asked for continued prayer and financial support from the Conference and encouraged anyone interested in serving on the Advisory Board to contact either himself or Kevin Ruddell, Chair of EAB.

30. **OCMBC FAITH & LIFE REPORT:** Ed Willms reported on behalf of Richard Martens, who was unable to attend this afternoon. He reported that not everything always progresses as positively as it may seem. Our Pastors have experienced heartbreak and pain over this past year and, while we love to share the great successes, this is a broken world with much suffering. It is at times of hurt that we need each other. Six or seven of our member churches are looking for lead pastors. The Faith & Life Team is able to journey with Pastors and with Churches as they work to overcome conflict and suffering. We all need a family to come along side us when we face obstacles and there are times in every life when we desperately need each other.

31. **FINAL BUSINESS & DISCUSSION:** Karen West, Jeff Jantzi and Ed Willms.

#### DISCUSSION:

•If finances were no object, what would happen within the Conference for 2016? Money is not always the answer, but if money were vastly available, we could dream about retro-fitting Camp Crossroads, we could purchase 2 or 3 strategic church buildings across Toronto to be shared by the Churches in need in that area, we could pay off a number of mortgages for local churches to free them to engage more fully in their ministries, and, while by no means the last dream, we could hire more Conference staff to better serve the churches in Ontario.

32. **WORSHIP:** The worship team led in singing *Revive Us Again*.

MOTION 16-22 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the Annual General Meeting 2016 of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches be adjourned.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:** Jeff thanked Southridge Vineland for hosting this year's Convention, thanked everyone for coming and announced the following upcoming Conference events.

•Gathering 2016 – July 6-9, 2016 at Hilton Toronto Airport Hotel & Suites in Mississauga (visit [gathering2016.mennonitebrethren.ca](http://gathering2016.mennonitebrethren.ca))

•OCMBC Convention 2017 – February 24-25, 2017 – New Hope Church Niagara.



## **Executive Director Report to Convention**

**February 19 - 20, 2016**

As I reflect on the year that has just past, I'm filled with gratitude and thanksgiving. The Lord has been at work and it has been humbling to co-labor with Him. Like Paul I have experienced first hand the Lord's assurance that "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." I too have witnessed in personal and vivid ways that "when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Cor.12:9,10).

The efforts put forward on behalf of our churches in Ontario is not a solo enterprise but consistently done through teams. I would be remiss, therefore, not to mention the ongoing support and encouragement of my wife Karin as well as our kids (scattered as they are around the world). The Board of Directors have been united and a source of great strength. I'm grateful for each one. The Senior Leadership teams, both in Ontario as well as on the National front, have fanned our dreams of collaboration. We are blessed with unity, passion and a will to dream big. Thanks to each one.

I mention their support because the task is vast and the geography immense. I've never counted all the hours traveling by car or plane, nor the nights in hotels, as it can at times be overwhelming. But when you have a clear sense of call and you see God at work the cost is well worth it. Truth be told, serving with passionate colleagues, both provincial and national, is both life-giving and encouraging.

This year we will see some transition amongst those working most closely with me. After nearly three years of dedicated service as my administrative assistant, Andrea Kaine will take time off for the arrival of her first baby. She will be missed, but I wish her and Rob a great new start as parents. I'm delighted that Kristi Lee will be joining as my new Administrative Assistant. She brings a wealth of experience and a passion for the church that will bless all of us. Please welcome her as you have opportunity. Victor Boese, who officially 'retired' last year, never completely stepped back. He will continue to offer his expertise on the bookkeeping side of things moving forward.

As a Conference... *"We exist to glorify God by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ through our member churches by: facilitating collaboration, providing accountability and encouraging blessing."*

Here is a short overview of a very full year:

### ***Facilitating Collaboration***

- The greatly anticipated Pastor's Bus Tour transitioned into a Virtual Bus Tour of

our church plants in Toronto and Ottawa. You can see this tour here:  
<http://www.onmb.org/category/eds-newsletter/>

- COACH training was repeated again this November and continues to be very well received by our churches. We are now in a position to offer Coach training to your local church leaders/elders. Let me know if this is something that would assist you in the local context.
- Regional leadership meetings were held in December in three different regions in order to move closer to our churches geographically. There was good participation, discussion, and engagement. This year Willy Reimer – CCMBC ED was one of our resources for these meetings.
- Leadership development conversations resulted in an exciting new opportunity for growing leaders together: the ‘Leaders Collective’. We will share much more about this opportunity during convention when you’ll have the opportunity to engage with this year’s LC leaders.

### ***Providing Accountability***

- We continue to credential the pastors of all of our Ontario MB churches – a significant service we offer to our many churches. Credentialing serves the purpose of ensuring sound, theological alignment with our confession of faith, in addition to meeting government requirements for marriage licensing. I’m so thankful for our Ontario Faith & Life Team (FLT) who work so diligently to make this happen. Credentialing has become standardized through the National Board of Faith and Life (BFL), which creates a common process and allows for easy interchange of pastors between provinces.
- I participate on the National BFL who hosted this year’s Study Conference on “Human Sexuality.” Many things were learned through this experience to assist us in planning study conferences for the future.
- I often find myself journeying with pastors during personal transition – sometimes through pain and heartache. These moments are heartfelt. It reminds me that we need to lift our Pastors in prayer regularly. They need our/your support!
- I continue to walk with churches as they attempt to find their way during pastoral transition or times of conflict. I’m so grateful for the open doors that emerge.
- Conversations continue with the Bethesda Executive Board as we attempt to clarify our partnership for the years ahead. A more detailed plan will be presented at next year’s convention.

### ***Encouraging Blessing***

- The partnership of our Senior Leadership Team is paying dividends as we share a united vision for partnering across Ontario. In addition to myself, these leaders: Philip Serez (MB Mission), Trevor Seath (C2C Ontario), Ed Heinrichs (Camp Crossroads), are willing to come to your churches and to share their hearts, and to consider ways to partner in the vision God is unfolding within each of their specialized areas of ministry.

- Living a heart of Blessing does not come naturally. My encouragement is that we become more intentional – choosing to bless, build and encourage. It’s a cultural shift that will pay big dividends in the years ahead.

### ***Team Updates:***

- **Senior Leadership Team**
  - The second Men’s Retreat at Camp Crossroads was a huge success. I’d encourage all men’s groups across the province to check this out in 2016.
  - The Leaders Collective has been birthed. Stories of investing in the next generation will be shared at convention.
  - The AWAKE events in K/W and Niagara are proving to be a great evangelism catalyst in our churches.
- **Faith & Life Team**
  - Credentialing has taken some key strides forward this year
  - We continue to seek ways to serve those churches amongst us who find themselves in a season of struggle and hurt.
  - This team needs to be commended for all their sacrificial time and effort.
- **Finance Team**
  - The finance team this year consisted of myself, Kim Knight, and Andrea Kaine, with the occasional input of Victor Boese. Although he ‘retired’ last year, he continues to give us support.
  - There will be further transitions to this team this year as Andrea anticipates a baby (Feb. 25<sup>th</sup>) and Kim will be stepping off the Board.
  - Ongoing efforts are in motion to develop a more strategic fund raising team. You are invited to personally support the Conference or the Leaders Collective.
- **C2C Regional Leadership Team**
  - This summer the C2C Regional Leadership in Ontario saw transition. Greg Laing moved to BC (BCMB Missions Director), and Trevor Seath moved into the Regional Leader role for ON. I have been blessed to serve alongside both of these gifted leaders. Our partnership continues to grow.
  - In Spring, C2C Ontario hosted “Multiply” in Toronto, as well as the Church Planters Summit in the fall.
  - Celebration Banquets were held in Toronto and Ottawa. We anticipate growing these events in 2016.
- **Nominating Team**
  - This team serves a critical role discerning new Board members.
  - I’m so glad for their willingness to continue to serve us in this very important role, discerning candidates for our Board of Directors.

### ***Key Objectives for 2016:***

### ★ **Leaders Collective**

With the start of the Leaders Collective we now hope to build on the momentum we are seeing towards a collaborative leadership development stream. Pray for this small band of 12 leaders who are part of our pilot project.

### ★ **Financial Needs of OCMBC**

Financing our joint efforts will take more creative planning into the future. We are delighted that for the first time in several years we exceeded our financial goal from our churches. One step we took was a financial overview brochure that went to each of our churches. More strategic plans are set for this year.

### ★ **Communication**

Staying connected with our churches is a high priority. I invite all delegates to engage more with our website: [www.onmb.org](http://www.onmb.org). Share your stories! I further invite you to subscribe to my monthly Update – details are on the website.

### ★ **Coaching**

We are attempting to create a coaching culture. In partnership with Leaders to Learners (L2L) we will be offering more training and additional opportunities for leaders and churches to be coached. Check into [www.l2lnet.org](http://www.l2lnet.org)

### ★ **Gathering 2016**

We will be hosting the bi-annual Gathering of our National Convention this July 6-9 in Toronto. Mark your calendars. It would be great to have a large Ontario presence at this years event.

### ★ **Assisting Churches**

As we partner with our National Partners (L2L & C2C) we are in a much stronger position to come alongside our Ontario churches as they navigate a wide range of situations. We want you to know that we are here to assist in any way that we can.

Serving with you,

Ed Willms

# CCMBC Annual Update 2015

## The Gifts of 2015

We, the MB churches of Canada, were given two great gifts in 2015. I know you're probably thinking, "Really? What were they?" The two gifts were questions:

1. What is the glue that binds Canadian Mennonite Brethren together?
2. Are we committed to our confession of faith?

How did these questions surface? The first was a byproduct of the conversations around the future and purpose of the *Herald* as revealed through the communications survey. The second was a byproduct of the Human Sexuality Study Conference which created concern for some, fear and anger for others, and opportunity for leadership.

Why would I call these issues gifts? Because, they have given us the opportunity to assess and articulate the purpose of our communication and our theological center. We are in the midst of reviewing a national communication strategy to meet the historic needs while also engaging those who are new to our churches and our younger generation, all for the fulfillment of our mission. The second gift is the opportunity to articulate our theological center around our confession of faith. The Board of Faith and Life and the Executive Board are fully committed to the Bible as the infallible Word of God and the authoritative guide for faith and practice. We are committed to upholding our historical biblical definition of marriage as a covenant relationship intended to unite a man and a woman for life. We are committed to the teaching that sexual intimacy rightfully takes place only within marriage between a woman and a man.

Given our rapidly changing sociopolitical landscape and theological ambiguity, the integrity of our message and the effectiveness of our mission are rooted in a common theological identity and a common mission. I am grateful that we have the opportunity to clarify what we believe and to clarify the mission we work together to accomplish.

Thank you for your prayer support, and please continue pray for our churches to have a missionary heart for local, provincial, national and global people who do not know Jesus Christ. Thank you for your financial support of provincial and national ministry. Your faithful contributions are starting new churches, supporting the leaders and church revitalization, and supporting ministries such as MBBS, MB Mission, ETEQ and ICOMB.

## Ministry Model

In 2015, the increasing ministry partnership between the Ontario and national conferences strengthened our mission "to multiply Christ-centred churches to see Canada transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ." At a September meeting of all provincial staff leaders, a common ministry model was approved.

While Ontario adopted this model a year earlier, the agreement across the provinces enables us to align our service delivery and resources across Canada. The work of L2L in developing leaders is a good example. The L2L coaching tools are shared across the country with some 285 people receiving training in coaching, 51 in Ontario. We are excited about this new level of partnership and how we can work together to serve the MB churches of Canada.



Willy Reimer  
Executive Director



CANADIAN CONFERENCE  
of Mennonite Brethren Churches



Ed Willms  
Executive Director



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# DEVELOPING LEADERS

## Developing Disciples and Leaders

To what degree do you resonate with the following eight statements?

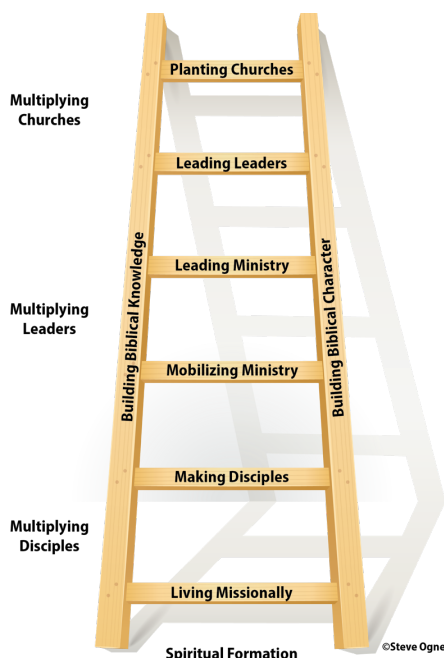
1. The local church is as missional as her disciples.
2. Participating in church programs equals discipleship.
3. The church is less than she ought to be if she doesn't make disciples.
4. The local church can outsource disciple-making.
5. Discipleship and leadership are interdependent.
6. The need for more pastors and church planters is somebody else's problem.
7. There's a distinction between serving in a ministry and leading others.
8. Churches on mission develop multiplying disciples and leaders.

According to the CCMBC 2015 Transformation survey, half of our churches have an intentional discipleship process in place and believe it is working. And about one in four churches (28%) strategically identifies and develops future leaders.

Since the local church is the litmus test of our current collective effectiveness, we must admit that we have more work to do.

The image of a ladder portrays the local church as the ideal environment for people to grow in their spiritual character and biblical knowledge as part of their spiritual formation. Are you and your church creating the kind of environments where disciples and leaders grow and thrive?

L2L's prayer and ministry this year are focused on depicting biblical disciple-making and leadership development pathways that can serve the local church well on her Christ-given mission.



Here are some questions to encourage prayerful reflection and conversation in your church or context:

- What parts of the ladder are strongly in place?
- What parts of the ladder are broken or missing?
- What parts of the ladder are confusing?
- What part of your ladder is God currently working on?
- What changes is God calling you to make?
- Who do you need to depend on to make this change?
- Which rung have you neglected personally?
- What transformation do you need before leading others?

## Coaching Leaders and Churches

L2L's passion remains the development of a coaching culture, where life-on-life interactions regularly help leaders (Coach Me) and churches (Coach Us) become attentive to God's desires and purposes, and enable them to live out this mandate in everyday ways. Over the past two years, L2L trained about 300 leaders in using coaching skills in their discipleship and leadership conversations.

In an effort to raise the level of competency for our coaches and the quality of our coaching, we're moving toward equipping a smaller number of trainers but with more rigorous training and experience. This move enables us to use existing training materials in other languages such as French, Spanish, German, which is crucial as we serve in Quebec and work with international ministry partners like MB Mission. It also allows us to offer flexible 1-, 2-, or 3-day coach training for leaders in the marketplace, in church, and serving on various boards.

## L2L Dashboard (Cumulative 2014–15)

- 53 churches coached through an assessment and their implementation of disciple-making and leadership development pathways
- 120 small groups discussing their current learning interests at L2Lnet.org
- 301 leaders trained in applying coaching skills
- 101 leaders L2L is coaching or has coached
- 14 network events with camping directors, presidents of theological schools, transitional pastors
- 323 resources discovered or developed for leaders and churches
- 674 leaders developed through APEX, Personal ReFocusing, etc.
- 180 active leaders in the L2Lnet.org online community (overall leaders who signed up = 609)
- \$53,103 awarded to 35 recipients through Leadership Training Matching Grants
- 670 GoToMeetings online video meetings
- 12 denominations served
- 11 transitional pastors supported

# MULTIPLYING CHURCHES

The C2C Network is praying for more labourers, and God is answering by bringing many qualified planters into every region. As the Lord of the Harvest is sending, we are responding (Luke 10:2).

Prayer is at the forefront of C2C for 2016. This is the time for complete surrender and complete dependence on the power of prayer. We are praying for labourers, and we are praying for God to accomplish his will for his glory.

*Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen*

(Ephesians 3:20–21 ESV)

The C2C Network exists to glorify God and make disciples by planting and multiplying gospel-centred churches and enabling new missional opportunities. The bottom line is that we want to see more people come to faith in Jesus Christ. We do that by coming alongside both individuals and churches to enable church planting wherever they have a vision to expand the gospel's impact.

Derek of Rugged Tree recently had a breakthrough. On a difficult reserve, the only Christian is an isolated elder. A Native agency asked Derek to visit her. When he arrived, she tearfully explained how she's been praying for a church planter. Derek is helping her start a Faith Circle in her residence.

The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches has a heart for the advancement of God's kingdom. People have been impacted by the call and confidence to work with other denominations to see lives transformed and the glory of God magnified. This calling is creating a heart of unity and drawing God's people together in spite of denominational lines. Mennonite Brethren and C2C are uniquely positioned by the Lord to be at the vanguard of this movement of God.

## Top Ten Highlights of 2015

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| 2271 | prayer partners   |
| 271  | baptisms among C2C churches   |
| 103  | church planters in the C2C Network  |
| 59   | training events   |
| 25   | planters assessed   |
| 15   | new church plants   |
| 8    | church plants in the Atlantic region, with the newest in Newfoundland               |
| 7    | church plants "graduated" to become established churches                            |
| 5    | new apprentices (22 total)  |
| 2    | new regional directors (Trevor Seath in Ontario, Chad MacDonald in Atlantic Canada) |

# BUILDING COMMUNITY

## Board of Faith and Life

In 2015, the Board of Faith and Life (BFL) released the French translation of our Confession of Faith and started work on a Chinese translation, continued updates of the Faith and Life pamphlet series, moved toward the completion of a statement regarding ordination, planned the October study conference and responded to questions on matters of life and faith. In addition, the BFL began work on designing a process for updating some language in the articles of our Confession of Faith in response to feedback from the 2015 pastoral survey.

The mandate of the BFL is to build community by strengthening of our theological identity as Mennonite Brethren. The fall 2015 study conference illustrated the increasing breadth of hermeneutical approaches and our ongoing need for articulating our theological centre. The BFL is committed to guarding the

Mennonite Brethren theological convictions with a renewed intentionality and to developing resources and processes to address points of disagreement.

## Communications Survey

In 2015, 6p Marketing was commissioned to carry out a survey of *MB Herald* readers to learn about items such as the types of content and effective mediums, and how these differ by age group. A key finding of this research was the importance of the *Herald* to building a shared sense of MB identity and community. The *Herald* plays an important role in the Building Community ministry.

The survey results indicated that the three most valuable types of content sought by readers are stories on other Canadian MB churches, theological explanations of issues from an MB perspective, and reports on missions and outreach. The desire and need for content is similar across all age groups but different mediums are required to deliver it.

By conducting this survey, we learned that the *Herald's* content is seen as valuable to a wide range of age groups. Going forward, active promotion along with additional mediums are required in order to reach a younger demographic. There is

potential to have it grow and reach more of the church body through a mix of print and online/ digital mediums.

(Additional details regarding the survey results can be found at [mbherald.com](http://mbherald.com) and [gmmitv.com](http://gmmitv.com))

## RESOURCING MINISTRY

An annual review is always a balance of identifying the accomplishments and recognizing the missed opportunities. 2015 was certainly a learning experience and one of the most fulfilling years of my career. I also recognize there were many opportunities to do more.

During the year, our first focus was developing strong relationships between our team and our partners, which include MB churches, provincial conferences and staff, the finance committee, the Executive Board, the members of CCMBC and affiliated organizations. It became clear that this would take a substantial effort; it will be an ongoing focus for myself and the finance team.

The second focus for 2015 was to follow the recommendations of the membership to create CCMBC Legacy Fund Inc. We have made progress on this initiative, but it has been slower than we would have liked. The project received formal approval at the Annual General Meeting in October, and we believe that the project will move along more quickly in 2016.

During the year, CRA completed an audit through the end of the 2012 fiscal year. They did not identify any issues, and they provided six recommendations to improve our reporting to CRA. We agree with the recommendations and have implemented five of the six items. The last will be implemented early in 2016.

We have continued to support churches and conferences with our accounting and payroll services and our benefits and pension plans. These accounting services include the following:

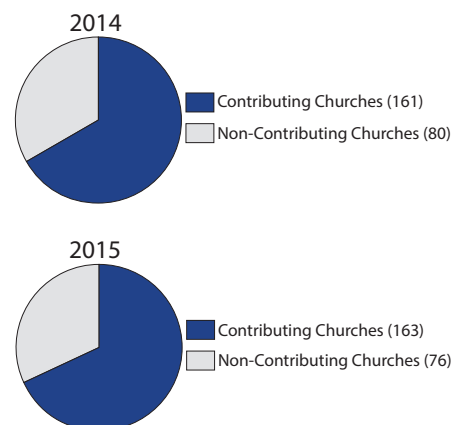
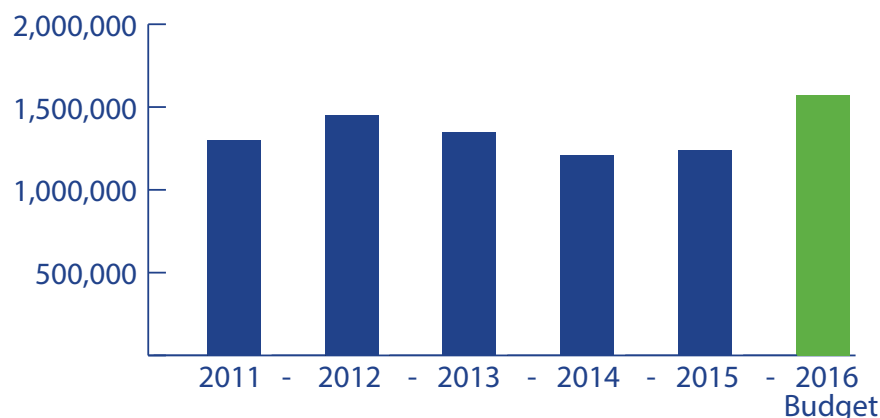
- Payroll services for 178 churches, camps, schools and MB agencies
- Benefits for 224 churches, camps, schools and MB agencies
- Benefit plan for 1,044 individuals
- Pension plan supporting 1,364 individuals, of which 784 are active contributors
- Accounting services for 2 provincial conferences, 6 established churches and 12 non-registered church plants

As we continue to support churches and pastors by providing mortgages, we work to be excellent stewards, following Matthew 25:14-30: to grow what God has graciously entrusted to us. During 2015, we managed 151 mortgages totaling \$110,753,337.

It is our goal to continue this ministry in 2016: to grow our people and to invest in the relationships with all our partners.

Please continue to pray for the finance team as they work to serve you. We also ask for prayers for the Conference to continue to support the ministries that we provide and that we are able to gather the financial resources necessary to provide the services. - Jim Davidson, interim CFO

## Church Giving





God has brought a greater degree of collaboration to the ministries of all our organizations. Increasingly denominations, networks and churches are working together, aligned by the centrality of the gospel to fulfill God's purpose for the church. This includes ministries such as MB Mission and C2C.

For the past year, staff and leaders of CCMBC, MB Mission, USMB and C2C have been praying and wondering if God is doing a new thing, preparing us to fulfill his purposes among us. There has been a great deal of prayer, thought, dreaming, and conversation by all groups involved. We have been searching for direction that is genuinely Spirit led, increases missional effectiveness in all spheres of ministry (local, national, global), multiplies the impact of ministry resources, and removes barriers to engage in ministry opportunities the Lord seems to be presenting to us.

The USMB conference has been undergoing a ministry review in the last several years. Last June, they requested help from us, using C2C, to expand their church planting ministry. This has lead to numerous conversations within and between our organizations.

At CCMBC, we have discussed this at Executive board meetings, had breakout conversations at last year's AGM, and have also met with our provincial partners this past January. This process will likely take some time and, at this point, we do not know exactly where God is leading our conversations.

We have asked Randy Friesen (MB Mission), Gord Fleming (C2C), Willy Reimer (CCMBC Executive Director), Michael Dick (BC moderator & Executive Board member) and Len Penner (assistant moderator CCMBC Executive Board) to lead us in this conversation.

We plan to provide opportunities for conversation and input as this process unfolds. We need your involvement as we discern God's direction together in ministry.

And, we ask for your continued prayer support for this process as God leads us in future ministry.

Thank you!

Harold Froese

Moderator, on behalf of the CCMBC Executive Board

## C2C Network Ontario Report

### **The Prayer:**

Jesus said to the disciples *“The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field”* (Luke 10:2, NIV).

Prayer is at the forefront of C2C for 2016. This is the time for complete surrender and complete dependence on the power of prayer. We are praying for labourers and for God to accomplish His will for His glory.

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen (Eph. 3:20).

### **The Answer:**

God is answering our prayers by bringing highly qualified planters into every region. Our Assessment Centers fill up quickly and are recommending a high percentage of candidates to plant churches. In fact, from Quebec alone, seven planters were recommended in 2015. This is the most from all of the regions in Canada! After many years of praying for this province, God is answering. Hallelujah!

We feel a fresh urgency to pray for labourers for Ontario. Three Ontario candidate couples were recommended at Assessment Centres in 2015. We thank God for this while pleading for an unprecedented move of His Spirit here. We are thankful for two couples that are already looking seriously at Assessment in 2016.

### **The Driving Motivation:**

C2C Network exists to glorify God and make disciples in Canada by planting and multiplying gospel-centred churches and enabling new missional opportunities. The bottom line is that we want to see more people come to faith in Jesus Christ. We praise God that 271 were baptized in C2C plants this year including 48 in Ontario. On December 13, Robin & April Ellingwood (who are still in the pre-launch phase for Praxis, a new church in Toronto) baptized a woman who attended their Christmas party. She borrowed a wetsuit and took the plunge that night into the cold waters of Lake Ontario!

### **The Training:**

In partnership with Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary and Northwest Baptist Seminary, C2C launched **Immerse**, an accredited, outcome-based Masters Degree designed specifically for church planters. Six students—four who are members of MB churches—began this program that is gaining the accolades of many educational agencies, including Harvard Divinity School. This training integrates our Gospel Centered, Spirit Led, and Mission Focused values.

C2C also trains church planters through a two-year program called **Incubator**. This training develops ten dimensions that are required for effective planting. Incubator intentionally creates an environment for spiritual community, peer coaching, and a robust discussion around issues of church planting, gospel leadership, and mission. We will have at least one Incubator in every region in 2016. In Ontario, Incubator is off to a strong start with 12 graduating from the first class this year and 28 currently enrolled in either Ottawa or Toronto. This June in Toronto, we’re hosting training for Incubator trainers in June as we strengthen our capacity to equip a new generation of planters.

### **The Coaching:**

Nobody plants a church alone. That is our commitment to C2C planters. Planters who meet at least monthly with a coach will produce outcomes that are 250% more than those who do not receive coaching. Gospel coaching provides a way for the Regional Directors to provide pastoral care, accountability, encouragement,

direction, and course correction with a shepherd's heart. C2C continues to coach every church planter at least monthly.

### **The Call to Help Existing Churches Multiply:**

Jeff and Ruth Scott launched WestVillage Church on January 17, 2016, realizing a four-year vision of the 90-year-old MET Bible Church in Ottawa to plant for the first time. C2C walked alongside The MET elders all the way from Jeff's initial interview, assessment, coaching, apprenticeship, and culminating at the commissioning service. Two days after commissioning Jeff and Ruth, church leaders invited Trevor Seath (Ontario Regional Director) and Dave Harder (Ottawa Regional Mobilizer) to join their staff retreat and cast vision for more plants from the MET.

C2C hosts a few events every year to expose church planting to existing churches and to those individuals who are considering planting. Our flagship event will be the **Multiply Conference** held March 2-3, 2016, at Westside Church and will feature several noted leaders like Francis Chan, Larry Osborne, Jeff Vanderstelt, Norm Funk, Mark Clark, and others. We are praying for over a thousand attendees and that many will make decisions to multiply the gospel in their community.

### **The First Peoples:**

Recently, Derek & Tiffany who lead the MB church plant Rugged Tree in the Georgian Bay region of Ontario, experienced a breakthrough on two reserves that have been closed until now. One reserve is a community that is very closed to the Church. The lone Christian in the community is an isolated elder and clan mother who became a Christian by watching an evangelist on television 6 years ago. She has been praying for years that God would send a church planter. A Native social agency reached out to Derek and asked if he could visit this lonely woman. When Derek arrived, she immediately started crying and explaining how she's been pleading with God to send her a church planter. Derek is now helping her to start a Faith Circle in the common room of her residence.

Another community has only ever connected with Derek in a limited way. Recently a new believer approached the reserve's Healing Centre where all the traditional ceremonies are coordinated. She asked if she could start a Faith Circle there and, amazingly, the door flew open. Meetings will begin in February and Derek has been invited to begin making home visits with some of the shut-ins in the community.

### **The Nations:**

Mennonite Brethren have a long tradition of responding to the call of God to take the gospel to other nations. Today, people from many nations are coming to us. C2C planter Endrit Mullisi is planting the Albanian Evangelical Church, the only church reaching Albanians in Canada. Vishal & Rafiqua Rangha Masih are leading their church, Behta Darya, to acquire a building in 2016. There is only one other Punjabi church in Canada who has reached this milestone. Siamak Keramat & Mina Ghaffari are reaching Iranians in Toronto through Spirit of Truth Church. This summer they baptized 8 new Muslim-background believers at Camp Crossroads.

It's amazing to many church leaders that CCMBC has a heart for the advancement of God's Kingdom and the call and confidence to work with other denominations to see lives transformed and the glory of God magnified. It is creating a heart of unity drawing together God's people across denominational lines. MB's and C2C are uniquely positioned by the Lord to be at the vanguard of this movement of God.



### A Different Perspective - Drones at Camp Crossroads

Watching a video of Camp in the winter that was filmed from a drone was an opportunity to see things from above. The apostle Paul in his letter to the Colossians challenges them to “set their mind on things that are above...” (Col. 3:2) He is calling them to have a different perspective.

It was good to gain a fresh perspective. It is easy to get bogged down and lose sight of the bigger picture. We have been given a beautiful gift - a gift for a greater purpose that finds expression in our mission focus statement:

*“Camp exists as a Christ-centred ministry to support the local church in making disciples and developing leaders.”*

As refreshing as it is to gain a **new perspective**, we must live in the details. The encouraging thing is that we find God not just in the higher altitudes, but also intimately involved in all areas of our lives.

Here are some **highlights** in summary form:

### Summer 2015 Details at a Glance

- 869 campers involved in the Child/Youth Camps
- 480 people at 4 Family Camps
- 91 children were sponsored to come to Camp through the ‘Campership’ fund
- 298 indicated significant spiritual decisions (first time commitments to Christ, decisions to be baptized etc.)

### The Rest of the Year at a Glance

The Camp calendar from September 2015 to March 2016 of this year is filled with many exciting programs and retreats:

- 13 Church Retreats and 4 Youth Retreats
- 7 School Retreats
- 11 Camp sponsored retreats (e.g. Network Men’s Retreat, Gal’s Getaway, Deep Freeze 1&2, Family Snow, Home School, Apex, Winter Blast, Men’s Ice Fishing)

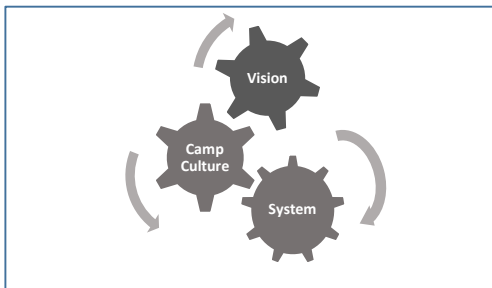
Camp is occupied consistently throughout the year - each event brings with it stories of lives impacted. This God-given resource is being utilized for kingdom building.

### Flying at a Higher Altitude

One of the conversations we have been having at the board and staff level is the need to ensure health at all levels in the ministry. This is captured in the following diagram:



Camp exists as a Christ-centred ministry to support the local church in making disciples and developing leaders.



The ministry is continuing to undergo changes. The drone footage doesn't show the reality of dealing with an aging infrastructure (**system**). The beautiful facilities are now needing increased ongoing maintenance in order to keep them functional. This requires an array of resources (e.g. financial, skills, human resources).

Canadian Culture is undergoing seismic shifts, as churches and ministries we need to respond to these challenges and opportunities at an accelerated pace. One of the system adjustments to address this at Camp has been a restructuring of the Camp Board. This involves a move towards an increased governance role. In order to maintain clear oversight the Board will function with three subcommittees. These are Finance/Business, HR Personnel and Governance. This will provide the focussed effort to ensure that Camp is operating in a healthy and sustainable manner while complying with legal requirements.

We are surrounded by shifting a **culture**, but the culture of Camp needs to reflect the enduring values of the Kingdom of God. This needs to be done in a manner that is engaging, relevant and challenges people to experience the truth of the Gospel and calls them to a life changing response.

We face the challenge of maintaining a volunteer based ministry during a time when people's schedules are over-filled. We need to ensure that volunteers and staff maintain both a clear understanding of, and a commitment to, the Gospel message. These are exciting opportunities that require deep wisdom in making necessary changes. Camp is a place where disciples are made and leaders developed. It is a place where volunteers are welcomed to be part of the advancement of the Kingdom of God. We want to continue to create a culture that allows this **vision** to be fulfilled.

#### Vision: Keeping the Goal in Sight

God is working through the church to build His Kingdom. In partnership with the local church we need to continue to be developing leaders and releasing them into all arenas of influence to be part of what God is doing. We want to see young people grasp the life-transforming power of the Gospel, and equip them to live it out in all spheres of life.

Intercession and Support: There are God-given opportunities in store for this 2016. We ask that you **partner** with us in prayer, through giving of time, resources and finances as we support the local church as a strategic partner in making disciples and developing leaders.

Submitted by:

Ed Heinrichs and Andrew Hiebert

# Global Report

MB Mission  
Global Report 2016

## Living on Mission

Recently, I heard a story from our workers in Panama about a remote village in the rainforest where a group of forty-five youth became demonized. It left the village in turmoil. The local school had to be closed temporarily. Teachers, parents and the village elders were desperate. But no one was able to solve their problem – not social workers, priests or even the Catholic Bishop in Panama City. The village elders lost hope.

Finally, our missionary in Panama, Einer Zuluaga, heard about the crisis and brought together a team of leaders from the national conference of MB churches to seek God for counsel. In prayer, they felt prompted to send a team of wise and discerning leaders to the village to discern the cause of this demonization. They believed that God would show them what to do.

In the village, after thorough interviews with the youth and their parents and teachers, the leaders spoke boldly about the serious spiritual consequences of the satanic rituals that the youth were practicing. The Holy Spirit brought conviction and, one by one, the youth repented and were delivered. A spiritual revival broke out in the village as the youth testified to the blood of Jesus and his power over darkness. In turn, the revival spread as the youth began visiting other villages to share their testimonies.

This story inspires me on a variety of levels. I love to hear about missional leaders who walk in spiritual authority. I love how God is equipping cross-cultural workers to serve with wisdom and sensitivity. I also love to hear about indigenous churches that are equipped to meet the needs of the society around them with the proclamation of the Gospel. Whether it's in a village in the rainforest of Panama or in a suburb in

California, the world desperately needs the Church to proclaim the Gospel of Jesus with both sensitivity and authority.

We are being reminded again and again that missions is not a location; it's a way of life. There is only one mission for the Church and it's the mission of Jesus to save the lost. If we are following Jesus, we are called to live on mission. We need a fuller understanding of what it means to live on mission locally, nationally, and globally.

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In the last few months, at MB Mission, we have been re-committing ourselves to embrace this growing vision for mission through renewal, discipleship, church planting, and networks. We are focusing on renewal through inviting church leaders to participate in Missional DNA Exchanges with our ministry partners in key locations around the world. We are also investing in renewal through hosting AWAKE weekends for churches in North America. Discipleship is at the heart of our short-term mission programs like SOAR, ACTION, and TREK. Our vision continues to be holistic church planting that transforms communities among the least reached, which includes everywhere that our global teams and churches are having an influence. Although we are denominationally rooted, we also want to be strongly kingdom oriented in our approach to networks. As we consider

how best to invest in church planting in North America and abroad, we are eager to partner with those who share our hope in Jesus and our passion for mission.

John's vision of Jesus in Revelation 14:14-16 continues to stir my heart when I think about the opportunities that face us today around the world. In this vivid picture of the Lord of the harvest, John sees that the harvest is ripe, the sickle is sharp, and the time is now.

Around the world, people are responding to God like never before – among the Khmu in Southeast Asia, the Wounaan in Panama, the Batwa in Africa, and Arabs across the Middle East and North Africa. With the Bible now translated into every major language and people even in the most remote locations able to read and listen to the Scriptures on their mobile phones, the Gospel is proclaimed and people are finding Jesus. We are seeing unprecedented times in global mission.

The harvest is ripe and the Lord of the harvest is carrying a sharp sickle, which can be symbolic of the Church, empowered by his Spirit and Word. We need to stay sharp spiritually. Earlier in Revelation 14:1-5, John describes the spiritual army that accompanies the Lamb, people who know their identity in God (who have the Father's name on their foreheads), who have something unique to celebrate (they sing a new song), and who remain focused and pure (they do not defile themselves). This army is intimately connected and obedient to Jesus (they follow the Lamb wherever he goes).

Are we ready to join Jesus on his mission and be counted among his harvesters? Let's live on mission together!



Randy Friesen  
General Director



Jesus said to them, “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”

~ Acts 1:8

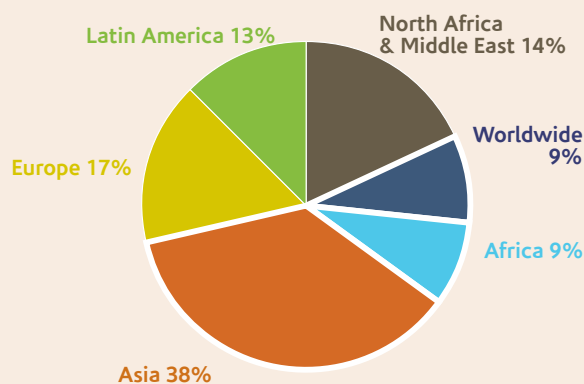
Today, MB Mission has 113 workers deployed in sixteen different countries. Of those workers, sixteen are from our partner conferences within the International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB).

Thanks to your support, we are planting more new churches among the least reached, resourcing more mission-training schools, and initiating more church-based community development projects. Around the world, people are hearing the Gospel, coming to faith in Jesus, and being trained as missional leaders.

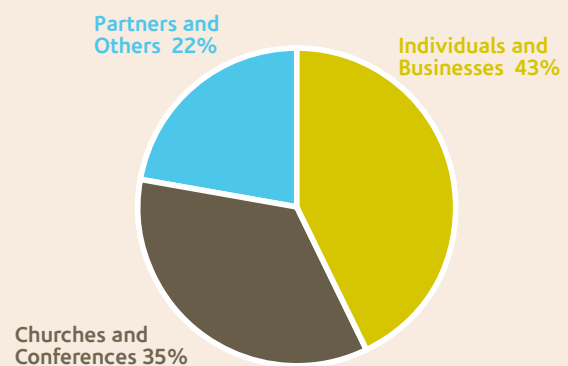
Together, we are making a difference for the glory of God.

## Financial Summary

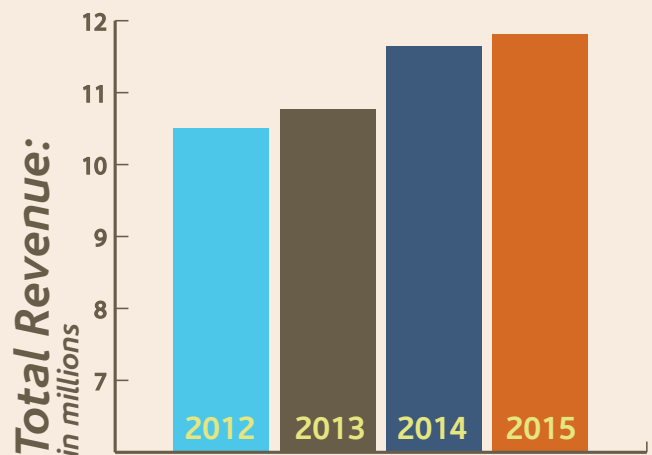
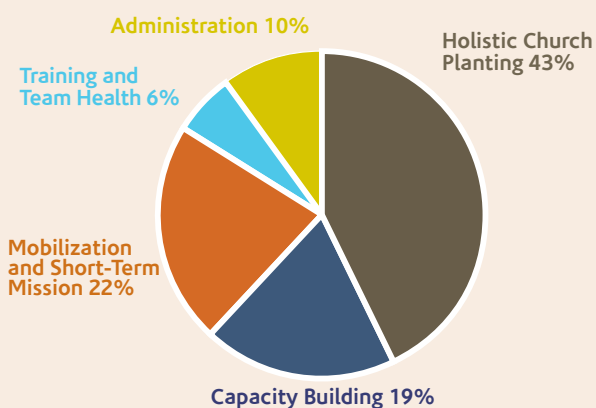
### Overseas Expenditures: \$6,653,261



### Donation Sources:



### Total Expenditures: \$10,458,086



# Spiritual Life Centre (@ Eden High School)

Malcolm Muggeridge once said, “Every happening, great and small, is a parable whereby God speaks to us, and the art of life is to get the message.” You may recall that last year the District School Board of Niagara faced a Human Rights Tribunal due to the fact that the Spiritual Life Centre was operating within a public high school. At last year’s conference, I was able to report that the case was thrown out as the applicant did not have “legal standing” to continue. We have trusted God’s sustaining message, believing He has kept an open door for the gospel to be preached in a mission field we call high school! We share God’s message of mercy and compassion when students are facing circumstances that are overwhelming them. We proclaim God’s message of truth when faced with lies that our teens have believed and we lavish God’s message of hope and grace when students make decisions that have left them mired in guilt and shame. We also rejoice in God’s message of joy when a student chooses Christ over this world or when they desire godly leadership over temporal fame. Here are a few highlights from the past year in the SLC:

## **Jr and Sr Chapel**

\* “What We Believe” has been the theme for our Jr. Chapel year. We are working through the core beliefs of the Christian faith using the Apostles’ Creed as a template. Our desire is to equip youth through scriptural truth so they can articulate their faith and respond to their culture with a Biblical worldview. As Hebrew states, “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” (4:12) We praise God for 220 students who are choosing to worship together on a daily basis in chapel.

\* Our Sr. Chapel has focused on a variety of themes including our most recent, “Not A Fan,” which is based on Kyle Idleman’s challenge to live as a fully committed follower rather than a “fan” of Jesus. We have featured student testimonies, a series on apologetics and hosted an “acts of kindness” week where students served in the local community. A highlight was delivering coffee and cards to local fire and police departments. It was humbling to pray with those who serve our communities so selflessly. We praise God for 120 students who choose to gather to worship!

## **Epereia Leadership Track**

In the fall we began “EPEREIA.” our brand new Student Leadership Track for students in grade 9-12. “Epereia” is a Greek word which means “influence” and we are seeking to build students into influential leaders, believing that Christ-like leadership brings transformation in our world. Students connect with an SLC member as an individual and in groups of four. They are encouraged in character development and given practical tools to enable them to make wise life choices. There are sixteen students who are involved and have already participated in a kick-off retreat at The Leadership Studio at Muskoka Woods. They will attend two leadership conferences and a variety of team building outings as well. The year will culminate with a dinner as we invite all those who have supported these students in their desire to grow as influential leaders.

## **Missions**

We currently have a team of 8 recent grads serving in Northern Ireland as part of our Take Flight program. They will partner with local churches, an urban ministry centre in Belfast and will connect with ministry reps that have been in the front lines of addressing sectarianism through reconciliation. Please keep them in your prayers as they minister from February 9 - March 10, 2016. I will be joining them on February 26 anticipating a time of service with them, speaking opportunities and to lead a debrief retreat at the end of their trip.

Our Gear Up program is for current students who are seeking a short term mission opportunity. There are a team of 12 that will travel to Montreal and serve alongside SOAR with Phil Serez of MB Mission. This has been such a valuable trip for our students as they serve alongside the church in communities that desperately need Jesus. Please pray for them as they serve from July 8-18, 2016.

We continue to connect with students through our retreats (grade 10-12) and are planning our first grade 9 retreat as we seek to build community with the 224 incoming grade nines! Our weekly life groups continue to provide students with a more intimate sense of community and our one to one mentoring has been ongoing. These are such key interactions so please pray that the Holy Spirit will give wisdom in each conversation.

I am so grateful to work with a gifted team consisting of Alicia Janzen, Meghan Plett and Dave Arnold. They each bring excellence and passion demonstrated in their evident desire to honour Jesus Christ! It is a blessing to share in the challenging ministry of the SLC with them so I would ask that you keep them in your prayers also.

On behalf of the SLC team, I'd like to thank the Ontario MB Conference for their support and encouragement! Through your prayers and financial support, we continue to serve the Eden students for the glory of God!

As I end this report, I'd like to share about a map of the world that hangs in the Spiritual Life Centre. There are now over 60 "pins" that represent countries where Eden students, past and present, have served on mission. It hangs there as a daily reminder that the impact on a student's life is not just for the four years they walk the halls of our school. It is a global impact resonating well beyond their high school experience and for that reason we continue to "lead students to learn of Christ and to live for Christ." This is our mission that is rooted in the Great Commission:

*"Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20)*

Respectfully Submitted John Bryan  
Spiritual Life Director

# **REPORT TO THE ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES PLEASANT MANOR AND TABOR MANOR February 2016**

## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

We look back on 2015 as a year of many blessings. A culture of quality is being embedded within the homes and direct stakeholders report high levels of satisfaction with our services. The Board will be approving a new three year strategic plan in March. The homes are full and wait lists strong. Within the past year, we have added housing and service capacity at Tabor Manor and seek approval from government for the redevelopment of Pleasant Manor's Long Term Care Home. Leadership development remains a strong focus and we are thankful for the volunteer services of many faithful servants. God has blessed us richly!

## **ORGANIZATIONAL PERFORMANCE AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT**

The implementation of our inaugural Quality Improvement Plans (QIP) has gone well, with primary focus on training staff the language and culture of quality, through the identification of several specific areas of improvement. As a Board, we are pleased to report that resident, tenant, employee and volunteer satisfaction levels remain high, as based on our 2015 satisfaction surveys. Areas expressed as concerns by these stakeholder groups will form the basis of our 2016/2017 QIP's. Ultimately, our improvement focus will be on improving client-experience and relational service. We are ending our third and final year of the current strategic plan and are meeting in March to create another three year guiding document for the Seniors Ministry. It has been typical for us to submit to Convention audited financial statements of our previous calendarized fiscal year. We have been challenged this year in fulfilling aggressive time lines between year-end and Convention and in accordance with our operating by-law, will be reviewing the 2015 audited financial statements with the "Voting Member" of the Conference at the Annual General Meeting of the corporations, scheduled for March 23. We anticipate resuming conventional reporting format in 2017.

## **MAXIMIZING OUR GROWTH POTENTIAL**

The repurposing of Tabor Manor's old Long Term Care Home into semi-independent living units has exceeded expectations. 25 new Wellness Suites are filled and we have a healthy wait list for them. The co-placement relationship between the homes and the Community Care Access Centre, (CCAC), for access into Wellness Suites at both sites is going well. This model of repurposing aging infrastructure in order to expand community options for seniors housing and support services is receiving provincial acclaim. Planning for Pleasant Manor's Long Term Care Home redevelopment in the context of a broader provincially driven and funded initiative, continues in earnest. This process is highly political and we currently await government's response to the application for redevelopment submitted in August 2015.

## **LEADER IN CARE IN NIAGARA**

Our relationship with community colleges and universities is robust as evidenced by the growing number of placement programs in each home and the applied research projects in which we are involved. The focus on leadership development within the homes remains strong, with most front-line supervisors and senior management continuing to participate in Willowcreek's annual "Global Leadership Summit." Additionally, all front-line and senior leadership team are participating in a home grown, 10 month "Principled Leadership Program", based on Covey's "7 Habits of Highly Effective People."

The intent of this program is to build leadership capacity within and to serve as the basis for a more formalized succession development program.

Both Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor could not function for long without the contribution of many enthusiastic volunteers. From host churches carrying out Thursday evening chapel services at Tabor Manor and chapel speakers at Pleasant Manor, to our singers, Auxiliaries and our volunteers who visit or assist in feeding our most vulnerable residents, these wonderful individuals help us fulfill our mission of serving our seniors with “excellence, love and dignity.” Thank you to all who give of your time and talents to serve.

In addition to this report, I include a copy of our most recent issue of Reachout, the quarterly newsletter distributed within the homes, our local community and churches and select individuals across the province.

In closing, it is a pleasure and honour to serve and support our constituency in such a meaningful way through our work as a Board. We continue to be mindful of the many blessings God has bestowed on both homes and look forward to another year of service in His name.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That the persons elected to the Tabor Manor Board of Directors be the Board of Directors for:  
Pleasant Manor Retirement Village  
Mennonite Brethren Senior Citizens Home Inc. (Tabor Manor)  
The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Foundation  
The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Support Association
2. That the auditing firm Crawford, Smith and Swallow be assigned for the fiscal year 2016-2017.
3. That the proposed amendments to by-law No. 1 of Pleasant Manor Retirement Village, Mennonite Brethren Senior Citizens Home, The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Foundation and the Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Support Association be approved as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Glen Unruh, President, Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor

# Valleyview Manor 2016 Conference Report

On behalf of the Board and residents of Valleyview Manor I bring greetings to the conference. Entering year twelve in the existence of our senior's retirement residence brings to mind how God has been faithful in meeting our needs. He has not only provided in replacing residents who have either moved to another level of care or passed away, but also met the personal needs of residents in order to maintain their independent living. Even though we've not had our own onsite support staff, over the years we have developed relationships with several regional organizations that provide assisted living services to our residents in order that they may continue to stay at Valleyview. Every year there are an increasing number of elderly residents who hire the additional people and services they need, because they say that they do not want to leave Valleyview.

Valleyview residents continue to enjoy a variety of activities from which they can choose to participate. Over this past year activities at Valleyview have continued such as a bi-weekly Bible study open to all interested participants on Tuesday evenings, a bi-weekly resident coffee hour, a bi-weekly crafters social, a bi-weekly resident games night, a bi-weekly crokinole competition between resident and non-resident individuals from outside Valleyview, an occasional movie night and evenings of singing by groups who visit Valleyview. A congregate dining meal is held in our multi-purpose room on the first and third Thursday of each month which is run by staff of Community Care Concepts out of Elmira. The dining program is available to our residents as well as to other seniors in our community which provides the opportunity for outsiders to see the facility and interact with its residents. Also, this year we were provided with a senior support worker from Community Care Concepts, to assist our seniors on a pre-arranged appointment basis in order that our seniors can maintain their independence. I'm thankful to God for the dedication and generous giving of time by the residents of Valleyview, as they are the ones who initiate and run these activities as volunteers, from September through to the end of June each year.

In closing, I want to emphasize how grateful I am for how our God continues to bless Valleyview year after year and myself personally, in the service I believe I've been called to. God is forever faithful; He has shown Himself to be exactly that, here at Valleyview Manor.

The Valleyview Manor Board Directors are:

Ray Braun	Chairperson	Glencairn MB Church
Barb Hahn	Vice Chairperson	Waterloo MB Church
Doug Dibben	Secretary Treasurer	Glencairn MB Church
Ed Penner	Member	Kitchener MB Church
Doug Chalk	Member	Glencairn MB Church

Respectfully submitted by: Alan Wiens, Administrator

## **Addendum to Bethesda's Annual Report**

### **2014-2015**

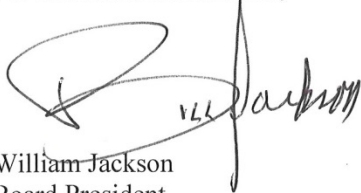
In 2015, the Bethesda Board and Conference Board met to discuss the future relationship between Bethesda and the Conference. Bethesda looks forward to further discussions in the months ahead.

Recommendations to the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches:

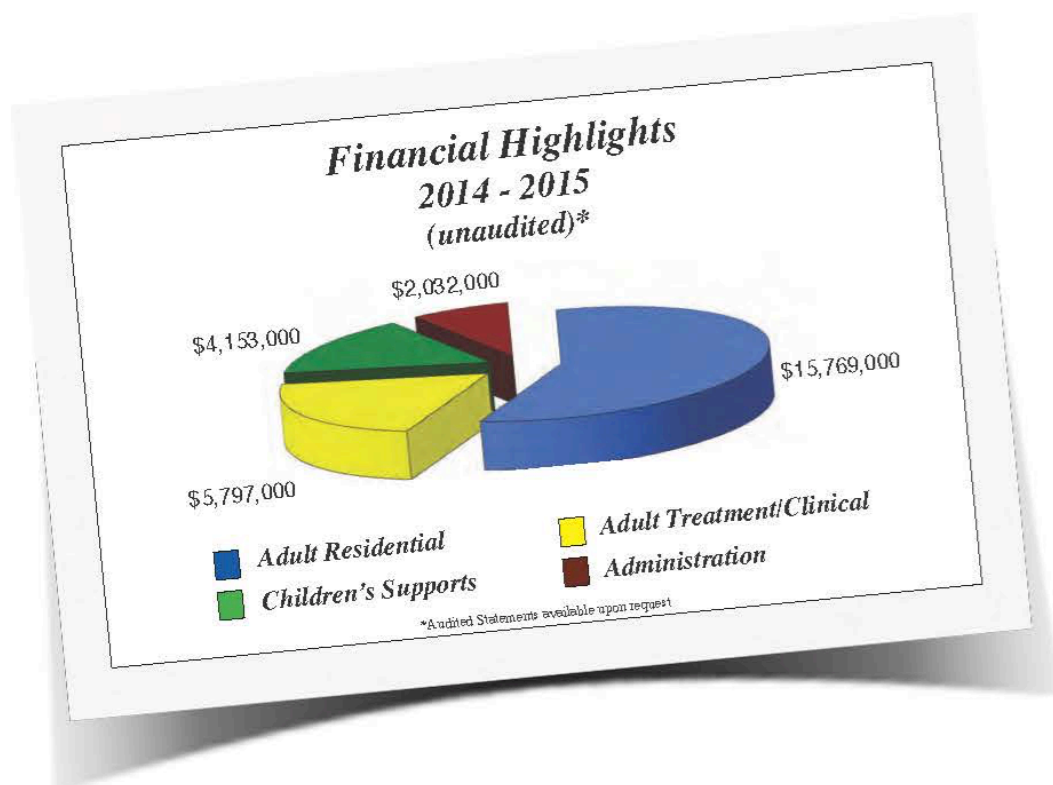
- That the Accounting firm of Crawford Smith and Swallow be appointed as Bethesda's auditors for the fiscal year 2016-2017.
- That the Mennonite Brethren Conference provide financial support for the Bethesda Chaplaincy Program.
- That the following members be approved for membership on the Bethesda Boards for the term of April 1, 2016 to March 31, 2019:

Bill Jackson  
John Hildebrand  
Tom Wall

For the Board of Directors,



William Jackson  
Board President



#### Our Mission....Why We Exist

*To provide in the Spirit of Christ, a continuum of holistic services and supports that will enhance the quality of life for people who have a developmental disability.*

#### Our Values....What Is Important To Us

- People
- Holistic Approach
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Family and Community Relationships
- Self-Determination and Safety
- Quality

#### Our Vision..... Where We Want To Be

*We will continue to be a supporting, encouraging, and caring community to persons who have a developmental disability by providing quality services and supports in a responsible, accountable, and innovative manner.*



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## Annual Report 2014 — 2015

*For Bethesda Community Services Inc.*

Bethesda exists for the sole purpose of supporting children, youth, and adults in the Spirit of Christ, demonstrating compassion, caring, and commitment on a daily basis. We continue to be intentional in living out our Mission, Vision, and Values.

This past year, many new and encouraging events took place, including:

- Construction began on the Niagara Family Centre with a June 2016 completion date.
- Increase in Adult Residential capacity by purchasing two new Group Homes.
- Received “wage enhancement” funding from the Ministry of Community and Social Services.
- Gracious recipient of several significant Foundation Grants to assist us in the support of people with special needs.
- Enjoyed a successful Dinner Auction, raising over \$23,000 towards supporting children and their families waiting for services.

We look forward to another great year at Bethesda, continuing to enjoy the privilege of Supporting People in the Spirit of Christ.

Respectfully,

*Bill Jackson*

William Jackson  
Board President

*Brian Davies*

Brian Davies  
Chief Executive Officer



## Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary

### **2016 Provincial Report**

#### **NEED A LIFT?**

As a dozen people carefully chose their seats in a Langley, BC classroom, another learner picked a familiar chair and opened up her computer. She had much in common with some of the other learners in the classroom, but the biggest difference was that her church was located about 4500 kilometers away in a small town in Ontario.

Within minutes, Gail was connected to the live-stream feed of the MinistryLift event and she quickly began interacting with the training material. “I got a few really good ideas from the workshop... there is so much potential for us in Smithfield. I came away being affirmed in my ministry and encouraged to continue to challenge my church.”

MinistryLift operates with people like Gail in mind. Whether onsite or via live-stream, individuals and churches are benefiting from the practical training led by skilled and experienced facilitators. Since October 2013, MBBS has offered 19 MinistryLift training events with over 1400 registrants from 224 churches (63 Mennonite Brethren) in 21 denominations.

#### **MBBS IMPACT**

- MBBS had 23 new students register for courses for 2015-2016 (the highest since 2010)
- 78 students are currently taking courses in the 2015-2016 school year on both campuses
- 32% of MBBS students are full-time and 68% are part-time
- 66% of MBBS students are male and 34% are female
- 90% of MBBS students come from Mennonite Brethren churches

#### **INNOVATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS**

- MBBS is partnering with Manitoba Mennonite Brethren Conference in a program called Elevation. Students can complete a Master of Arts in Christian Ministry degree while serving in a local congregation under the guidance of a local pastor.
- MBBS is developing several context-based Master of Divinity degree programs called Immerse. One of these programs is in partnership with C2C Network (specifically designed for church planters) and another is through the ACTS consortium with broader applications.
- MBBS is preparing a guide for churches on how to structure pastoral apprenticeships/internships so that a portion of that experience can qualify for academic credit.
- MBBS is pursuing a seminary partnership option in Ontario in conjunction with the leaders of the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Conference.

#### **AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE**

- MBBS makes online courses available to Mennonite Brethren students for only \$400
- L2L makes the Leadership Training Matching Grant available to Mennonite Brethren students studying at MBBS, covering up to 50% of tuition in partnership with the local church
- MBBS offers financial aid covering up to 32% of tuition on both Langley and Winnipeg campuses
- Over 25% of regular courses offered at MBBS in Langley are made available via live-streaming

#### **FINANCES**

MBBS completed the first half of the 2015-2016 fiscal year in a net positive position. We are grateful for the financial support of many churches, the Canadian Conference, the Manitoba Conference, and generous donors across Canada who have helped the seminary complete each fiscal year with a balanced budget.

Audited financial statements are submitted to the Canadian Conference Executive Board and are available at [www.mbseminary.ca/finances](http://www.mbseminary.ca/finances).

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## MCC Report

Dear Friends at Ontario Mennonite Brethren Churches,

Greetings of peace, in the name of Christ.

We at Mennonite Central Committee have great cause to be thankful. You in our church community have again chosen to support the vision of “relief, development and peace in the name of Christ” through our collective MCC ministry. For this we are deeply grateful.

We are also thankful that our long and faithful history in places like Syria and Iraq positioned us well to respond to the unprecedented outpouring of support for the displaced people from this region fleeing violence and terror. We are now working with over 150 sponsoring groups in Ontario with well over 200 refugees already arrived in our province. For the welcoming partnership we see with you in the churches, thanks be to God.

Let me mention several MCC highlights of the past year:

- **Relief:** You as Mennonite Brethren congregations of Ontario have shown again how MCC is your ministry.
  - 28 Ontario MB congregations gave financial gifts to MCC Ontario
  - 9 Ontario MB congregations provided over 1600 kits and blanketsThese gifts, when combined with the service workers, staff and volunteers from your church, along with your prayers, have made significant contributions to humanitarian relief efforts globally.
- **Development:** Increasingly MCC is seeing the Living Wage as a significant poverty reduction tool in Canada. We are leaders in this movement, not only in paying at least a Living Wage to all our staff (\$16.05 in Waterloo Region), but also seconding a staff person to give leadership to the growing Living Wage movement locally and across Ontario.
- **Peace:** While often our peace work happens after a war ends or in an effort to prevent violence, currently we are deeply involved in a peacebuilding project in the midst of violent war. Building peace in Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan means fostering religious tolerance while violence rages, making it less likely that violence will be used in future when conflict arises.

Relief, development, and peace...all in the name of Christ.

And then, as mentioned above, there is the arrival of hundreds of our new neighbours from Syria. Never has there been such a broad and sweeping readiness among Canadians to welcome the stranger. I have been so grateful for Asem, my young friend who was sponsored as a refugee from Syria by our church 6 years ago. This week, as we have again welcomed another family, Asem has been at the ready on his cell phone or with an “I will be right over” to translate. This

family is, as Asem puts it, “in exactly the place I was 6 years ago.” Thanks be to God for the generosity that begets generosity.

MCC is a ministry of the church. We commit to carry out that ministry with the highest standards of effectiveness and good stewardship. We are deeply grateful for your role in this ministry.

In Christ’s peace,

Rick Cober Bauman  
Executive Director



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## **MDS Report to Canadian Churches for 2015**

*Prepared by Ross Penner  
Director of Canadian Operations*

Grace and peace to you, the local churches that are part of the MDS Anabaptist community. We begin with these words of 'grace and peace' because these are what MDS has experienced in this last year. Grace and peace are also what we want to extend to the people we will serve in 2016.

As most of you will know, Janet Plenert resigned in August of this year. Janet and her husband have accepted a call to serve with MCC in Bolivia. While we are sad to have Janet leave, we are very excited for their continued faithfulness in following God's call to serve with our sister organization, Mennonite Central Committee.

Ross Penner began work as Director of Canadian (Region V) Operations on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Ross has been a pastor in the Mennonite Church and Mennonite Brethren Church for over 20 years. Most recently he and his wife returned from Bangladesh after serving there with MCC and World Vision. We are grateful for the way in which God has provided in a timely way for the needs of MDS Canada.

The decision to take on a project rests with the provincial units and their assessment of the need and their ability to respond to the need. Sometimes, the project becomes big enough that that call goes out beyond provincial boundaries. High River, Alberta was such a project. Following the spring 2013 flood, MDS has been working to respond, rebuild, and restore people who have faced disaster. In September of this year the High River project was closed. Here are some of the amazing numbers from that project:

- 155 Jobs completed
- 1051 Volunteers who helped
- 6618 Days of volunteer help
- 41% Volunteers under the age of 26 years.

As I reflect on the percentage of volunteers who are under 26, I am thankful for what this says about how a younger generation wants to make a difference through their volunteer work. It is truly exciting!

Some highlights from MDS Canada 2015 year include:

- High River continued to be a significant Canadian focus until September, when the project was closed.
- Saskatchewan hosted two different projects: a youth project at Redberry Bible Camp and a family project at Camp Elim.
- Manitoba Unit was able to raise and dedicate a home that had been damaged in the 2011 Red River flood.
- Ontario completed two different home projects; one that was incredibly complex and drawn out and one that was straightforward and went quickly. Both were a reminder that our work is firstly with people and secondly with the clean-up and reconstruction of buildings.

This year we will,

- Have a summer Youth Program in BC.
- Have summer Family Projects in Manitoba and Ontario.
- Send hundreds of volunteers to places like Detroit, MI., Bastrop, TX, and Pateros, WA.
- Continue to watch for disasters that may come our way.

We continue to keep our center as a grass roots movement of people like you; people who make up the Mennonite and Anabaptist communities who want to live out their faith in practical ways. Thank you for the chance to work with you to proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God!

## **2015 Sexual Misconduct and Abuse Response Resource Team Annual Report**

The SMARRT team is a cooperative Restorative Justice Program and includes representatives from the Brethren in Christ Canada, the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and the Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada. While functioning within the three constituent conferences the team also assists other conferences part of the family of Mennonite Central Committee Ontario upon request and as exemplified in this year a congregation outside of our community.

Requests come through the MCCO office. For more information please contact us at 519-745-8458 x 254 or toll free 1-800-313-6226 ex 254 or email [smarrt@MCCO.ca](mailto:smarrt@MCCO.ca). Please feel free to visit our displays at your conference annual meetings.

Our primary mandate continues to assist conferences and congregations with information and resources about a number of issues including sexual misconduct, abuse and the establishment of healthy boundaries. We also continue to support and mentor pastoral and lay leadership in these areas as well.

We continue to champion the “Circle of Grace” safe place program which has been implemented by a number of congregations. This program is valuable curriculum for children and youth in the area of healthy boundaries and is a key tool in the prevention of abuse. SMARRT is available with information on this program for any congregations contemplating using this resource.

The Team is aware of the risk of the internet as it relates to sexual misconduct. We have identified a number of informative resources to assist church leadership and members in this area of concern. Team members have gained insight into these types of concerns due to our involvement in supporting various congregations.

SMARRT Continues to respond to incidents of sexual misconduct and abuse by providing leadership in investigations, facilitating counselling, and helping with healing and restoration. Over the last year the team has been involved in eight incidents by providing consultations to Conference leadership and local pastors, meeting with congregations, and providing counselling to affected individuals. During one particular incident almost the entire team was involved with providing assistance.

SMARRT will continue to be available to the conferences and congregations in the areas of resources, prevention and in dealing with incidents. The Team contains a wide range of skill sets and experience. We encourage you make use of our services.

This year one of our charter members retired after almost 25 years of service. Her service is appreciated and we deeply cherish her faith and friendship.

The members of SMARRT appreciate your prayers and support.

The Team:

Leonard Chester, Administrative Manager, BIC Rep.

Joan Hyatt, MB Rep.

Julie Torrance-Perks and John Rempel, MCEC Rep.

Beth Springle and Allister Field, BIC Reps.

Eileen Henderson, MCC Staff member.

# Nominating Committee Report

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2015/16 were Darren Milley, Bill Stubbs, Tabitha VandenEnden, and Ron Willms, with Ed Willms participating as a non-voting member by virtue of his position as Executive Director.

According to the conference's General Operating Bylaw (GOB), the mandate of the NC is to present a slate of candidates for election that have been duly processed and discerned, to fill position vacancies on the conference's Board of Directors and Nominating Committee (NC). As part of its discernment procedure, the NC sends each nominee a questionnaire to complete, and also sends a questionnaire to each of the nominee's personal references. If necessary, the NC may also conduct an oral interview with a nominee to obtain any needed clarifications regarding their questionnaire response(s).

In mid November the churches in our conference were sent an invitation to submit nominations, and this same invitation was posted on our conference's website. Although this invitation did not result in the submission of any nominations, the NC was able to find and discern three candidates for the Board, albeit one less than the number of vacancies to be filled. Their names are Brent Esau, Jeff McLeod, and Herm Plett. Their personal profiles, as well as the profiles of the candidates seeking re-election, are listed at the end of this report. Karen West is not seeking re-election for the position of Chair, but has consented to be a candidate for Member-at-large on the Board. Jeff Jantzi, currently Vice-Chair of the Board, has consented to let his name stand for election to the position of Chair. Shelley Campagnola, currently serving as a Member-at-large on the Board, has consented to let her name stand for election to the position of Vice-chair. The following other members of the Board, whose term of office is ending this month, have consented to allow their names to stand for reelection: Thom Braun, David Fowler, Pat Goertzen, and Tracy Jackson.

The following members of the existing NC have all consented to let their names stand for re-election for: Bill Stubbs, Darren Milley, Tabitha VandenEnden, and Ron Willms. Note: There is no need to elect a Chairperson for the NC, as the GOB prescribes that the Chair shall be chosen and appointed each year by the Board, selected from among the newly elected members of the NC.

The NC wishes to thank all of this year's candidates for their willingness to let their names stand for election, and also wishes to thank the following outgoing board members for their past year(s) of service: Greg Allen, Kim Knight, and Matt Unruh.

## Recommendations (Motions):

- (1) That Jeff Jantzi be acclaimed for the position of Chair of the Board.
- (2) That Shelley Campagnola be acclaimed for the position of Vice-chair of the Board.
- (3) That all candidates for Member-at-large positions on the Board be acclaimed.
- (4) That all candidates for the Nominating Committee be acclaimed.
- (5) That all election ballots be destroyed immediately following this convention.

Respectively submitted,

Ron Willms  
Chairperson, Nominating Committee

## **Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors**

**Chair:** Jeff Jantzi

**Vice-chair:** Shelley Campagnola

**Members-at-large:** Thom Braun, Brent Esau, Dave Fowler, Pat Goertzen,  
Tracy Jackson, Jeff McLeod, Herm Plett, Karen West

## **Slate of Candidates for the Nominating Committee**

**Members:** Bill Stubbs, Darren Milley, Tabitha VandenEnden, Ron Willms

## **Personal Profiles of Candidates for the Board of Directors**

### **Thom Braun**

- Pastor – New Hope Church, St. Catharines
- Church experience: Associate Pastor at GMBC, Planter and Senior Pastor of WCF, various other church ministries
- Other experience/work: electronics store owner
- Current member of C2C regional leadership team, previous volunteer with MCC's SALT program, previous member of Canadian Board of Evangelism and the MCC Justice Committee, member of Intercede International (Fort Erie)
- Spiritual gifts: leadership, preaching, evangelism
- Education: Bachelor of Religious Studies
- married, with two adult children and two children in university

### **Shelley Campagnola**

- Member – Waterloo MB Church, Waterloo
- Church experience: associate pastor, Vice-Chair Leadership Board, Treasurer, various other church ministries, ministry consultation
- Other experience/work: professor, researcher, chair of Child in Church and Culture National Partnership, Vice-Chair Women Alive, previously associated with EFC, CTM and VIVA, writer, speaker, principal - consulting business, baseball coach, international mentoring, Trustee International Children's Spirituality Conference, missions, Executive Director in the International Aid and Development sector
- Spiritual gifts: leadership, teaching, administration, prophecy
- Education: B. Comm, B.R.E., Masters of Theology, Diploma in Volunteer Management
- married, with three adult children

### **Brent Esau**

- Member – Southridge Community Church
- Church experience: several staff positions, including: pastor, global and local outreach positions
- Other experience/work: youth work, non-profit management, facilitation of short-term international mission, local outreach for poor and marginalized
- Education: B.Sc., B.Ed., MA
- married, with three teenaged children

**Dave Fowler**

- Senior Pastor – Life Point Church, Oshawa
- Church experience: youth pastor, senior pastor, church planter, professor, various other church ministries
- Other experience/work: founder & chair of various family/child/community centres
- Spiritual gifts: apostolic, leadership, administration
- Education: B.A. in philosophy and psychology, Masters of Christian Studies (biblical studies and counseling), M.Ed, and Ed.D.
- married, with three adult children

**Pat Goertzen**

- member – Mountain Park Church, Niagara Falls
- church experience: various church ministries, Eden Advisory Board, chair/treasurer/secretary of Eden School Council
- other experience/work: Benefits & Pension Administrator for a trade union, president of NOTL minor softball, secretary of NOTL minor hockey, member of DSBN School Council Implementation and Liaison Committee, Catering
- spiritual gifts: service, teaching, mercy
- education: B.A. in history
- married, with three adult children

**Tracy Jackson**

- Member – The Gathering, Ottawa
- church experience: Elders' Board, various church ministries, "Plan to Protect"
- Other experience/work: Clinical Research Associate in various health care settings, previously volunteered as an assistant coordinator for community based sports camp
- Spiritual gifts: administration, discernment, wisdom, leadership
- Education: Diploma in Medical Laboratory Technology
- married, with two teenage children

**Jeff Jantzi**

- Lead Pastor - The Gathering Ottawa
- Church experience: Bible Teacher; Trainer, Leader and Facilitator; "Small Group" Pastor at Southridge Community Church
- Other experience/work: Associate Spiritual Life director at Eden High School; Youth Centre Director with Youth for Christ
- Presently provides leadership in all aspects of ministry and church life at The Gathering
- Spiritual gifts: leadership, teaching, discernment, shepherding
- married, with three children

**Jeff McLeod**

- Lead Pastor – Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship, Simcoe
- Church Experience: pastor with various roles and responsibilities
- Other Experience/work: led four short term mission opportunities, previous chair of board with Southwestern Ontario Youth for Christ, Director of Addiction & Shelter services with a Christian Mission Organization in Hamilton
- Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Teaching

- Education: Ministerial Diploma (Summit Pacific College), Masters of Divinity (Tyndale Seminary), Addiction Studies Diploma (McMaster University).
- married, with three children

### **Herm Plett**

- Lead Pastor – Mountain Park Church, Niagara Falls
- Church and Community Work Experience: pastor at Mountain Park Church; church planter; wrote a “Home Church Training Manual”; member of the Canadian MB Board of Evangelism; member of the Niagara Falls Mayors Task Force for Homelessness; Chair of the Niagara Falls Annual Church Food Drive for Project Share
- Spiritual gifts: Apostolic, Visionary Leadership, Evangelism
- Education: Bachelor of Theology Degree
- married, with three adult children

### **Karen West**

- Pastor – WMB Church, Waterloo
- Church experience: Various ministry positions – Pastor of Small Groups & Adult Ministries; Pastor of Care & Connections; Pastor of Community Care; Pastor of Missional Initiatives; Associate Lead; Senior Leadership Team; Preaching Team; Lead Pastor’s Executive Team, Ontario M.B. Conference Board of Faith & Life; Ontario M.B. Conference Board of Church Extension; Ontario M.B. Conference Board of Directors Chair & Provincial Moderator; Canadian MB Conference Executive Board
- Other experience/work: small business owner, legal secretary, refugee ministries in Kitchener-Waterloo
- Spiritual gifts: leadership, teaching, preaching, wisdom, discernment
- Education: Bachelor of Religious Education in Pastoral Studies, and Masters of Divinity
- married, with two married adult children

## **Personal Profiles of Candidates for the Nominating Committee**

### **Tabitha VandenEnden**

- Outreach Pastor – Grantham MB Church, St. Catharines
- Church Experience: Youth Leader, Music & Worship Leader, childrens ministries, outreach ministries, various other church ministries
- Previous experiences/work: Regional Representative for World Vision Canada, Chapel Coordinator for CMU, Ministry Team Director for Heritage College
- Education: MA in Theological Studies, Bachelor of Church Music
- Spiritual Gifts: teaching, discernment, encouragement
- married, with three children

### **Bill Stubbs**

- Retired – formerly Lead Pastor at Glencairn MB Church, Kitchener
- Church experience: Lead Pastor, Associate Pastor, OCMBC Faith & Life Team
- Education: BSc in Electrical Engineering, Th.M. in Bible Exposition, All classwork completed for D.Min. (dissertation uncompleted)
- Spiritual Gifts: pastor-teacher, helps, mercies
- married, with four adult children

**Darren Milley**

- Church planter/pastor – Community Church of Manotick, Ottawa (until Feb. 15, 2016.) 39
- Chaplain – Canadian Armed Forces, CFB Borden (beginning Feb. 16, 2016.)
- Church experience: Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, Youth Pastor
- Education: BRE, MTS, Arrow Leadership – Emerging Leadership Stream
- Previous experiences/work: Police Constable
- Spiritual Gifts: pastor/shepherd, evangelism, discernment
- married, with three children

**Ron Willms**

- Retired- formerly employed by Measurement Canada as a Senior Program Officer, District Manager, Operations Supervisor, and Inspector
- Member of Southridge Community Church (Vineland)
- Church experience: Sunday School Superintendent, Audio-visual Committee Chair, Elder
- Education: Diploma in Electrical Technology
- Spiritual Gifts: administration, helps
- married, with two adult children

# Ontario MB Church Directory

## **Behta Darya Community Church**

Address: 573 Albion Rd., Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A1

New Location: 15-5155 Spectrum Way, Unit 29, Mississauga, ON L4W 5A1

Office Phone: 416-857-4039

Office Email: [bdcc03@gmail.com](mailto:bdcc03@gmail.com)

Pastor(s): Vishal Rangha & Rafiqua Masih

Pastor Email: [bdcc03@gmail.com](mailto:bdcc03@gmail.com)

Church Website: [www.bdcctoronto.com](http://www.bdcctoronto.com)

## **Christian Fellowship Chapel – Orillia**

Address: B-1296 Cambrian Road, Severn, ON L3V 0W5

Office Phone: 705-326-8030

Office Email: [office@cfchapel.com](mailto:office@cfchapel.com)

Pastor: Peter & Becky Dennison

Pastor Email: [pastor@cfchapel.com](mailto:pastor@cfchapel.com)

Church Website: [www.cfchapel.com](http://www.cfchapel.com)

## **Cornerstone Community Church**

Address: PO Box 112, 1570 Niagara Stone Rd. Virgil, ON L0S 1T0

Office Phone: 905-468-7155

Office Email: [admin@ccchurch.ca](mailto:admin@ccchurch.ca)

Pastor: Kevin & Sheri Bayne, Jeff Martens

Pastor Email: [kevin@ccchurch.ca](mailto:kevin@ccchurch.ca), [jeff@ccchurch.ca](mailto:jeff@ccchurch.ca)

Church Website: [www.ccchurch.ca](http://www.ccchurch.ca)

## **Evangelical Asian Church**

Address: 1579 Royal York Rd. Toronto, ON M9P 3C5

Office Phone: 416-414-8850

Office Email: [info@evangelicalasianchurch.org](mailto:info@evangelicalasianchurch.org)

Pastor: Shahid Kamal, Sarwar Din

Pastor Email: [skamal@evangelicalasianchurch.org](mailto:skamal@evangelicalasianchurch.org), [sarwardin@hotmail.com](mailto:sarwardin@hotmail.com)

Church Website: [www.evangelicalasianchurch.org](http://www.evangelicalasianchurch.org)

## **Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship**

Address: 140 Oak Street, Simcoe, ON N3Y 5M5

Office Phone: 519-428-0960

Office Email: [office@evergreenheights.org](mailto:office@evergreenheights.org)

Pastor: Jeff & Kerri MacLeod

Pastor Email: [jimacleod@gmail.com](mailto:jimacleod@gmail.com)

Church Website: [www.evergreenheights.org](http://www.evergreenheights.org)

### **Fairview MB Church**

Address: 455 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2H2

Office Phone: 905-934-3398

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Pastor: Brian Reynolds (transitional) Ben & Marg Wohlgemut

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Church Website: [www.fairviewmb.ca](http://www.fairviewmb.ca)

### **Free Church Toronto**

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Pastor: Jon & Claudia Osmond

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### **Glencairn MB Church**

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Pastor: Richard & Laura Martens, Ingrid & Scott Reichard, Jon Cleland

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Church Website: [www.glencairn.ca](http://www.glencairn.ca)

### **Grace MB Church**

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Office Email: [gracemb@gracemb.org](mailto:gracemb@gracemb.org)

Pastor: Kyle Buller

Pastor Email: [kbuller1986@gmail.com](mailto:kbuller1986@gmail.com)

Church Website: [www.gracemb.org](http://www.gracemb.org)

### **Grantham MB Church**

Address: 469 Grantham Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2M 3J2

Office Phone: 905-935-5811

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Pastor: Michael & Tabitha Vanden Enden; Jared Both

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Church Website: [www.granthamchurch.ca](http://www.granthamchurch.ca)

### **Kitchener MB Church**

Address: 19 Ottawa Street North, Kitchener, ON N2H 3K2

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Pastor: Alex & Carla Suderman (associate), Mark Beach

Pastor Email: [asuderman@kitchenermb.com](mailto:asuderman@kitchenermb.com), [youth@kitchenermb.com](mailto:youth@kitchenermb.com)

Church Website: [www.kitchenermb.com](http://www.kitchenermb.com)

### **Life Point Church**

Address: 15 Harmony Road North, Oshawa, ON L1G 6K8

Office Phone: 905-725-8463

Office Email: n/a

Pastor: Dave & Cheryl Fowler

Pastor Email: dcfowler@rogers.com

Church Website: www.lifepointdurham.ca

### **Meadow Brook Church**

Address: 219 Talbot Street East, Leamington, ON N8H 3V6

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Office Email: office@meadowbrook.ca

Pastor: Chris & Sarah Walker, Mesh & Laura Hit, Xavier Avila

Pastor Email: chris@meadowbrook.ca, mesh@meadowbrook.ca, xavier@meadowbrook.ca

Church Website: www.meadowbrook.ca

### **Mountain Park Church**

Address: 6970 Mountain Rd., Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4

Office Phone: 905-374-2911

Office Email: info@mountainparkchurch.ca

Pastor: Herm & Cheryl Plett, Matt & Christina Unruh

Pastor Email: herm@mountainparkchurch.ca, matt@mountainparkchurch.ca

Church Website: www.mountainparkchurch.ca

### **New Hope Church Niagara**

Address: 2360 First Street Louth, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7

Office Phone: 905-684-2444

Office Email: office@newhopechurchniagara.com

Pastor: Thom & Elaine Braun, Mandy & Karl Kasper, Wald & Nancy Pauls, Nathan & Ally Braun

Pastor Email: therev@newhopechurchniagara.com, worship@newhopechurchniagara.com, waldpauls@gmail.com, nathan@newhopechurchniagara.com

Church Website: www.newhopechurchniagara.com

### **New Life Christian Church**

Address: 480 Huntingwood Dr., Toronto, ON M1W 1G4

Office Phone: 416-497-5437

Office Email: info@newlifetoronto.com

Pastor: Benjamin & Rani Devadason

Pastor Email: benji.devadason@gmail.com

Church Website: www.newlifetoronto.com

### **New Living Church**

Address: 36 Broadlands Blvd., Toronto, ON M3A 1J3

Office Phone: 416-655-2602

Pastor: Jacob & Sri Nuh

Pastor Email: jacob.hfan@gmail.com

Church website: www.newlivingchurch.ca

### **Orchard Park Bible Church**

Address: 434 Hunter Rd. RR#3 Niagara on the Lake, ON L0S 1J0

Office Phone: 905-468-5731

Office Email: [info@orchardparkbiblechurch.org](mailto:info@orchardparkbiblechurch.org)

Pastor: Lennie Fahnstock (transitional)

Pastor Email: [fawnstocker@gmail.com](mailto:fawnstocker@gmail.com)

Church Website: [www.orchardparkbiblechurch.org](http://www.orchardparkbiblechurch.org)

### **Port Rowan MB Church**

Address: 465 1st Concession Rd. Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0

Office Phone: 519-586-2835

Office Email: [prmbc@xplornet.com](mailto:prmbc@xplornet.com)

Pastor: Dave & Shannon Hildebrandt (Youth)

Pastor Email: [pastor.dave.hildebrandt@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.dave.hildebrandt@gmail.com)

Church Website: [www.portrowanmbchurch.com](http://www.portrowanmbchurch.com)

### **Scott Street MB Church**

Address: 339 Scott Street St. Catharines, ON L2N 1J7

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Pastor: Jurgen & Irene Rausch, Sabrina Wiens (family ministry), Phil Klassen (youth ministry), Kelly Dahl (children's ministry)

Pastor Email: [jrausch@scottstchurch.ca](mailto:jrausch@scottstchurch.ca), [sabrina@scottstchurch.ca](mailto:sabrina@scottstchurch.ca), [phil@scottstchurch.ca](mailto:phil@scottstchurch.ca), [kelly@scottstchurch.ca](mailto:kelly@scottstchurch.ca)

Church Website: [www.scottstchurch.ca](http://www.scottstchurch.ca)

### **South Point Community Church**

Address: 475 Bevel Line Rd., Leamington, ON N8H 3V4

Office Phone: 519-819-1590

Pastor: Dave & Charmaine Bretzlaff

Pastor Email: [dave@southpointcc.ca](mailto:dave@southpointcc.ca)

Church Website: [www.southpointcc.ca](http://www.southpointcc.ca)

### **Southridge Community Church**

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Office Email: [info@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:info@southridgechurch.ca)

Pastor: Jeff Lockyer; Mike Krause; Chris Fowler (St. Catharines); Rick Zwiers (Vineland); Mike Meinema (Welland)

Pastor Email: [jlockyer@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:jlockyer@southridgechurch.ca), [mkrause@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:mkrause@southridgechurch.ca), [cfowler@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:cfowler@southridgechurch.ca), [rzwiers@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:rzwiers@southridgechurch.ca), [mmeinema@southridgechurch.ca](mailto:mmeinema@southridgechurch.ca)

Church Website: [www.southridgechurch.ca](http://www.southridgechurch.ca)

### **St. Ann's Community Church**

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Pastor: Greg & Kelly Allen

Pastor Email: [gregallen4him@gmail.com](mailto:gregallen4him@gmail.com)

Church Website: [www.stannscommunitychurch.ca](http://www.stannscommunitychurch.ca)

### **The Access Centre**

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Church Phone: 905-239-8309

Pastor: Dan & Carol Sileshi

Pastor Email: [thebreaker@rogers.com](mailto:thebreaker@rogers.com)

Church Website: [www.theaccesscentre.org](http://www.theaccesscentre.org)

### **The Gathering Ottawa**

Address: 111 Colonnade Rd. Suite 207, Ottawa, ON K2E 7M3

Office Phone: 613-822-7440

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## OCMBC Stats Report 2015

<b>Church</b>	<b>Weekly average attendance in 2015 (including children)</b>	<b>Church members Jan 1/15</b>	<b>Church members Dec 31/15</b>	<b># of baptisms in 2015</b>	<b># of young people involved in weekday programming</b>	<b># of young people involved in weekend programming</b>
Behta Darya	85		75	0		43
CF Chapel						
Cornerstone	168	253	254	1	78	40
Evangelical Asian Church						
Evergreen Heights	130	76	83	8	32	30
Fairview	136	202	189	0	3	17
Free Church						
Glencairn	211	269	299	11	78	78
Grace	70	62	58	0		5
Grantham	100	132	131	2	9	9
Kitchener	249	285	282	8	55	36
Life Point						
Meadowbrook	285	224	233	6	78	95
Mountain Park						
New Hope	246	0	0	23	18	42
New Life						
Orchard Park	125	211	201	1	25	9
Port Rowan	158	229	201	7	90	70
Scott Street	208	222	218	6	39	54
South Point						
Southridge	1300	0	350	19	110	360
St. Ann's	163	127	113	2	50	50
The Access Centre						
The Dwelling Place						
The Gathering	150	52	54	2	13	40
The Journey	170	70	105	15	5	20
WMB						
Westview	45	74	62	2		



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