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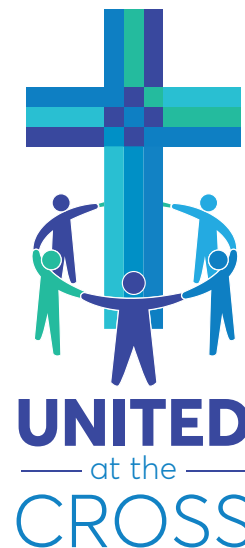
*"For the message of the cross is foolishness
to those who are perishing, but to us who are
being saved it is the power of God"*
1 Cor. 1:18 (NIV)

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OCMBC Convention 2017

Schedule



Friday, February 24

7:00 - 9:00pm

Celebration Service

(open to the public)

Worship with Matt Unruh

Speaker - Mark Wessner

Testimonies and Communion

Saturday, February 25

8:00am

Registration and Networking

8:30 - 10:00am

Session 1

Worship

Speaker - Mark Wessner

Business Session

10:00 - 10:15am

Break

10:15 - 11:00am

Session 2

Business Session

11:15 - 12:00pm

Breakout #1

12 - 1:00pm

Lunch & Connecting

1:00 - 1:45pm

Breakout #2

1:45 - 2:00pm

Break

2:00 - 4:00pm

Session 3

Ministry Reports

Final Business Session Q&A

Worship Send Off

Welcome To The 86th Annual Convention of the Ontario Conference of MB Churches

Thom Braun,
Pastor of New Hope Church Niagara



Welcome to New Hope! We are honoured to host you. Our prayer is that as we meet together we will be better equipped to harvest more sons and daughters into the kingdom. Blessings on you and the churches you represent.

Jeff Jantzi, Board Chair
Ontario Conference of MB Churches



On behalf of the OCMBC Board of Directors, I want to welcome you to this years Convention. We're so glad that you have joined us as we celebrate God's faithfulness and as we look ahead to the next year with anticipation of what He has in store for us. I hope our time together encourages you to keep going and to keep pursuing Christ and His Kingdom. Finally, I want to thank New Hope Church Niagara for hosting us this year. I'm so grateful for New Hope's ministry and the ways God is using them. I am looking forward to a great couple of days together!

About the Speaker

Mark Wessner



Mark has recently moved from Prince George, BC to the Fraser Valley to become the President of MB Seminary. In Prince George, Mark served as pastor for ten years at Westwood Church and for twelve years prior to that was involved in commercial, industrial and residential land development. Mark has also been a chaplain and an entrepreneur, and when not spending time with his wife and two daughters, he loves to run and hike trails wherever he can.

Mark will be speaking from 1 Cor. 1:18-24
"God's power and wisdom received at the cross."

OCMBC Executive Director Report

Ed Willms

It is a privilege and honour to share with you some of the things I see God doing in our midst. Serving a Board of Directors that is passionate about the health and missional focus of the Ontario Conference has been inspiring. 2016 was a full but very rich year. We were blessed by Gordon & Gail MacDonald at our Pastor/Leaders Day and Convention. We launched Leaders Collective. We hosted Gathering 2016 (our national bi-annual AGM). We held church planting discussions regionally in the fall. I attended many of our churches, and connected with nearly all of our pastors.

The largest focal point of our Board this year has been on aligning our efforts with the CCMBC Ministry Model. We truly believe that we are stronger and more effective as we serve in tandem with leaders across Canada. To that end we are intentionally living into this relationship. To show some of how this works, I will break my report into the four key ministry areas that we share.

Ministry Model



Developing Leaders

- We launched Leaders Collective with some fanfare at last year's convention, recognizing that raising up the next generation of leaders is a focus we need to own together. The pilot year taught us a great deal. The mentoring and inner city exposure opportunities were key highlights for participants. Robyn Serez was appointed to build this initiative and we look forward to LC 2.0 beginning this fall.
- Although we have had two Study Conferences on Human Sexuality as a national body, practical pastoral steps moving forward are proving challenging for many of our leaders. On Friday before convention we will hold a candid conversation with our Pastors from across Ontario. Bruxy Cavey from the Meeting House will be with us as our key resource person.
- A new partnership between MB Seminary and Tyndale Seminary has now become a reality in Ontario, which is very exciting. The first course "Anabaptist Spirituality for today's Church" will be offered in Niagara, June 12-16, taught by Andrew Dyck, at Vineland Southridge. This investment nationally into our province is much appreciated.

Multiplying Churches

- We continue our partnership with C2C in our efforts to plant new churches and to see healthy churches multiply. I work alongside Trevor Seath (Regional Director) in these efforts. C2C will provide a more comprehensive report.
- One development has been the interest of a few church plants who are seeking Denominational affiliation. At this year's PCO several such leaders participated. I look forward to what God will do with these connections.
- This year during summer and the lead up to Christmas I witnessed some amazing outreach efforts across our province. We have churches that are effectively and passionately sharing the love of Jesus.
- The Rugged Tree ministry has seen significant growth in their efforts among First Nation People in the Parry Sound area.



Building Community

- A highlight this year has been a renewed 'leaning in' of several of our churches. After several years of isolation or autonomy, these churches are reconnecting. In partnership with L2L, I've been witnessing healthy reengagement.
- We hosted the Pastor Credentialing Orientation on February 21-23, 2017. We are thrilled that 40+ leaders participated, making this a historic event in Ontario. We believe this will enhance our partnerships. We are also taking the entire Credentialing process far more seriously.
- Three churches called new lead pastors this year: St. Ann's, Meadow Brook, and Grace MB. Multiple others found additional staff personnel. The task of credentialing all these leaders is a huge responsibility of the Faith & Life Team.
- I worked alongside L2L in three different church contexts this year: Orchard Park, Fairview, and Kitchener MB. Each situation has seen some very positive momentum.
- We are now able to offer our churches more support with Plan to Protect. Check out the resources available here at convention.
- We continue discussions with Bethesda about the most helpful ways to empower them, and release them from the present limitations that our present by-laws create.

Resourcing Ministry

- This year is the second consecutive year that we have exceeded our Church Budget line. This speaks to our growing alignment and partnerships.
- The Autism Centre at Bethesda was opened this year. This partnership was partially made possible by the Stewardship Fund of CCMBC.
- Behta Darya is completing a major renovation of their new worship centre. We look forward to a grand opening celebration in late Spring.
- In 2017 several churches are launching large building projects. In each case, it speaks to their health and vitality. Praise God for what he is doing.



On a personal level, I would like to thank the many who pray regularly for myself and my wife Karin. Last spring, I had a 'dark night of the soul' experience related to my health. I give God all the glory that I have experienced significant healing. I'd like to publicly thank my Board for their gracious support during those challenging months.

This year has seen significant transition of leaders. On a positive note the addition of my Ministry Assistant, Kristi Lee, has greatly enhanced our capacity to live out the Ministry Model. I sense we are gaining traction towards becoming a healthier more robust organization. Adding Christine Hamm as our book keeper has also been a positive step. At the same time, we've experienced loss. The transition of Willy Reimer CCMBC Executive Director has been difficult. His transition will be felt in Ontario as he was appreciated and loved by us all. God remains in control of these matters, and so with anticipation we look forward to forging a strong connection with Steve Berg the new Interim Executive Director for CCMBC. Steve's experience in managing change, his leadership gifting, and his heart for Jesus and His Church will be a gift to us in this season. We are committed to our national vision to see Canada transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ.

I offer these thoughts with gratitude and humility. May God continue to build his church.



Ed Willms, Executive Director
Ontario Conference of MB Churches



A note from the Ontario Board of Director Chair

Jeff Jantzi

Welcome! Thanks for taking the time to read through our conference binder and to prepare for Convention 2017. We're so glad that you're joining us for this important gathering of MB Churches and ministries in Ontario!

While there is always important business to attend to at convention, we see Convention as much more than a business meeting. Convention is also a time for us to gather as 'extended family' from across Ontario to celebrate what God is doing throughout our province and our country. We are reminded of the collective cause that God has called us to; a cause that is far bigger than any one church, ministry, city or region—which is the great commission! Convention reminds us that we are better together and that we need each other to be all that God has called us to be.

The Ontario MB Conference exists in order to glorify God by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ through our member churches by facilitating collaboration (Eccl. 4), providing accountability (James 5), and encouraging blessing (Phil. 2).

As we gather for Convention 2017, it is our prayer as a Board of Directors that the stories we will hear throughout our time together will inspire each of us in fresh ways; that we will be reminded of all God is doing in each of our lives and communities; and that we will 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 2016 fiscal year came from 7 different churches and 6 cities across our province:

Jeff MacLeod, Evergreen Heights Church in Simcoe
Shelley Campagnola, WMB Church in Waterloo (**Vice-Chair and Treasurer 2016**)
Pat Goertzen (Secretary), Mountain Park Church in Niagara Falls
Thom Braun, New Hope Church in St. Catharines (**Term Ending**)
David Fowler, Life Point Church in Oshawa
Tracy Jackson, The Gathering in Ottawa (**resigned in Summer 2016, due to personal reasons**)

Jeff Jantzi, The Gathering in Ottawa (**Chair 2016**)
Brent Esau, Southridge Community Church in St. Catharines
Karen West, Waterloo MB Church in Waterloo (**nominated for Vice-Chair 2017**)
Herm Plett, Mountain Park Church in Niagara Falls

For 2017, we are proposing that Karen West (as my designate on the CCMBC board) step in to the role of Vice-Chair on our Board, and that Shelley move to a member-at-large role while continuing to serve as our Treasurer. Given Karen's role on our National Board, we felt it was best for our Board that she step in to this role for 2017 (details regarding other remaining board roles for 2017 are available through the Nominating Committee report).

Within the 2016 fiscal year, the Board met in person for a full day in April, June, August, 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:

- intentional partnership with our Canadian MB Conference around a common vision and commitment to the ministry model
- further implementation of our vision and mission in Ontario
- overseeing and partnering in the work of our Executive Director, Ed Willms as he works alongside our churches and ministries (see Ed's report)
- leadership gatherings through the Pastor/Leaders' Retreat, and the Fall Regional Gatherings with C2C
- partnering with C2C to plant healthy churches in Ontario, as well as to discern how to further help position MB churches for multiplication
- various Board Committees: Faith and Life Team, C2C Team, Finance, Executive Team, and Governance Committee
- supporting the "Leaders Collective" – a program that exists to equip young adults in Ontario for ministry leadership
- supporting the agencies/ministries that are connected to the Ontario Conference

A note from the Ontario Board of Director Chair

Jeff Jantzi - *Continued*

On a personal note, Convention 2017 marks the one-year anniversary of my role as Chair of the Board. It has been a joy to serve alongside a great Board of Directors, and to support Ed Willms in his role as our Executive Director over this past year. I'm excited for what God has in store for us in Ontario and across Canada as we continue to seek him together!

CCMBC and OCMBC:

One note that I do want to highlight relates to our ongoing partnership between CCMBC and OCMBC. 2016 was a year of significant transition for our Canadian Conference, with both CCMBC Executive Director Willy Reimer and CCMBC Moderator Harold Froese transitioning out of their

respective roles. Our ON board remains committed to the mission of the Canadian Conference and to further implementing the national ministry model here in Ontario. We believe that we are better together and that the Kingdom of God will grow amongst us as we choose to collaborate and partner together for the sake of the Great Commission. We're looking forward to sharing more about this with you at Convention.

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

In Christ,

Jeff Jantzi, Moderator and Chair
Ontario Conference of MB Churches


Breakout Sessions #1:

11:15 – 12:00 noon

- CCMBC Updates with Q&A – Bruce Enns & Karen West
- MB Mission/C2C "Big Idea" Randy Friesen & Gord Fleming
- Plan to Protect - Melodie Bissell
- ON Financial Update – Shelley Campagnola

Breakout Sessions #2:

1:00 – 1:45 pm

- Provincial Partnership & Ministry Model – Paul Loewen & Ed Willms & Jeff Jantzi
 - MB Mission/C2C "Big Idea" Randy Friesen & Gord Fleming (repeat)
 - Organizational Governance - Ed Heinrichs
 - Leaders Collective – Robyn Serez
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Treasurer's Report

for year ending December 31, 2016

The Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches continued to bring careful stewardship to the resources provided primarily by member churches. We are pleased to report continued growth in the various contribution sources. This is particularly profound as, for roughly half of the churches, we saw steps of faith to provide for the Conference even though these churches were challenged to meet the needs within their local ministry.

This kind of faith and vision for ministry beyond local congregations allowed the Conference to continue an affirmed mission that includes facilitating collaboration, providing accountability and encouraging blessing amongst our churches and agencies.

Our stewardship included the very visible receiving and reporting of revenues and the allocation of those revenues across various expenditures according to the budget delegates approved at Convention. This year, our expenses exceeded our revenues as expected, and as planned, we drew on the fund balances available to us to balance our books. We are pleased to report that our need to do was roughly \$7,000 less than we had anticipated:

Revenues from all sources: _____ 191,143

Less:

Support of Agencies _____ 26,000

C2C and Church Plants _____ 80,289

Pastors, Board, and Leader Development — 36,677

Operating and Administration _____ 153,922

Net Income _____ (105,745)*

*note: these are unaudited numbers. Please refer to our audited statements for final reporting.

Our stewardship also included strengthening the not so visible means by which we manage and report. To that end, in 2016 we began to define more clearly the financial systems and controls we use. This included developing a treasurer's checklist that will help to ensure various financial administrative responsibilities are attended to in a timely and consistent manner. It also included crafting a clear policy around Director's expenses and reimbursements.

Additionally, we contracted Christine Hamm as our bookkeeper, initially short-term and then permanently, given her expertise. We deeply appreciate her standard of excellence as she worked hard on refining our bookkeeping practices, while working closely with our auditor, our staff and the Finance Committee of the Board to ensure clarity, accuracy and transparency in our reporting.

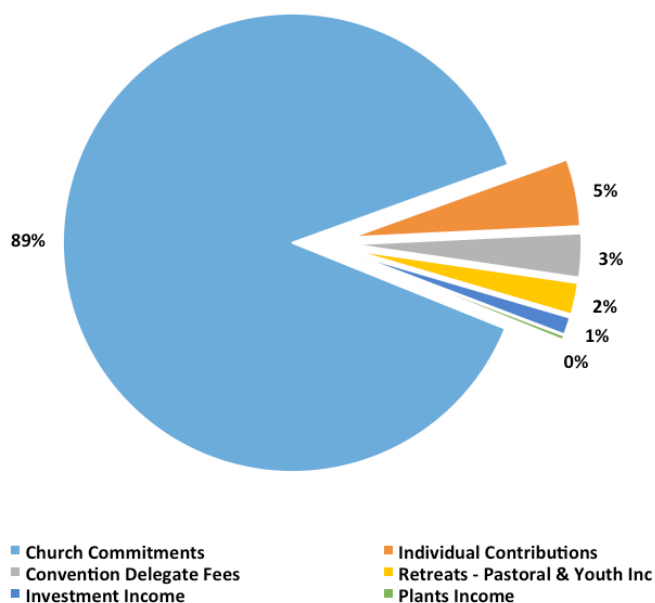
We look forward in 2017 to celebrating with our churches continued growth in our capacity as a Conference to fulfill our mission. We seek to grow in a shared vision generously resourced by churches and individuals with faith that God is using us together to meet the local and provincial ministry opportunities before us.

Respectfully submitted,

SCampagnola

Shelley Campagnola, Treasurer
Ontario Conference of MB Churches

ONMB Revenue Sources YE 2016



OCMBC 2017 Proposed Budget

	Proposed	Actual	Budget	Actual	Actual	Actual
REVENUE	2017	2016	2016	2015	2014	2013
Church Commitments	175000	168895	160000	156720.35	147125.84	149478
Individual Commitments	10000	9089	6000	2790	2200	2150
Convention Delegate Fees	8000	5910	6000	5978	11898.73	10163
Grants from Canadian Conf.	0	0	0	0	66000	99000
Retreats - Pastoral & Leadership	4000	4283	6400	1480	5765	6105
Summit Retreat Income	0	0	0	6579	8316	6138
Other Income	0	603	0	0	0	864
Investment Income	3000	2363	4700	6591.31	9189	11770
Total Revenue	200000	191143	183100	180138.66	250494.57	285668
EXPENSES	2017	A 2016	2016	A 2015	A 2014	A 2013
Regional Church Planting						
C2C Partnership	60000	80000	80000	80000	100000	100000
Other Plants Expenses	0	289				
Total Regional Church Planting	60000	80289	80000	80000	100000	100000
Support of Other Ministries						
Smart (Abuse Response Team)	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
Bethesda	0	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Tabor - Chaplaincy (2012=MRC)	0	5000	5000	5000	5000	5000
Camp Crossroads	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500
Eden Board	6000	7500	7500	7500	7500	7500
Total Other Ministries	14500	26000	26000	26000	26000	26000
Board of Directors						
Faith & Life Committee	700	144	1000	786	738.28	3397
Board Meetings / Travel	4500	4307	4500	3314	2654.6	2851
Pastor's Retreat(s)	3000	10869	6400	2120	4704.31	4900
Summit Retreat Expense	0	0	0	8643	4257	9900
Youth Retreats & other ministry	0	0	0	0	2679.99	990
Total Board of Directors	8200	15320	11900	14863	15034.18	22038
Operating Expenses & Wages						
Conference Insurance	2500	2435	2300	2232	2000	1960
Convention & Yearbook	5500	5239	5300	5292.18	8175.56	8724
Administration	21000	17229				
Bookkeeping	5000	5070	20000	9576	12082.11	9715
Professional Fees	10000	6657	5000	3846	3741.86	3638
Technology	3000	1524	3500	1197.89	1193.76	325
Special Project Expense	1500	1883	1500	465	638.24	7337
Executive Director						
Salary, Employment costs, expenses	120000	106663	120000	114735	112120.9	111128
Office Fees & Dues	3800	3934				
Emergency Fund Expense		3746				
Other Expenses	0	0	0	0	1106.71	982
Total Operating & Wages	172300	154380	157600	137344.07	141059.14	143809
Ministry Development						
Ministry Development Grants				0	50000	45125
Leadership Development	15000	21357	20000	5572	0	0
Total Ministry Development	15000	21357	20000	5572	50000	45125
Total Expense	270000	297057	295500	263779.07	332093.32	336972
Net Income / Deficit	-70000	-105914	-112400	-83640.41	-81598.75	-51304
Planned Fund Transfers						
Trsf from Operating Reserve	24581	4430	17000	33603	30961	
Trsf from Special Projects	1500	1883	1500	465	638.24	7337
Trsf from Komoka Fund	20000	80000	80000	44000	0	
Tsf from Ministry Development	3919	15686	14032	5572	50000	45125
Trsf From Emergency Fund	20000	3746	0			
Total transfers	70000	105745	112532	83640	81599.24	52462

September 2016 saw the graduation of the first cohort of Leaders Collective. At a Debrief Retreat held in Niagara, stories and experiences were shared, final encouragements and affirmations expressed, and a commissioning blessing extended over the group. These young leaders are continuing to seek out opportunities to grow and flex their leadership as the journey continues.

It has been a privilege to serve alongside our churches in providing the Leaders Collective experience for young leaders who are currently serving within our Conference. The following is a summary of the vision and also the coming activities that the next cohort, starting in September of 2017. Please join us by praying for this ministry track as well as considering who from within your church could benefit from such a "value-added" experience.

Robyn Serez, Director of Leaders Collective

Leaders Collective is a mentorship and development track for young adults engaged in ministry within MB churches in Ontario. It has come from a deep desire to invest in a generation of disciplined young leaders. Out of a heart for unity and collaboration among churches and partnering organizations, Ed Willms (Ontario Conference of MB Churches), Philip Serez (MB Mission), Trevor Seath (C2C), and Ed Heinrichs (Camp Crossroads) have covenanted together to offer this leadership development track. Robyn Serez from MB Mission is the Director of the program.

It provides "value-added" opportunities for young leaders to engage in a mentoring relationship from within their local church; interaction with others in their demographic; and a broadening of their skills and understanding of leadership through dialogue, retreats, readings, exposure to seasoned leaders, and serving opportunities both regionally and globally. All of this takes place while still allowing the participants to remain in their local church context. It provides churches with an opportunity to remain an integral part of the development of our young people while

still providing experiences and resources on a larger scale, looking to give exposure to the magnitude of ministry in the Kingdom of God.

The program is 12 months.

Program Details

When: One Year Program Starting September, 2017

Where: Three Retreats:

Kick Off in Niagara: September 22-24, 2017

Urban Leadership Encounter in Toronto: April 20-22, 2018

Debrief in Niagara: September 21-23, 2018

Plus: OCMBC Convention & Pastors' Day in KW (TBA): February 23-24, 2018

An Elective (ministry opportunity) offered by any of the partner organizations

Readings, a mentoring relationship and other optional opportunities

Who: Young leaders age 22-27 serving in local MB churches in Ontario

Application Process: Applications are provided through the local church. Young leaders are approached by church leadership to be candidates for Leaders Collective.

Cost: \$250

*In addition, travel and electives offered will be paid for by an agreed upon split between the churches and participants. The conference will take care of the cost of retreats.

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www.onmb.org/leaderscollective

Developing Leaders

Cooperative and collaborative listening

Listening to one another and listening to God together are at the core of what L2L does.

Throughout 2016, we resourced churches on mission with the following tools:

- church assessments
- staff and volunteer evaluations
- team building
- governance and board training and orientation
- transitional ministry
- professional development and pre-hiring
- coaching

Spiritual discovery processes:

- **Clarity** (why I do what I do), best suited for people aged 18–45.
- **APEX** (what I do and how I do it), best suited for ages 40–60.
- **Resonance** (what finishing well looks like for me), intended for ages 50–75

And strategic partnerships:

- The Presidents' Network (MB theological schools)
- Camping Ministry Directors & Spouses Network
- MinistryLift (continuing education), L2L & MB Seminary

Highlights of 2016

Churches coached through an assessment	10
Skill-targeted learning clusters on L2Lnet.org	242
Leaders trained in coaching skills	226
L2L leaders and people in coaching relationships	131
Network events	3
Attendees at APEX, Personal Clarity, or Resonance events	160
Active members on L2Lnet.org	122 (overall members 709)
Leadership Training Matching grants awarded	\$21,238
Denominations served	12

“Ask the LORD for rain in the season of spring rain. The LORD makes the rain clouds, and He will give them showers of rain and crops in the field for everyone” (Zechariah 10:1, HCSB).

Multiplying Churches

Ask for Rain

C2C network asked God for rain and to transform spiritual deserts into streams of Living Water. We asked God to rain down his grace through the planting of new congregations who would make new disciples and send new leaders. The desert is budding with new life as the rains of God's Spirit saturate Canada's parched soil.

C2C network exists to glorify God and make disciples by planting and multiplying gospel-centred churches and enabling new missional opportunities. The goal for C2C is that more people come to faith in Jesus Christ. We come alongside individuals, churches and provincial regions to enable church planting wherever they have a vision to expand the gospel's impact.

God miraculously rained down the finances needed

to fund church planters and support church planting all across Canada. He also rained down a fresh vision for more labourers in the Lord's harvest.

“Ask the LORD for rain in the season of spring rain. The LORD makes the rain clouds, and He will give them showers of rain and crops in the field for everyone” (Zechariah 10:1, HCSB).

Highlights of 2016

Prayer partners	3,165
C2C churches	107
C2C churches launched	14
Assessment Centres	5
Planters affirmed in Assessment	17
C2C Training Centres	11 in 9 cities
Training events	84
Apprentices at work	14
Baptisms at C2C churches	702
Provinces represented by C2C	10

Building Community

“We want to be a BFL that’s listening,” says David Miller. In 2016, the Board of Faith and Life welcomed Miller as chair and Paul Loewen as vice chair.

The Board of Faith and Life is called to watch over the spiritual life of Canadian MB churches and give leadership to the teaching of our confession of faith as we “multiply Christ-centred churches to see Canada transformed by the good news of Christ.”

Publications produced or initiated in 2016 include a statement on ordination, a Chinese translation of the MB Confession of Faith commentary and pastoral application, and a pamphlet on creation and faith (set to be published in March 2017). In 2017 we can expect to see a revised Canadian edition of Family Matters (required reading for all pastors in the credentialing process), as well as a pamphlet

on the sanctity of life by Pierre Gilbert, focusing on theological and worldview issues that are at stake when thinking about abortion.

The BFL is involved in planning Equip Study Conference 2017 to be held Nov. 1–3 in Abbotsford, B.C., which focuses on the theme of Transforming Discipleship.

Robyn Serez (MAL), Christine Longhurst (Manitoba representative), Elton DaSilva (MBCM executive director), Phil Gunther (SKMB director of ministry) and Brent Hudson (Atlantic Canada) also joined as new members in 2016.

“It’s a great group of people,” says Miller. “we have a sense of moving ahead together, asking ‘how can we serve more effectively?’”

Resourcing Ministry

CCMBC financial services resource ministry by offering financial and administrative services and tools to churches and organizations to help them achieve their mission. The mark of our success is when Mennonite Brethren churches are partner ministries have access to services and resources to help them achieve their mission.

Budget update

The following comments are based on the internal CCMBC financial reports as of December 31, 2016. The analysis is a comparison between the actual year to date results and the annual budget that was approved at the annual general meeting in October 2015 and an analysis of the CCMBC financial position at December 31, 2016. This information has not been audited and has not been consolidated with the for-profit corporations.

More specific details will become available once we receive audited statements.

- Church contributions, donations and grants as well as interest income came in under the 2016 budgeted amount.

- Ministry expenditures as well as stewardship management expenses were below 2016 budget amounts.
- The net result is an operating surplus which will be added to the accumulating operating reserve.
- In response to the budget amendment passed at Gathering 2016, stewardship surplus (capital gains, recovery of credit losses and 10% of the surplus from stewardship management) was transferred to the investment reserve fund.

CCMBC 2016 accounting services

- 15 church plants
- 2 provincial conferences
- 5 churches with charitable status

2017

- 5 church plants either started or waiting to start
- 1 provincial conference waiting to start
- 1 former church plant obtained their charitable status so has moved out of the church plant category
- 1 church with charitable status waiting to start

CCMBC Moderator's Report

Bruce Enns

Imagine being a family of MB churches that is absolutely committed to being on one mission together – locally, nationally, and globally. If you google the word “commission” you find it is an instruction, command, or duty given to a group of people and it comes with the required power and authority to carry it out. This is what Jesus gave the church – it’s known as the “Great Commission” (Matt 28:16-20). It came with some pain and conflict (vs 16 – now eleven instead of twelve). It came amidst ongoing doubts and fear (vs. 17). But Jesus gave clear authority and power in His Name and through the Holy Spirit to carry it out – a discipleship revolution that would transform individuals and families through the work of the church. That is a mission that motivates me and all of us who lead in the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches! What a joy to work with you in our calling (our great co-mission) that has eternal significance and power in the heavenly realms.

It is becoming increasingly clear that this vision of one mission is possible as we:

- Help to multiply leaders and disciple-making churches in local communities
- Strengthen and support vibrant provincial bodies to help our churches
- Build a lean national structure that provides connection and meaning, and
- Learn from and engage with our global family

At the recent (Jan 26-28, 2017) executive board (EB) meetings we made a number of decisions to continue moving us forward in this direction.

We received a thorough report outlining the extensive consultation that has occurred over the past two years, along with a subsequent recommendation from the C2C/MBM task force. From the prayerful discernment of this report, and the ongoing evidence of strong support, the EB unanimously approved a motion to be discussed further at our provincial conventions, that will be brought for a vote at a

Special General Meeting just prior to Equip 2017, in Abbotsford this upcoming November. The EB recommendation is that MB Mission assume responsibility for the mission and ministry of C2C network. We are excited for how these two unique ministries together will bring God’s mission to the forefront of the local church – locally, nationally and globally – building on the strengths of each. We have encouraged them to collaborate even more as we move in this direction.

Another area where we want to build one mission is through increased provincial and national collaboration. There will be numerous meetings as part of (and surrounding) Multiply 2017 in Vancouver. We plan to work closely with provincial leaders as we listen and talk to each other and collaborate on ministry together.

The efforts to reach out and dialogue with members across Canada have included communication about our financial situation. We provided additional information last October and followed up with a moderated conference call in December 2016. We will continue to search for the best ways to keep the communication flowing. Steve Berg and/or myself (along with other EB members and staff) will be at each of the provincial conventions to continue the two-way dialogue.

Our financial situation remains challenging, but we are encouraged by the preliminary year end results for 2016. These results, along with the adjustments to the 2017 budget, reflect alignment of the leadership team / board with the intent and spirit of the 2016 AGM amended budget for cost savings and for rebuilding surpluses. In regards to Stewardship / Legacy Funds, Howie Wall and Jim Davidson brought a full update and explanation to the board about the path that brought the conference to the current place, as well as the steps in place for moving us forward in both our registered and non-registered funds. These include applications to each of the regulatory agencies and authorities in which we operate. Additional plans and decisions will come out of our May meetings.

The path to one mission took us through a challenging and emotional time of transitions over the last months. We continue to strive to prayerfully understand and address some of the past, current, and future conference issues. Ron Toews has done an incredible job at an unsustainable pace in the past two months as our short-term interim executive director (ED) and we are extremely grateful to him. He is returning to his previous role as director of L2L. Steve Berg has been affirmed as our longer term (but still interim) ED beginning February 1st, to build on the work and direction that Willy has led us in. We are excited for the gifts and passion that Steve will bring to this transitional role. We are also so thankful for the many gifted and passionate staff that serve in our conference, both in upfront ministries and behind the scenes in various support roles.

We continue to need and pursue a discipleship revolution of healthy, multiplying, Christ-centered

churches to see Canada transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ. This is our prayer and our work. May God give us faith, courage and wisdom for our mission together!

I conclude with the words of Paul in Ephesians 3:20-21; "Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen."

With anticipation,

Bruce Enns



CCMBC Moderator (and local church pastor)
February 2017

Upcoming Events

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| September 22-24, 2017 | ——— | Leaders Collective Kick-off Retreat |
| November 1-3, 2017 | ——— | EQUIP Study Conference -
Abbotsford, BC |
| February 23-24, 2018 | ——— | 87th OCMBC Annual Convention |
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C2C Ontario Report

C2C Network

C2C Network

Looking back on 2016, our hearts are full of thanks and praise to God! It's a privilege to come alongside church planters as they're empowered by God's Spirit to lead communities who live out the gospel in word and deed. Our Father is also drawing His Church into deeper unity for Jesus' sake. The spirit of generosity, collaboration, and genuine love among leaders across denominational lines continues to grow.

God is working

We celebrate that four church plants in Ontario (including The Journey and Behta Darya Community Church) were ready to operate without a subsidy from C2C in 2017. New church planters also joined us so that we're currently working with 13 church plants representing 10 denominational families. Two of those church plants are Mennonite Brethren (FreeChurch and Rugged Tree). It's been exciting to see interest in joining the MB family



C2C Ontario Report

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among church planters in Ontario who do not have a denominational family. We are currently in the early stages of discernment with five church planters who are praying about planting with the MB in Ontario.

Nothing is closer to the heart of our mission than seeing new believers confess Jesus as Lord through baptism. We thank God that C2C church plants celebrated 702 baptisms across Canada in 2016. It's a special joy to see 245 baptized in Quebec. There were 75 baptisms in church plants that C2C serves in Ontario. We thank God for every person that He has saved and plead for more! Your Kingdom come Lord!

We have the privilege of facilitating a two-year Church Planter Incubator training program in 9 Canadian cities. About 80 planters and apprentices participated nationally in this training in 2016. Currently 16 are enrolled in Ontario with a new cohort of 12 in Toronto/Hamilton and a group of 4 in their second year in Ottawa.

Serving the Mennonite Brethren

Our relationship with Mennonite Brethren churches in Ontario is foundational for all that C2C does. As we work with a variety of denominations to plant churches, we are decidedly "pro denomination". Believing that family is important, we want to serve our MB family as best we can. As C2C Network's director in Ontario, I have been able to serve our family by:

- Preaching at FreeChurch, Orchard Park, The Gathering, and Fairview MB.
- Participating in the MB Leaders Collective (LC) weekend at Camp Crossroads in January and organizing the LC weekend in Toronto in April.
- Training on The Core of the Gospel for AWAKE Niagara and AWAKE Kitchener Waterloo.
- Assisting with Experience Toronto in connection with the CCMBC National Gathering in Toronto.
- Meeting with MB pastors for 4 special meetings of prayer and discussion towards catalyzing church planting among the MB in Ontario.
- Engaging with Niagara pastors regarding their emerging planting vision for the Merriton community of St. Catharines
- Discerning with church planters & plants regarding joining the MB family.
- Serving on the board of The Jesus Network

Looking forward

As we see God working around us, we long for a greater work of His Spirit in our province and nation! Please join us in praying! Set an alarm for 10:02 each morning and join us in following Jesus' command from Luke 10:02: "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest." In recent days eight couples have reached out to C2C as they have sensed God's call to plant! It is amazing to see how God is answering our prayers.

We are excited to have the opportunity not only to work with church planters but also to equip both new and established churches for mission and multiplication. We just had a tremendous gathering of leaders from across Canada for **Multiply 2017** in Vancouver. Along with insightful training from pastors who are actually walking out the journey of multiplication, we prayed together and dreamed about what might happen if the 11,000 evangelical churches in Canada were captured by Jesus' vision for mission, multiplication, radical generosity, and intentional discipleship. It was an amazing time!

In the coming months, we're bringing more excellent equipping opportunities for churches in Ontario. We're excited to partner with International Justice Mission (IJM) to host **Jesus + Justice** April 25 in Toronto and April 26 in Hamilton. Mark Wollenberg from IJM (who has planted 4 churches) will lead us in a practical exploration of how Jesus is calling us to remember the vulnerable and marginalized in our church's mission.

And then on May 5 & 6 we're excited to have Jeff Vanderstelt with us in Ontario for **Saturate** in Toronto. Jeff wants to help equip everyone in your church to apply the gospel in everyday life. The training will help us to think and live more as missionaries in the everyday.

For more on the work of C2C Network in Ontario, email trevors@c2cnetwork.ca



CAMP CROSSROADS

Camp Crossroads Report

Ed Heinrichs

God continues to work through the ministry of Camp Crossroads. We have seen His faithfulness as we live out the mission: *Camp exists as a Christ-centred ministry to support the local church in making disciples and developing leaders.*

Here are a few comments from 2016:

"This past summer at Camp was extremely rewarding. I was challenged in many different ways that ultimately made me a stronger leader."
-Jacquelin

"I remain confident and assured that God will continue to bring people toward Him through this ministry, and I was so incredibly grateful to have a "front row view" of how He is doing this."
-Kenny

"Being an LIT brought me closer to the Lord without a question, and being in the Camp environment helped me grow in my walk of faith."
-Lauren

Together, we have been able to reach many young people and families with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Here are a few of the details from this past year:

- 854 campers involved in the child/youth camps
- 550 participated in the Family Camps (63 more than last year)
- 200+ campers indicated significant spiritual decisions (first time commitments to Christ, decisions to be baptized or other next steps in their spiritual growth etc.)

We are already seeing momentum during our 2017 Winter season with close to 600 people involved in the

Camp programs (Winter Blast, Deep Freeze, Family Snow Camp etc. plus many rental groups). We will see more lives transformed as people experience God's love in this beautiful Muskoka setting in the coming year.

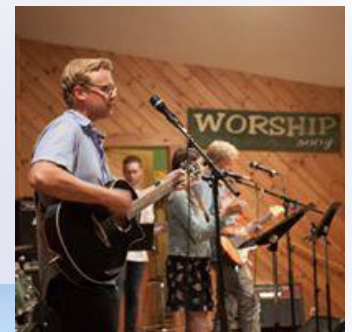
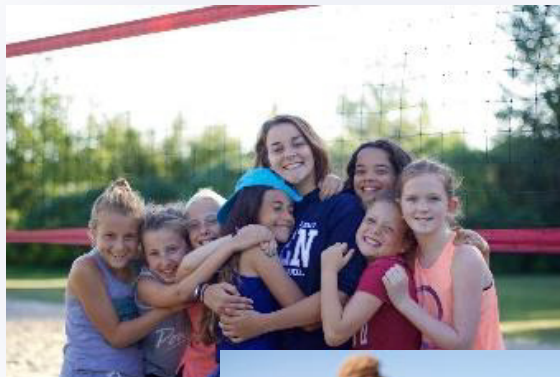
Please take the time to stay informed by visiting www.campcrossroads.com or follow us on Twitter, Instagram or Facebook. (Search Camp Crossroads: Winter Flight on Youtube to see the beautiful winter video that Drew Unruh produced.) Please continue to pray and support the mission of Camp Crossroads.

Thank you,

Ed Heinrichs

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WHAT'S NEXT?

After hearing a good sermon, reflecting on your last small group discussion, or coming up for air from the depths of a great book, it's not uncommon to wonder if God is asking *you* to get involved in a new or different way for the sake of his kingdom.

You might be asking *what's next* as you reflect on the gifts you have received from God, the skills and competencies you have gained over time, and the experience in work, family, and serving in your church. How will you take serious the call to step forward and find out what God has in store for you? What is your next step?

MB Seminary graduate Nikki White commented on her seminary experience and said, "It has better equipped me to be able to express who God is, and to draw people into God's presence." This is a common theme among many men and women who set apart a time for training and education to serve God more effectively. Current student Nick Poetker commented, "MB Seminary is a place where my heart and mind are constantly being renewed towards the desires and workings of God, in order to be equipped for service."

One of the deep convictions that is often repeated at MB Seminary is "effective mission requires effective preparation." The tagline *Lifelong Learning for Lifelong Mission* also carries this sentiment of not only making yourself *available* for God's mission, but also making yourself available to *prepare* for effective work in God's mission. As you follow God's leading in your life, MB Seminary is uniquely situated to help you answer the question, "What's next?"



WINNIPEG CAMPUS



LANGLEY CAMPUS



YOUR CHURCH



Mark Wessner
President

MB Seminary exists to educate and equip people
who help lead the church in reaching Canada and the world
with the good news of Jesus Christ



Lifelong Learning for Lifelong Mission

MB SEMINARY STUDENTS

- 78 students took courses with MB Seminary in 2016-2017 (14 in Winnipeg, 64 in Langley)
- 37 of those were “new students” as of this year (6 in Winnipeg, 31 in Langley)
- Over 40% of MB Seminary students this year are full-time (9+ credit hours per semester)
- 33% of students this year are female, 67% are male
- 80% of MB Seminary students come from Mennonite Brethren churches

INNOVATION THROUGH PARTNERSHIPS

- Faculty and staff of MB Seminary participated in over 70 training and speaking events in churches and other ministry venues in the fall of 2016
- MB Seminary 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
- MB Seminary offers a Master of Divinity Immerse program in partnership with Northview Community Church as a part of the goal to establish teaching churches in each province
- MB Seminary is formalizing a relationship with Tyndale Seminary in Ontario in conjunction with the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, the first course will be taught by Andrew Dyck in June 2017

AFFORDABLE AND ACCESSIBLE

- MinistryLift offers over 100 video training resources for individuals and congregations who have a membership
- MB Seminary offers financial aid covering up to 32% of tuition on both Langley and Winnipeg campuses
- Up to 2/3 of the Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Christian Studies in Langley can be completed off campus – many courses are made available through modular classes, online classes, and live-streaming options from both Winnipeg and Langley
- MB Seminary subsidizes online courses at \$400 for Mennonite Brethren students
- L2L makes the Leadership Training Matching Grant available to Mennonite Brethren students studying at MB Seminary, covering up to 50% of tuition in partnership with the local church

FINANCES

MB Seminary completed the first half of the 2016-2017 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 positively. Audited financial statements are submitted to the Canadian Conference Executive Board and are available at mbseminary.ca.



Ontario Delegates,

Recently, we have been teaching in all our programs how the Gospel is peace, adoption, reconciliation, truth, salvation, and victory over evil. Each of us are learning how to experience these and share them with greater freedom. AWAKE, SOAR, ACTION, TREK and other opportunities in global mission are designed to multiply healthy disciples and develop missional leaders. As we embrace this goal together we will see our congregations grow in health and effectiveness in mission.

This is what motivates our local team here in Ontario, and our service throughout Eastern Canada. We work tirelessly to develop effective methods with you in equipping the whole church for mission. Our AVOCAT prayer training weekends have led many of our churches to engage in mission personally through intercessory prayer. Our EMBRACE missional retreat for young adults always features a key missional leader who is living out these values globally. Our commitment to

Ontario's Leaders Collective is of deep importance as we collaborate to release apostolic leaders into the MB church and its mission.

In recent years, I see new lines connecting Eastern Canada and the rest of the world. God's Spirit is leading us to strengthen ties with Portugal, France, Central Asia and Burundi, and continue other partnerships. Multiple churches are partnering for Kingdom advancement in these places. We are sending our own out as long-term missionaries, and supplying them with the resources, prayer, and short-term teams necessary to fulfill their mandate. This truly is from the 'river (the Great Lakes and the Saint Lawrence) to the ends of the earth' (Ps 72:8).

As we work together effectively, our congregations will be renewed and engaged in extending the mission of the Church. We will take our place alongside the global community, responding to poverty in Burundi, persecution in Central Asia, secularism in Europe and complacency in our own neighbourhoods. Our emerging leaders will cut their teeth alongside Doug Hiebert's strategy to develop church leaders in Burundi. Our business people will partner with Portugal's Bridge program to reach out to local entrepreneurs in faith and deed. We will visit in homes of Turks and Syrians grappling with conflict and geopolitical instability. We will engage in disciple-making both from sea to sea, AND the river to the ends of the earth.

God is raising up new long term workers from this region. After

two years serving North African immigrants in Europe with Team C4 Sean Fast returned to Ontario in December and is prayerfully discerning God's long-term call on his life and his next steps. In January Joanna Pharazyn from Woodstock arrived in Portugal to immerse herself in language study and join the diverse church planting team in the greater Lisbon area. We invite your prayers for Sean, Joanna and the others who are in the journey of following the call to global mission.

What would it look like for your church to partner more deeply with MB Mission?

We believe the local church's role is to lead in global mission. It's our role to equip you to engage effectively and to provide missionally healthy access to the global church. MB Mission Eastern Canada is prepared to journey with your congregation at an equipping level through the aforementioned opportunities and more. We would like to help you discern and commit to a specific global community and build multiple long term connection points with a 'sister church' through the stages of sending out workers, church planting and building capacity.

Your congregation has a role in the financial investment of disciple-making and church planting globally. We pass with honours when audited by the Canadian Government, and reviewed by the Canadian Council of Christian Charities. Our financial policies, fund delivery and tracking systems are industry leading. We are confident we can direct your global giving in a way that is Spirit-led and fiscally responsible.

What could your next steps look like with MB Mission?

- Prepare a youth team for SOAR Montreal July 2017.
- Join a vision trip to Central Asia, Portugal or Burundi in the next 12 months.
- Reserve a Sunday morning for myself, our team or a visiting missionary to teach and inspire.
- Use ACTION Ontario to develop your young adults missionally, and bridge your congregation globally.
- Invite us to visit with your church leadership or mission committee to discuss possibilities.
- Invite us to develop a local AWAKE mission event with you.
- Send a van full of young adults to the EMBRACE: God, Neighbour, Stranger retreat and help us build this as a province wide Young Adults Mission Immerse.
- Host an AVOCAT Intercessory Prayer training weekend for local churches.
- Begin the discernment process toward a long-term partnership globally.
- Prepare a multigenerational trip to your missionary with our training and debrief help.
- Increase your annual giving to MB Mission, both toward specific projects but also generally to equip our full team to fulfill its mandate better.
- Encourage TREK as an alternative to other 10-month mission options because it integrates young adults into a global network of long-term relationships and MB church planting strategies.
- Integrate our mission documentary videos into your teaching series. Our latest, the story of Doug and Deanna Hiebert and their journey with the Batwa people of Burundi. (mbmission.org/video/not-forgotten) (mbmission.org/video/not-forgotten)

And this is just the beginning! It is a privilege to be in team with you here in Eastern Canada. Our hope is to strengthen our relationship with you. Please let me know we can take next steps together. It can start with just a call or a coffee in your area. We look forward to it.

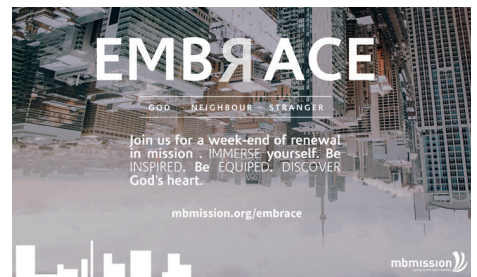
Peace,

Philip Serez

for the Eastern Canada
MB Mission team



Joy in serving together after our weekly time of intercession: Erin, Philip, Robyn, Sarah, Aurélie & Joanna



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Today, mission is from everywhere to everywhere.

At a recent church planting conference in Vancouver, I was inspired by several experiences that convinced me more than ever that we need to embrace this new reality. The event was sponsored by C2C, an interdenominational church planting network birthed by the MB church. I loved the international flavour of the gathering.

I sat next to several leaders from our MB conference in Paraguay who were attending the summit to be better equipped to plant churches in Paraguay. In celebration of their first fifty years of existence, they believe God wants to double their number of churches in the next five years. They came to the summit because they know that this vision requires spiritual renewal and new strategies.

At the same event, I also met a pastor from Brazil that God has called to plant churches in Canada. Several years ago, his church in Brazil was praying for the nations. As they listened to God, they were led to pray for the least reached region of North America, which they discovered was the province of Quebec. They sensed that they were called to send their best, so they sent their pastor.

What bold mission prayers are we praying? Are we sending our best?

If our global MB family is to see greater synergy in our missional strategies, we need to work collaboratively on this one mission – local, national and global.

We need to be aware that multiplication and addition are different; they require different strategies. But both require the renewal of faith in mission. As we embrace one mission, we need to understand the key to multiplication according to Jesus: “Unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only

a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds” (John 12:24).

Are we willing to die to ourselves to see God’s mission accomplished?

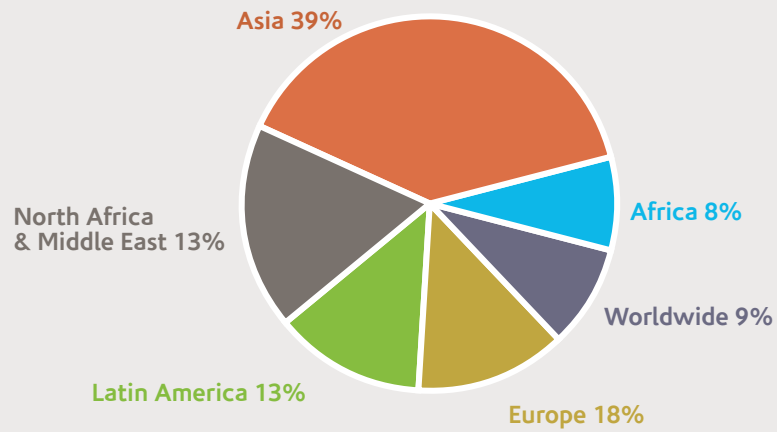
At the same event in Vancouver, a Filipino pastor stood up and shared about how difficult it was for him to be in a room with 250 pastors. At the age of thirteen, he had been sexually abused by his youth pastor. When he disclosed the abuse, it had been covered up. In his anger against pastors, churches and God, he became a prodigal. He left the Philippines and ended up in Winnipeg. One night in a bar, the Father spoke to him and called him “home.” He cried out to God in brokenness and repentance, and experienced the love and forgiveness of the Lord. Then he began calling others to join him. In the following weeks, he led dozens of friends to Christ. A house church was started, which has now grown to dozens of house churches of new believers in Winnipeg!

After hearing his story of abuse, I sensed the Lord speaking to me. I walked up to the podium and stood in the place of spiritual leaders that had hurt this young man. I asked him to forgive us for misusing that authority and grieving God. He fell to his knees and cried out as his pain was released. We wept in each other’s arms and I prayed for more prodigals to come home. What happened that evening in Vancouver had an effect on what is happening now in Winnipeg and in the Philippines. The seed is multiplying worldwide!

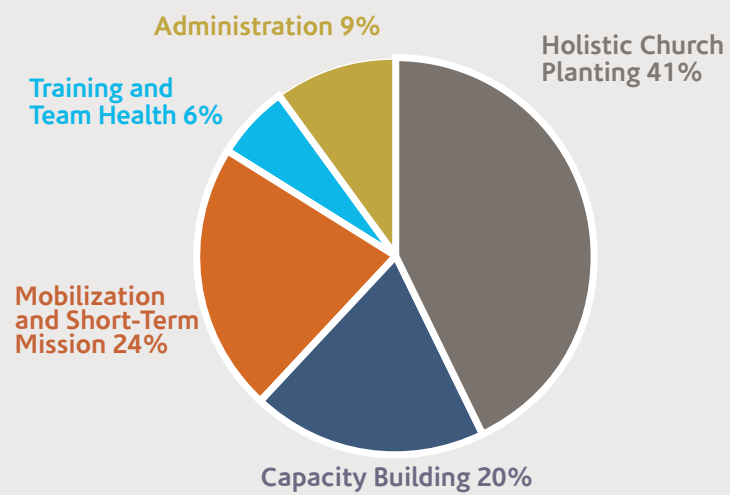
I am encouraged that one mission – local, national, global – is increasingly shaping our vision and practice as a global family of churches. Let’s continue to follow Jesus without wavering and to embrace his mission in the world today wherever he will lead us.

Randy Friesen
General Director

Overseas Expenditures: US\$6,229,229



Total Expenditures: US\$10,069,361





Eden High School Report

John Bryan

If you're a sports fan, you'll recognize the term "By The Numbers" as a reference to analyzing an athlete's statistics, past or present. In the Spiritual Life Centre we took a look at some, "interesting numbers" so here they are. Annually the SLC...

- sets up approximately 36,000 chairs for chapel.
- serves close to 1300 slices of pizza.
- spends 54 hours together in prayer for our students.
- sets up over 1400 feet of sound cables for teaching and music chapels.
- spends over 700 hours mentoring students.
- facilitates close to 100 hours of community through Life Groups.
- celebrates the over 50 countries that have been impacted for Christ by current Eden students and graduates.

This is a practical snapshot of our ministry to 854 students as we "lead students to learn of Christ and live for Christ." Here are some further updates from this past year!

SLC Staff

This past year, our team underwent changes as after three years, Dave Arnold followed God's leading into church ministry in Hamilton. Although we miss him, we are excited to have Brian Loewen, who began serving in the SLC in September. Also, Meghan Plett gave birth to a beautiful baby boy last month and will be on maternity leave until January 2018. We are pleased to have Jessica Evans serve with us during Meghan's absence. As for the rest of the team, Alicia Janzen continues to serve, entering her fourteenth year of ministry and as for myself, I am in my eighth year of service and more excited

than ever about what God is doing in our midst! On behalf of the SLC team and the Eden Advisory Board, I'd like to thank the Ontario MB Conference for their support and encouragement! Through your prayer and financial support, you partner with us in serving the Eden students for the glory of God!

Student Leadership

As we think about our ministry areas, we strive to use the term "catalyst" rather than "program" as we strive to help encourage students forward in their faith. In everything we do, we are desiring to make disciples that are leaders and there have been some tremendous moments. We are well into our second year of Epereia, a leadership initiative that is seeking to "equip students for Christ-like influence." There are eleven who will take part in a retreat, conferences, connect with a personal mentor and meet in groups to encourage community in their spiritual journey. What is equally exciting is the continued growth we have seen in students who participated in last year's track. We have students leading life groups with their peers, actively seeking to share Christ personally with unsaved friends and participating in mission trips. Recently one of our students spoke in chapel and I became emotional as I listened to this young man share God's Word in a powerful way. He spoke about the importance of reading God's Word sharing this thought:

"Sometimes we are afraid to read God's Word because we believe that it will show us that God has removed Himself from us because of our sin. That is not true. It doesn't show us that God has distanced Himself from us. It shows us that we have distanced ourselves from God and He is calling us back!" (I can give you his name if you need pulpit supply!) One of last year's team members has received a calling to begin Biblical studies seeking to enter into full-time ministry! It is so exciting to see students grow as disciples of Jesus and be willing to enter into leadership roles.



Chapel

Traditionally, Eden is a school that featured a high percentage of students coming from a Christian background. In recent years, more and more students are attending who have little or no understanding of the gospel of Jesus Christ. Therefore, in our Junior Chapel (grades 9-10) we are connecting students with the scriptures, demonstrating that they are relevant to our lives. In our first year, we focus on the panorama of God's Word using a resource that uses five key words to connect the story: Eden, Exodus, Election, Empire and Exile & Return. Each illustrates sections of the Bible as we encounter God's relationship to humanity. As an SLC, we have created the New Testament equivalent using the following terms: Incarnation, Invitation, Inspired Living, Intentional Community, and Indescribable Destiny. Each of these highlights the life and teaching of Christ as outlined in the gospels and the ministry of the early church. The second year focuses on "What we believe" using the Apostles' Creed to teach students the foundational doctrines of the faith. This past year was our first attempt at these topics and it was encouraging to see students grow in their knowledge of what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Our Sr. Chapel continues to build upon this foundation as we equip them to respond to their world with a Biblical worldview.

Grade Retreats

We continue to engage grade 10-12 students through off-site retreats at Camp Crossroads, but this year featured a new adventure! We hosted our first grade 9 retreat, taking 135 students and approximately 50 volunteers to camp! It was a strategic opportunity to build relationships with new Eden students and was amazing! The positive feedback we received from students and parents was overwhelming. Please pray that these connections grow into stronger relationships with our first year students.

May God continue to bless the work of the Ontario MB Conference and the SLC!

Respectfully Submitted,

John Bryan

Spiritual Life Director

In 2016, Bethesda celebrated the opening of our new \$6.1M (without government funds) Niagara Family Centre, a state of the art facility, designed to provide children and families dealing with autism and neurological issues facilities that aid in the effective delivery of supports. Additional space is allowing Bethesda to adequately adapt to recent Governmental requirements in the

delivery of Autism Services. In addition, Bethesda is now positioned to support additional

children. Of note, the Centre was completed ahead of schedule and approximately 7% below our budget. It is not too late for Conference members to get involved. We are continuing to solicit donations towards the Centre. Please contact Bethesda if you would like to partner with us in making a profound difference in the lives of Families.

Towards the end of 2016, we experienced significant growth within our Children's support programs. Additional Government funding for Applied Behaviour Analysis and Intensive

Behavioural Intervention spaces will allow us to assist many of the children on our existing wait list. We are pleased and thankful for the confidence and financial support provided by the Provincial Government.

The Bethesda Home Foundation Inc. Board of Directors is in the process of reviewing its organizational structure. The intent is to reorganize in order to leverage Board member skills appropriately. Currently, Board members are asked to promote organizational fundraising as well as govern operations. Discussions have continued between the Conference and Bethesda regarding a new progressive working relationship that will assist Bethesda in expanding its support base in order to improve service delivery to people with special needs.

On behalf of the Bethesda Board of Directors, I am pleased to report that all three corporations completed this past fiscal year with balanced budgets.

Recommendations:

1. That the MB Conference approve the appointment of Crawford, Smith and Swallow as Bethesda's auditors for the 2017/2018 fiscal year.
2. That the MB Conference continue financial support for Bethesda's Chaplaincy program.
3. That the MB Conference approve the following membership on the Bethesda Boards for the term of April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2020:

Marlene Goerz
Doug Peters
Josie Martens

In Christ,



William Jackson
President

Report from Canadian Mennonite University

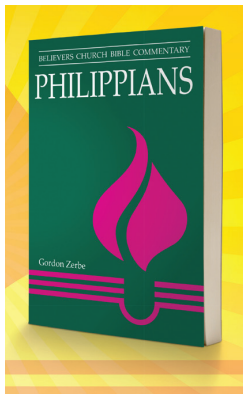
CMU is entrusted with its mission by the church, formally by the collaboration of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Brethren peoples and extended through a wide ecumenical range of congregations who find resonance with Anabaptist commitments of faith and life.

2016-2017 Enrolment

637 students (75% Manitoba; 25% other provinces; includes 64 International students from 22 countries)
530 Undergraduate
50 Graduate
57 Outtatown

43% Mennonite (MC, MB, EMC...)
 42% Ecumenically Diverse (Baptist and Pentecostal to Catholic and Orthodox)
 15% Disclose no church connection

Menno Simons College
 (CMU Extension Program at U Winnipeg)
260 FTE



Believers Church Bible Commentary

CMU Bible and Theology faculty contribute significantly to the Believers Church Bible Commentary series. Dr. Gordon Matties chairs the Editorial Council for this series, and the following CMU professors have or will publish Commentaries.

Exodus - Dr. Waldemar Janzen
 Deuteronomy - Dr. Gerald Gerbrandt
 Joshua - Dr. Gordon Matties

2 Corinthians - Dr. George Shillington
 Philippians - Dr. Gordon Zerke (Fall '16)

Upcoming

James - Dr. Sheila Klassen Wiebe
 Micah - Dr. Dan Epp-Tiessen



Dr. Katharine Hayhoe CMU Scientist in Residence

Renowned climate scientist, Dr. Katharine Hayhoe, served as CMU's Scientist in Residence in February 2016. Hayhoe is Associate Professor in the Department of Political Science and director of the Climate

Science Center at Texas Tech University, and serves in the South-Central Climate Science Center. Her research focuses on assessing the regional to local-scale impacts of climate change on human systems and the natural environment. In 2014 Time magazine named Dr. Hayhoe as among '100 Most Influential People' (calling her an 'environmental evangelist'). Dr. Hayhoe reflected on faith and science in chapels and forums, engaged students in classes and presented an interactive public lecture.



ACADEMICS AND VOCATION

CMU education is about vocation, the bringing together of student passions, convictions, faith and career paths together with the needs and opportunities of church and society. At the core of CMU's work are academic studies linking Biblical and Theological Studies with 16 different BA majors in Arts (English, History, Psychology, Geography...), Biblical and Theological Studies, Environmental



Science, Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics), Business, Communications & Media, Music and Music Therapy, International Development, Peace and Conflict Studies ... as students move towards lives of service and leadership in medicine, farming, law, church ministry, business...and more. Within their studies CMU's integration of significant community life and co-curricular opportunities (including chapel program, fellowship groups, Athletics...) nurture students in an imagination for the church. They are engaged in multiple ways in local congregations as they embody a vision for what the church is called to be into the future.

Spring Short Courses: Consider taking a 1 week, spring intensive course! Go to: cmu.ca to explore a range of a stimulating array of options.

Environmental Studies major

CMU has launched a new BA major in Environmental Studies, equipping students with the tools to cross boundaries of science, social science, and the humanities as we face complex global realities. Courses are taught by faculty from Biology, Chemistry, Philosophy, Natural Resources Management, International Development Studies, Political Studies, and other Social Sciences.

Church Matching Grant

Undergraduate, Outtatown, and Graduate students attending CMU who receive financial support from their congregation can have that support matched by CMU up to \$250 per semester to a maximum of \$500 per year. Encourage and support students from your congregation to consider Christian University Education at CMU through your congregation's financial support. Your investment of \$500 doubles for each student when it is matched by CMU!

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RESOURCING PASTORS FOR MINISTRY

ReNew and Face2Face

The February, ReNew: Resourcing Pastors for Ministry conference focused on Opening our Maps: Becoming Global Congregations, with keynote speaker Dr. Jonathan Bonk. The conference included a Face2Face community conversation involving persons from Jewish, Muslim and Christian traditions (those who share faith roots within an ancient Abrahamic tent even as they are highly divergent), sitting with one another under a temporary canopy for conversation.

Centre for Faith and Life

CMU has launched a Centre for Faith and Life as a means of linking individuals, congregations and ecumenically diverse constituencies with the university's unique, non-formal, church engagement and resourcing initiatives. Check out: cmu.ca/cfl to see where you or your congregation might want to connect.

Centre for Ecological and Economic Resilience

CMU has created a Centre for Ecological and Economic Resilience to bring together social enterprises committed to ecological and economic health and well-being. The Centre (to occupy 6,000 square feet of presently undeveloped space on the fourth floor of Founders Hall) will enable social enterprises to extend their work through partnership with the education, research and service of CMU. James Magnus-Johnston, CMU Instructor of Political Studies and Economics, is Director of the Centre.



Indigenous Education

Alongside the church, CMU remains active in responding to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission 'Calls to Action'.

In addition to teaching a number of indigenous courses, CMU continues to partner with Peguis First Nation in a one-year Transition Program aimed to support Peguis students transitioning from reserve to city and from high school to post-secondary study.

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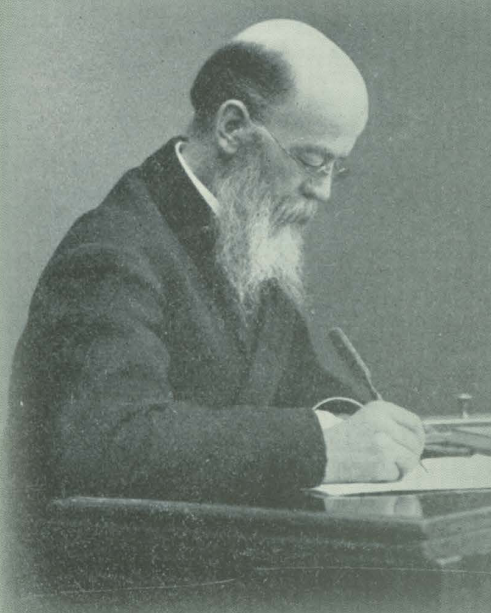


Centre of Mennonite Brethren Studies Report


CMBS is one of four archival centers offering research and archival services to MB Churches, their leaders and their people, for the mission of God that we share. CMBS produces two “deliverables”: archival and interpretive resourcing.

1. Archival resourcing includes preserving and making accessible church records and resources (photos, minutes, reports, statistics, study papers, etc.). See www.mbhistory.org and follow link to CMBS, or go directly to <http://cmbs.mennonitebrethren.ca>. See also <http://archives.mhsc.ca> for an online photo database.

2. Interpretative resourcing includes offering analysis on questions of theology and history as requested by individuals, congregations, and conference ministries.



MAKING HISTORY TOGETHER



**Mennonite Brethren
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COMMISSION**

Research and archiving service of the
Mennonite Brethren Church in North America

- Preserving and maintaining historical records of churches, schools, and people
- Assisting in research and writing on topics of historical and theological interest to MBs
- Publishing newsletters, *Profiles of Mennonite Faith*, and books
- Funding research grants and archival internships
- Serving you with offices in Fresno, Hillsboro, Abbotsford, and Winnipeg

www.mbhistory.org

A list of the 2016 projects and funded initiatives follows.

More detailed descriptions are at www.mbhistory.org.

• **Profiles of Mennonite Faith**, distributed to all MB Churches. These are brief stories of remarkable Christian faith profiled by Mennonite men and women who overcame great odds to share their faith in Jesus. The story of Peter Wiens & Georgi Vins is Profile number 60, Fall 2016.

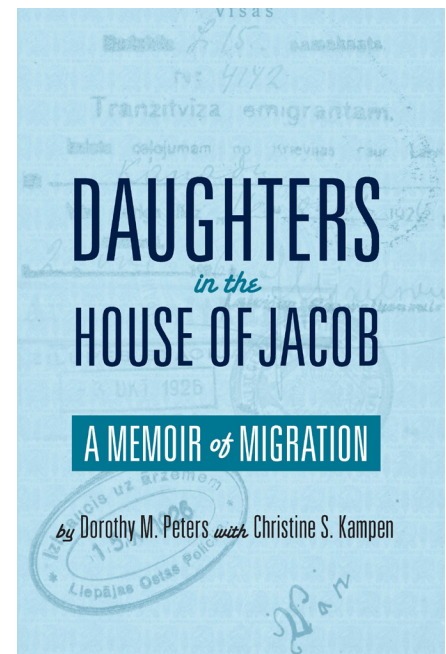
Centre of Mennonite Brethren Studies Report

- **Archival Internship**, awarded to Andrew Brown in 2016. The internship involves exploration and project work at each of the four MB archival centers. This year marked the fourth year of the internship.
- **New in 2016. Archival Development Grants**, designed to support church archives in North America and outside North America. The MHSS (Saskatchewan) won the 2016 grant of \$2,000.
- **New in 2016. GAMEO Stipends**, designed to encourage submissions of biographies, congregational histories, and institutional histories for the online encyclopedia.
- **Katie Funk Wiebe Research Grant**, awarded to Doug Heidebrecht in 2016 for his project: *Sisters Leading Brothers? Mennonite Brethren and Women in Ministry Leadership*.
- **MB Studies Project Grant**, awarded to Abe J. Dueck, Stephanie Chase, Zacharie Leclair, and Conrad Stoesz in 2016 for projects deemed to contribute to Mennonite identity and understanding. Each grant amounted to \$2,500.
- **J.B. Toews Scholarship**, approved in 2015, three \$1,000 scholarships were given to students in 2016 who distinguished themselves in Anabaptist-Mennonite studies at MB affiliated colleges (FPU, CMU, and CBC). For 2017, we hope to expand the program and offer the scholarship also at TC and ETEQ.
- **New book! *Daughters in the House of Jacob*** by Dorothy Peters with Christine Kampen, published in 2016. This memoir is about two MB women—a Bible professor and a pastor—and a surprising story of migration that traces their vocational calling across generations and gender, back to their Bible teaching-preaching grandfather Jacob and to their unforgettable great-grandmother Agatha. See www.kindredproductions.com to purchase your copy.
- **MB Herald (1962–2016) on USB stick**, digitized and searchable, available for purchase (\$30), but 2016 update is free; **Christian Leader (1937–2015) on USB stick**, digitized and searchable, available for purchase (\$25).

For more information on these services, contact: jon.isaak@mbchurches.ca.

MB Historical Commission **board members**: Dora Dueck, vice chair (Vancouver), Don Isaac, chair (Hillsboro), J Janzen (Abbotsford), Patricia Loewen (Winnipeg), Julia Reimer (Fresno), and Valerie Rempel, recording secretary (Fresno).

Representatives of archival centers: Kevin Enns-Rempel and Hannah Keeney (Fresno), Peggy Goertzen (Hillsboro), Jon Isaak, executive secretary (Winnipeg), and Richard Thiessen (Abbotsford).



Valleyview Manor 2017 Conference Report

On behalf of the Board, staff and residents of Valleyview Manor I bring greetings to the conference. Entering year thirteen in the existence of this senior's retirement residence brings to mind how God has been so faithful in meeting our needs. When our current residents have either moved to another level of care or passed away He has brought us new residents to keep Valleyview Manor at full capacity. He has also met the many personal needs of our seniors which allows them to maintain their independent living. Even though we've not had our own on-site support staff, over the years we have developed relationships with several regional organizations. Community Care Concepts out of Elmira, provides assisted/supportive living services to our residents in order that they may continue to stay at Valleyview. In addition, 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 their Valleyview family.

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 functioning smoothly. There is a Bible study is open to all interested participants on Tuesday evenings, a resident coffee hour, a crafters social on Monday afternoon, a regular crokinole

competition between resident and non-resident individuals from outside Valleyview, movie nights and evenings of singing by groups who visit Valleyview. Community Care Concepts provides us with a great cook for our congregate dining meal held in our multi-purpose room on the first and third Thursday of each month. They also provide our residents with a certified exercise trainer, three afternoons per week for a one-hour exercise program. 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. They are the ones who initiate and run most of 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'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



Pleasant Manor & Tabor Manor

Annual Report

Executive Summary

2016 was an exciting year for our organization! Our journey in quality has revolved around client-experience, particularly at the level of personal relationship. The Board approved a new three year strategic plan in March. Currently, the homes in aggregate have an apartment waiting list topping 1,800 individuals. The new Wellness Suites at Tabor Manor are full and running well, and in July 2016, Pleasant Manor received approval from government to redevelop its Long-Term Care home. The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Foundation, the donation arm of the homes, was launched this year, which prompted a number of leadership changes within the home. We are grateful to God that even in the midst of change, He is faithful and watches over this vital seniors ministry. He has provided us with many faithful volunteers who give so much of their time to support our mission of excellence, love and dignity. We are thankful to all the tenants, residents, staff, volunteers and others who provided their input in developing our new strategic plan. The format of this year's report follows the three priorities set out in our new strategic plan.

Relational Excellence & Cultural Preservation

A top priority for us has been to engage our 322 employees in a journey of discovery in understanding relational excellence, the core aspect of customer service in our homes. We understand Relational Excellence to be demonstrated by behaviours that are Committed, Authentic, Respectful, Empathetic, Faithful, Unconditional and Loving, embedded within a supportive and inclusive community where relationships are sustained and growing. CAREFUL behaviours will guide all of our interactions with residents, tenants, families, volunteers and staff. A brief story of our faith, heritage and the organization was created and will be included in our onboarding of new staff, residents and tenants, volunteers and families. It is imperative to share this story with people who come into contact with the homes.

Innovative Growth and Partnerships

Tabor Manor's new Wellness Suites are full, with a growing wait list. After many years of work, Pleasant Manor's Long-Term Care redevelopment was approved by the Ontario government in July. Receiving this approval takes us a step closer to designing and constructing a new state-of-the-art Long-Term Care

home and is a direction consistent with past approvals by our constituency. We remain committed to communicating to our stakeholders when information becomes available respecting ground breaking. We continue to nurture and develop functional partnerships with our local academic communities with many placement programs occurring within the homes through the year.

Specialization in Dementia and Palliative Care

Our home is participating in an applied research study with Brock University and McMaster University, focused on palliative care in Long-Term Care. Over 80% of our employees have received specialized training in the Montessori Method of Dementia Care, a philosophy of care focused on introducing into resident routines, day-to-day activities designed to validate their identities, thereby increasing meaning and purpose in their lives.

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. This past year, we had approximately 200 volunteers, contributing approximately 12,000 hours of their time serving our seniors. That's amazing!

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 our organization and look forward to another year of service in His name.

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



PLEASANT MANOR AND TABOR MANOR

serving seniors with excellence, love and dignity



January 18, 2017

Mr. Ed Willms
Executive Director
Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches
3970 Glendale Avenue
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**RE: ANNUAL CONVENTION PREPARATION – SENIOR'S MINISTRY
PLEASANT MANOR AND TABOR MANOR**

Dear Mr. Willms,

I am writing this letter to you to confirm a number of items our Board would like to move forward to the annual convention on February 24-25, 2017.

The proposed nomination slate of Directors is as follows;

Glen Unruh	Southridge Community Church - Glenridge
John Krause	Southridge Community Church - Glenridge
Dorothea Enns	Niagara United Mennonite Church
Les Neufeld	Southridge Community Church - Vineland
John Dyck	Cornerstone Community Church
Hal Klassen	Southridge Community Church - Glenridge
Dennis Dick	Bethany Mennonite Church
John Hay	Southridge Community Church - Glenridge
Christa Krause	Southridge Community Church - Glenridge

Finally, please find attached a copy of this year's report.

With respect to the formal recommendations our Board would like to present to the delegates at Convention 2017, we respectfully submit the following;

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.
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 2017-2018.

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Dear Friends at Ontario Conference of 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 Haiti positioned us well to respond to need there. We were able to say “yes” to the remarkable public interest in welcoming refugees fleeing Syrian violence and terror. We are now, early in 2017 working with over 225 sponsoring groups in Ontario with well over 600 refugees already arrived in our province through the work of congregations like those in the MB conference!

We were also able to quickly and effectively respond in Haiti to the damage from Hurricane Matthew in October. From water purification tablets to emergency food, to relief kits packed in Ontario [some prepositioned in Haiti in advance of disaster!] our response has been described by staff there as highly respectful of, and responsive to local leaders.

For the welcoming partnership we see with you in the churches, thanks be to God.

You as Mennonite Brethren congregations of Ontario have shown again how MCC is your ministry.

- 10 Ontario MB congregations gave financial gifts to MCC Ontario
- 9 Ontario MB congregations provided almost 1700 kits and blankets

These gifts, when combined with 2 international service workers, 8 staff and many volunteers from

your churches, along with your prayers, have made significant contributions to humanitarian relief efforts globally.

Let me mention several MCC highlights of the past year:

- **Relief:** It could be called relief. It has a strong development side. And it clearly contributes peace for the hundreds of families settled through Private Sponsorship of Refugees. Never since 1980 in the fall out of the Vietnam War, have refugees fled violence to Canada in such numbers in search of a new beginning. You in our churches responded with a Gospel generosity that has echoed across the country and around the world! Thanks be to God!
- **Development:** Increasingly MCC is seeing the Living Wage as a significant poverty reduction tool. We are leaders not only in paying at least a Living Wage to all our staff [\$16.05 in Waterloo Region], but also by supporting this growing national movement. And this year we moved to Living Wage “Champion” level!
- **Peace:** While often our peace work happens after a war ends, or in an effort to prevent violence, currently MCC is deeply involved in growing Peace Clubs. Begun in Zambia, they have now spread across Africa and Asia. Peace Clubs make it less likely that violence will be used in future when conflict arises.

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

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. Thanks be to God for the generosity that begets generosity.



“The desert and the parched land will be glad. The wilderness will rejoice and blossom. Like the crocus it will burst into bloom. It will greatly shout for joy!”

Isaiah 35.1-2

This verse from Isaiah was the theme for Mennonite Disaster Service 2016 annual gathering. This picture is a real life experience of a blossom in a wilderness. The peony plant in this picture is in the front garden bed of what was a Fort McMurray house. It is blooming a month after the city was ravaged by fire in early May of this year.

This last year’s #1 Canadian disaster was the Fort McMurray fire. Called “The Beast”, the fire began on

May 1, after the driest and second warmest winter since records were kept in Fort Mac (72 years). On May 3 it raged through the city prompting a complete evacuation of its 80,000+ residents. Over 2400 structures were destroyed.

The MDS constituency has been generous in giving for Fort McMurray. We are particularly thankful for an **\$80,000 MAX Mutual Aid** grant that will help restore hope in Fort McMurray. We expect to begin our construction work early this spring, helping those who were uninsured and underinsured rebuild their homes and their hope. Please watch for our call out to volunteers to help us this coming year.

Other highlights from MDS Canada 2016 year include:

- The BC Unit partnered with Habitat for Humanity to rebuild a house destroyed in the Rock Creek fire.
- The Alberta Unit took on a project in Carmacks, Yukon – rebuilding a house destroyed there.
- Ontario responded to an invitation from MCC Ontario to run a temporary warehouse in Elmira, ON to distribute used furniture to Syrian Refugees. The also did some work in response to flooding in Windsor.
- Manitoba, Ontario and BC hosted MDS Family and Youth projects

This year we will,

- Have a summer Family Project in New Brunswick (our first in Atlantic Canada)
- Have summer Youth Project in Ontario.
- Launch a multi-home build project for Fort McMurray.

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!

OCMBC Nominating Committee Report

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2016/17 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 of the Ontario Conference of MB Churches.

According to the conference's General Operating Bylaw (GOB), the mandate of the Nominating Committee (NC) is to present a slate of candidates for election who have been duly processed and discerned, to fill vacancies on both the Board of Directors and the NC. As part of its discernment procedure, the NC sent each nominee an electronic questionnaire to complete, and sent a "reference check" questionnaire to each of the nominee's personal references.

In October of 2016, all MB churches in Ontario were sent an invitation to submit nominations for the election of candidates for the Board and the NC. This resulted in only one nomination being submitted, but fortunately the NC was able to find several additional nominees, all of whom were subsequently discerned by the NC to be suitable candidates. The names of these new candidates, plus the names of two existing board members seeking re-election, plus their personal profiles, are listed at the end of this report.

The NC wishes to thank all of this year's candidates for their willingness to let their names stand for election. The NC also wishes to thank Thom Braun and Tracy Jackson for their past years of service on the Board, as they have decided not to continue. Lastly, the NC also wishes to thank Darren Milley for his past years of service as a fellow member of our committee, as he is no longer able to continue.

Recommendations (Motions):

1. That Karen West be acclaimed for the position of Vice-chair of the Board.
2. That all candidates for Member-at-large positions on the Board, be acclaimed.
3. That all candidates for the Nominating Committee be acclaimed.
4. That the election ballots be destroyed upon adjournment of this AGM.

Respectively submitted,

Ron Willms

Chair, Nominating Committee

Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors

Vice-chair: Karen West

Members-at-large: Shelley Campagnola, Mandy Kasper, Adam Knowles, Alex Suderman

Slate of Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Members: Michelle Knowles, Bill Stubbs, Tabitha VandenEnden, Ron Willms

Personal Profiles of Candidates for the Board of Directors

Mandy Kasper

- Associate Pastor (Worship, Executive & Leadership Training), New Hope Church Niagara, St. Catharines
- Church ministry experience: Administrative Assistant, Kids Ministry Coordinator, Youth Pastor, Children's Ministry Department Head, Youth & Small Group Leader, Secretary/Treasurer
- Other experience/work: short-term missions youth program staff
- Education: Greek courses at Tyndale Seminary, YWAM Discipleship Training School
- Spiritual Gifts: leadership, preaching/teaching, wisdom/insight, administration, encouragement
- Married, with three children



OCMBC Nominating Committee Report

Shelley Campagnola



- Member – WMB Church, Waterloo
- Church experience: Associate Pastor, Vice-Chair Leadership Board, Treasurer, various church ministries, professor, ministry consultation
- Other experience/work: Present - Director of Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support; certified in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy; working on Trauma Certification. Previous - researcher, chair of Child in Church and Culture National Partnership, Vice-Chair Women Alive, 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 Theological Studies, CBT Certification, Diploma in Volunteer Management
- Married, with three adult children

Adam Knowles



- Member – Waterloo MB Church
- Vice-President Sales & Operations at PakFab Engineered Solutions
- Currently involved in Sr. Youth & Kid's ministry at Waterloo MB. Other ministry involvement including, Jr. Youth, community pickup soccer, drama, and various short-term missions trips
- Master of Business Administration, Business Administration Diploma
- Spiritual gifts: leadership, giving, teaching
- Married, with two children in their late teens

Alex Suderman



- Associate Pastor, Kitchener MB Church
- Church ministry experience: Youth pastor, Interim lead pastor, Associate pastor, mostly in areas of discipleship, teaching, and worship
- Other experience/work: Adjunct professor in biblical studies, Theological/philosophical research and writing
- Education: BA in Pastoral Leadership; MA in New Testament; PHD Candidate in Western Religious Thought (in progress)
- Spiritual Gifts: leadership, teaching
- Married, with four children

Karen West



- Pastor – WMB Church, Waterloo, for 20 years
- 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 Ontario Representative
- Other experience/work: small business owner, legal secretary, refugee ministry
- 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 and one new baby grandchild!

OCMBC Nominating Committee Report

Personal Profiles of Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Michelle Knowles

- Director, Global Outreach & Refugee Ministry, Waterloo MB Church
- Church Experience: OCMBC Board of Directors & Governance Committee (2012-2014), CCMBC Parliamentary Team for Gathering 2016, various short term missions, soccer outreach ministry, youth ministry
- Education: MA, Transformational Leadership (Bethel Seminary), BA Kinesiology & Phys Ed (Wilfrid Laurier University)
- Spiritual Gifts: leadership, discernment, prophecy, wisdom
- Married, with two older teenage stepchildren

Tabitha VandenEnden

- Co-Pastor – Grantham MB Church, St. Catharines
- Church experience: Youth Leader, Music & Worship Leader, childrens ministries,
- outreach ministries, various other church ministries
- Other experience/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

- Member of Glencairn MB Church, Kitchener
- Retired – formerly Lead Pastor at Glencairn MB Church
- 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

Ron Willms

- Member of Southridge Community Church (Vineland site)
- Retired– formerly employed by Measurement Canada (an agency of the Government of Canada)
- Church experience: Audio-visual Committee Chair, Elder, Sunday-School Superintendent
- Education: Diploma in Electrical Technology
- Spiritual gifts: administration, helps
- Married, with two adult married children

Minutes from Last Year's Convention

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struggle in adversity. He related this experience to the crucifixion in 1 Cor. 1:2-17. Paul writes to the dysfunctional and divisive Church in Corinth and states that, in Christ, they are enriched in every way. God is faithful, even when our churches are broken and messed up. Christ sent Paul, not to baptize, but to preach the gospel at the cross empty of its power. Paul described the gospel as a perfect leader dying for an imperfect people. Mark shared the experience of a division within his own church which led to the departure of the lead Pastor. He preached on this passage in 1 Cor. 3:4 "Some say I follow Paul.... Apollos.... Is Christ divided?" If you think it is the Pastors' church, or anyone other than Jesus Christ, you are actually committing adultery. The Church is the bride of Christ, and God is faithful. We need to acknowledge that the church has one Leader, and that leader is Jesus Christ. To do otherwise is foolish. Mark challenged us to reorient and repent. If we find ourselves following a human leader, we need to recognize our error and declare that we have only one leader, and He is Jesus Christ. Ed prayed for those who gathered at the cross to make a symbolic stand of unity under one leader.

6. WORSHIP, COMMUNION & PRAYER:

The worship band led in Lord I Need You. Following scripture reading, Ed summarized, if we were only more discerning with regards to ourselves, we would not come under such judgement. We don't only need to preach it, we need to live it and model it. When trust is broken, it takes time to rebuild. Sometimes it is hard to forgive, but with God we must struggle to make things right. He prayed for Communion, which was shared around the tables. The worship band played Seas of Crimson, Stronger, The Wonderful Cross and In Christ Alone (Solid Rock).

7. OFFERING, NOTICE & CLOSING:

Ed Willms gave instruction for breakfast at 8:00 am, and the events planned for tomorrow. He also explained the opportunity for financial support the Conference and for the work of the Leaders' Collective.

Saturday, February 25, 2017 8:00 am – 12:10 pm

A continental breakfast buffet was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the New Hope Church Niagara community.

8. WORSHIP BAND:

The worship team led in song: Jesus Paid It All and The Same Power.

9. WELCOME:

Ed Willms welcomed the delegates to the 86th Convention and thanked everyone in attendance. Ed introduced Mark Wessner, our new MB Seminary President from Abbotsford BC, and prayed for his message this morning.

10. KEY-NOTE SPEAKER 'ONE MISSION':

Mark shared his prayer requests for the MB Seminary. He then asked, 'Have you ever been a part of a team where everyone wanted to go in different directions all at the same time?' The experience is frustrating, exhausting and unproductive. With this in mind, Mark read from 1 Cor. 1:7 - 17. Even in their confusion, God is still faithful and has gifted the Corinth church. The message of the cross is the power of God and it unites us for one mission. 1 Cor. 15:1- 8 You need to be continually reminded of the primacy of the gospel, the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. How is the message of the cross the power of God? 1 Cor. 1:18-25. The weakness of God is stronger than human strength. Chapter 2:1- If preaching rests on human wisdom, then those who hear will not rest their faith on God's power. Mark shared an experience when, at the end of a Sunday service, he called people to repent and be baptized NOW, with no prior announcement. Twenty-six people came forward. They repeated the call the following Sunday and nineteen more people came forward, in a church that had traditionally had only ten or twelve baptisms per year. The message of the cross has power. All we have to do is proclaim it. God moves powerfully when we dwell in the scripture. God brings order out of chaos; judicial order, cosmic order and relationship order. In the end, God will bring order out of chaos. While we can do good things that are not gospel-centred, as leaders, the gospel needs to be the conscious core of everything we do and that

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES 86th Annual Convention Hosted by New Hope Church Niagara 2360 First Street Louth, St. Catharines, ON

February 24-25, 2017

Theme: **'United at the Cross'**

Attendance: 101 delegates, with 35 additional guests (134 present), representing 24 of our 29 member churches and 1 of our 6 associate member churches.

Pre-Conference Events:

- The 2017 Convention was preceded by a week-long Pastor Credentialing Orientation hosted by a number of our Niagara Churches and by a Pastors and Leaders event hosted at Mountain Park Church on February 24, attended by 120 Ontario leaders.

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

1. WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION:

Ed Willms greeted the delegates and guests of the 86th annual convention of the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Churches. Nathan Braun of New Hope Church Niagara welcomed everyone and described the unique community they serve. Nathan prayed for blessings for the Convention. Ed scrolled through a slide show of the PCO (Pastor Credentialing Orientation) event that took place during the previous week, and celebrated that many of the newly credentialed Pastors were in attendance.

2. WORSHIP AND PRAYER:

Matt Unruh introduced the worship band made up of member of many of our Niagara MB churches. Together they led worship, singing This is Amazing Grace, Revive Us Again, Nothing is Holding Me Back and At The Cross

3. LEADERS COLLECTIVE:

Ed Willms introduced Robyn Serez of MB Missions. Robyn is the director of the Leaders Collective, which was introduced last year as a supplemental leadership track designed to empower and equip promising young adults engaged in ministry within the MB church community in Ontario. She asked the attendees to recollect those who have mentored them and provided leadership that has helped them grow. Robyn explained how the Leaders' Collective works to support, encourage and challenge these young leaders and to provide opportunities for them to develop their leadership gifts through ministry partners (C2C, MB Missions, Camp Crossroads). Robyn invited those interested to attend the Leaders Collective breakout session tomorrow to learn more.

4. CCMBC UPDATE:

Bruce Enns (Moderator) and Steve Berg (Interim Executive Director) of CCMBC provided a video update of changes that have occurred over the past few months at CCMBC prior to the departure of Willy Reimer. They explained how CCMBC will continue to build upon Willy's foundation, with the goal of strengthening the relationship with OCMBC. We share a focus and mission and are stronger working together. Steve shared that, in the fall of 2017, a motion will be brought forward that MB Mission take over and assume the responsibilities of C2C. At the completion of the video, Ed introduced Bruce Enns (in person) who brought greetings from CCMBC and reiterated the goal of working more closely together.

5. KEY-NOTE SPEAKER 'ONE LEADER':

Ed introduced Mark Wessner, President of MB Seminary, and prayed for Mark's message. Mark participated in the PCO this week and shared how impressed he was with the new leaders, two from Manitoba and the rest from Ontario. Mark told the story of his unprepared participation in a Spartan Race. His only goal was to finish the race, but he finished 4th in his age category. This motivated him to work-out and better prepare himself for the next race. Despite his preparation, he completed the second race 78th in his category, and in his sock-feet. He received a participation medal which, for Mark, symbolized his determined

we maintain a sense of urgency in our one mission to reach as many people as possible. Mark challenged us to look to our own lives and identify our one mission and determine what we need to change in our own lives in order to urgently pursue that mission.

11. WORSHIP:

Mark closed in prayer and the Worship Team lead in Revive Us Again.

12. BUSINESS SESSION & CALL TO ORDER:

Jeff Janzi, Chair of the OCMBC, thanked Mark for the challenge. He then opened the business portion of the agenda. There will be two breakout session times this afternoon and Jeff explained the purpose of these events, which will provide information within an intimate space where delegates may ask questions. Jeff referred delegates to review the complete version of the conference e-book on the OCMBC website. Jeff introduced Shelley Campagnola, who confirmed that the quorum requirements for the 2017 Annual General Meeting have been met. Jeff introduced the individual members of the Board of Directors and also Ed Willms, Executive Director and his assistant, Kristi Lee, who worked hard in preparing for the AGM and preceding events.

MOTION 17-8 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the agenda be accepted as presented.

MOTION 17-9 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that we receive the committee and board reports as distributed in advance in the e-version convention booklets and as handed out at the door.

MOTION 17-10 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the minutes of the OCMBC AGM/Convention 2016, be approved as distributed.

13. BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Jeff highlighted the Board of Director's Report and reminded the delegates of the OCMBC Mission Statement. 'To glorify God by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ through our member churches by facilitating collaboration, providing accountability and encouraging blessing.' As a Conference, we must never lose focus or take our eyes off this mission. Jeff referred to our ongoing partnership with the Canadian Conference...we want to work better together. What does it look like for us in Ontario to intentionally choose to strengthen our partnership nationally? Independently, the Ontario and National Conference have developed very similar mission statements, which indicates that we clearly share

a mission. The CCMBC Mission Statement is, 'We exist to multiply Christ-centred churches to see Canada transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ.' Jeff acknowledged our appreciation for the work of Ed Willms and Kristi Lee, who are employed daily in the actual work of the conference. Jeff and the Board laid hands on and prayed over Ed.

14. NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:

Jeff referred to General Operation By-Law Sect. 8.2. He outlined the rationale leading the Board to present the following resolution to this Convention.

MOTION 17-11 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to accept the Board resolution that Karen West be permitted to serve up to a maximum of five additional consecutive years on the Board of Directors of the Ontario MB Conference, with a maximum term to end in February 2022.

Jeff introduced Ron Willms, Chair of the Nominating Committee, who explained the process by which positions on the Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee are filled. The Nominating Committee has discerned three new candidates for Board positions (Mandy Kasper, Adam Knowles and Alex Suderman), and two existing Directors seeking re-election (Shelley Campagnola and Karen West), to fill all of the vacancies on the Board.

MOTION 17-12 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that Karen West be acclaimed to the position of vice-chair of the Board of Directors.

MOTION 17-13 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that all candidates for Member-at-large positions on the Board of Directors be acclaimed.

MOTION 17-14 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that all candidates for the Nominating Committee (Tabitha Vandenenden, Bill Stubbs, Ron Willms and Michelle Knowles) be acclaimed.

Jeff welcomed Alex, Adam and Mandy to the Board of Directors and Tabitha, Bill, Ron and Michelle to the Nominating Committee.

Jeff reviewed the process for approval of motions regarding incorporated Boards.

MOTION 17-15 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED to approve the list of requirements for the incorporated boards associated with the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, pursuant to their respective By-laws, as follows:

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- That, at the AGM's of the various incorporated boards, we authorize the chair of the OCMBC Board, or his or her designate, to vote in favour of electing the persons nominated for those respective boards.
- That, at the AGM's of the various incorporated boards, we authorize the chair of the OCMBC Board, or his or her designate, to vote in favour of the motions presented at those respective meetings.

Motions for Bethesda:

- That the Accounting firm of Crawford, Smith and Swallow be appointed as Bethesda's auditors for the fiscal year 2017/2018.
- That the following members be approved for membership on the Bethesda Boards for the term April 1, 2017 to March 31, 2018:

Marlene Goerz
Doug Peters
Josie Martens

Motions for Tabor Manor:

- 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

- That the Accounting firm of Crawford, Smith and Swallow be appointed as Tabor Manor's auditors for the fiscal year 2017/2018.

15. FINANCIAL REPORT - 2016:

Shelley Campagnola presented the audited financial statements of the Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches for the year ended December 31, 2016. This is a year to celebrate the relationship with and between the churches who have stepped up their support of the mission of the Ontario Conference. Shelley reviewed the financial report line by line. Our income has increased over last year and, while we have a year-end deficit of \$101,521, it is less than that which had been budgeted. Fund balances were reduced to cover the deficit. 86% of our income came from 21 contributory churches. In addition, 6.8% of our total revenue came from individual donors. Shelley reviewed the audit process, policies and governance.

MOTION 17-16 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the audited financial statements for 2016 be accepted.

MOTION 17-17 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that Bridgman and Durksen be appointed as auditors for 2017 and that the Board of Directors be authorized to set the remuneration for these auditing services.

Coffee Break (15 minute)

16. PANEL DISCUSSION ON THE "BIG IDEA":

Karen West introduced herself as the Ontario representative on the CCMBC and Moderator of this panel discussion. Karen introduced the panelists:

Mark Wessner	MB Seminary President
Larry Neufeld	MB Mission
Mark Burch	C2C
Bruce Enns	Moderator and Chair of the CCMBC Board of Directors

Karen asked the candidates to share their understanding of the 'Big Idea'. Larry provided the MB Missions perspective. Immigration has impacted our nation significantly and workers are being sent from everywhere to everywhere. The Lord of the harvest is bringing the mission field right into our back yard. Mark B. shared that, from a C2C perspective, the heart of the urban centers continued

to prove difficult to reach. Increasing globalization has led to cultural diversity in these communities for which we may not be well equipped. With 1 in 5 Canadians living in the golden horseshoe, we need to work together on this one mission. On the other hand, many small rural community churches are closing. Larry expressed a desire to better position our leaders to assist with the individual church challenges. We are the missionaries, and as more and more people have no Christian memory, our one mission is to reach the unreached. Mark W. shared his memories of students leaving home to go to university and then never coming back. The same story applies in Ontario, where we have churches full of young people who need to go elsewhere to pursue their national seminary studies. We are working now to partner with Tyndale Bible to offer post-graduate divinity studies under the MB banner in Ontario. Bruce is also a local church Pastor in Saskatoon and he acknowledged that it is necessary to be part of something bigger than yourself. Serving on MB Missions Boards has been live-giving to him as a local Church Pastor. The vision of one mission together places us at the centre of mission work wherever we find ourselves, whether within our local church or in the mission field. To be connected to something bigger matters. The collaboration continues between the Provinces. Karen thanked the panel participants.

17. BREAKOUT SESSION #1:

- CCMBC Updates / Q & A (Bruce Enns & Karen West)
- C2C / MB Missions: "The Big Idea" (Mark Burch & Larry Neufeld)
- Plan to Protect (Melodie Bissell)
- OCMBC Financial Update (Shelley Campagnola)

**Delegates enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch.
Many thanks to New Hope Church Niagara.**

18. BREAKOUT SESSION #2

- Provincial Partnership / Ministry Model (Bruce Enns & Karen West)
- C2C / MB Missions "The Big Idea" (Mark Burch & Larry Neufeld)
- Organizational Governance (Ed Heinrichs)
- Leaders Collective (Robyn Serez)

INTRODUCTION OF MINISTRY REPORTS:

Trevor responded to a question card with regards to the functional model employed by C2C.

19. EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT:

Ed Willms publicly acknowledged and thanked the Lord for his restored health. Leading into his ED report, Ed referred to the four areas of the Ministry Model. Under 'developing leaders', we are trying to come under and support the vision of the local Churches. The Leaders Collective, the leadership seminar with Bruxy Cavey, the new seminary project with Tyndale are all effort to support and facilitate the local churches. Under 'multiplying churches', C2C is working hard. Ed told about an unused United Church that exists in the native community near Camp Crossroads. Their leaders invited Derek Parenteau to assist them and his efforts may lead to the first native MB church in Ontario. Under 'building community', we just finished the PCO in Ontario and leaders were able to connect with and support each other. Ed was also happy to report that Kitchener MB Church invited L2L and Dave Jackson to participate in a community building undertaking with the goal of re-engaging. Under 'resourcing ministry', the active giving of our churches is on the rise and needs to be applauded and encouraged. This year, a number of churches are embarking on significant investment projects that give witness that God is moving in our communities.

20. PROPOSED 2017 BUDGET:

Shelley Campagnola acknowledged that we embrace and give witness to a generous God and budget-setting is not only about the numbers but also about the vision. Shelley explained changes to the actual budget from the draft budget that had been distributed in advance of the meeting. For 2017, the budget projects income of \$200,000 and expenses of \$270,000, which means that we expect to dip into the reserve funds again in 2017 for \$70,000. Shelley researched the finances of the Ontario churches and has determined that, if each church gave 2.2% of their budget in 2017, we would run a surplus OCMBC budget.

MOTION 17-18 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the operating budget for 2017 be approved as presented.

Cober-Bauman brought greetings from MCC.

21. CAMP CROSSROADS:

Ed Heinrichs and Andrew Hiebert reported that 249 significant spiritual decisions were made at Camp last year. Year-to-date, 661 individuals have registered for Camp, up significantly from the same time last year.

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Camp has only one mission, to be Christ-centred in all of their activities, supporting the local churches and sending better equipped leaders back into their communities. This week, Camp has been interviewing LIT's, and this is a very exciting time. These are the leaders of tomorrow.

22. MB SEMINARY REPORT:

Mark Wessner played a video featuring cross-cultural ministry educational opportunities offered to students at MBS. Ben Wohlgemut shared his story about his ministry training 40 years ago in Fresno California. Training is now available in Canada through partnerships that have been developed. At MB Seminary, there are 78 students, 14 in Winnipeg, 64 in Langley, 40% are full time, 33% female, 80% are from MB churches. Courses are quite affordable with some grants available for MB students. Many courses are available on-line and in short-format. The Tyndale connection is an exciting new development. Please pray for the seminary. Go to ministrylift.ca to find non-credit resources for individuals and churches.

23. MB MISSION REPORT:

Philip Serez played a video showing 100 war orphans experiencing the ocean shore for the first time. Under the new initiative, 'building leaders for peace', there is good news for the Middle East. Leaders have returned to their home towns bringing with them acts of peace. The Kingdom of God is coming nearer in these places because MB Missions showed up and answered their questions about Jesus. Everyone can be a peacemaker through collaboration. Sending workers - mobilizing, collecting, witnessing. Planting churches - gathering, equipping, growing with them. Building Capacity - multiplying capacity in the historic churches.

24. EDEN HIGH SCHOOL REPORT:

John Bryant showed young yearbook photos of leaders in our MB community today. Eden is now just about four years of our lives, but it provides a strong foundation. Eden engages the students by providing many opportunities (chapel, music, retreats, SOAR) to come to know God better. John shared

some of the stories that have come from the current students in chapel. He thanked the Conference and individual churches for their prayers and financial support.

25. L2L (LEADERS TO LEARNERS) REPORT:

Daniel Beutler sends greetings from Ron Toews, who is unable to attend today. He presented the Listening Model employed by L2L. Listening includes:

- Discern – Where is God working? How do we discern what God is doing?
- Discover – How do we participate? How ready are we to be involved.
- Develop – What are the next steps? What is wise in our context?
- Depend – Whom do we need? How will we depend on God and on one another?

Through mentoring and hosting learning event opportunities, L2L is working to reveal God's plan, if we are willing to listen.

26. C2C REPORT:

Trevor Seath showed a video featuring Gord Fleming. 'Go and make disciples.' The mission of C2C is to multiply disciples by introducing the people of Canada to Jesus. We pray for God's spirit to be poured over this nation to save the millions of lost in Canada. Trevor told the story of Derrick Parenteau who baptized a native woman who had been battling evil spirits and began immediately to minister through music. Every story of church planting is made possible only with the moving of the Holy Spirit. As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of Canada, we pray that we will see a spiritual renewal. He challenged us to pray at 10:02 each day and provided a 'Canada at 150' prayer book to guide us.

27. WORSHIP:

The worship team led in Mighty to Save.

28. ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Jeff Jantzi announced the upcoming Leaders Collective Kick-off that will take place September 22-24, 2017. Those interested should contact Robyn Serez.

Paul Loewen announced a partnership opportunity to participate in the EQUIP Study Conference in Abbotsford BC November 1-3, 2017. Join us on a transforming discipleship journey.

The next OCMBC Convention will be held February 23-24, 2018. Location TBA.

MOTION 17-19 MOVED, SECONDED and **CARRIED** to adjourn the OCMBC AGM 2017 at 3:30 pm.



Ontario MB Church Directory

Behta Darya Community Church

Address: 573 Albion Rd., Etobicoke, ON M9V 1A1
New Location: 5155 Spectrum Way #15, Mississauga, ON L4W 5A1
Office Phone: 416-857-4039
Office Email: bdcc03@gmail.com
Pastor(s): Vishal Rangha & Rafiqua Masih
Church Website: 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
Pastor: Peter Dennison
Church Website: 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
Pastor: Kevin Bayne, Jeff Martens, Matt Unruh
Church Website: 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
Pastor: Shahid Kamal, Sarwar Din
Church Website: 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
Pastor: Jeff MacLeod
Church Website: www.evergreenheights.org

Fairview Community Church

Address: 455 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2H2
Office Phone: 905-934-3398
Office Email: admin@fairviewmb.ca
Pastor: Brian Reynolds (transitional pastor) Ben Wohlgemut
Church Website: www.fairviewmb.ca

Free Church Toronto

Address: 103 Bellevue Ave., Toronto, ON M5T 2N8
Mailing Address: (College and Spadina) PO Box 67653, Toronto, ON M5T 3M1
Office Email: admin@freechurch.ca
Pastor: Jon Osmond
Church website: www.freechurch.ca

Glencairn MB Church

Address: 725 Erinbrook Dr. Kitchener, ON N2E 3E3
Office Phone: 519-579-8741
Office Email: office@glencairn.ca
Pastor: Richard Martens, Ingrid Reichard, Jon Cleland
Church Website: www.glencairn.ca

Grace MB Church

Address: 546 Belmont Ave, Kitchener, ON N2M 5E3
Office Phone: 226-243-4735
Office Email: gracemb@gracemb.org
Pastor: Kyle Buller
Church Website: www.gracemb.org

Grantham MB Church

Address: 469 Grantham Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2M 3J2
Office Phone: 905-935-5811
Office Email: office@granthamchurch.ca
Pastor: Michael & Tabitha Vanden Eenden; Jared Both
Church Website: www.granthamchurch.ca

Kitchener MB Church

Address: 19 Ottawa Street North, Kitchener, ON N2H 3K2
Office Phone: 519-745-5144
Office Email: office@kitchenermb.com
Pastor: Alex Suderman(associate), Mark Beach
Church Website: www.kitchenermb.com

Life Point Church

Address: 15 Harmony Road North, Oshawa, ON L1G 6K8
Office Phone: 905-725-8463
Pastor: Dave Fowler
Church Website: www.lifepointdurham.ca

Meadow Brook Church

Address: 219 Talbot Street East, Leamington, ON N8H 3V6
Office Phone: 519-326-3605
Office Email: office@meadowbrook.ca
Pastor: Chris Walker, Mesh Hit, Xavier Avila
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 Plett
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 Braun, Mandy Kasper, Nathan Braun
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 Devadason
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
Pastor: Trevor Peck
Church Website: 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
Pastor: Dave Hildebrandt (Youth Pastor)
Church Website: www.portrowanmbchurch.com

Scott Street MB Church

Address: 339 Scott Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 1J7
Office Phone: 905-937-6900
Office Email: info@scottstchurch.ca
Pastor: Sabrina Wiens (family ministry), Phil Klassen (youth ministry), Kelly Dahl (children's ministry)
Church Website: www.scottstchurch.ca

South Point Community Church

Address: 475 Bevel Line Rd., Leamington, ON N8H 3V4
Office Phone: 519-819-1590
Pastor: Dave Bretzlaff
Church Website: www.southpointcc.ca

Southridge Community Church

Address: 201 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2T 3J6
Office Phone: 905-682-9901
Office Email: info@southridgechurch.ca
Pastor: Jeff Lockyer (Lead); Chris Fowler (St. Catharines); Rick Zwiers (Vineland); Mike Meinema (Welland)
Church Website: www.southridgechurch.ca

St. Ann's Community Church

Address: 5425 Regional Road #69 RR#1, St. Ann's, ON L0R 1Y0
Office Phone: 905-957-7436
Office Email: stannschurchoffice@gmail.com
Pastor: Greg Allen
Church Website: www.stannscommunitychurch.ca

The Access Centre

487 Westney Road South, Ajax, ON Units 19& 20 L1S 6W8
Office Phone: 416-385-0285
Church Phone: 905-239-8309
Pastor: Dan Sileshi
Church Website: www.theaccesscentre.org

The Gathering Ottawa

Meeting Location: St. Francis Xavier High School, 3740 Spratt Rd.
Mailing Address: 111 Colonnade Rd. Suite 207, Ottawa, ON K2E 7M3
Office Phone: 613-822-7440
Office Email: info@thegatheringottawa.com
Pastor: Jeff Jantzi, Kristyn Weatherbee, Mike Running
Church Website: www.thegatheringottawa.com

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The Journey - Ottawa

Meeting Location: Southminster United, 15 Aylmer Ave,
Ottawa ON
Mailing Address: PO Box 4335, Ottawa Postal Station E,
Ottawa ON K1S 5B3
Church Email: info@thejourneyottawa.ca
Pastor: Dave Harder, Dan Chook Reid, Sean Kelly
Church Website: www.thejourneyottawa.ca

The Jesus Network

Meeting Location: (Salvation Army) 2 Overlea Blvd, East
York, ON
Mailing Address: PO 22028 Toronto, ON M4H 1N9
Office Phone: 1-866-700-2020
Office Email: prayer@jesusnetwork.ca
Pastor: Shawn & Haley
Church website: www.jesusnetwork.ca

WMB Church

Address: 245 Lexington Road Waterloo, ON N2K 2E1
Office Phone: 519-885-5330
Office Email: office@wmbchurch.ca lisamatthews@wmbchurch.ca
Pastor: Chris Stevens, Greg Reed, Karen West
Church Website: www.wmbchurch.ca

ASSOCIATE CHURCHES

Manotick Community Church

Address: 5344 Long Island Rd, Ottawa, ON K4M 1E8
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Leadership Team Leader: Bruce MacPherson

Malkutha

Address: 1201-10 Teesdale Place, Toronto, ON M1L 1K9
Office Email: contact@movein.to
Church Planter: Nigel Paul
Church website: www.movein.to

Rugged Tree Community Church

Address: 13 Buttercup Rd, McDougall, ON P2A 2W7
Church Email: derek@ruggedtree.org
Pastor: Derek Parenteau
Church Website: www.ruggedtree.org

The Spirit of Truth Church

Address: 25 Central Ave., North York, ON M2M 3W8
Office Phone: 416-356-9967
Pastor: Siamak Keramat
Office Email: thespiritoftruthchurch@gmail.com
Church Website: www.ruherasti.com

OCMBC Stats Report 2016

Church Name	Average Weekly Attendance (including Children)	Church Members Jan 1, 2016	Church Members Dec 31, 2016	Church Baptisms	# of Young People involved in Weekday Programming	# of Young People involved in Weekend Programming
Behta Darya	100	90	96	13	-	21
CF Chapel	84	92	96	2	11	15
Cornerstone	224	254	254	2	25	13
*Evangelical Asian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evergreen Heights	140	80	86	14	25	20
Fairview	120	189	185	2	-	11
*Free Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
Glencairn	235	264	292	11	-	82
Grace	70	58	60	2	-	13
Grantham	85	131	124	0	20	19
Kitchener	211	282	269	0	40	20
*Life Point	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malkutha	12	0	0	2	-	-
Manotick	-	-	-	-	-	-
Meadowbrook	290	233	248	9	75	73
*Mountain Park	-	-	-	-	-	-
New Hope	266	0	0	17	45	108
New Life	110	84	90	6	-	4
*New Living	-	-	-	-	-	-
Orchard Park	116	201	199	-	-	15
Port Rowan	156	201	193	2	67	67
*Rugged Tree	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Street	181	218	219	2	42	30
*South Point	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southridge	1184	323	385	37	70	257
*Spirit of Truth	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Ann's	154	113	107	4	55	71
*The Access Ctr	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Gathering	146	43	49	1	7	50
The Journey	100	-	-	15	-	16
*Jesus Network	-	-	-	-	-	-
WMB	700	503	529	20	-	230
*Westview	-	-	-	-	-	-

*Data not available for 2016

Event Information

Do you have questions?

Please visit the Welcome Desk in the lobby for any information regarding Convention 2017, financial statements, or first aid.

Should I wear my name tag?

Please wear your name tag at all times. Your name tag gets you into sessions, breakouts and meals. It also holds your schedule for the weekend and delegate voting cards.

Who are the Exhibitors?

Exhibitors are located in the main sanctuary. Please take the time to visit with them to discover ways that their ministry can support and provide resources to you and your church.

Photography

Please be advised that photographs and video may be taken throughout the Convention which may be used in the MB Herald, CCMBC and OCMBC reports, promotional items and or websites and social media channels.

Emergency Contact Information

If you have an emergency or should you need event staff assistance, please visit the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

How do I learn more?

If you have any questions regarding the Ontario Conference or the Canadian Conference and its ministries, please fill out a Comment Card which are on your table and drop them off at the Welcome Desk in the lobby.

List of Exhibitors

Exhibitors are located in the main auditorium. Please take some time today to visit with each of the exhibitors to find ways that they as ministry partners can provide support and resources to you and your church.

- **Bethesda**
- **Square One World Media**
- **Camp Crossroads**
- **SMARRT**
- **Canadian Mennonite University**
- **Plan to Protect**
- **CCMBC**
- **L2L**
- **Eden High School**
- **Kindred Productions**
- **Leaders Collective**
- **MB Mission**
- **MB Seminary**
- **Mennonite Central Committee**
- **Mennonite Disaster Service**

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.





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