

**87th Annual Convention of the  
Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches**

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ONE MISSION**

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**February 23-24, 2018**

**Behta Darya Community Church  
15-5155 Spectrum Way  
Mississauga, ON**

**2018 YEARBOOK**



**Ontario**  
Conference of Mennonite  
Brethren Churches

# About the Cover

My idea for the visual of this Convention came from Romans 12:4-5

" For just as each of us has **one** body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form **one** body, and each member belongs to all the others."

As I reflected on Unity, I was reminded that our natural tendency as humans is to create unity by erasing our differences. Human beings tend to transform others to their resemblance to get uniformity, which gives the illusion of unity.

However, when God creates unity, he creates it through diversity. We see it in his own nature:

**one** God in 3, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. So this minimalistic visual is to celebrate unity of the body of Christ in diversity: many shapes, many colours that work together to form a whole; **one** mission.

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Aurelie is also a valued participant in the Leaders Collective Cohort and we are thankful for her creativity and inspiration.



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# ONMB Convention 2018

## Schedule



### Friday, February 23

7:00 - 9:00pm

#### **Celebration Service** (open to the public)

Worship with Matt Unruh

Speaker - Randy Friesen "Empowered for One Mission"

Testimonies and Communion

### Saturday, February 24

8:00am

#### **Continental Breakfast**

8:30 - 9:30am

#### **Session 1**

Worship with Matt Unruh

Speaker - Ed Willms "State of the Union Address"

Ministry Updates: MB Mission/C2C Network & First Nations Ministry

9:30am

... Break ...

9:45 - 11:00am

#### **Session 2**

Business Session & Financial Update

Motions & Elections

Ministry Updates: Camp Crossroads & Eden

11:15 - 12:00pm

#### **Breakout Session 1**

- Bylaw changes overview
- National Provincial Partnership: One Mission Task Force
- ONMB Financial Update

12:00pm

... Lunch & Connecting ...

1:00 - 1:45pm

#### **Breakout Session 2**

- Bylaw changes overview
- National Provincial Partnership: One Mission Task Force
- First Nations Ministry "400 Corridor"

1:45pm

... Transition ...

2:00 - 4:00pm

#### **Session 3**

Final Business Session and Decisions

Ministry Updates: MB Seminary, ETEQ, and ICOMB

Worship Send Off - Matt Unruh & Band



# Welcome To The 87th Annual Convention of the Ontario Conference of MB Churches

Vishal & Rafiqua,  
Pastors of Behta Darya Commu-  
nity Church



Greetings and welcome to Behta Darya Community Church! We are extremely humbled and blessed to be hosting our MB family here in the GTA for convention in our very brand new building. A true miracle from God. Let us come together to celebrate His grace and goodness and experience His Kingdom at work through a new lens, another wonderful expression of His creativity.

Jeff Jantzi, Board  
Chair  
Ontario Conference  
of MB Churches



On behalf of the ONMB 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 Behta Darya for hosting us this year in their new building. What a great story God is telling through this church! I am looking forward to a great couple of days together!

## About the Speaker

Randy Friesen



For the past 25 years Randy has been leading young adults and now intergenerational teams on service/mission experiences with a focus on personal and community transformation in the most disadvantaged communities in the world. For the past 10 years Randy has led MB Mission, a global service/mission agency of Mennonite Brethren churches with work in over 40 countries. Their home for HIV orphans in Thailand, elementary school/clinic for Batwa (Pygmy) families in Burundi, adventure travel agency in Central Asia and rainforest advocacy project in Panama are examples of the way MB Mission is bringing hope and transformation in challenging locations. Randy communicates on themes of risk, sacrifice and transformation to audiences around the world. *Randy has a BA in International Politics, a Masters in Theology from Tyndale Seminary in Toronto and a DTH in Missiology from the University of South Africa.*

Randy and his wife Marjorie live in Abbotsford, BC with their two children Joshua and Olivia (both currently in university). Among other hobbies, they enjoy riding a Harley, hiking in the mountains, and traveling to undiscovered beautiful places.

Randy will be speaking from Acts 1:8  
"Empowered for One Mission."

# ONMB Executive Director Report

Ed Willms



When I reflect on 2017 two words come to mind: 'pace' and 'unsettled'. I think you would agree that the pace of change continues to accelerate in our world. That coupled with seismic political shifts this past year, and unprecedented rebuilding within our own national church family, can leave one feeling unsettled or even confused. In these moments I draw solace from the Psalmist's reminder:

*"God is our refuge and strength, always ready to help in times of trouble.  
So, we will not fear when earthquakes come and the mountains crumble into the sea...  
The nations are in chaos, and their kingdoms crumble! God's voice thunders,  
and the earth melts! The Lord of Heaven's Armies is here among us...  
Come, see the glorious works of the Lord...  
Be still, and know that I am God: I will be honoured by every nation.  
I will be honoured throughout the world." Psalm 62*

It's in this context that we stand shoulder to shoulder, serving our King. Empowered by His Spirit, we are able to lead and serve confidently in uncharted times.



## Ministry Model

**As a conference we focus on four deliverables found in our ministry model.**

**God has been at work in our midst!**



## Developing Leaders

# As a conference we focus on four deliverables found in our ministry model.

- Leaders Collective 2.0 was relaunched this fall with 10 participants, mentors and the strong leadership of Robyn Serez.
- At our annual Pastor/Leader Day we explored the topics of emotional and spiritual health with Dr. Grant Mullen. We long to see healthy leaders.
- In November we held regional meetings with Ken Esau on the topic of Gospel Centered leadership.
- Ingrid Reichard offered a well-received day of soul care for our pastors at Crief Hills Retreat Centre.
- The partnership between MB Seminary and Tyndale is gaining momentum. The goal is to offer a breadth of courses in multiple contexts (on-site at Tyndale, on-line, and at one or two teaching churches)
- MB Mission and Camp Crossroads continue to partner in amazing leadership development that impacts countless young leaders.



## Multiplying Churches

- An amazing door of opportunity is opening along the Georgian Bay Rim with First Nations communities. Derek Parenteau has been growing a team. We hope to offer a prayer/discovery tour to Manitoulin Island this Spring for Pastors.
- Manotick community church has persevered as a fledgling plant and this winter welcomed lead pastor couple Doug & Becky Valerio.
- David & Diana Hood will be launching Southeast City Church Ottawa this Spring
- God is stirring a fresh desire for church planting. We anticipate 4-5 couples from our churches going through the C2C church planters assessment process.

# God has been at work in our midst!

- We launched our first “God Sightings Bus Tour” this fall. It brought together 40+ retirees to explore what God is up to across ON. It was a huge success.
- Credentialing continues to be a high priority for our Faith & Life Team. We are so grateful for the leaders God continues to provide.
- Three churches called lead Pastors: Manotick Community Church (Doug & Becky Valerio), Orchard Park Bible Church (Trevor & Jennifer Peck), Port Rowan MB Church (Mark & Kelly Hunt).
- A unique moment of blessing has fallen upon Mountain Park Church with a new dynamic leadership core emerging.
- Evangelical Asian Church has begun to reconnect with our family of churches.
- St Ann’s and WMB celebrated 50th anniversaries this fall. The highlight was witnessing the vitality of both churches at this point in their history.
- The Jesus Network celebrated their 10th Anniversary and had over 120 people attend their Christmas service - both Muslim seekers and new Christians.



- For the fourth year, church giving to ONMB exceeded the year prior. This is fantastic and signals a growing partnership in ministry together.
- Eight churches plus our camp launched or completed significant capital campaigns. Glencairn, Southridge, New Hope, St Ann’s, WMB, Cornerstone, Evergreen Heights, Behta Darya, Camp Crossroads. This only happens when there is organizational health and leaders focused on mission.
- Providing mortgages to churches, ministries, and pastors continues to be a great service that undergirds much of this expansion.

Building  
Community

Resourcing  
Ministry

# ONMB Executive Director Report

Ed Willms - continued

As you know, ONMB exists to glorify God by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ through our churches as we facilitate **collaboration**, provide **accountability** and encourage **blessing**. I'm thrilled at how these values are gaining traction:



## Collaboration...

- On the national front, the One Mission Partnership Task Force of the CCMBC Board, along with the provincial executive directors and conference ministers, have been working together to discern collaborative relationships and supporting structures within our MB family. The goal has been to maximize our collective mission: local, national and global. To that end many hours and meetings have focused on developing a new working relationship within our National Conference. We are excited about an emerging new model of collaboration to support our mission, which will be presented at this convention.
- Our partnership with ministries in Ontario have also been a key focus. We are presenting significant bylaw changes for both Camp Crossroads and Bethesda, which they have each requested. The primary objective is to see these ministries excel and to refocus our attention as a Conference on the health, vitality, and mission of the local church.



## Accountability...

- This year saw the release from membership of Westview Community Church. They have chosen to join the MCEC (Mennonite Church of Eastern Canada).
- We saw the moral failure of one of our pastors this year. It was a reminder of the spiritual battle we face and the need to support each other during difficult times.
- We are exploring what it would look like to have clarified common commitments as MB Churches.
- I will be setting up 'cluster groups' for our pastors designed to enhance prayer, support and accountability in ministry.



## Blessing...

- There are so many great stories across ON. I invite your continued efforts at discovering these stories and offering your blessing and encouragement to one another. We are stronger together.
- I continue to be so grateful for our Board of Directors. This year they have encouraged me to embark on a unique Leadership Development track for professional development - the 46 Arrow Leadership Cohort - Executive Stream. [www.arrowleadership.org](http://www.arrowleadership.org)



Thanks for your partnership in prayer. God is at work in our churches,

**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 booklet and to prepare for Convention 2018. 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 2018, it is our prayer as the ONMB Board 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.

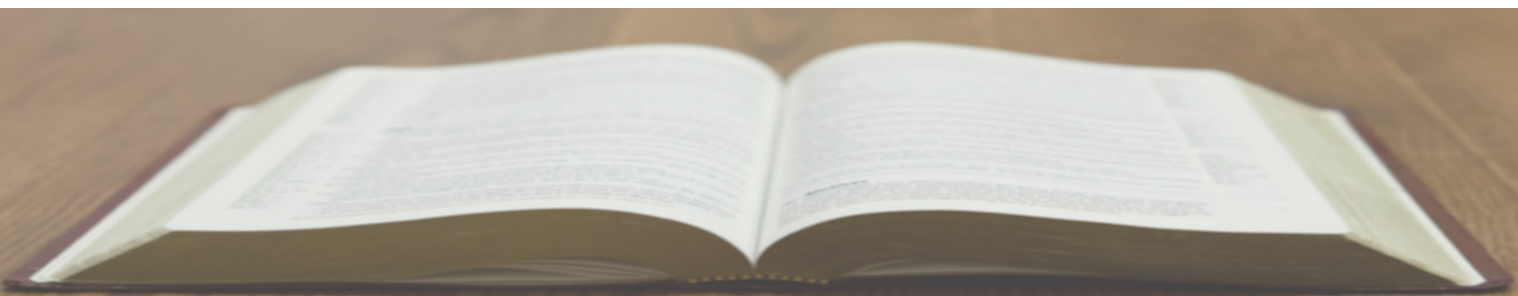
## The Ontario MB Board of Directors:

The 11 members of the Board for the 2017 fiscal year came from 7 different churches and 6 cities across our province:

Shelley Campagnola, WMB Church in Waterloo (Treasurer)  
Brent Esau, Southridge Community Church in St. Catharines (Term Ending)  
David Fowler, Life Point Church in Oshawa (Term Ending)  
Pat Goertzen (Secretary), Mountain Park Church in Niagara Falls (Term Ending)  
Jeff Jantzi, The Gathering in Ottawa (Chair)  
Mandy Kasper, New Hope Church in St. Catharines  
Adam Knowles, WMB Church in Waterloo  
Jeff MacLeod, Evergreen Heights Church in Simcoe  
Herm Plett, Mountain Park Church in Niagara Falls  
Alex Suderman, KMB in Kitchener  
Karen West, Waterloo MB Church in Waterloo (Vice-Chair, Designate to CCMBC Board)

Within the 2017 fiscal year, the Board met in person for a full day in March, June, August, November and January (2018), with additional teleconference meetings held as necessary in between. We have been working through many processes and initiatives, with the key ones being:

- A growing and evolving partnership with the Canadian MB Conference
- Working with several of our incorporated agencies and ministries on their bylaws in order to clarify our relationship with them (you will hear more about this at convention)



# A note from the Ontario Board of Director Chair

Jeff Jantzi - continued

- Further implementation of our vision and mission as we aim to support MB churches across 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)
- Continued partnership with C2C to plant healthy churches in Ontario, as well as to discern how to further help position MB churches for multiplication
- Various Ontario Board Committees: Faith and Life Team, C2C Team, Finance, Executive Team, and Governance Committee
- Continued support of the "Leaders Collective" – a program that exists to equip young adults in Ontario for ministry leadership, in partnership with MB Mission/C2C
- Providing financial oversight to the Ontario Conference

2017 has seen increased giving overall by our member churches, which is something we are celebrating and thanking God for (you can find more details in the financial reports). At the same time though, we recognize that there is potential for so much more as not every church tithes and/or contributes to the Conference.

We'd love to see that change as we grow together over this next year. We believe God blesses us when we commit to extravagant generosity both as individuals and as churches, even when finances are tight. We'd love to talk more about this with you and your church if you have any questions about how you can be more engaged financially as a church.

On a personal note, Convention 2018 marks the two-year anniversary of my role as Chair of the Board. It has been a joy to serve alongside a great Board and to support Ed Willms in his role as our Executive Director over the past couple years. I will be letting my name stand for re-election for another two-year term as chair and am excited to see what God does next.

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, Chair**

Ontario Conference of MB Churches

## Upcoming ONMB Events

- PCO 2018 - May 22-24 in BC
- First Nations Ministry Tour - TBA - Spring 2018
- Gathering 2018 - July 11-14 in SK
- Leaders Collective Kick-off Retreat 2018 - September 21-23 in ON
- ONMB Convention 2019 - TBA - Glencairn MB Church, Kitchener ON

# ONMB Treasurer Report

Year Ending December 2017

At Convention in February 2017, we invited churches to consider what we could do as a Conference if every church gave only 2% of their Revenues. It was, in many ways, a bold challenge as we recognized that 50% of our churches had faced a deficit in their past year. Yet, given that the 2% was well below the ideal that we all want to be targeting, it was a good place to start! At the end of the year, we were thrilled to see that a number of churches had responded and total contributions were roughly 175,000 – a 3.6% increase over the year before. **THANK YOU!** Even more significant, God provided through other pathways, and we were blessed with revenues 11.5% higher than we budgeted. **WOW!**

**Thank you for taking steps of faith!** We still have a ways to go to have all of our churches contributing more towards **COLLABORATION, ACCOUNTABILITY AND BLESSING** throughout the province and even beyond, but the response was one of many indicators that God is preparing us for greater days to come.

Under the exceptional leadership of our Executive Director, even with some unexpected expenditures we were able to hold the line and we finished the year with **less deficit than anticipated**, and thus less draw required on our reserves. This leaves us well positioned for strategic focus on key ministry priorities as we move into 2018.

**Revenues from all sources: 222,902**

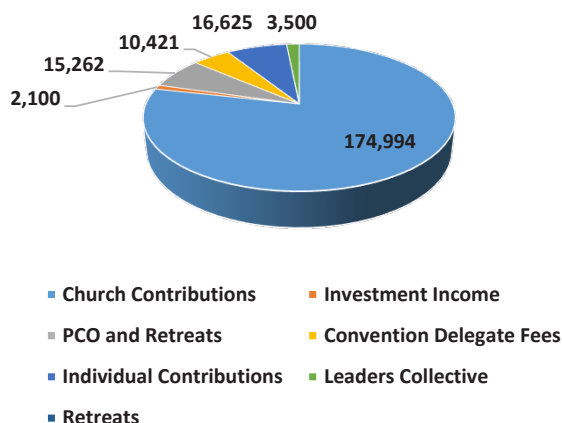
Less:

Support of Agencies	18,824
C2C and Church Plants	60,000
Pastors, Board, and Leader Development	41,834
Operating and Administration	164,027

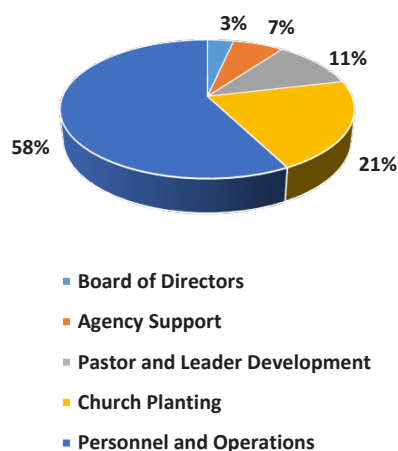
Net Income (61,783) note

Please refer to our audited statements for detailed reporting.

**2017 Revenues**



**2017 Expenditures**



Respectfully submitted,

*SCampagnola*

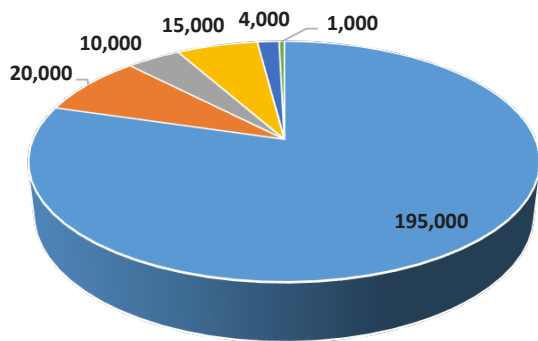
Shelley Campagnola, Treasurer



# ONMB 2018 Proposed Budget

## The Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches 2018 Proposed Budget

### 2018 Proposed Revenue Sources



- Church Contributions
- Individual Contributions
- Convention Delegate Fees
- Leaders Collective
- Retreats
- Investment Income

The Ontario Conference is the hub that gathers, shapes, and proclaims the vision of what it means to be MB and living out the kingdom through our churches. We do this as a herald and as one that leads the way.

In 2017, we believed that we could exceed proposed total revenues, and by God's grace and the visionary response of the churches, we did - **by 11.5%!**

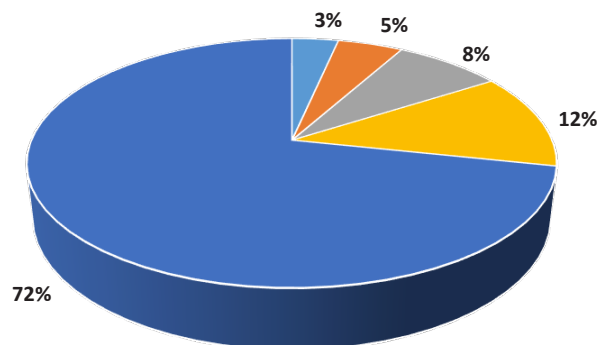
***In 2018, we are asking God to exceed again!***

We believe we are now well positioned to dig in, get traction, and step into what God has been preparing us for.

We are saying "all in" to the following:

- A small, yet significant, **surplus**.
- Increasing **church collaboration and contributions** and nudging these to the next level.
- **Individuals** catching a vision and investing.
- **Leadership Development** through Board Leadership, Pastor's Retreats and Leaders Collective.
- **Church planting**, through C2C and additional contributions to church planting in Quebec.
- Camp Crossroads and other **Conference Ministries**.
- **Stewarding** strong Operations and **supporting** quality Personnel.

### 2018 Proposed Expenditures



- Board of Directors
- Agency Support
- Pastor and Leader Development
- Church Planting
- Personnel and Operations

# ONMB 2018 Proposed Budget

	Proposed 2018	YTD 2017	Budget 2017	Actual 2016	Budget 2016	Actual 2015	Actual 2014
<b>INCOME</b>							
Church Commitments	195,000	174,994	175,000	168,895	160,000	156,720	147,126
Individual Commitments	20,000	16,625	10,000	9,089	6,000	2,790	2,200
Convention Delegate Fees	10,000	10,421	8,000	5,910	6,000	5,978	11,899
Leaders Collective	15,000	3,500					
Grants from Canadian Conf.		0	0	0	0	0	66,000
Retreats - Pastoral & Youth	4,000	240	4,000	4,283	6,400	1,480	5,765
Summit Retreat Income	0	0	0	0	0	6,579	8,316
Misc. Income/PCO	0	15,022	0	603	0	0	0
Investment Income	1,000	2,101	3,000	2,363	4,700	6,591	9,189
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>245,000</b>	<b>222,903</b>	<b>200,000</b>	<b>191,143</b>	<b>183,100</b>	<b>180,139</b>	<b>250,495</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>							
	P 2018	YDT 2017	2017	A 2016	2016	A 2015	A 2014
<b>Regional Church Planting</b>							
C2C Partnership	20,000	60,000	60,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	100,000
Other Plants Expenses/Quebec	10,000	0	0	289			
<b>Total Regional Church Planting</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>60,000</b>	<b>80,289</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>80,000</b>	<b>100,000</b>
<b>Support of Other Ministries</b>							
Smart (Abuse Response Team)	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Bethesda	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Tabor - Chaplaincy (2012=MRC)	0	0	0	5,000	5,000	5,000	5,000
Camp Crossroads	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
Eden Board	3,000	6,000	6,000	7,500	7,500	7,500	7,500
<b>Total Other Ministries</b>	<b>11,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>14,500</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>26,000</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>Board of Directors</b>							
Faith & Life Committee	700	561	700	144	1,000	786	738
Board Meetings / Travel	7,500	9,760	4,500	4,307	4,500	3,314	2,655
Pastor's Retreat(s)	4,000	257	3,000	10,869	6,400	2,120	4,704
Summit Retreat Expense		-	-	-	-	8,643	4,257
Youth Retreats & other ministry		-	-	-	-	0	2,680
<b>Total Board of Directors</b>	<b>12,200</b>	<b>10,578</b>	<b>8,200</b>	<b>15,320</b>	<b>11,900</b>	<b>14,863</b>	<b>15,034</b>
<b>Development</b>							
Ministry Development Grants						0	50,000
Leaders Collective	15,000	20,538	15,000	21,357	20,000	5,572	-
PCO	0	9,466					
Special Events	0	252					
<b>Total Development</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>30,256</b>	<b>15,000</b>	<b>21,357</b>	<b>20,000</b>	<b>5,572</b>	<b>50,000</b>
<b>Operating Expenses &amp; Wages</b>							
Salaries	25,000	25,662	21,000	17,229			
Bank Fees	300	292					
Office	1,000	1,292					
Conference Insurance	2,600	2,521	2,500	2,435	2,300	2,232	2,000
Convention & Yearbook	6,000	6,093	5,500	5,239	5,300	5,292	8,176
Bookkeeping	3,000	3,175	5,000	5,070	20,000	9,576	12,082
Office Fees & Dues	2,000	1,646	3,800	3,934			
Professional Fees	5,000	3,846	10,000	6,657	5,000	3,846	3,742
Professional Development	12,000	4,353					
Technology	2,000	1,933	3,000	1,524	3,500	1,198	1,194
Special Project Expense	0		1,500	1,883	1,500	465	638
Executive Director	115,000	112,776	120,000	106,663	120,000	114,735	112,121
Salary, Employment costs, expenses		199	-		-	0	1,107
Other Expenses							
Emergency Fund Expense				3,746			
<b>Total Operating &amp; Wages</b>	<b>173,900</b>	<b>163,788</b>	<b>172,300</b>	<b>154,380</b>	<b>157,600</b>	<b>137,344</b>	<b>141,059</b>
Payroll Expenses		240					
Income Transfer to Move IN		4,324					
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>242,600</b>	<b>283,686</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>297,057</b>	<b>295,500</b>	<b>263,779</b>	<b>332,093</b>
<b>Net Income / Deficit</b>	<b>2,400</b>	<b>(60,783)</b>	<b>(70,000)</b>	<b>(105,914)</b>	<b>(112,400)</b>	<b>(83,640)</b>	<b>(81,599)</b>
<b>Planned Fund Transfers</b>							
Trsf from Operating Reserve	0	20,783	24,581	4,430	17,000	33,603	30,961
Trsf from Special Projects	0	0	1,500	1,883	1,500	465	638
Trsf from Komoka Fund	0	20,000	20,000	80,000	80,000	44,000	0
Tsf from Ministry Development	0	0	0	15,686	14,032	5,572	50,000
Trsf From Emergency Fund	0	20,000	20,000	3,746	0		
<b>Total transfers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>60,783</b>	<b>66,081</b>	<b>105,745</b>	<b>112,532</b>	<b>83,640</b>	<b>81,599</b>

# Update from the ONMB Office

Kristi Lee - Executive Assistant

**Greetings** and thank you for joining us at the 2018 ONMB Convention. It has been an exciting year and I hope that as you read through this booklet you will experience a taste of how God has blessed our many ministries locally, nationally and globally. I thought I would take this time to update you on what has been happening in the ONMB office.

This past summer has brought many new ministry opportunities. I was invited to speak at chapel during Kids Week at Camp Crossroads. Camp has a special place in my heart as I have personally experienced growth in my faith journey as a camper and weekly volunteer for many summers. It was a joy to take part in the ongoing mission at camp to support the local church by developing and supporting leaders but also sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ to the many campers who have never heard what it means to be fully loved by our heavenly Father. I look forward to speaking again this summer.

One of my leadership development goals this year was to join the Leaders Collective planning team. I had the opportunity to support Ed W., Robyn, Philip, Trevor and Ed H., with meetings and retreats but also as a coach and mentor for some of the LC cohort. This will be a continued development initiative for 2018. I also had the opportunity to join Ed W. and Gareth G. (WMB) in planning the first of many “God Sightings” ministry tours. In September we took a bus full of participants to Ottawa. Not only did we experience God’s amazing beauty as we traveled through Algonquin Provincial Park, we saw how He is at work throughout our various ONMB church plants. From the Wahta Reserve to the Muslim communities of Thorncliffe Park and the amazing hospitality of Behta Darya Community Church, we heard God’s calling on all of us to step out of our comfort zones and seek out those who are lost and have never had the opportunity to hear about Jesus. It was truly an experience that will not be forgotten.







An exciting project that I have been working on has been our brand-new website which was launched last month. I have been able to work with Made for Frame with the hope of providing a much easier platform of communication provincially (ONMB) and nationally (CCMBC). Some new areas to check out are the Employment Opportunities. We will keep you up to date on the various ministry/employment postings that are available in our Ontario churches and partnering agencies. We have also updated our online registration which allows us to provide a much easier way to sign up for any events throughout the year. If you have any ideas or suggestions of what you would like to see on our website, please reach out to me. We want our website to be an ongoing resource to you and your ministries. Be sure to visit [www.onmb.org](http://www.onmb.org) regularly to stay informed.

Growing relationships and unity in our communities is important to me and this year I want to continue to reach out to our churches across Ontario to connect face to face and offer any support that is needed along the way. I look forward to doing some more travel provincially, so we can continue to share resources and build community within our churches. I hope to see you soon.

On mission together,

**Kristi Lee,**  
**Executive Assistant**  
 Ontario Conference of  
 MB Churches



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## Breakout Sessions #1:

11:15 – 12:00 noon

- National Provincial Partnership: One Mission Task Force
- Bylaw Changes Overview: Camp, Bethesda
- ONMB Financial Update

## Notes:

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## Breakout Sessions #2:

1:00 – 1:45 pm

- National Provincial Partnership: One Mission Task Force
- Bylaw Changes Overview: Camp, Bethesda
- First Nations Ministry: "400 Corridor"

## Notes:

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# ONMB Nominating Committee Report

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2017/18 were Bill Stubbs, Michelle Knowles, Tabitha VandenEnden, and Ron Willms. Ed Willms participated 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 the discernment procedure, each nominee responded to a questionnaire and provided the NC with two personal references who also filled out questionnaires for the committee.

In November of 2017, all MB churches in Ontario were sent an invitation to submit nominations for the election of candidates for the Board and the NC. This year our committee did not receive nominations for the Board or NC by the given deadline. Ed Willms, along with the Board, was proactive in seeking out qualified candidates for the Board throughout the year and presented two names to the NC. Each of these candidates went through the process of discernment with the NC and the committee has determined that they are both suitable candidates. The names of these new candidates, plus the names of three existing board members seeking re-election are listed at the end of this report along with their personal profiles.

Our committee would like to encourage our member churches to help us in the discernment process by prayerfully considering if there are members in your own congregation who could serve on the Board in 2019. Nominating gifted and qualified individuals who can serve on the Board is one way that our churches collaborate with each other and bless the conference as a whole. It is not too early to start thinking about candidates for 2019!

The NC would like to thank this year's candidates for their willingness to let their names stand for election. The NC also wishes to thank our out-going board members; Pat Goertzen, Dave Fowler, and Brent Esau for their years of service on the Board. Lastly, the NC wants to thank Ron Willms for his many years of service as chair of the NC, we are grateful for his leadership.

## Recommendations (Motions):

1. That Jeff Jantzi be acclaimed for the position of 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.

Peace in Christ,

## Tabitha VandenEnden

Chair, Nominating Committee

## 2018 Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors

Chair: Jeff Jantzi

Members-at-large: Mesh Hit, Jeff Martens, Jeff Macleod, and Herm Plett

## 2018 Slate of Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Members: Michelle Knowles, Bill Stubbs, Tabitha VandenEnden





# ONMB Nominating Committee Report

## New Candidates for the Board of Directors

### **Mesh Hit** **Lead Pastor – Meadow Brook Church, Leamington**

- Church Experience: pastor with various roles and responsibilities including, youth and young adult pastor, small groups pastor
- Education: Bachelor of Religion/Theology (Taylor University & College), Emerging Leader Certificate (Arrow Leadership International)
- Previous Experience/Work: Billy Graham Evangelical Association, pastoral ministry at other churches
- Spiritual Gifts: leadership, discernment, apostleship, evangelism
- Married, with two children



### **Jeff Martens** **Inspiration Pastor - Southridge Community Church, St Catharines**

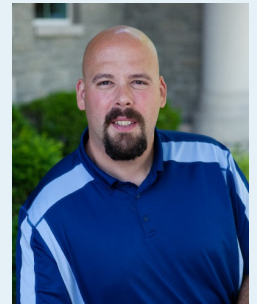
- Church Experience: youth leader, music & worship leader, Operations Director, Leadership Team member
- Education: Honours Business Administration (Brock University)
- Previous Experiences/Work: Commercial Finance at Meridian Credit Union, Niagara Facilitator for Willow Greek Global Leadership Summit, Trip Leader for Compassion Canada
- Spiritual Gifts: faith, leadership, administration, teaching



## Board Members for Re-election

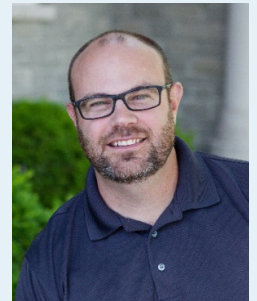
### **Jeff Jantzi: Chair** **Lead Pastor - The Gathering Ottawa**

- Church experience: Small Group Pastor for 7+ years at Southridge Community Church; Trainer and Facilitator; Regular Small Group leader/facilitator
- Other experience/work: Associate spiritual life director at Eden High School; director of Youth for Christ's "Streetlights Youth Centre"
- Presently serves in most areas of church life at The Gathering in Ottawa
- Spiritual gifts: leadership, teaching, exhortation, shepherding



### **Jeff MacLeod: Member at Large** **Lead Pastor – Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship, Simcoe**

- Church Experience: pastor with various roles and responsibilities
- Education: Ministerial Diploma (Summit Pacific College), Masters of Divinity (Tyndale Seminary), Addiction Studies Diploma (McMaster University)
- Other Experience/work: led four short term mission opportunities, previous chair of board with Southwestern Ontario Youth for Christ, Director of Addiction & Shelter services with a Christian Mission Organization in Hamilton, has served two years on the ONMB Board of Directors
- Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Teaching
- Married, with three children



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## Board Members for Re-election *continued*

### Herm Plett: Member at Large Lead Pastor – Mountain Park Church, Niagara Falls



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

## Candidates for the Nominating Committee

### Michelle Knowles



- Director, Global Outreach & Refugee Ministry – Waterloo MB Church
- Church experience: WMB Church staff team, various short term mission trips, MB Mission student intern, various church ministries, OCMBC Board of Directors
- Education: B.A. in Kinesiology & Phys. Ed., and M.A. in Transformational Leadership
- Spiritual gifts: leadership, discernment, prophecy, wisdom
- Married, with two young adult step-children

### Bill Stubbs



- Retired – formerly Lead Pastor at Glencairn MB Church, Kitchener
- Church experience: Lead Pastor, Associate Pastor, OCMBC Faith & Life Team; currently Team leader of Glencairn’s Congregational Care 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 and six grandchildren

### Tabitha VandenEnden



- Co-Pastor – Grantham MB Church, St. Catharines
- Church Experience: Co-pastor, music & worship Leader, children’s ministries, outreach ministries, youth leader, various other church ministries
- Education: MA in Theological Studies, Bachelor of Church Music
- Spiritual Gifts: teaching, discernment, encouragement
- married, with three children



# Minutes from 2018 Convention

Pat Goertzen, Secretary

## ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

### 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention

Hosted by Behta Darya Community Church

Mississauga, ON

February 23-24, 2018

Theme: **‘Empowered for One Mission’**

Attendance: 108 delegates, with 45 additional guests (153 present), representing 24 of our 27 member churches and 3 of our 5 associate member churches.

### Pre-Conference Events:

- The 2018 Convention was preceded by a Pastors and Leaders day hosted at Behta Darya Community Church, on February 23, attended by 100 Ontario leaders.

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

1. **WELCOME TO THE CONVENTION:** Mandy Kasper welcomed us. We also received a welcome from Vishal and Rafiqua, of host church Behta Darya.
2. **WORSHIP BAND:** Matt Unruh and team from 5 churches led us in worship. Behta Darya shared a dance with us.
3. **LEADERS COLLECTIVE:** Robyn Serez introduced us to Leaders Collective cohort 2017-2018. Each participant shared their name, their area of leadership and what they are learning this year.
4. **ONMB BUS TOUR:** Josie Martens shared her experience on the bus tour, highlighting their stops and what they've learned. She invited everyone from all churches and all generations to take the opportunity to go on the next tour.
5. **KEY-NOTE SPEAKER:** Randy Friesen, General Director of MB Mission, shared about being on one mission: local, national, and global. He commented that all mission is local for someone. He shared a video of someone who had climbed El Capitan with no ropes or backpack. Previously the record for climbing this mountain rock face was 4 days, this man climbed it in 4 hours. He could do this because he thought about it differently. Randy challenged us to think differently.
6. **WORSHIP AND COMMUNION:** It was noted that we have the privilege of being the very first people to collectively worship in this new space.

### Saturday, February 24, 2016 8:00 am – 12:00 pm

A continental breakfast was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Behta Darya Church.

7. **WORSHIP BAND:** The worship team led in song: *Hosanna* and *Your Name*.
8. **WELCOME:** Jeff Jantzi welcomed the delegates to the 87<sup>th</sup> Convention and thanked everyone in attendance. Jeff introduced Ed Willms as our keynote speaker and prayed for his message.

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9. **KEY-NOTE SPEAKER – State of the Union:** Ed asked the question of “so what?” as it relates to being part of a larger denominational family. He reminded us of the many benefits of belonging to a larger family. Coming back to the word “team”, Ed emphasized we can do more together than we can do on our own. Ed updated us on 6 upcoming initiatives: 1. Leaders Collective 2. New Provincial/National Collaboration Model 3. Vision bus tour scheduled for May 2018 4. First Nations Ministry 5. Partnership with Quebec and Maritimes 6. ONMB leadership team looking to improve communication and aims to visit all church boards over the next two years. Worship team led us in *Cornerstone*.
10. **C2C and MB MISSION MINISTRY UPDATE:** Mandy Kasper introduced Gord Fleming (C2C Director) and Randy Friesen (General Director of MB Mission). Randy shared how he is seeing churches being called to revival and multiplication. Gord updated us on the merger of C2C and MB Mission as voted on by delegates at the CCMBC special general meeting held November 1, 2017. Gord highlighted a new C2C brochure that is MB-only. It includes all MB Church plants in Canada and some interesting articles about our history and DNA of mission within the MB family. Philip Serez came up to share from MB Mission Eastern Canada. He mentioned an ACTION team which will be heading to Nova Scotia. Doug and Deanna Hiebert are serving in Burundi in partnership with Fairview, Scott St., Cornerstone and Grantham churches. You can join the Hieberts through the France ACTION team. Building Leaders for Peace camps – is a new expression of mission in Asia. Philip shared how some other churches (Simcoe, WMB, Kitchener) are collaborating for global mission. Derek Parenteau came up to share about his ministry in Parry Sound. He shared how the whole ministry is really a prayer ministry, and sometimes God uses us to answer those prayers. Derek introduced us to Pete & April VanVolkingburgh and Tom & Karen Bursma, who have been an answer to the 10:02 prayer and who have been called to First Nations Ministry.

Coffee break – 15 minutes

11. **BUSINESS SESSION & CALL TO ORDER:** Jeff Jantzi, Chair of the ONMB board, called the meeting to order. He reminded us that business is part of mission, and trusts that we have already been inspired by the stories we have heard. Jeff introduced breakout sessions. He mentioned question cards on the seats and the ONMB invites questions or comments to be submitted. Jeff introduced the board members. Karen West came up to verify quorum, introduce the agenda and the method of voting on the motions.

### Agenda

1. Vision, worship and celebration
2. Motions related to our incorporated agencies
3. CCMBC One Mission Partnership Task Force discussion
4. Nominating Committee Report and election of new board members
5. Election of the Nominating Committee for 2018
6. Financial reports and related motions

Jeff presented the following motions:

**MOTION 18-8 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the agenda be accepted as presented.

**MOTION 18-9 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that we receive the committee and board reports as distributed in advance in the delegate binders and as handed out at the door.

**MOTION 18-10 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the minutes from Convention 2017 as sent out electronically and available by handout, be approved.

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Jeff gave a board report, reminding the delegates of the ONMB Mission Statement. *'To glorify God by multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ through our member churches by facilitating collaboration, providing accountability and encouraging blessing.'* He thanked J.P. Hayashida for his help with the by-law revisions. Jeff introduced a national/provincial partnership which we will hear more about later. Jeff concluded by thanking a few people: Dave Fowler, Brent Esau and Pat Goertzen whose terms are coming to an end. Thanks for their years of service and work. Thanks to the staff team (Ed Willms and Kristi Lee).

12. **FINANCIAL REPORT:** Shelley Campagnola, Board of Directors Treasurer. Shelley presented the 2017 financial statements. She thanked churches for giving 3.5% more than what was given last year, recognizing at times this meant the church itself was in a deficit position. Shelley noted they had presented a deficit budget, but this means the deficit was not as much as was originally projected.

**MOTION 18-11 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the audited financial statements for 2017 be accepted.

**MOTION 18-12 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that Bridgman and Durksen be appointed as auditors for 2018 and that the Board of Directors be authorized to set the remuneration for these auditing services.

13. **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT:** Jeff referred to the by-laws to introduce a motion to reduce the required number of board of Directors from 11 to 10 for the following year, as per Article 7.1 in by-laws.

**MOTION 18-13 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the Board of Directors for the period commencing from Convention 2018 to Convention 2019 be made up of TEN directors (Article 7.1).

Tabitha VandenEnden reported for the nominating committee. The nominating committee sent letters out to ONMB churches requesting nominations from the churches, however they received no nominations. Through the work of the board, 2 people were put forward and discerned through statement of qualifications for Directors of the board for the member-at-large positions.

**MOTION 18-14 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that Jeff Jantzi be acclaimed for the position of Chair of the Board.

**MOTION 18-15 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that all candidates for the member-at-large positions on the board be acclaimed.

Discussion: Sandra Reimer, Glencairn MB was wondering if the committee had done some thinking regarding some fresh ways for the committee to find members. Karen West thanked Sandra for her comments and mentioned that churches do receive emails, but we don't have a way of knowing how the churches use the information which is sent. Tabitha commented that the committee wants to get an earlier start this year. Sandra recommended that we get in touch with nominating committees of the churches. Tabitha thanked her for the good idea but recognized the need to get the right contacts in order to do so.

**MOTION 18-16 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that all candidates for the nominating committee be acclaimed.

Jeff Jantzi welcomed new board members: Jeff Martens, Southridge and Mesh Hit, Meadow Brook Church, Leamington.

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14. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT:** Ed gave thanks to Kristi for all her hard work. Ed highlighted 2 important breakout sessions: the national/provincial conference structure and the Bethesda and Camp by-law revisions. Ed mentioned the importance of these revisions and the importance of the breakout. Ed again thanked J.P. for the work and help he gave in this area. The reason for the changes is so Bethesda and Camp Crossroads can work better in their areas of authority and to limit liability. The other area of change is the national/provincial landscape. Ed invited up Steve Berg, CCMBC interim executive director, to come share about the One Mission Partnership Task Force.
15. **ONE MISSION PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE UPDATE:** Steve Berg presented. Steve affirmed that if you are noticing collaboration – it is intentional! We are one. Steve thanked Willy Reimer for starting the process of these conversations, and Steve stepped in to continue the discussions. Steve emphasized a national presence is still important in the new model because it holds together a national identity. This is demonstrated through credentialing, *MB Herald*, and our constitution from 1945 allowing us to function. We also have national strategic partnership with other organizations: MCC, ICOMB, MWC, EFC. We have a national asset in how we can bring resources together for the purposes of ministry. This is an asset we thank God for and trust that we will use for the purposes of ministry. Steve introduced a video that was shown. Karen West invited everyone to breakout sessions for further discussion. She reminded us of an example Randy gave the night before – a challenge to think differently. J.P. came to share the results of a national survey which was conducted in December 2017. Over 700 responses were received. When churches were asked who they turn to for help, provincial conference consistently ranked as the highest. Overall, 6 agencies were mainly mentioned: Provincial conference, National conference, MB Mission, C2C, Legacy, MB Seminary.
16. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS #1:**
- National/Provincial collaborative discussion (Karen West, Elton DaSilva, Steve Berg)
  - By-law changes for Bethesda and Camp Crossroads (Ed Willms, Ed Heinrichs, Greg Reed, Brian Davies, Tom Wall)
  - First Nations Ministry (Derek Parenteau & team)

Lunch break 12:00-1:00 – Organized and served by volunteers from Behta Darya. We also enjoyed samosas prepared by Behta Darya.

## Saturday, February 24, 2016 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm

17. **BREAKOUT SESSIONS #2:**
- National/Provincial collaborative discussion (Karen West, Elton DaSilva, Steve Berg)
  - By-law changes for Bethesda and Camp Crossroads (Ed Willms, Ed Heinrichs, Greg Reed, Brian Davies, Tom Wall)
  - ONMB 2018 Budget (Shelley Campagnola, Adam Knowles)

Coffee break (15 minutes)

18. **CAMP CROSSROADS:** Ed Heinrichs shared. A whole school bus full of children made a commitment to Jesus this past summer. Ed encouraged us by sharing the work of the camp and encouraged us to continue our commitment to the camp.

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19. **EDEN SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE:** John Bryan shared. In the last 3 years they've had 43 kids go through their leadership program. They've partnered with SOAR and Take Flight, but are also encouraging kids in local mission. This past Christmas the kids wrote Christmas cards to people in the community. Eden SLC is positioned to have a large influence in their student population but depend on donations to exist.

## 20. BUSINESS SESSION:

Jeff Jantzi came up to present the following motions:

**MOTION 18-17 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the ONMB Conference approves the appointment of Crawford, Smith and Swallow as the Bethesda's auditors for the year 2018-2019.

Discussion: it was requested that the motion be amended to state ONMB not just MB conference.

**MOTION 18-18 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the ONMB Conference approves the proposed by-law changes for each of the three incorporated agencies: Bethesda Residential Holdings Inc., Bethesda Community Services Inc., Bethesda Home Foundation Inc.

Discussion: Vic Thiessen, Glencairn, asked if the bylaw changes have followed the guidelines for giving proper notice. It was confirmed bylaws state 10 days notice is needed, and bylaw changes were emailed out 14 days prior. [\*MB was changed to ONMB]

**MOTION 18-19 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the ONMB Conference approve the following membership on the Bethesda boards for the term of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2019: Wayne Young, Bill Jackson, Sharron Lippelt.

**MOTION 18-20 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the proposed by-law changes for the governing of Camp Crossroads be accepted.

Discussion: Michael VandenEnden asked if we were within the time frame as he got the email Feb. 16, and today is Feb. 24 which is only 8 days. Discussion happened around whether or not there were concerns with the bylaws and whether or not we could function within the new bylaws before they are approved. J.P. said the notice of the bylaw change was given within the proper time frame, even though the detailed changes came after.

Michael VandenEnden noted that it is a difficult thing to include board members who are not MB and then give them the task to upload the MB confession of faith (COF). He would advise that we do not vote in non-MB board members. J.P. noted that directors have to uphold the mandate of the organization, and by including the COF in the bylaws of the organization, all directors and staff need to be held to account and can be dismissed on the grounds of non-compliance with the COF. Ed Heinrichs said the new bylaws actually strengthen the camp's ability to upload the COF.

Rick Wiebe, Grantham, asked what was the ratio of MB directors for camp? Answer: 2/3 need to be MB.

**MOTION 18-21 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the persons elected to the Radiant Care 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.

**MOTION 18-22 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the auditing firm Crawford, Smith and Swallow be assigned to Radiant Care for the fiscal year 2018-2019.

**MOTION 18-23 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:

1. 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.
2. 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.

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21. **PROPOSED 2018 BUDGET:** Shelley Campagnola and Adam Knowles presented. Shelley reminded us that budgets are about stories. Shelley reported on the income side. Last year they asked if all the churches could give a minimum of 2% (requirement is 5%). They were excited to see some response around that, and we saw a bit of an increase in church giving in 2017. There was a desire to create a balanced budget for 2018. Due to the increase in church giving last year, they decided to aim and challenge churches towards a total giving of \$195,000 from the churches. Part of the total projected income is from private and business contributions. Leaders Collective is another story area- the goal is to make this a net zero ministry. The work of this ministry is not a deficit, so let's not run it as a deficit ministry. Let's find donors to cover the \$15,000 expense of Leaders Collective. Adam reported on the expense side. Last year ONMB told C2C they had \$80,000 to invest in C2C over 2 years. Discussion with C2C agreed that it would be split \$60,000 in 2017 and \$20,000 in 2018. We would like this number be higher so we could increase church planting. \$10,000 is budgeted to help church planting in Quebec. The collective charitable receipts of ONMB churches is 13 million dollars. If all churches gave the 5% commitment ONMB would have a budget of \$650,000. The budget being presented is \$245,000. Shelley recognizes that some churches are not in a season to give, but if collectively we gave as God has called us, then there wouldn't be a church in the conference who struggles to make ends meet. Shelley shared how she had begun last summer to pray and fast on Wednesdays, and began to see God at work. She challenged us to fast and pray if we don't know how we are going to give 2% or even 5% to ONMB. Adam shared how he has heard the message to pray from our speakers. He also shared how he and his wife have fasted and prayed on Mondays over the past while. The power of prayer and fasting is unimaginable. If you are a decision maker for your church, on the board or a pastor, you need to take this back to your church. The business of the conference is spiritual. Join us in saying yes to that, and to join us in fasting in praying.

**MOTION 18-24 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the operating budget for 2018 as presented be approved.

Discussion: Darren Milley commented that the whole budget is a deficit. Every penny is given. He would like to see the church planting budget be larger. Jeff said "Amen" and we would love to see the budget go up. Churches always have the option to give more in 2018 and make this happen.

Gord Fleming spoke and said the C2C budget for Ontario MB church plants for 2018 is \$335,000. That is money going directly to MB Ontario church plants, not to C2C or Trevor's salary. C2C is committed to fundraising the balance of \$315,000 (the difference between \$20,000 from ONMB and what C2C gives to ONMB church plants).

Ed Willms: to clarify, the money in the budget for Quebec is not funding church planting. This is a request that came in from Quebec and requested money for staffing the director position in Quebec. It is not really church planting, and that line can be moved if necessary.

Michael VandenEnden: Supports the budget but recognized church giving commitment is significantly increased (\$20,000). Grantham is committed to giving their portion to the conference. What about the other churches? Most churches are represented here. Could the churches commit to giving their 2%? A written commitment from each church. Jeff mentioned this was done about 8 years ago and it didn't happen. Michael said if the 4% didn't happen a few years ago, maybe we need to try again at the 2% level. Could we pass a motion and take a vote for every church to commit to do this?

Peter Durksen (parliamentarian) reminded us we can only discuss the motion on the floor at this time.

Sandra Reimer, Glencairn, reminded us that we have not had a chance to discuss a financial commitment with our churches and we couldn't make that decision today. She requested the board talk to the churches in September and ask for a commitment for 2019.

Shelley: mentioned different churches have different year ends. Last year at convention they already strongly pointed out a need for 2% and churches have had a year to discuss. You can continue to discuss into next year's budget. Also, this doesn't stop us from fasting and praying now, and seeing what God will do.

Question: do other conferences have deficit budgets as well?

Paul Loewen: Yes. Alberta has zero left in their reserve fund. If it wasn't for CCMBC they wouldn't exist as they do now. It's different for AB because they have a joint funding model. Paul publicly thanked the Manitoba conference budget for helping Alberta out.



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Elton DaSilva: No. MBCM has a surplus. MBCM works closely with boards and they have a pledging system so they can track and know what amount they can count on from churches for the year ahead. Elton challenged us to take the challenge for prayer seriously. This is an important province in Canada. God is willing to give you the money if your heart is right and if you say "If You send to us, we will give it to You".

**22. ONE MISSION PARTNERSHIP TASK FORCE:** Karen West mentioned the video and PowerPoint will be posted on the ONMB website. Number one question was "How does this affect the local church?" The answer is that it looks the same in terms of sending representatives to provincial assemblies for decision making. It will increase the impact of the resources available to the local church through collaboration. It will have a lot more decision making at the provincial level. People have requested if there is a comparison between the current model and the new model. That work has been done and was presented to the board. It is extensive and lengthy. They will look at how to streamline that and get a presentation out there.

Steve Berg highlighted the Ontario reps Trevor Seath, Robyn Serez and Karen West who served on the OMPTF.

Steve mentioned a lot of questions have come to him regarding staffing. Steve said this will really be based as a decision of the National Leadership team (provincial reps).

Another question is: how much money does this free up? All the money comes to the provincial conferences. National is willing to give up control and open our hands to a much greater level of collaborative input in terms of what goes to national, in conjunction with what we agreed on as the national priorities. Not to give a number, but ideally individuals would give 10% to their churches, and churches in turn would give 10% to this provincial/national model.

Additionally, CCMBC is functioning in 2018 completely on church donations. But this has meant some hard cuts, including not doing our part in contributing to our own MB church plants. We would like to see us be able to meet these needs.

Karen conducted a straw poll on the question:

*That we affirm in principle the collaborative model of the National Provincial partnership proposed by our national executive board which will be brought to Gathering 2018.*

The majority raised their hands in affirmation of the collaborative model.

Jeff reminded us to take the budget and budgetary obligations back to our congregations.

## INTRODUCTION TO MINISTRY REPORTS – Mandy Kasper

**23. MB SEMINARY:** Mark Wessner (absent) gave video greetings from MB Seminary. He reminded us of MB Seminary's partnership at Tyndale and shared about a few upcoming courses, including one at New Hope. MinistryLift is a resource with teaching and video's that is made available to ONMB churches. Ben Wohlegemut took the stage and shared as the Ontario rep for the seminary. There are more than 120 videos/seminars/workshops on MinistryLift that are practical for churches. Leaders Collective- MB Seminary wants to be involved in future training for young leaders. Ben also reminded us of the Easter devotional which is available.

**24. ETEQ:** Kristen Corrigan shared. Two years ago IBVIE merged with ETEM to create ETEQ. Kristen shared the mission of ETEQ within the French world and beyond. The building which CCMBC purchased, is finally full of tenants which is a huge blessing. ETEQ has microprograms, three minors, and a bachelor's degree of theology; as well as a master's degree through Lavelle university. ETEQ had a prayer retreat and came up with four values: Faithfulness, Transformation, Community and Partnership. They have a very multicultural student population. Video was shown (CTV reported on an ETEQ student who had helped with Haitian asylum seekers). For the first time in

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2018, ETEQ will be offering some English courses. Kristen thanked a dedicated team of staff and faculty. Updated on the need for finances in order to run ETEQ and meet their budget.

25. **ICOMB:** David Wiebe reported for ICOMB. Some people ask what is the difference between ICOMB and MB Mission. MB Mission grew out of the need for mission, ICOMB grew out of the need for a mother. What happens with MB Mission workers go home? ICOMB steps in and helps to support the MB Conferences around the world. Brazilian conference prayed for renewal and they are seeing much change happen. David Wiebe shared a video of the consultation in Thailand in 2017.

26. **WORSHIP:** Band lead us in a closing song *How marvelous, how wonderful* and *You are Worthy*

27. **ANNOUCEMENTS:** Jeff thanked Matt and the band. Jeff thanked Behta Darya and their wonderful group of volunteers, and the work they put in getting the building ready for us. First Nations ministry tour is happening May 28-31, 2018: going up to see what God is doing in our First Nations Ministry. July 11-14, 2018 Gathering 2018 is happening in Saskatoon. Leaders Collective kick-off is in September- we want to encourage churches to think about young leaders in their churches who could benefit. Convention 2019 will happen at Glencairn in Kitchener, last weekend of February. Please give Behta Darya a positive rating on google – it helps them to attract people to their building. Fill out evaluation forms and leave name tags by the door.

**MOTION 18-25 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED** that the Annual General Meeting 2018 of the Ontario Conference of MB Churches be adjourned 4:01 pm.



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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Members of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches, which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2017 and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

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Independent Auditor's Report to the Members of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches *(continued)*

## Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many non-profit organizations and consistent with prior years, Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches charges capital assets against operations. As well, Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donation revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016, current assets and net assets as at December 31, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

## Qualified Opinion

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion paragraph, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches as at December 31, 2017 and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

**St. Catharines, Ontario  
February 1, 2018**

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES  
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION  
DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Unrestricted bank accounts	\$ 32,587	\$ 36,651
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	1,218	1,038
	<b>33,805</b>	37,689
<b>INVESTMENTS - Canadian Conference (Note 3)</b>	<b>67,015</b>	124,914
	<b>\$ 100,820</b>	\$ 162,603
 <b>NET ASSETS</b>	 <b>\$ 100,820</b>	 <b>\$ 162,603</b>

Approved on behalf of the Board

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Director

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Director

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## ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2016 Balance	Deficiency of revenue over expenses	Transfers	2017 Balance
General operating fund - current reserve (Page 5)	\$ 41,672	\$ (61,783)	\$ 41,000	\$ 20,889
General operating fund - fixed minimum	50,000	-	-	50,000
Emergency fund	46,254	-	(21,000)	25,254
Covenant mortgage fund	20,000	-	(20,000)	-
Special project fund	4,677	-	-	4,677
	<b>\$ 162,603</b>	<b>\$ (61,783)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 100,820</b>

	2015 Balance	Deficiency of revenue over expenses	Transfers	2016 Balance
General operating fund - current reserve (Page 5)	\$ 43,531	\$ (101,521)	\$ 99,662	\$ 41,672
General operating fund - fixed minimum	50,000	-	-	50,000
Emergency fund	50,000	-	(3,746)	46,254
Ministry development fund	14,033	-	(14,033)	-
Covenant mortgage fund	100,000	-	(80,000)	20,000
Special project fund	6,560	-	(1,883)	4,677
	<b>\$ 264,124</b>	<b>\$ (101,521)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 162,603</b>

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## ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

	2017	2016
<b>REVENUE</b>		
Church commitments	\$ 174,994	\$ 168,895
Individual contributions	16,625	13,413
Miscellaneous income	15,022	-
Convention delegate fees	10,421	5,910
Leader's collective fees	3,500	-
Interest from operating funds	2,100	3,966
Pastoral and youth retreats	240	4,283
	<b>222,902</b>	<b>196,467</b>
<b>SUPPORT TO CONFERENCE AGENCIES</b>		
Donation to Camp Crossroads	7,500	7,500
Donation to Eden Board	6,000	7,500
Donation to MoveIn	4,324	-
Donation to SMART - Abuse Response Team	1,000	1,000
Donation to Bethesda	-	5,000
Donation to Tabor Manor Chaplaincy	-	5,000
	<b>18,824</b>	<b>26,000</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Executive director	113,016	106,379
C2C support	60,000	80,026
General bookkeeping and administration	32,264	25,755
Ministry development	30,256	21,357
Board meetings and travel	9,760	4,307
Convention and yearbook	6,093	5,239
Professional development	4,353	-
Professional fees	3,846	6,657
Conference insurance	2,522	2,552
Technology	1,933	3,074
Emergency fund expense	1,000	3,746
Faith and life committee	561	144
Pastors retreat	257	10,869
Special project and communication strategy	-	1,883
	<b>265,861</b>	<b>271,988</b>
<b>DEFICIENCY OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ (61,783)</b>	<b>\$ (101,521)</b>

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**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES**  
**STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**  
**YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017**

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2016</u>
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Deficiency of revenue over expenses	<u>\$ (61,783)</u>	<u>\$ (101,521)</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	-	21,248
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	(180)	599
Accounts payable	<u>-</u>	<u>(7,460)</u>
	<u>(180)</u>	<u>14,387</u>
	<u>(61,963)</u>	<u>(87,134)</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITY</b>		
Investments	<u>57,899</u>	<u>86,036</u>
<b>DECREASE IN CASH</b>	<u>(4,064)</u>	<u>(1,098)</u>
<b>CASH - beginning of year</b>	<u>36,651</u>	<u>37,749</u>
<b>CASH - end of year</b>	<u><b>\$ 32,587</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 36,651</b></u>
<b>CASH CONSISTS OF:</b>		
Unrestricted bank accounts	<u><b>\$ 32,587</b></u>	<u><b>\$ 36,651</b></u>

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# ONMB 2017 Financial Statements - DRAFT

## ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

### 1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches (the "Conference") serves a constituency of member churches in the Province of Ontario. It provides general denominational oversight and facilitates the operation of joint initiatives and gives guidance to the separately incorporated agencies of the denomination which are operating in the province. The Conference received its Letters Patent as a non-share capital corporation from the Province of Ontario in 1932. As a registered charity under the Income Tax Act, the Conference is exempt from tax on its income.

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Basis of presentation

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO).

#### Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

#### Net assets

- a) Internally restricted net assets are funds which have been designated for a specific purpose by the organization's Board of Directors.
- b) Unrestricted net assets comprise the excess of revenue over expenses accumulated by the organization each year, net of transfers, and are available for general purposes.

#### Designated fund exclusions

The Conference is sometimes the conduit for certain designated funds to flow through its accounts to the designated recipient. These flow through amounts are not disclosed in these financial statements, but are recorded in the ultimate recipients' financial statements.

#### Fund accounting

Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions.

Revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities are reported in the General Operating Fund.

#### Cash and cash equivalents

The Conference's policy is to present bank balances net of outstanding cheques and deposits under cash and cash equivalents.

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## ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

### 2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

#### Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at a nominal charge. The cost of additions are charged to expenses at the time of purchase. Management has decided to not recognize capital assets and remove the expense in the statements of revenues and expenditures in accordance with ASNFPO. Changing the presentation to capitalize expenditures from operations may reduce useful information to the primary readers of these financial statements as they would now appear on the separate statement of financial position, and not against the budget.

#### Contributed services

The operations of the organization depend on both the contribution of time by volunteers and donated materials from various sources. The fair value of donated materials and services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements. Certain larger material contributions are recognized at their fair market value.

#### Budget information

The budget figures presented for comparison purposes have been approved by the Board of Directors. They have not been subject to audit, review or other tests and procedures. Consequently, our opinion on these financial statements does not extend to them.

#### Financial instruments policy

Financial instruments are recorded at fair value when acquired or issued. In subsequent periods, financial assets with actively traded markets are reported at fair value, with any unrealized gains and losses reported in income. All other financial instruments are reported at amortized cost, and tested for impairment at each reporting date. Transaction costs on the acquisition, sale, or issue of financial instruments are expensed when incurred.

### 3. INVESTMENTS - CANADIAN CONFERENCE

The investment is with the Canadian Conference of MB Churches earning interest at a base rate of 2.00%. See note 6 for interest rate risk.

### 4. DUE TO RELATED PARTIES

The Conference has transactions with numerous related parties (member churches) or organizations that are funded by the Conference. These financial statements do not determine, disclose or verify all such related party activities.

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## ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2017

### 5. DESCRIPTION OF FUNDS

The General Operating Fund accounts for the Conference's program delivery and administrative activities. This fund reports unrestricted resources and restricted operating grants. \$50,000 is allocated to a separate General Operating Fixed Minimum Fund.

The Mortgage Receivable Fund account was established in April 2008 when the Covenant Orthodox Presbyterian Church bought the former Komoka Mennonite Brethren Church. The Conference granted a mortgage to Covenant Orthodox for \$243,000 with payments of a \$1,000 a month for four years totaling \$48,000. The final payment of \$195,000 was received in December 2011. The remaining fund balances will be used in the future for purposes other than operations. In 2016, \$80,000 was transferred into the operating reserve to support the C2C donations.

An Emergency Fund of \$25,000 was created out of the Operating Fund on December 31, 2005 to support any church's pastor (or family) in the case of sudden financial curtailment. An additional \$25,000 was transferred into the emergency fund in 2012 from the now unused Covenant (Komoka) Mortgage Fund.

The Ministry Development Fund's purpose is to financially support a Leadership and Organizational Development Plan, specifically outreach and leadership development activities by churches, ministry boards, and individuals in the Conference. Up to \$50,000 is made available per year maximum of \$10,000 per church. This fund was depleted in 2016.

The Special Project Fund was established to segregate any special projects outside the normal course of operations.

### 6. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Conference is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the Conference's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2017.

#### Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the Conference manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The Conference is exposed to interest rate risk through its investment savings account balance.

#### Constituency dependency risk

As the Conference serves the member churches, it is dependent on these member churches for financial support.



# 2018 Provincial Conference Report

I'll admit it: I enjoy watching HGTV. One of my viewing favourites is "Love It or List It Vancouver." Interior designer Jillian and real estate agent Todd compete for the homeowners' decision about their home – she will renovate it to convince them to "Love It"; he will find them a new house so they'll "List It."

Stepping into the gap to lead CCMBC in 2017 has confirmed my decision for the MB family is to "Love It!" Here are some of my reasons:

- I have attended provincial conferences, visited churches, and met the people who are passionate about making Christ known in Canada.
- I have participated in Pastors Credentialing Orientation, where I was enriched by the MB Confession and encouraged by the many new leaders accepting the call of God.
- I have prayed, discerned, and planned with the Executive Board, the Board of Faith and Life, and the Senior Leadership. I have witnessed their integrity and faithfulness in seeking to be good managers of our resources and good leaders in our opportunities.
- I have looked the CCMBC team members in the eye, seen their dedication, and said thank you for the service they give to Christ.
- I have become one in heart and vision with the leaders of MB Mission, the C2C Network, MB Seminary, our regional colleges and universities, ICOMB, MCC, Mennonite World Conference, Canadian Council of Anabaptist Leaders, and so many more. What a joy to be inspired and strengthened by our partners in the mission of God.
- I have worked with a phenomenal EQUIP 2017 planning team who pursued a new vision for the MB Study Conference and realized this vision by effectively presenting the crucial theme of Transforming Discipleship.

- I linked arms with the Senior Leadership Team in preparing a plan for financial sustainability through a substantially reduced 2018 budget.
- I have sat with those who were personally impacted by the budget cuts and witnessed their tremendous sacrifices.
- I have invited prayerful and discerning people to imagine a One Mission Partnership that can provide a simpler and more effective structure for resourcing churches, developing leaders, multiplying churches, and building community for the MB churches of Canada.
- I have listened to those who speak with love for Christ and passion for the mission of the church who see the things in our family that are incomplete, ineffective, or injurious as they call for confession, correction, and change.

After this year of serving Christ among you, I am more committed than ever to loving this family of MB churches in Canada. Just yesterday I received this email:

*"Thanks for your leadership through this high-challenge time for our national family. Steve, we were privileged to pray with and for you at our elders meeting, and we will continue to do so as God brings you to our mind.... Part of the way in which partnerships are expressed is also financial. So, to this end, our elders discussed and approved the sending of an additional 25 percent of our 2017 contribution. We want you and the CCMBC team to know that we are with you and for you, and we are encouraged by the work that God is calling us into as a national family."*

Warmly in Christ,  
**Steve Berg**



# Mission

To multiply Christ-centered churches to  
see Canada transformed by the good  
news of Jesus Christ

## What is our work?

Recently, I was reading Ephesians 3 from The Message, where Paul describes the incredible, transforming gospel of Jesus. The words that stood out for me that morning were “**This is my life work: helping people understand and respond to this Message.**”

It prompted me to think about my life work. What is my purpose and calling? As conference moderator, it also leads me to think about this question as it relates to the Executive Board and our national staff. Determining the life work or focus for this group is what the various levels of CCMBC leadership have been reflecting on as well. It's not a simple question – particularly after coming through a season of such significant change.

Our conference moved C2C under the umbrella of MB Mission, following the delegate's strong endorsement at our special meeting last November. We also approved a much smaller, more sustainable budget that involved very difficult choices, such as no longer funding L2L, among many others. It was a budget steeped in reflection, analysis, and prayer. And it has changed us.

With a much smaller and leaner organization, it is even more vital to determine the focus of the Executive Board and staff and to redefine our specific role within our ongoing life's work of “helping multiply leaders and disciple-making churches”. This important work will need collective consideration between now and Gathering 2018.

As I reflect on the input we have received from the MB family, I see three themes emerging for the Executive Board and staff:

- **Champion and articulate our collective vision** – Can we imagine becoming a family of MB churches that is absolutely committed to being on one mission together – locally, nationally, and globally?
- **Focus on collaboration for the Kingdom** – What can we do to bring greater collaboration among our MB entities and the many resources within our family and beyond?
- **Create systems and venues for effective collaboration and leadership** – How can we listen to the constituency so that they feel heard, create effective venues for two-way communication, and then provide clarity and authority for leaders?

I welcome your input on these thoughts and look forward to our discussions at provincial conferences and other venues leading up to Gathering 2018. As a lead pastor in Saskatoon, I am thrilled to invite you all to my home city for the July meetings as we pursue the theme and goal of ONE.

For God's glory,  
**Bruce Enns**  
CCMBC moderator  
(and local church  
pastor)



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# Developing Leaders

L2L, the leadership development arm of CCMBC, concluded its ministry at the end of 2017. Since its launch in 2013, L2L built up numerous congregations and leaders:

- 86 churches received assessment and coaching
- More than 100 sermons and teaching sessions were delivered
- 516 leaders received training in applying coaching skills to their everyday and ministry conversations
- 241 leaders received personalized coaching by phone, online, or in person
- 941 leaders attended one or more discovery retreats
- 739 leaders participated in the online community
- 452 clusters (online small-groups) were launched (ranging in size from 2–25 people)
- 938 GoToMeetings brought leaders together from across Canada

Developing Leaders continues to be one of CCMBC's core service areas to the churches. In 2018, this will be realized through the ongoing Leadership Training Matching Grant program for post-secondary students, leadership development initiatives at the provincial conference level and continued training and growth through our national schools: MB Seminary and ETEQ.

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# Multiplying Churches

At the core of our mission, our prayer is that every MB church in Canada would have a mindset of multiplication. As we have been praying Luke 10:2 every morning at 10:02, we have seen the Holy Spirit at work, moving people's hearts. It has been exciting to witness the many new initiatives, outreaches, additional services, and meeting locations our churches have embarked on across the country. We have also seen newly planted churches reaching new neighbourhoods and demographics.

C2C network is our church planting arm in Canada and MB Mission is our church planting agency across the globe. The synergy of these two organizations led CCMBC to move the mission and ministry of the C2C network under the oversight of MB Mission in 2018. CCMBC continues to support church planting: in partnership with the provinces and C2C, we currently fund 23 MB church plants and 9 apprentices.



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*Reaching Canada with the good news of Jesus Christ*



# Building Community

We build community as a national family of Mennonite Brethren both face to face and through our publications. The Board of Faith and Life (BFL) offers spiritual guidance in matters of faith, ethics, doctrine, theology, and Christian living, so the MB church in Canada remains grounded in the Bible and equipped to reach our communities for Christ. In 2017 the BFL produced a document on ordination, published new pamphlets on Creation and Life before Birth, and recently released a revised Canadian version of Family Matters: Discovering the Mennonite Brethren.

Pastors Credentialing Orientation ensures those new to our family or to church leadership have common core understandings of who we are as MBs.

The MB Herald connects us by sharing stories of how God is at work across this country. Now that the publication has moved to four issues per year, be sure to sign up online to receive monthly email updates with current news and stories.

National gatherings happen annually. EQUIP Study Conference 2017 in Abbotsford, B.C., November 1–3, brought us together to explore Transforming Discipleship. We saw almost 400 people gather to study the Word and pray together. Gathering 2018 is taking place July 11–14 in Saskatoon on the theme of ONE. We hope to see you there!

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## Resourcing Ministry

Under Resourcing Ministry, CCMBC offers MB churches and pastors pensions, benefits, and payroll and accounting services. We also make mortgages available to MB churches and pastors through the registered funds (TFSA, RRSP, RRIF) entrusted to our care.

In 2018, we are seeing the transition of this ministry to the CCMBC Legacy Fund Inc. Owned by CCMBC, Legacy's purpose will be to continue resourcing ministry, in addition to the ways mentioned above, by providing space and services to MB partners, MB church plants, and CCMBC staff.

Leadership worked to create a sustainable CCMBC ministry budget for 2018, primarily dependent on church support. This budget funds the ministries of CCMBC as well as contributing to partner agencies. Churches are encouraged to give 5% of their operating budget to CCMBC for conference ministry support.



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# C2C Ontario Report

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## C2C Network

In Luke 8 there's a rare record of Jesus explaining one of His parables. His disciples are confused. What did Jesus mean by the talk about sowing seeds? Did the Lord really mean to tell an obvious story about a farmer? Jesus graciously explains. The seed is the Word of God. And as it is sent out into the world, the impact of the gospel is opposed: by the devil who snatches it away nearly as soon as it lands, by shallow acceptance that doesn't stand up when testing comes, and by cares, riches, and pleasures that choke out its fruitfulness. Suddenly Jesus is speaking directly into our experience in Canada.

But sometimes there's an explosion. There are those in whom the gospel dives deep and the evidence is multiplication. I've heard this story my whole life but this year it was new again. I had always imagined the fourth soil as place of dramatic and sudden growth. Like I said, I pictured an explosion. This year I noticed that Jesus says otherwise. His good soil image references those who receive God's word, hold it fast in their hearts, and "by persevering produce a crop" (Luke 8:15). Please join me in praying for churches who would receive Jesus - the Word of God - deeply in their hearts and be empowered by the Holy Spirit to persevere and multiply.

Jesus' story of growth in God's kingdom makes it clear: what feels like steady hard effort in the midst of opposition and unfavorable conditions produces an abundant crop. Let's claim that! Let's roll up our sleeves for the good work that God has prepared for us in advance.

And let's pray in full confidence that God will bring multiplication that will bring us to our knees in joy!

## A Heart Cry for Canada

We're planting churches in the midst of spiritual warfare. We – and those around us – are often 'shallow hearted'. We certainly know something of the choking power of cares, riches, and pleasures. But God is at work. Like Aslan prowling on Narnia's thawing snow, Jesus is moving in Canada and stirring a vision of sin's curse broken on our land in our day. Why not in Canada Lord? Why not now?

C2C Network's name points to Psalm 72:8 – "May He have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!" Canada is known as a Dominion because of that verse. Embedded in our founding story is a prayer that Jesus would be worshipped as King over every square inch of our country. This year the second half of the psalmist's plea took on fresh significance as our work was joined into the historic global work of MB Mission. In a world transformed by global migration and commerce, could Canada both receive and send missionaries so that people from all nations would bow to confess that Jesus is Lord? May it be so! And praise God for how He is bringing unity and aligning resources so that this can happen.

## Ontario's Story

C2C **Assesses, Coaches, Trains, & Supports** church planters with a vision for revival in Canada as a rich diversity of churches that are gospel-centred, Spirit-led, and mission-focused multiplying across our nation.

## A - Assessment

We invited 26 couples to an Assessment Centre in 2017. Five of those (representing four denominations) were from Ontario with Pete & April VanVolkingburgh being recommended to pursue the vision of starting an MB church among the Ojibwe people at Wikwemikong First Nation on Manitoulin Island. Right now, we're in conversation with five new MB couples in Ontario to discern whether God is calling them to plant a church.

We thank God for Pete & April as a brand-new MB church planting couple. They come on the heels of David & Diana Hood from Ottawa who were affirmed as church planters at a 2016 Assessment Centre and are experiencing God's rich blessing as David completed his apprenticeship in September 2017 and they began building a core group to plant Southeast City Church – Ottawa's newest MB work. We are also overjoyed to see 5 new answers to our daily 10:02 prayers that God would send labourers into His harvest! Yes Lord! Please do even more!

## C – Coaching

In 2017 I served nine church planters through coaching. This included David Hood (Southeast City, Ottawa), Endrit Mullisi (Albanian Evangelical, Toronto), Derek Parenteau (Rugged Tree, Georgian Bay), and Pete VanVolkingburgh (Real Hope Community, Manitoulin Island) from our MB family. Coaching is a bedrock support to church planting. Please pray for God to raise up new coaches for church planters in Ontario.

## T – Training

We offered three training opportunities that were open to the whole MB family last year. Multiply drew record numbers to Vancouver Feb 8 & 9. Saturate with Jeff Vanderstelt trained 200 in Mississauga May 5 & 6. 25 gathered for Ascent in Toronto on October 3. I'd love to share more about these important events. Please ask me or visit our website to learn more.

The core of our training is the Church Planter Incubator course. This 16-module peer learning strategy is offered as a 2-year cohort experience where planters not only learn skills but also build gospel community. Currently a cohort of 7 planters meeting in Hamilton are in their second year of the Incubator while another 8 in their first year are meeting in Toronto. I love this part of my work and am so thankful for the 4 volunteer trainers who serve alongside me in this vital program.

## S – Support

In some ways, support is a bit of a catch all. Of course, C2C has a whatever-it-takes attitude to resourcing church planters in every way needed. One of our great privileges is to call the Church in Canada to invest financially to see gospel mission advance here. We are so thankful for the opportunity to steward the funds God supplies to catalyze new churches. In Ontario this included supporting five Ontario MB plants in 2017.

## Exciting Opportunities

In 2017, God called C2C to launch a new First Nations ministry focus. Our vision is to empower First Nation leaders to plant churches on First Nations soil. While we're still in early days, we're already celebrating that God has grown our team of missionary church planters in Ontario. Not only have Pete & April VanVolkingburgh joined our MB family to plant on Manitoulin Island, but Tom & Karen Bursma have also been led to join Derek & Tiffani Parenteau as full-time team members focused on the Rugged Tree vision. Hallelujah!

For more on the work of C2C Network in Ontario, email [trevors@c2cnetwork.ca](mailto:trevors@c2cnetwork.ca)



# Leaders COLLECTIVE

The 2017-2018 cohort of Leaders Collective launched with a retreat in early September. 10 young adults representing Ontario churches worshipped, laughed, shared their "origin" stories around the campfire, and created Journey Walls depicting key life events and patterns that have helped shape their vision and passions. This group of young adults are serving within their churches and communities this year in a variety of areas including youth, worship, chapels, coaching sports, media and communications, young adult programs, small group and home church leadership and spoken word arts ministry. Each is being coached on a bi monthly basis by a leader within their churches who prays for them and encourages them in their discipleship, prayer, leadership and skill development goals. This relationship is a key to the success of the program as it provides support, accountability and leadership modelling.

This is an outstanding group of young adults and it has been a privilege to work with them. In the Spring they will meet again to share in an Urban Leadership retreat in Toronto, and engage in a Kingdom Elective that may take them on a short term missions trip with MB Mission's ACTION program, serving at Camp Crossroads, shadowing a church planter with C2C, attending a conference or developing a new skill or project towards deepening their understanding of leadership and service in the Kingdom.

In September they will have their debrief retreat. It is our desire that they continue to invest in leadership development as alumni of Leaders Collective and have significant impact on our community and way beyond.

Our anchor verse comes from John the Baptist, a leader whose posture we emulate. John 3:30 says, *"He must become greater and greater, and I must become less and less."* As we step into God's design for leadership, our lives will of necessity become offerings of daily surrender. As we humble ourselves and listen for his directives, he will steer our paths and position us in places of influence that will impact the Kingdom.

Our Leaders Collective core goals are to Clarify Calling, Develop Christian Character, Expand Competence, Build Community and Impact Culture. These goals are accomplished in many different ways depending on our gifts and God's leading. Coaches help the Collective cohort to recognise them and grow in these key areas.

May He truly become greater and greater and impact our churches and communities and nation and world as we follow his leading.

*Robyn Serey* | Leaders Collective Director





## 2018-2019 Leaders Collective Cohort

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 (ONMB), 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, 2018

**Where:** Three Retreats:

Kick Off: September 21-23, 2018

Urban Leadership Encounter in Toronto: April 19-21, 2019

**Debrief:** September 13-15, 2019

**Plus:** ONMB Convention & Pastors' Day (TBA): February 22-23, 2019

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

Readings, a mentoring relationship and other optional opportunities

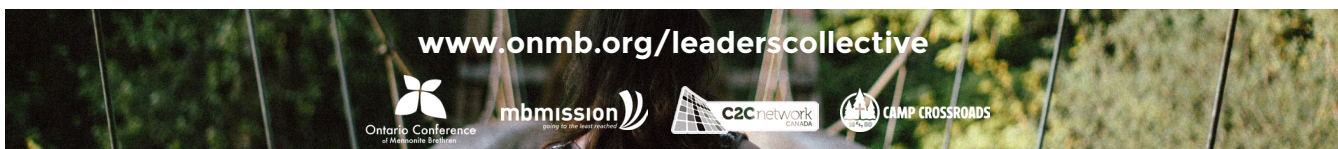
**Who:** Young leaders age 22-27 serving in local MB churches in Ontario

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

**Cost:** \$300\*

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

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# Global Report | 2018 Ministry Update

Several years ago, David Bosch, a missiologist from South Africa, said, “In the future, peacemaking will be evangelism.” This is the reality of global mission today, and it’s happening all over the world. People are desperate for peace, and they are finding hope in an encounter with the Prince of Peace. When it gets very dark, the light shines brighter. As a mission rooted in the historic peace church with clear evangelical convictions, we believe peacemaking is introducing others to the reality of Jesus in our lives.

Mission must have answers for the realities of global terrorism and its consequences in the world today.

I was recently in Iraq hosting a series of outreach meetings with a co-worker. The meeting hall was filled

with survivors of civil war, many of them refugees. Hundreds of people received prayer and encountered the power and presence of Jesus. One man, previously a prominent Mullah, told me about his recent conversion and asked for prayer. He was formerly an advocate for the violence legitimized by religion, but Jesus has transformed him. He said that there are many leaders like him who are deeply questioning their religious beliefs because of widespread violence and the lack of integrity among their leadership. There is a spiritual shaking happening throughout this region and around the world in these days. We are praying for the strongholds of darkness to fall and the light of Jesus to shine!

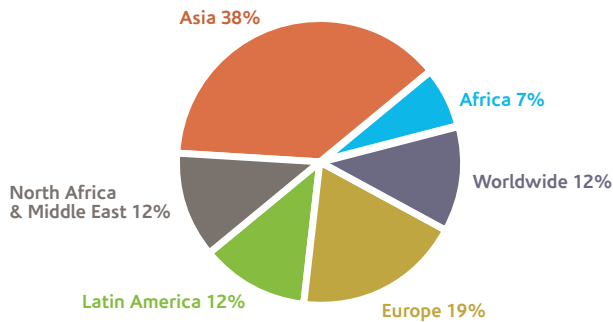
We want to see the global Church mobilized into global mission. We want to see Christ followers from everywhere responding to where global needs are greatest, whether that is in war-torn regions of the Middle East or in the mega-cities of Asia or in the rural Midwest of North America. We want to see more of God’s servants engaged globally as peacemakers, church planters, and community changers, so that the Gospel of Christ will continue to bring transformation, healing and hope. Together, we are working with the global church to embrace one mission – local, national and global.



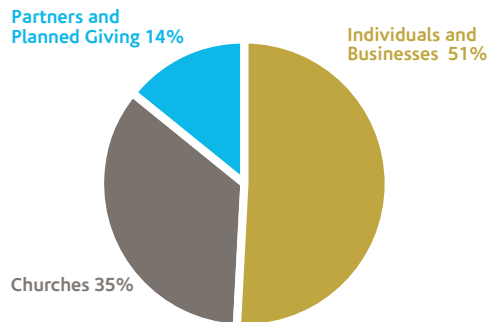
Randy Friesen, General Director



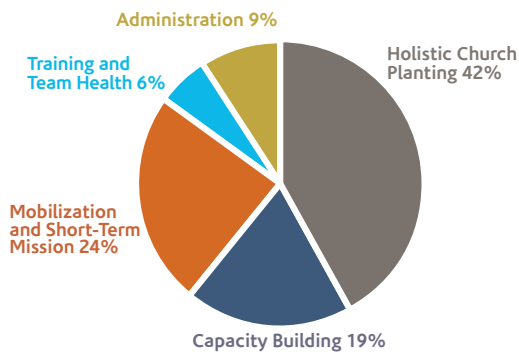
## Overseas Expenditures: US\$6,153,055



## Donation Sources:



## Total Expenditures: US\$10,262,045



**106** missionaries focused on supporting church planting sites and movements

**17** church planting networks supported in partnership

**39** countries where MB Mission is currently working

**1069** short term mission workers sent in local and global mission assignments

**40,000** people being reached with media in least regions of the world

**123** international workers engaged in evangelism and church planting initiatives



# MB Mission Eastern Canada

| 2018 Ministry Update

At our recent EMBRACE mission immersion retreat in Toronto (Jan 19-21, 2018), Philip taught from Matthew 25:31-46 (the sheep and the goats). We recognized that we have all benefitted from the model of the 'Human' Jesus – who came in flesh and blood, taught us how to live, and went to the cross to purchase life for all humanity. We are also anticipating the 'Transcendent' Jesus who will come in glory, and seated on his throne, will gather the nations in judgement.

But what about today, right now? Where is the Jesus we follow? The 'Imminent' Jesus, as outlined in Matthew 25:35-36, is with the hungry, the thirsty, the stranger, the naked, the sick, and the prisoner. At EMBRACE, young adults were challenged to consider if that is where they too are living, serving, and giving. Are we engaging with Jesus as he loves "the least of these"?

Again, this year we have seen our churches in Ontario actively pursue the hungry and thirsty – both locally and globally. Many churches continue long term reciprocal relationships with global partners, with new partnerships starting to form. We have seen generous financial support for new workers and ministries around the globe. We have seen teams form to pray, visit and serve alongside global workers. We have commissioned our youth groups to bring the love of Jesus to strangers on the streets of Montreal. We have sent young adults to learn about the work God is doing in urban centers to reach the thirsty and the prisoner. We have brought the peace and presence of Jesus to programs in the Middle East where young adults have encountered the real and imminent Jesus for the first time and have found Him to be the family they desperately needed.

There is much to learn as we engage in reciprocal, relational partnerships with the national churches, leaders and ministries that our missionaries serve. We recently resourced our Ontario churches with a seminar on what it looks like to partner healthily and effectively with the churches that God is growing around the globe. What a rich connection! Pastor to pastor, worship leader to worship leader, Sunday school teacher to Sunday school teacher, youth to youth. We are the church, no matter where our bricks and mortar are located. There are discipleship lessons we need to learn from our brothers and sisters on other continents and also much we can provide from our own gifts and skills.

Would you consider partnering with a new church plant in Burundi or Lisbon or Thailand? Would you consider learning from and sharing with an established church in Central Asia or Mexico or Germany?



## Highlights:

**200** young adults and leaders at SOAR Montreal served with local churches and ministries to demonstrate God's love in the urban center

**75** young adults at EMBRACE Mission Immersion served and walked alongside established ministries in Toronto to experience the presence of Jesus with the "least of these"

**13** churches were represented at our Partnership Seminars, learning how to develop a healthy reciprocal relationship with the global church

**4** young adults from our region participated in ACTION, engaging in evangelistic outreach in France and Chad

As well as:

- Joanna Pharazyn from Woodstock completed her first year in Lisbon, serving with a local church as she discerns the planting of a new fellowship.
- Somdy and Chanh Jusse from Leamington are raising financial support to extend their church planting ministry in Thailand. We praise God that in the first 6 months God has graciously brought 14 people into the Kingdom through their ministry.
- And many rich opportunities to engage in mission updates and highlights within our local churches

## Global Workers our province partners with:

[www.mbmission.org/missionaries](http://www.mbmission.org/missionaries)

- Robert & Anne Marie Thiessen, Mexico (St. Ann's, Evergreen Heights)
- Otto & Marjorie Ekk, Portugal (WMB)
- Joanna Pharazyn, Portugal (Evergreen Heights, Orchard Park)
- Sean Fast, Germany
- Somdy & Chanh Jusse (Meadow Brook)
- Dave & Mel Berg, Austria (Meadow Brook, Grace MB)
- Andrew & Renee Nolte, Central Asia (Glencairn, Westside Montréal)
- Doug & Deanna Hiebert, Burundi & Congo (Cornerstone, Scott Street, Grantham, Fairview)
- Dave & Louise Sinclair-Peters, Thailand (St Ann's)
- Jill Ramer, Thailand (WMB, Grantham)
- Doris Goertz, Japan (KMB)

## Coming Up:

**AVOCAT** – Prayer Training retreat, March 23-24, 2018, hosted at WMB church

[www.mbmission.org/avocat](http://www.mbmission.org/avocat)

**Portugal Prayer Team** – April 13-20, 2018

**ACTION Ontario** – April 28, 2018 [www.mbmission.org/actionontario](http://www.mbmission.org/actionontario) 4 week to 4 month opportunities & partnerships (including work term)

**MUD Café** with Robert and Annie Thiessen – June 2018

**SOAR Montreal** – July 3-12, 2018 [www.soarmontreal.com](http://www.soarmontreal.com)

**Peace Initiatives** – July 15-31, 2018

**ACTION France** – July 15-August 18, 2018 [www.mbmission.org/actionfrance/en](http://www.mbmission.org/actionfrance/en)

**Thailand Vision Trip** – October 2018



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**Volunteers & International Partners**





# Camp Crossroads Report

Ed Heinrichs

Black Lake is white - it is frozen and snow covered. The scenery at Camp Crossroads changes through the seasons, but the focus remains the same. Praise God - lives continue to be transformed! The Camp mission remains: Camp is a Christ-centred ministry supporting the local church in making disciples and developing leaders.

Mike, father of a camper, sent me this last summer. It was part of the conversation with their 11 old daughter: *"I don't care who gets me there, so long as I get to Camp. That's the bottom line..."* He continued, *"Btw, the other girls LOVED their camp experience, and could rattle off the teachings and verses from a week's worth of chapels. So, not only did they love it, they got it. That is why we love camp."*



She was just one of the **845** children that participated in the Kids/Youth camps during the summer of 2017. We also had **514** people participate in our Family Camps throughout the year. Hearing about the ongoing impact of this past summer's Crossroads experience is encouraging. Camp Crossroads is an important part of camper and staff faith stories!

Hear the stories in their words:



"Camp ministry is important because I know personally how much of an impact it can have on individuals, and how the Kingdom flourishes through it. Camp ministry is an amazing tool to not only share the love of Christ but to be able to simply give others the knowledge of who He is, and how He loves." -Paige

"Christ had amazing love for kids, He demonstrated to us how important they are and I feel camp continues to express this same love and care. Being a part of developing kids in their faith and introducing them to who God is, is something that I always want to be a part of and can see my self doing that at camp." -Kyle



This past summer I was able to do this in the Leaders in Training (LIT) program ...this six-week program taught me so much about myself, others and our Father that takes care of us. The summer was filled with trials, successes, joys, and challenges and I cherish every moment...through intensive community, biblical studying and hands-on discipleship, I learned how God wants us to serve Him through serving others. That is one of the biggest things I took away from this summer. I can confidently say from first-hand experience that God has done miracles through Camp Crossroads ministry and the LIT program is only one way that He has made us capable of serving others and building up the next generation to spread God's word to

the nations. -Lauren

We anticipate a full Camp again this year and have added a second Winter Blast Senior High retreat. Last year we had over 600 people participate in the winter retreats (Deep Freeze, Winter Blast, Family Snow). We are on track to see 700 this winter. Crossroads is definitely a year-round ministry.

We are concluding the process of holding staff interviews for the upcoming year. It's very encouraging to see the high quality of applicants. These positions are key leadership



development opportunities. Please pray for wisdom in making the right choices. Together we are making a valuable investment in raising up young leaders - this will bear fruit for many years to come. Visit the Camp website at [www.campcrossroads.com](http://www.campcrossroads.com).

In addition to the seasonal staff, Josh and Natasha Mason have joined the year-round staff team. Josh will be assisting Dave Lettress, Property Manager and Natasha will be the Facilities Coordinator. She will be responsible for custodial work, recruiting volunteers and hosting rental groups.



Please pray for the team.

#### Highlights on the Capital Campaign:

The support of Crossroads on the *ourcampourturn* campaign has been very encouraging. If we factor in the 'donations in kind' we are over 50% of the way to the goal. This will allow Camp to continue to thrive for many years as we invest in updating and renewing the infrastructure. Last year Cabin 2 was rebuilt and we will begin construction on staff housing later this spring. Stay tuned for more updates by visiting [www.ourcampourturn.com](http://www.ourcampourturn.com)

#### Governance Update:

Delegates will have received a detailed description of the proposed changes to the Camp Crossroads General Operating Bylaw. We look forward to informed discussion around these recommendations that are intended to serve Camp Crossroads and define the partnership with our local churches and OCMBC in the years to come.

#### Board Member Update:

Ben Lockyer and Brenda Reimer are completing terms of service on the Board. Their commitment to Camp and service in this role is much appreciated. The Board Personnel Sub-committee is in conversation with potential replacements. These will be vetted and presented at the Camp Crossroads AGM in April. Currently serving on the Board are James Dueckman, Wes Wiens, Ben Lockyer, Jim Doornbos, Rachel Krause, Brenda Reimer, Matt Peters, Greg Reed, Jeff Dyck (not pictured).



If you are interested in seeing more, visit the Camp Crossroads Facebook .

Praising God for His faithfulness together with you,

Ed Heinrichs  
Executive Director  
January, 2018

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



# Eden High School Report

John Bryan



## SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE

Leading Students to learn of Christ and live in Christ

### Lead. Learn. Live. Partner

What if we could become directly involved in a story to change the trajectory and create a better outcome? Would we not jump at the opportunity to love a person who is floundering in self-hate? Would we not embrace the privilege to share truth with those robbed of joy because of the lies they cling to? Would we not offer wisdom, leading the confused towards hope and revelation? Eden High School and the Spiritual Life Centre is a unique ministry allowing us to help change the trajectory of young lives by engaging their hearts and minds with the gospel of Jesus Christ. The school dates back to 1945, but in 1988 visionary leaders in the Mennonite Brethren community ventured into a partnership with the public school board in Niagara. This year, we celebrate 30 years of partnership with the public school board and have seen the school thrive to 830 students. For September, we have received 265 intention sheets from families hoping their grade 9 children will attend Eden. From this number, 183 families have listed the SLC as a main factor for choosing Eden and this is very exciting!



Our mission of “leading students to learn of Christ and live in Christ” has provided many leadership opportunities. We have 16 students participating in Epereia, our annual leadership track where our goal is to “equip students for Christ-like influence.” They participated in a retreat and are now connecting weekly in small group and individual mentoring meetings. Numerous parents and community leaders have commented on the growth they have seen in these students as they develop as young leaders. We are also inviting students into leadership through worship leading, retreats, speaking in chapel, and leading life groups. Our goal is to see students lead in each of our ministry areas.

“The First 25” is our daily chapel where students learn the scriptures, helping them engage their world with Biblical truth. Our theme has been “What We Believe” using the Apostles’ Creed to teach students key doctrines of the faith. We are also seeing students learn through our mentoring relationships and life groups that meet weekly where we focus on





practical discipleship such as teaching teens how to share their faith. These two programs alone connect about 200 students with God's Word on a weekly basis.

As we engage students, we are also encouraging them towards missional living in their own communities as well as through short term mission ventures. First, we have involved students in blessing their school and surrounding community. This past Christmas students wrote cards to all the staff of the



school as well as to local businesses surrounding Eden. People have called the school from the community, overwhelmed at the thoughtfulness of our students. It's been an amazing testimony to our neighbours! There are also two great mission opportunities for our students. For the past seven years, we have taken recent grads to Northern Ireland with our Take Flight program. They have been involved in Belfast and other nearby towns and cities, experiencing the culture on both sides of the *literal* walls that divide communities. We do not have a team this year, but are looking to send a team in 2019. Gear Up is a short term experience that partners with MB Mission and SOAR Montreal. We are expecting to have a team between 10-20 students who will serve in early July. It is exciting to

see teens take part in these life-changing opportunities!

Demographically, our school is made up of a large percentage of students who do not come from a Christian background. Eden High School has truly become a mission field. This excites us beyond words as we preach Christ but it has implications concerning our funding. The SLC doesn't receive funds from the School Board or Ministry of Education. We rely solely on the support of families, individuals, churches and corporations. As we introduce a new model of support, we are hoping to build a community of supporting churches that will help the Spiritual Life Centre grow and continue to lead students to "learn of Christ and live in Christ." If you are interested in becoming a strategic partner with us, please speak with SLC Director John Bryan or EAB Chairperson, Kevin Ruddle.

Respectfully submitted,

John Bryan  
SLC Director



**Bethesda's Annual Report**  
**to the 2018 Convention of Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches**  
**2016-2017**

In 2017, Bethesda celebrated 80 years of serving people with special needs. The work started by Henry and Maria Wiebe continues as we provide in the Spirit of Christ a continuum of holistic services and supports to enhance the quality of life for people with a developmental disability. We serve almost 2,700 individuals and their families annually. Bethesda will continue to value all people regardless of the nature or severity of their special needs and challenges presented.

In 2017, we completed our Family Centre Capital Campaign. The \$1,000,000 fundraising goal was exceeded. This significant milestone represents the first time that this level of fundraising support has been achieved. We are thankful for the community support which recognizes the excellence of services provided by Bethesda.

For the last three years, Bethesda and the Conference Board have been discussing Bethesda's need to have wider community involvement in its governance. The Bethesda Board drafted revisions to the By-Laws (available) of the three Bethesda Corporations. Revisions have been discussed with Conference leadership. Should these revisions be approved, the Bethesda Board encourages, perhaps through a memorandum of understanding or a letter of intent, a continuing relationship with the Conference that will recognize our emotional and historical ties.

Financial statements for Bethesda Community Services Inc. can be viewed on our website ([www.bethesdaservices.com](http://www.bethesdaservices.com)).

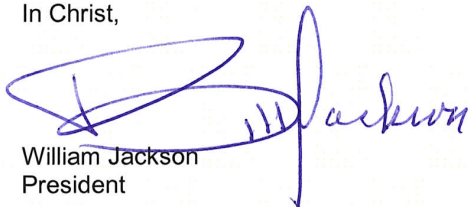
**Recommendations:**

- 1) That the MB Conference approves the appointment of Crawford, Smith and Swallow as Bethesda's auditors for the year 2018 – 2019.
- 2) That the MB Conference approves the proposed By-Law changes.
- 3) That the MB Conference approve the following membership on the Bethesda Boards for the term of April 1, 2018 to March 31, 2021:

Wayne Young  
Bill Janzen  
Sharron Lippelt

In 2017, Michael Vanoostveen replaced Tom Wall on Bethesda's Board and Jayne Berg filled a vacant position.

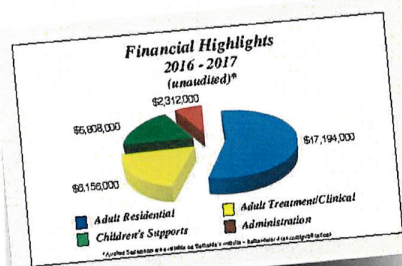
In Christ,

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

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

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

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

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

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



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# Bethesda

Annual Report

2016 — 2017



Thank you to the Niagara Community Foundation for their grant to purchase swing sets for our Fly Road program.



Annual Report 2016 — 2017

Bethesda Community Services Inc.

As we reflect on another year, we are reminded of the importance of relationships within Bethesda. Organizations are always changing, some years they experience significant growth, other years are ones of stability. Throughout all of this, at Bethesda we endeavour to value people, regardless of the nature or severity of their respective needs.

Valuing people encourages relationships and relationships hold the organization together. This is the most significant indicator of a successful year.

This past year, we undertook the review of our Day Activity Programs as well as our Adult Clinical Outreach. These reviews will strengthen the supports we provide, ensuring best practice.

It is with deep appreciation that we thank each of you for your ongoing support. Your belief that what we do is important, that it changes lives, makes all the difference.

Respectfully,

*Bill Jackson*

William Jackson  
Board President

*Brian Davies*

Brian Davies  
Chief Executive Officer

#### At a Glance

Total Staff \_\_\_\_\_ 520

Full Time \_\_\_\_\_ 234

Part Time \_\_\_\_\_ 286

Volunteers \_\_\_\_\_ 74

#### People We Support:

Adults Residential \_\_\_\_\_ 138

Residential Treatment \_\_\_\_\_ 6

Behaviour Resource \_\_\_\_\_ 33

Clinical Outreach \_\_\_\_\_ 1,144

Respite \_\_\_\_\_ 64

Day Support \_\_\_\_\_ 141

Children Autism Intervention \_\_\_\_\_ 257

Applied Behaviour Analysis \_\_\_\_\_ 425

Clinical Support \_\_\_\_\_ 449

Respite \_\_\_\_\_ 300

#### Board of Directors 2016 — 2017

President: \_\_\_\_\_ William Jackson

Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ Thomas Wall

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_ John Hildebrand

Members: \_\_\_\_\_ Marlene Goetz

\_\_\_\_\_ Doug Peters

\_\_\_\_\_ Jose Martins

\_\_\_\_\_ Wayne Young

\_\_\_\_\_ Sharon Lippitt

\_\_\_\_\_ Bill Janzen

#### Leadership Team

Chief Executive Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Brian Davies

Chief Operating Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Bonnie Filijahuk

Chief Administrative Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Paul McCowan

Chief Clinical Officer \_\_\_\_\_ Dr. Kerry Boyd

Financial Consultant \_\_\_\_\_ Lars Chavez





# MCC Report for 2018

January 15, 2018



**Mennonite  
Central  
Committee**

Dear Friends at Ontario Mennonite Brethren Churches:

Greetings of peace, in the name of Christ.

We at Mennonite Central Committee are deeply grateful that you – our church community – have again chosen to support relief, development and peace in the name of Christ through our collective MCC ministry.

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Mennonite Brethren congregations of Ontario have shown how MCC is your ministry through twelve Ontario MB congregations giving financial gifts and eight MB congregations collecting almost 1,100 kits and making over 500 blankets. These gifts, along with your prayers and the many staff and volunteers from your churches, have made significant contributions to humanitarian efforts globally.

Let me mention several MCC highlights of the past year:

- **Relief:** We're thankful that in a year of unprecedented disasters, we were able to respond. From famine relief in South Sudan and flooding in Peru and South Asia, we provided emergency food assistance, relief kits, water treatment tablets, and blankets. In all our relief work, we partner with local communities to reduce conflict and meet their most important needs.
- **Development:** In Ontario, MCC worked with partners to encourage the federal government to work toward making water both potable and accessible for Indigenous Neighbours. Funding from four non-governmental organizations has been matched dollar for dollar with federal funding to retrofit 20 homes – each with large holding tanks, some plumbing, a toilet, sink and bathtub.
- **Peace:** MCC believes God calls us to a life of peace and non-violence and we actively promote the pursuit of peace. With your support, MCC workers and partners have trained more than 26,000 people in conflict transformation, peacebuilding or mediation strategies. With our partner organizations, we're building resilience and providing churches with educational and advocacy resources about peace.

Included with this letter is a "Year at a Glance" infographic sharing additional local and international highlights for 2017.

MCC is a ministry of the church – of *your* 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 and your incredible generosity again this year.

In Christ's peace,

John Head  
Interim Executive Director

Fred Redekop  
Church and Community Relations Associate

*Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ*

# 2017 YEAR AT A GLANCE

## IN ONTARIO

**QUICK STAT**  
In 2017, MCC shipped  
3,918 relief kits  
10,400 hygiene kits  
5,237 comforters

### ONTARIO PROGRAMS



#### LOW GERMAN

Over **400** service providers learned to better connect with this distinct group at the Networking Conferences in Aylmer, Leamington and Stratford



#### REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

**284 individuals**  
**84 Families**  
from Burundi, Colombia, Congo DRC, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Nepal, Pakistan, Sudan & Syria resettled in Ontario



#### PEOPLE IN POVERTY

**47 participants and 39 volunteers** have formed Circles of Friends to build community and friendship among people who have experienced homelessness and isolation



#### INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS

Sent **gardening kits to 7 communities** helping to address the high cost and low availability of food for Indigenous peoples in northern Ontario



#### RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

MCC is working to address funding shortfalls in the Circles of Support and Accountability program



#### MATERIAL RESOURCES

**4 international shipments:** Bosnia, Jordan & 2 to Ukraine  
**Northern Ontario** blanket and gardening kits delivered

### THRIFT



Over **\$7.1 MILLION** in sales in our 7 shops

**QUICK STAT**  
A thrift shop discovery of an authentic painting by Canadian folk artist Maud Lewis raised \$45,000 for MCC.

### EVENTS & CAMPAIGNS



#### PEACE CONFERENCE

**364 attendees** learned how MCC is working for peace in Ontario and around the world



#### RELIEF SALES

**\$590,000 raised** at Relief Sales throughout Ontario



#### RIDE

Ride for Refuge raised **\$25,000**



#### CRY FOR HOME

Everyone needs a home. MCC began an advocacy campaign focused on Palestine and Israel

### PEOPLE



#### VOLUNTEERS

In Ontario **over 3000** women, men and children volunteer their time, energy and skills to MCC



#### RICK COBER BAUMAN

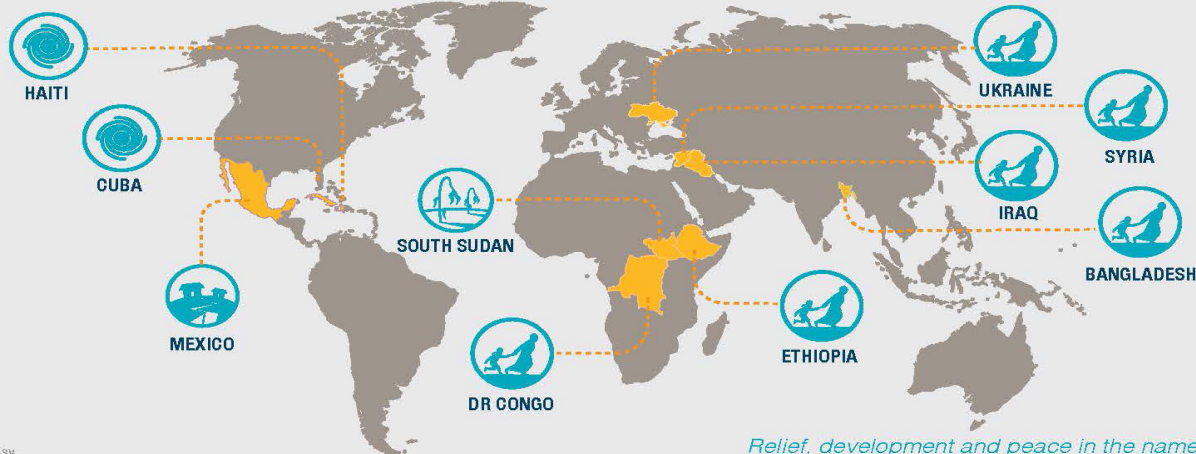
MCC Ontario said a bittersweet farewell to our executive director Rick Cober Bauman as he transitioned to ED of MCC Canada

### AWARD & RECOGNITION

- ★ **CANADA'S 150 BIRTHDAY:** MCC Ontario received a Canada 150 Sesquicentennial Award of Recognition for our work in welcoming newcomers and leadership in establishing the very first curbside blue box program.
- ★ **SOLAR PANEL ENERGY SAVINGS:** A rebate from KW hydro for \$6,559 was awarded to MCC Ontario after the installation of 774 solar panels in 2016.

### DISASTER RESPONSE

Responded to **over 26 disasters** including hurricane response in Cuba and Haiti, earthquake in Mexico, families displaced by violence in the Kasai region, DR Congo, famine relief in South Sudan, refugees in Ethiopia, refugees in Bangladesh, Syria and Iraq crisis response, Ukraine emergency response







## 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.

## 2017-2018 Fall/Winter Enrolment

**Shaftesbury Campus**  
**709 Students (FTE 610)**  
 586 Undergraduate  
 71 Graduate  
 52 Outtatown

**Menno Simons College**  
 (CMU Programs at U Winnipeg)  
**FTE 260**

## Shaftesbury Students

78 International students from 25 countries  
 75% Manitoba;  
 25% other provinces  
 42% Mennonite (MC, MB, EMC...)  
 43% Ecumenically Diverse  
 (Baptist and Pentecostal to Catholic and Orthodox)  
 15% Disclose no church connection

*\*FTE: Full-time equivalent students*

## Dr. Rick Lindroth CMU Scientist in Residence

Dr. Rick Lindroth is a Professor of Ecology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (USA). His research focuses on evolutionary ecology and global change ecology in forest ecosystems. Dr. Lindroth reflected on the interplay of faith and science in chapels and forums, engaged students in classes, and presented an interactive public lecture.



## Steve Bell 2018 CMU PAX Award Recipient

On April 5, CMU will recognize Winnipeg singer-songwriter Steve Bell with the 2018 CMU PAX Award. Bell is a musician, poet and storyteller whose music springs from the stories

and yearnings of others, especially those seeking healing and hope. Bell's commitment to clean water access for Shoal Lake 40 First Nation brought together Indigenous, church, political and other groups, including CMU students. He has also been a strong voice urging the Canadian government to adopt Bill C-262, an act to ensure that Canadian laws are in harmony with the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

## CMU Pastors in Residence

Allysa Bender (Pastor at Hamilton Mennonite Church, Hamilton, Ontario) and Lee Kosa (Pastor of Cedar Park MB Church in Delta, BC) both served as CMU Pastors in Residence in the 17-18 academic year.





## Academics and Vocation

CMU is committed to bridge student passions, convictions, faith and career paths with the needs and opportunities of church and society. Academic studies link Biblical and Theological Studies with 18 different BA majors—all while nurturing an imagination for the church. Students enrol in Arts (English, History, Psychology, Geography...), Biblical and Theological Studies, Environmental Science, Sciences (Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Mathematics), Business, Communications & Media, Music and Music Therapy, International Development, Peace and Conflict Studies. CMU students move towards lives of service and leadership in medicine, farming, law, church ministry, business...

## CMU | CENTRE FOR FAITH AND LIFE

### Centre for Faith and Life

The CMU Centre for Faith and Life (CFL) links individuals, congregations and ecumenically diverse constituencies with the university's unique, non-formal, church engagement, and resourcing initiatives.

**Initiatives include:**

## renew

RESOURCING PASTORS FOR MINISTRY

**ReNew:** Resourcing Pastors for Ministry conference focused on the theme **Delighting in Scripture: Sola Scriptura at 500 Years**. Keynote speakers included **Tim Geddert** (Professor of New Testament at Fresno Pacific), **Meghan Good** (Teaching Pastor at Trinity Mennonite Church,

Glendale, AZ) and **Gerald Gerbrandt** (President and Professor Emeritus of Bible at CMU).



**Face2Face** is an initiative opening community conversations 'at the intersection of faith and life'. A November conversation reflected on the implications of the legalization of marijuana for communities and the church. A February conversation involved five CMU undergraduate students on the theme 'The Bible Tells Me so...Doesn't it? A Conversation with Young Adults on the Tensions of Taking Scripture Seriously'. Face2Face conversations are live-streamed and available via the web across Canada.

## sixpointeight

**sixpointeight** is a new youth-gathering rooted in the call of Micah to 'do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God'. On **Sunday, April 29, 2018** youth from many streams of the Mennonite family and beyond will gather at CMU for worship, fun, learning and community and to be inspired and equipped as peacebuilders in the way of Jesus.

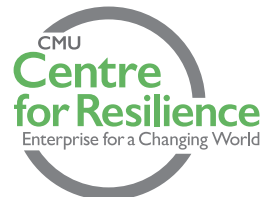
### Celebrating Distinguished Alumni

Four CMU alumni were recognized for the diverse ways in which their lives and work embody CMU commitments to service, leadership, and reconciliation. **Henry Neufeld** (CMBC '52) for a life-time commitment to reconciliation with Indigenous peoples; **John Longhurst** (MBBC '79) for his exemplary work as a communicator, marketer, editor, and columnist; **Ken Esau** (MBBC '83) for many decades of teaching commitment at Columbia Bible College and in the wider church; **Joanne Thiessen Martens** (CMBC '96) for her ecological and organic agricultural research.

## This and That...

### Centre for Resilience

The CMU Centre for Resilience (CFR), to be launched this spring, will enable social enterprises to extend their work through partnerships with the university's education, research and service and extend opportunities for CMU to make an impact in the community and church.



The CFR is located on the 4th floor of CMU's historic north side building, and will also utilize land designated for ecological initiatives on the north-west parcel of CMU's property, adjacent to the CMU Farm.

**MHC Gallery** In June 2017, the MHC Gallery was officially welcomed as part of the university and in that extended the peacebuilding commitments of faculty and students and the work of the Canadian School of Peacebuilding. In January, 2018, **Ray Dirks**, the Gallery's Curator, along with **Manju Lodha**, a member of Winnipeg's Hindu and Jain communities, were presented with the Lieutenant-Governor's Award for the Advancement of Interreligious Understanding for their efforts in building understanding between diverse faith communities.

### Mennonite Heritage Centre Archives

A new partnership, led by CMU (and together with MC Canada and the Centre for Transnational Mennonite Studies), is helping the MHC Archives to enter a new and exciting chapter in service of the church and community. The MHC Archives is known to house among the best collections of Prussian, Russian, Canadian, and Global Mennonite historical documents in the country.

**cmu.ca**





## COMING ALONGSIDE

I remember the first time I ran an ultra-marathon, and how important it was to have a good support crew at the aid stations along the way. At strategic times, my wife urged me to speed up so I could keep pace with the leaders, noticed when I was dehydrated and made me drink more, and prevented me from quitting when I wanted to give up. In a similar way,

*the heart of MB Seminary is to come alongside you and your church, with training and education, to encourage, support, and equip you as you serve God.*

Regardless of your ministry role or experience, we want to be part of your leadership “support crew” to help you on the race that you are running for God!

Over the past year, MB Seminary has continued to shape the lives of current and future leaders through our education programs based in Langley and Winnipeg, and in Toronto this year. In addition, our staff and faculty provided leadership development training to 2,478 people and preached in 45 churches.

MB Seminary has identified three priority areas for the road ahead:

### EVANGELICAL-ANABAPTIST THEOLOGICAL LEADERSHIP

One of our core priorities is to come alongside our churches and leaders by creating resources in various forms (print, video, in-person) to address key theological and leadership topics that are relevant to ministry in Canada today.

### FINANCIAL STABILITY AND SUSTAINABILITY

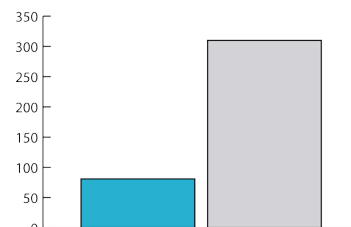
These are exciting times and the ministry opportunities before us far exceed our current financial capacity. Our goal is to have a balanced budget that provides for strategic growth. To do this, we need significantly more financial support from our churches.

### PROGRAM DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION

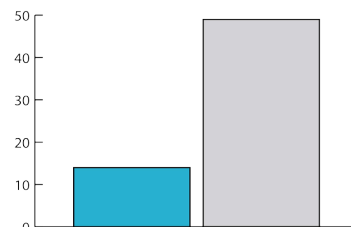
Our heart is to continue to provide education and training that is used by God to transform lives and ministries. As we expand into borderless education and form teaching relationships with churches across Canada, we will enable and equip you to achieve your mission as best you can.

Mark Wessner  
President

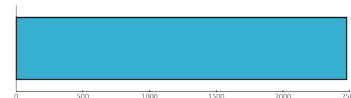
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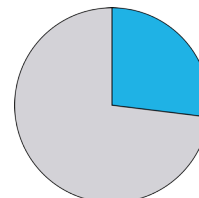
81 MB Seminary students and 310 other graduate students are being prepared for ministry through our partnership with ACTS Seminaries in Langley.



14 MB Seminary students and 49 other graduate students are being prepared for ministry through our partnership with CMU in Winnipeg.



In 2017, MB Seminary's staff and faculty provided leadership development training to 2,478 people.



27% of churches provide financial support to MB Seminary.



# MDS 2018 Report

Ross Penner



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## Three Houses, Two Sites, One Goal

*Prepared by Ross Penner*

*Director of Canadian Operations*



In May of 2016 a wildfire nicknamed “The Beast” wiped out over 2500 structures in Fort McMurray. As MDS planned our response we identified three clients who lost their homes and didn’t have the means to rebuild.

Anticipating a building boom in Fort McMurray and wondering how we would be able to get timely access to materials and necessary skilled trades, a creative solution was considered. What if we could build the houses at a different location, while preparing the foundations in Fort Mac?

Our Saskatchewan Unit took the lead in coordinating the building of 3 Ready-To-Move (RTM) homes in Hague, Saskatchewan. Zak’s Building Group partnered with us in providing materials and expertise to get the houses built and moved. Meanwhile, at the Fort McMurray worksite, foundations and basements were prepared.

Three houses, two sites and one goal. The goal is to show the love of Christ. At MDS we frequently talk about seeking to be the hands and feet of Jesus. The miracle our volunteers most frequently talk about witnessing is clients rediscover the hope. They discover it through the loving manner in which volunteers rebuild. As one of the retired widows in Fort McMurray said, “I didn’t know there were people like you left in the world.” We trust that the real person she and others see, was Jesus – using our small gifts to reveal the immeasurable love of God.



In addition to our Fort McMurray/Hague project, MDS Canada was active in helping a BC family rebuild and a Manitoba family muck out and replace basement infrastructure. In Ontario, several houses were mucked out from flooding in different areas of the province. In the Ottawa River Valley, 2 new houses are currently being built. We did our first family project in Atlantic Canada at Camp Wildwood and also had a successful youth project in Hepburn, Saskatchewan.

In this coming year, we will anticipate planning a response to the BC fires of last summer. The preparation phase is underway as we seek to identify those in need. We have been blessed by healthy giving in 2017 that allows us to make plans for the coming year.

We continue to keep our centre as a grassroots 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 towards the one goal – sharing the love of Christ.

# Valleyview Manor 2018 Report

Alan Wiens

On behalf of the Board and residents of Valleyview Manor, I bring greetings to the conference. Entering year fourteen in the existence of this senior's retirement residence recalls how God has been so faithful in meeting our needs - that we are always full, and see a waiting list continue to grow, with 57 names currently. He has not only replaced our former residents with new residents, who have either moved to another level of care or passed away, but also met the personal needs of individuals 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, the main one being Community Care Concepts out of Elmira, that provide assisted living services to our residents in order that they may continue to stay at Valleyview. This past year we've seen a decrease in the use of these services for the first time in a long time. This could be interpreted as a good indicator of the general health of the residents here at Valleyview.

Valleyview residents continue to enjoy a variety of activities from which they can choose to participate. Over this past year activities at Valleyview have continued such as; a bi-weekly Bible study open to all interested participants on Tuesday evenings, a bi-weekly resident coffee hour, a weekly crafters' social on Monday afternoon, a bi-weekly crokinole competition between resident and non-resident

individuals from outside Valleyview, an occasional movie night and evenings of singing by groups who visit Valleyview. Community Care Concepts provides us with a great cook for our congregate "Diners Club" held in our multi-purpose room on the first and third Thursday of each month, September through to the end of June, and they also provide our residents with a certified exercise trainer, two 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 and this provides the opportunity for outsiders to see the facility and interact with its residents. Also, this year we were provided with a senior support worker from Community Care Concepts, to assist our seniors on a pre-arranged appointment basis, in order that our seniors can maintain their independence. I'm thankful to God for the dedication and generous giving of time by the residents of Valleyview, as they are the ones who initiate and run 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 Manor year after year, and myself personally, in the service I believe I've been called to. God is forever faithful. He has shown Himself to be exactly that, here at Valleyview Manor.

The Valleyview Manor Board Directors are:

<b>Ray Braun</b>	<b>Chairperson</b>
<b>Barbara Hahn</b>	<b>Vice Chairperson</b>
<b>Doug Dibben</b>	<b>Secretary Treasurer</b>
<b>Ed Penner</b>	<b>Member</b>
<b>Doug Chalk</b>	<b>Member</b>

**Glencairn MB Church**  
**Waterloo MB Church**  
**Glencairn MB Church**  
**Kitchener MB Church**  
**Glencairn MB Church**

Respectfully submitted by:

**Alan Wiens,**  
Administrator

# Radiant Care Report

Glen Unruh

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January 24, 2018

Mr. Ed Willms  
Executive Director  
Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches  
3970 Glendale Avenue  
Vineland, On L0R 2C0

RE: ANNUAL CONVENTION PREPARATION – SENIOR’S MINISTRY  
RADIANT CARE PLEASANT MANOR AND RADIANT CARE 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 23-24, 2018.

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 2018, we respectfully submit the following;

1. That the persons elected to the Radiant Care 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 2018-2019.

# Radiant Care Report

## Glen Unruh - continued

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Glen Unruh, President  
Radiant Care Board of Directors

## ANNUAL REPORT

### RADIANT CARE PLEASANT MANOR AND RADIANT CARE TABOR MANOR

#### EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

2017 was another banner year for our organization. Our waitlists for tenancy are very strong, with over 1,800 individuals. Focus for this past year has revolved around brand renewal, growth with our Foundation, Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Long-Term Care redevelopment and initiatives supporting renewal of our existing buildings. Also, we have concentrated on supporting our staff through a number of leadership changes. We continue to be grateful to God for His watchfulness and faithfulness 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 together help to make our homes the best places to live and work. The format of this year's report follows the three priorities set out in our strategic plan.

#### RELATIONAL EXCELLENCE AND CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Our journey in Relational Excellence continued over the past 12 months with our employees. Relational Excellence is demonstrated in our homes 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 guide all of our interactions with residents, tenants, families, volunteers and staff. Our Spiritual Enrichment staff provided a day-long workshop to local laity on best practices in supporting seniors who are palliative and/or actively dying, particularly from a faith-perspective. Average attendance at Radiant Care Tabor Manor's Sunday morning worship experience remains strong at 70-80 participants.

#### INNOVATIVE GROWTH AND PARTNERSHIPS

Much work has gone on to move forward Radiant Care Pleasant Manor's Long-Term Care Redevelopment and we are anticipating more details coming available early in the new year. We remain committed to communicating to our stakeholders when information becomes available respecting ground breaking. Partnering with our growing number of donors, we were successful in carrying out and implementing specific donation projects at each site. Consistent with the interest of our tenants to beautify the Radiant Care Pleasant Manor grounds, we replaced all sitting benches on site, with new models, rallying around the Chortiza Oak, which was planted in our court yard 14 years ago. At Radiant Care Tabor Manor, our donors sponsored the creation of the Radiant Care Tabor Manor Fitness and Wellness Centre, open to our tenants, employees and senior citizens who live in Radiant Care Tabor Manor's direct neighbourhood. Both initiatives support our core values of community, community leadership and excellence.



# Radiant Care Report

Glen Unruh - continued

## **SPECIALIZATION IN DEMENTIA AND PALLIATIVE CARE**

An additional 48 employees were trained in the Montessori method of dementia care, thereby bringing us closer to have 100% of our employees trained in this philosophy of care. The Montessori Method of Dementia Care focuses on introducing into resident routines, day-to-day activities designed to validate their identities, thereby increasing meaning and purpose in their lives.

Both Radiant Care Pleasant Manor and Radiant Care Tabor Manor could not function for long without the contribution of many enthusiastic volunteers. From host churches carrying out Thursday evening chapel services at Radiant Care Tabor Manor and chapel speakers at Radiant Care Pleasant Manor, to our singers, Aux

iliaries and our volunteers who visit or assist in feeding our most vulnerable residents, approximately 200 wonderful individuals help us fulfill our mission of serving our seniors with “excellence, love and dignity.” Thank you to all who give of your time and talents to serve.

In 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, Board of Directors, Radiant Care

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## Rules of Order

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

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

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

A spirit of love should prevail in all comments.



# Bylaws - Bethesda Residential Holdings Inc.

## BY-LAW NO. 1

### BETHESDA RESIDENTIAL HOLDINGS INC. (the "Corporation")

WHEREAS the Directors of Bethesda Residential Holdings Inc. deem it expedient that certain by-laws be enacted for the regulation and management of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the objects for which the Corporation is incorporated are:

- (a) (i) To develop, operate and maintain community based programs for the care, training and assistance of developmentally handicapped persons;
- (ii) To provide psychological and behavioural testing, assessment and programming services; and to operate community based residential and day programs; and provide other related support for developmentally handicapped persons;
- (b) (i) To enter into arrangements with authorities, federal, provincial, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Corporation's objects or any of them and to obtain from any such authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Corporation may so desire to obtain and carry out; exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (ii) To employ and pay such assistants, clerks, agents, representatives and employees and to procure, establish and maintain such offices and other facilities and to incur such reasonable expenses as may be necessary or appear desirable in furtherance of the objects of the Corporation, provided the Corporation shall not pay any remuneration to a ~~Director~~ in any capacity whatsoever.
- (iii) To acquire by purchase, lease or exchange and to hold any real or personal property necessary for the actual use and occupation of the Corporation or for carrying on its undertaking.
- (iv) To accept grants, donations, gifts, legacies and bequests and to enter into contracts which promote the undertaking of the Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted as follows:

### PURPOSE AND CHARACTER

1. To provide on-going services for developmentally handicapped persons through assessment, treatment, residential, vocational and other such programs as may be appropriate.
2. To receive and maintain a fund or funds and other property and to apply from time to time all or part thereof for the purposes expressed in paragraph 1.

### REGISTERED OFFICE

3. The Head Office of the Corporation shall be located in the Province of Ontario and shall be more particularly described in the Articles of Continuance of the Corporation.

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# Bylaws - Bethesda Residential Holdings Inc.

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## SEAL

4. The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the corporate seal of the Corporation. The Seal shall be in the custody of the secretary of the Corporation who shall be responsible for certification of any and all documents issued by the Corporation.

## MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL MEETING

5. The members of the Corporation (each a "Member", and collectively the "Members" or the "Membership") shall be comprised of those individuals who are Directors of the Corporation. All Directors shall, by virtue of their office, be Members of the Corporation. If a Director of the Corporation ceases to be a Director for any reason whatsoever, then they shall also automatically, at the same time, cease to be a Member.

6. Each Member shall have one (1) vote in relation to all matters to be voted on at the annual general meeting of the Membership and at each special meeting of the Membership. The Corporation may, instead of sending copies of the annual financial statements and other documents referred to in subsection 172(1) (Annual Financial Statements) of the Act to the Members, publish a notice to its Members stating that the annual financial statements and documents provided in subsection 172(1) are available at the registered office of the Corporation and any Member may, on request, obtain a copy free of charge at the registered office or by prepaid mail.

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7. Any special meeting of the Members of the Corporation may be called by the Board of Directors of the Corporation by notice in accordance with the following means:

- by mail, courier or personal delivery to each Member entitled to vote at the meeting, during a period of 21 to 60 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held; or
- by telephonic, electronic or other communication facility to each Member entitled to vote at the meeting, during a period of 21 to 35 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held.
- by affixing the notice, no later than 30 days before the day on which the meeting is to be held, to a notice board on which information respecting the corporation's activities is regularly posted and that is located in a place frequented by Members.

and at such meeting the Members may attend to and vote upon all matters relating to the operations of the Corporation. At all special meetings of the Membership, a majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all matters addressed at such meetings shall be decided by majority vote unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.

## ERROR OR OMISSION IN NOTICE

8. No error or omission in giving notice of any annual or special meeting, or any adjourned meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceeding taken thereat and any Member may at any time waive notice of

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**Deleted:** There shall be three classes of members of the Corporation;¶

¶ One voting member (the "Voting Member"), who will be appointed annually by the delegates in attendance at the annual convention of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (the "Conference"). This Voting Member shall be entitled to one vote at the annual general meeting of the membership of the Corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote at any other meeting of the membership of the Corporation;¶

¶ The members of the Board of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (collectively, the "OCMBC Members"), each of whom shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the membership of the Corporation other than the annual general meeting (at which annual general meeting they shall not be entitled to vote);¶

¶ Director members, who shall be members by virtue of their position on the Board of Directors (the "Director Members"). Each such Director Member shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the membership of the Corporation.

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any such meeting and may notify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

## ADJOURNMENTS

9. Any meeting of the Members of the Corporation or of its Board of Directors may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such matters or resolutions which were to be transacted at the original meeting may be transacted at the meeting resulting from the adjournment. No notice shall be required of any such adjournment and such adjournment may be made notwithstanding that no quorum is present.

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## QUORUM OF MEMBERS

10. A quorum for the transaction of business at the annual general meeting of the Membership shall consist of a majority of the Members. All matters addressed at the annual general meeting of the Membership shall be decided by majority vote unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of nine (9) individuals (each a "Director") who, by their life demonstrate their commitment to Christ, their local church and the mission, values, philosophy and objects of the Corporation.

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Each Director shall be elected as a Director by the Membership at the annual general meeting, to serve for a term of three (3) years, provided that their term of office shall, in any event, continue until successors are elected or appointed.

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At every annual general meeting, the Membership shall elect to the Board of Directors the number of Directors required to fill the vacancies left by those Directors whose terms have expired in that year. All directors shall be elected in such a manner as to maintain a staggered election process whereby three (3) Directors are elected each year at each annual general meeting.

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12. A retiring Director shall retain office until dissolution or adjournment of the meeting at which his successor is elected unless such meeting was called for the purpose of removing him from office as a Director, in which case, the Director so removed shall vacate office forthwith upon the passing of the resolution for his removal.

13. In the case of vacancies arising on the Board of Directors between annual general meetings, however caused, the Board of Directors shall have the power to fill such vacancies in accordance with the Articles of Continuance.

14. The office of a Director shall be vacated if:

- (a) By notice in writing to the Corporation the Director resigns his offices;
- (b) By resolution of the Membership at a special meeting of the Corporation called for the purpose, passed by ordinary resolution, the Director is

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expelled from office on the grounds that the Director is not in harmony with the philosophy and purposes of the Corporation; or

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- (c) The Director has been declared incapable by a Court in Canada or in another country..

15. Continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number, unless their number is reduced below the number necessary for a quorum, in which case the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to the required number.

## QUORUM OF DIRECTORS

16. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

17. Directors' meetings may be held either at the Head Office of the Corporation or elsewhere as the Directors may from time to time determine. A meeting of Directors may be convened by the President or by any two of the Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be delivered or mailed, or telephone to each of the Directors not less than two (2) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held without formal notice if all of the Directors are present or those absent have waived notice or signified their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence. Any Director may at any time waive notice of any meetings and may ratify and approve of any and all proceedings taken or had thereat.

18. The questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes except where otherwise required in this by-law or where the Board of Directors may decide from time to time by resolution.

19. Directors shall be paid their travelling and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the affairs of the Corporation and in attending meetings thereof. The Directors shall serve without remuneration, and no Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such; however, a Director shall be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

## INDEMNITY

20. The Directors and Officers of the Corporation and their respective heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the assets of the Corporation from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses, which they or any of them, their heirs, executors, or administrators shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in, or omitted, in or about the execution of their duty (or supposed duty) in respect of office, except in the event of willful neglect or default.

21. The Directors are hereby authorized from time to time to cause the Corporation to give indemnity to any Director or other person who has undertaken or is to undertake an action that may have a potential liability on behalf of the Corporation.



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22. A resolution signed by all the Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at duly called and constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.

### OFFICERS

23. The Corporation shall have the following Officers, namely:

President,  
Vice-President,  
Secretary,  
Treasurer.

24. Subject to the provision below, the President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation from among their number for a one (1) year term, such election to take place as soon as may be convenient after the annual general meeting of the Membership of the Corporation. Subject to the provision below, the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (but the Secretary and Treasurer need not be a director), such election to take place as soon as may be convenient after the annual general meeting of the Membership of the Corporation.

**Deleted:** The positions of President, Vice-President and Secretary, and Treasurer shall be occupied only by individuals who are members in good standing of a member church of the Conference, and no other individual shall be eligible to hold or be elected or appointed to such office.

25. No Director may hold more than one office in the Corporation at any one time.

26. All officers shall perform such duties as are designated by the Board of Directors, or failing such designation by the Board, those duties usually pertaining to such officers.

### COMMITTEES AND STAFF

27. The Board of Directors may constitute a Nomination Committee (which will nominate candidates for proposed election to the Board of Directors) and such other committees from time to time as it may deem necessary, composed of such persons as it shall see fit, and whether they be members of the Board of Directors or not, and the duties of such committees shall be those from time to time designated by the Board of Directors.

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28. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint persons to carry out the objects of the Corporation and may delegate to them either some or all authority to manage the affairs and operations of the Corporation (except such matters and duties as by law must be transacted or performed by the Board of Directors) and such appointment may be for such length of time as the Board of Directors in its discretion decides upon.

### EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

29. Contracts, documents or any other instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation may be signed by any two of the following: The President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Corporation, and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality.

30. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 31, the Board of Directors shall have power from time to time by resolution to appoint any officer or officers, person or persons, on behalf of the Corporation, either to sign contracts, documents, instruments in writing generally, or to sign specific contracts, documents, or instruments in writing.

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BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

31. The Corporation shall maintain at its Head Office or at such other place as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors, books of account concerning the operation of the Corporation and these shall be audited or reviewed as required by the *Canada Not-For-Profit Corporations Act*. If permitted by the *Act*, members may pass a unanimous resolution not to appoint a public accountant.

FISCAL YEAR

32. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

AMENDMENT AND REPEAL

33. This by-law may be amended or repealed in whole or in part only in the following way:

- (a) A notice of motion to amend or repeal, in whole or in part, shall be circulated to each member of the Board at least two (2) weeks before the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.
- (b) No amendment or repeal shall be made unless by two-thirds no majority vote of the full Board of Directors.
- (c) No such amendment or repeal shall be in force or acted upon until approval by resolution has first been obtained from the Membership at the annual general meeting of the Corporation.

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DISSOLUTION

36. It is specifically provided that in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation all of its remaining assets after payments of its liabilities shall be distributed to one or more organizations which are "qualified donees" as defined in the *Income Tax Act* (Canada) and which carry on similar activities to those of the Corporation, as determined by the directors.

ENACTED this \*\*\*\* day of \*\*\*\*, 2018.

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The foregoing By-law is hereby passed by the Directors of the Corporation pursuant to the *Canada Not-for-Profit Corporations Act* as evidenced by all of their respective signatures.

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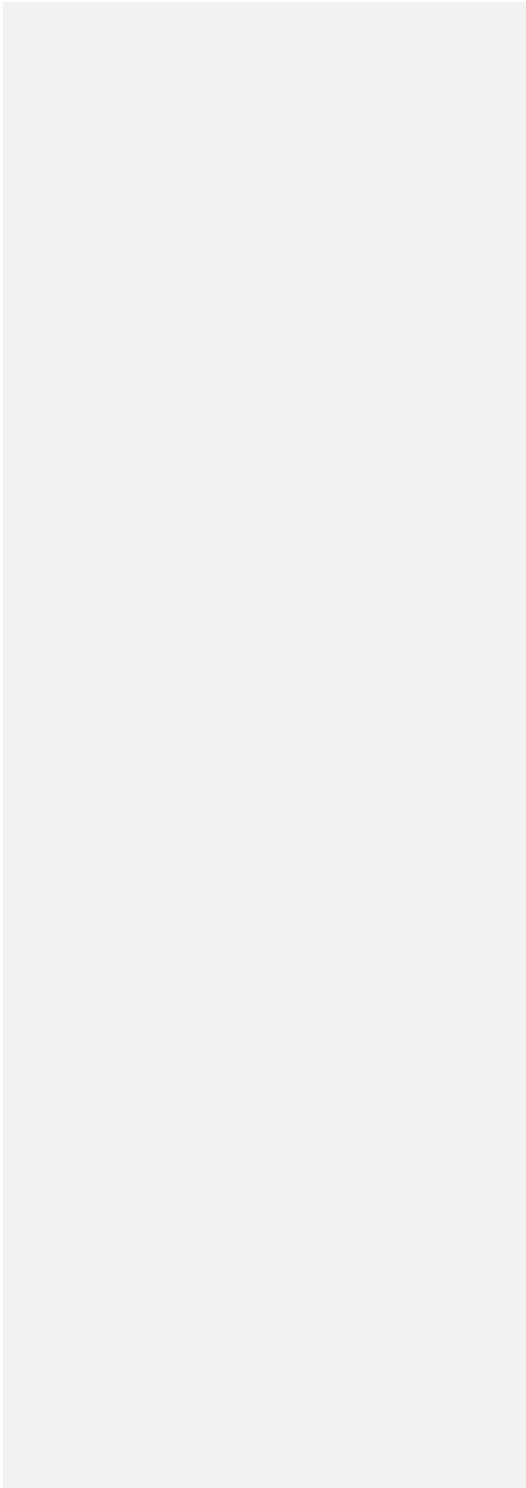
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# Bylaws - Bethesda Community Services Inc.

## BY-LAW NO. 1

### BETHESDA COMMUNITY SERVICES INC. (the "Corporation")

WHEREAS the Directors of Bethesda Community Services Inc. deem it expedient that certain by-laws be enacted for the regulation and management of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the objects for which the Corporation is incorporated are:

- (a) (i) To develop, operate and maintain community based programs for the care, training and assistance of developmentally handicapped persons;
- (ii) To provide psychological and behavioural testing, assessment and programming services; and to operate community based residential and day programs; and provide other related support for developmentally handicapped persons;
- (b) (i) To enter into arrangements with authorities, federal, provincial, municipal, local or otherwise, that may seem conducive to the Corporation's objects or any of them and to obtain from any such authority any rights, privileges and concessions which the Corporation may so desire to obtain and carry out; exercise and comply with any such arrangements, rights, privileges and concessions.
- (ii) To employ and pay such assistants, clerks, agents, representatives and employees and to procure, establish and maintain such offices and other facilities and to incur such reasonable expenses as may be necessary or appear desirable in furtherance of the objects of the Corporation, provided the Corporation shall not pay any remuneration to a ~~Director~~ in any capacity whatsoever.
- (iii) To acquire by purchase, lease or exchange and to hold any real or personal property necessary for the actual use and occupation of the Corporation or for carrying on its undertaking.
- (iv) To accept grants, donations, gifts, legacies and bequests and to enter into contracts which promote the undertaking of the Corporation.

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted as follows:

### PURPOSE AND CHARACTER

1. To provide on-going services for developmentally handicapped persons through assessment, treatment, residential, vocational and other such programs as may be appropriate.
2. To receive and maintain a fund or funds and other property and to apply from time to time all or part thereof for the purposes expressed in paragraph 1.

### HEAD OFFICE

3. The Head Office of the Corporation shall be located in the Province of Ontario and shall be more particularly described in the Letters Patent of the Corporation.

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## SEAL

4. The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the corporate seal of the Corporation. The Seal shall be in the custody of the secretary of the Corporation who shall be responsible for certification of any and all documents issued by the Corporation.

## MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL MEETING

5. ~~The members of the Corporation (each a "Member", and collectively the "Members" or the "Membership") shall be comprised of those individuals who are Directors of the Corporation. All Directors shall, by virtue of their office, be Members of the Corporation. If a Director of the Corporation ceases to be a Director for any reason whatsoever, then they shall also automatically, at the same time, cease to be a Member.~~

6. ~~Each Member shall have one (1) vote in relation to all matters to be voted on at the annual general meeting of the Membership and at each special meeting of the Membership.~~

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7. ~~Any special meeting of the Members of the Corporation may be called by the Board of Directors of the Corporation by notice in writing given at least ten (10) days before the time fixed for the holding of such meeting, and at such meeting the Members may attend to and vote upon all matters relating to the operations of the Corporation. At all special meetings of the Membership, a majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all matters addressed at such meetings shall be decided by majority vote unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.~~

## ERROR OR OMISSION IN NOTICE

8. No error or omission in giving notice of any annual or special meeting, or any adjourned meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceeding taken thereat and any Member may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may notify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

## ADJOURNMENTS

9. Any meeting of the Members of the Corporation or of its Board of Directors may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such matters or resolutions which were to be transacted at the original meeting may be transacted at the meeting resulting from the adjournment. No notice shall be required of any such adjournment and such adjournment may be made notwithstanding that no quorum is present.

## QUORUM OF MEMBERS

10. A quorum for the transaction of business at the annual general meeting of the Membership shall consist of ~~a majority of the Members. All matters addressed at the annual general meeting of the Membership shall be decided by majority vote unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.~~

**Deleted:** There shall be three classes of members of the Corporation:¶

¶ One voting member (the "Voting Member"), who will be appointed annually by the delegates in attendance at the annual convention of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (the "Conference"). This Voting Member shall be entitled to one vote at the annual general meeting of the membership of the Corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote at any other meeting of the membership of the Corporation:¶

¶ The members of the Board of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (collectively, the "OCMBC Board"), each of whom shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the membership of the Corporation other than the annual general meeting (at which annual general meeting they shall not be entitled to vote):¶

¶ Director members, who shall be members by virtue of their position on the Board of Directors (the "Director Members"). Each such Director Member shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the membership of the Corporation.

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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of nine (9) individuals ~~(each a "Director")~~.

~~who~~, by their life demonstrate their commitment to Christ, their local church and the mission, values, philosophy and objects of the Corporation.

~~Each Director~~ shall be elected as ~~a Director~~ by the ~~Membership~~ at the annual general meeting, to serve for a term of three (3) years, provided that their term of office shall, in any event, continue until successors are elected or appointed.

At every annual general meeting, the ~~Membership~~ shall elect to the Board of Directors the number of ~~Directors~~ required to fill the vacancies left by those ~~Directors~~ whose terms have expired in that year. ~~The Directors shall be elected in such a manner as to maintain a staggered election process whereby three (3) Directors are elected each year at each annual general meeting.~~

12. A retiring Director shall retain office until dissolution or adjournment of the meeting at which his successor is elected unless such meeting was called for the purpose of removing him from office as a Director, in which case, the Director so removed shall vacate office forthwith upon the passing of the resolution for his removal.

13. In the case of vacancies arising on the Board of Directors between annual general meetings, however caused, the Board of Directors shall have the power to fill such vacancies by way of a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Persons elected to fill such vacancies shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the Director they are replacing.

14. The office of a Director shall be vacated if:

- (a) By notice in writing to the Corporation the Director resigns his offices;
- (b) By resolution of the ~~Membership~~ at a special meeting of the Corporation called for the purpose, passed by a three quarters (3/4) majority ~~of the Members present~~, the Director is expelled from office on the grounds that the Director is not in harmony with the philosophy and purposes of the Corporation; or
- (c) The Director becomes of unsound mind.

15. Continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number, unless their number is reduced below the number necessary for a quorum, in which case the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to the required number.

## QUORUM OF DIRECTORS

16. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

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(b) - three (3) of whom may, but shall not necessarily, be members in good standing of a member church of the Conference, provided that they shall, in the sole opinion and discretion of the Board and the Voting Member,

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17. Directors' meetings may be held either at the Head Office of the Corporation or elsewhere as the Directors may from time to time determine. A meeting of Directors may be convened by the President or by any two of the Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be delivered or mailed, or telephone to each of the Directors not less than two (2) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held without formal notice if all of the Directors are present or those absent have waived notice or signified their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence. Any Director may at any time waive notice of any meetings and may ratify and approve of any and all proceedings taken or had thereat.

18. The questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes except where otherwise required in this by-law or where the Board of Directors may decide from time to time by resolution.

19. Directors shall be paid their travelling and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the affairs of the Corporation and in attending meetings thereof. The Directors shall serve without remuneration, and no Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such; however, a Director shall be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

### POWERS OF DIRECTION

20. The Board of Directors shall administer the affairs of the Corporation and all things made or caused to be made for the Corporation in its name, and any kind of contract which the Corporation may lawfully enter into, and save as hereinafter provided, generally may exercise all such other powers and do such other things as the Corporation is authorized to exercise and do.

21. The Board of Directors shall take such steps as it may deem necessary to enable the Corporation to receive gifts, bequests, annuities, trusts, donations and/or other benefits for the purpose of furthering its objects and purposes.

### INDEMNITY

22. The Directors and Officers of the Corporation and their respective heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the assets of the Corporation from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses, which they or any of them, their heirs, executors, or administrators shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in, or omitted, in or about the execution of their duty (or supposed duty) in respect or office, except in the event of willful neglect or default.

23. The Directors are hereby authorized from time to time to cause the Corporation to give indemnity to any Director or other person who has undertaken or is to undertake an action that may have a potential liability on behalf of the Corporation.

24. A resolution signed by all the Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at duly called and constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.

### OFFICERS

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25. The Corporation shall have the following Officers, namely:

President,  
Vice-President,  
Secretary,  
Treasurer.

26. Subject to the provision below, the President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation from among their number for a one (1) year term, such election to take place as soon as may be convenient after the annual general meeting of the Membership of the Corporation. Subject to the provision below, the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (but the Secretary and Treasurer need not be a director), such election to take place as soon as may be convenient after the annual general meeting of the Membership of the Corporation.

27. No Director may hold more than one office in the Corporation at any one time.

28. All officers shall perform such duties as are designated by the Board of Directors, or failing such designation by the Board, those duties usually pertaining to such officers.

### COMMITTEES AND STAFF

29. The Board of Directors may constitute a Nomination Committee (which will nominate candidates for proposed election to the Board of Directors) and such other committees from time to time as it may deem necessary, composed of such persons as it shall see fit, and whether they be members of the Board of Directors or not, and the duties of such committees shall be those from time to time designated by the Board of Directors.

30. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint persons to carry out the objects of the Corporation and may delegate to them either some or all authority to manage the affairs and operations of the Corporation (except such matters and duties as by law must be transacted or performed by the Board of Directors) and such appointment may be for such length of time as the Board of Directors in its discretion decides upon.

### EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

31. Contracts, documents or any other instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation may be signed by any two of the following: The President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Corporation, and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality.

32. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 31, the Board of Directors shall have power from time to time by resolution to appoint any officer or officers, person or persons, on behalf of the Corporation, either to sign contracts, documents, instruments in writing generally, or to sign specific contracts, documents, or instruments in writing.

### BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND AUDITORS

33. The Corporation shall maintain at its Head Office or at such other place as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors, books of account concerning

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the operation of the Corporation and these shall be audited in such manner as the Board of Directors by resolution may from time to time determine.

## FISCAL YEAR

34. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## AMENDMENT AND REPEAL

35. This by-law may be amended or repealed in whole or in part only in the following way:

- (a) A notice of motion to amend or repeal, in whole or in part, shall be circulated to each member of the Board at least two (2) weeks before the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.
- (b) No amendment or repeal shall be made unless by two-thirds no majority vote of the full Board of Directors.
- (c) No such amendment or repeal shall be in force or acted upon until approval by resolution has first been obtained from the Membership at the annual general meeting of the Corporation.

## DISSOLUTION

36. It is specifically provided that in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, all of its remaining assets, after payment of its liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more organizations which are "qualified donees" as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada) and which carry on similar activities to those of the Corporation, as determined by the directors.

ENACTED this \*\*\*\* day of \*\*\*\*, 2018.

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President

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Secretary

The foregoing By-law is hereby passed by the Officers and Directors of the Corporation pursuant to the *Corporations Act* (Ontario) as evidenced by all of their respective signatures.

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# Bylaws - Bethesda Home Foundation Inc.

## BY-LAW NO. 1

### BETHESDA HOME FOUNDATION INC. (the "Corporation")

WHEREAS the Directors of Bethesda Home Foundation Inc. deem it expedient that certain by-laws be enacted for the regulation and management of the Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the objects for which the Corporation is incorporated are:

(a) To receive and maintain a fund or funds and from time to time to apply all or part thereof and/or the income therefrom for charitable purposes and, for the attainment of subject objects:

1. To raise, use, apply, give, devote, administer, accumulate or distribute from time to time all or part of the fund or funds of the Corporation and/or the income therefrom to or for the promotion of on-going services for developmentally handicapped persons.

(b) For the further attainment of the above objects but without limiting the generality of the foregoing:

1. To acquire, accept, solicit or receive, by purchase, lease, contract, donation, legacy, gift, grant, bequest or otherwise, any kind of real or personal property, and to enter into and carry out agreements, contracts and undertakings incidental thereto;
2. To invest and re-invest any monies for the Corporation not immediately required for the objects of the Corporation in any securities in which, under the Trustee Act or any other Act, Trustees may invest trust funds and, in particular, to enter into agreements with others with regard to the investment and re-investment of all or part of such monies, and
3. From time to time, to establish and maintain for so long as the Corporation shall deem advisable a fund or funds whether out of capital or income and to apply the income therefrom to the aforesaid charitable purpose in the manner aforesaid or to apply the monies or other property received or acquired by the Corporation directly to such purpose, provided that in any case where any donor to the Corporation directs it subject to his, her or its donation or property substituted therefor is to be held in perpetuity or otherwise as a capital fund to produce income to be applied to such purposes, the Corporation shall comply with such direction;

NOW THEREFORE, be it enacted as follows:

### PURPOSE AND CHARACTER

1. To provide on-going services for developmentally handicapped persons through assessment, treatment, residential, vocational and other such programs as may be appropriate.

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2. To receive and maintain a fund or funds and other property and to apply from time to time all or part thereof for the purposes expressed in paragraph 1.

## HEAD OFFICE

3. The Head Office of the Corporation shall be located in the Province of Ontario and shall be more particularly described in the Letters Patent of the Corporation.

## SEAL

4. The seal, an impression whereof is stamped in the margin hereof, shall be the corporate seal of the Corporation. The Seal shall be in the custody of the secretary of the Corporation who shall be responsible for certification of any and all documents issued by the Corporation.

## MEMBERSHIP AND ANNUAL MEETING

5. ~~The members of the Corporation (each a "Member", and collectively the "Members" or the "Membership") shall be comprised of those individuals who are Directors of the Corporation. All Directors shall, by virtue of their office, be Members of the Corporation. If a Director of the Corporation ceases to be a Director for any reason whatsoever, then they shall also automatically, at the same time, cease to be a Member.~~
6. ~~Each Member shall have one (1) vote in relation to all matters to be voted on at the annual general meeting of the Membership and at each special meeting of the Membership.~~

## SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS

7. ~~Any special meeting of the Members of the Corporation may be called by the Board of Directors of the Corporation by notice in writing given at least ten (10) days before the time fixed for the holding of such meeting, and at such meeting the Members may attend to and vote upon all matters relating to the operations of the Corporation. At all special meetings of the Membership, a majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business, and all matters addressed at such meetings shall be decided by majority vote unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.~~

## ERROR OR OMISSION IN NOTICE

8. No error or omission in giving notice of any annual or special meeting, or any adjourned meeting of the Members of the Corporation shall invalidate such meeting or make void any proceeding taken thereat and any Member may at any time waive notice of any such meeting and may notify, approve and confirm any or all proceedings taken or had thereat.

## ADJOURNMENTS

9. Any meeting of the Members of the Corporation or of its Board of Directors may be adjourned at any time and from time to time and such matters or resolutions which were to be transacted at the original meeting may be transacted at the meeting resulting from the

**Deleted:** There shall be three classes of members of the Corporation:

¶ One voting member (the "Voting Member"), who will be appointed annually by the delegates in attendance at the annual convention of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (the "Conference"). This Voting Member shall be entitled to one vote at the annual general meeting of the membership of the Corporation, but shall not be entitled to vote at any other meeting of the membership of the Corporation;

¶ The members of the Board of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (collectively, the "OCMBC Board"), each of whom shall be entitled to one vote at any meeting of the membership of the Corporation other than the annual general meeting (at which annual general meeting they shall not be entitled to vote);

¶ Director members, who shall be members by virtue of their position on the Board of Directors (the "Director Members"). Each such Director Member shall not be entitled to vote at any meeting of the membership of the Corporation.

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## QUORUM OF MEMBERS

10. A quorum for the transaction of business at the annual general meeting of the Membership shall consist of a majority of the Members. All matters addressed at the annual general meeting of the Membership shall be decided by majority vote unless otherwise provided for in these by-laws.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

11. The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall consist of nine (9) individuals, each a "Director"

who, by their life demonstrate their commitment to Christ, their local church and the mission, values, philosophy and objects of the Corporation.

Each Director shall be elected as a Director by the Membership at the annual general meeting, to serve for a term of three (3) years, provided that their term of office shall, in any event, continue until successors are elected or appointed.

At every annual general meeting, the Membership shall elect to the Board of Directors the number of Directors required to fill the vacancies left by those Directors whose terms have expired in that year. The Directors shall be elected in such a manner as to maintain a staggered election process whereby three (3) Directors are elected each year at each annual general meeting.

12. A retiring Director shall retain office until dissolution or adjournment of the meeting at which his successor is elected unless such meeting was called for the purpose of removing him from office as a Director, in which case, the Director so removed shall vacate office forthwith upon the passing of the resolution for his removal.

13. In the case of vacancies arising on the Board of Directors between annual general meetings, however caused, the Board of Directors shall have the power to fill such vacancies by way of a two thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors. Persons elected to fill such vacancies shall hold office for the remainder of the term of the Director they are replacing.

14. The office of a Director shall be vacated if:

- (a) By notice in writing to the Corporation the Director resigns his offices;
- (b) By resolution of the Membership at a special meeting of the Corporation called for the purpose, passed by a three quarters (3/4) majority of the Members present, the Director is expelled from office on the grounds that the Director is not in harmony with the philosophy and purposes of the Corporation; or
- (c) The Director becomes of unsound mind.

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15. Continuing Directors may act notwithstanding any vacancy in their number, unless their number is reduced below the number necessary for a quorum, in which case the continuing Directors may act for the purpose of increasing the number of Directors to the required number.

### QUORUM OF DIRECTORS

16. A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board of Directors.

17. Directors' meetings may be held either at the Head Office of the Corporation or elsewhere as the Directors may from time to time determine. A meeting of Directors may be convened by the President or by any two of the Directors. Notice of such meeting shall be delivered or mailed, or telephone to each of the Directors not less than two (2) days before the meeting is to take place. Meetings of the Board of Directors may also be held without formal notice if all of the Directors are present or those absent have waived notice or signified their consent in writing to the meeting being held in their absence. Any Director may at any time waive notice of any meetings and may ratify and approve of any and all proceedings taken or had thereat.

18. The questions arising at any meeting of the Directors shall be decided by a majority of votes except where otherwise required in this by-law or where the Board of Directors may decide from time to time by resolution.

19. Directors shall be paid their travelling and other expenses properly incurred by them in connection with the affairs of the Corporation and in attending meetings thereof. The Directors shall serve without remuneration, and no Director shall directly or indirectly receive any profit from his position as such; however, a Director shall be paid reasonable expenses incurred by him in the performance of his duties.

### POWERS OF DIRECTION

20. The Board of Directors shall administer the affairs of the Corporation and all things made or caused to be made for the Corporation in its name, and any kind of contract which the Corporation may lawfully enter into, and save as hereinafter provided, generally may exercise all such other powers and do such other things as the Corporation is authorized to exercise and do.

21. The Board of Directors shall take such steps as it may deem necessary to enable the Corporation to receive gifts, bequests, annuities, trusts, donations and/or other benefits for the purpose of furthering its objects and purposes.

### INDEMNITY

22. The Directors and Officers of the Corporation and their respective heirs, executors and administrators, shall be indemnified and saved harmless out of the assets of the Corporation from and against all actions, costs, charges, losses, damages and expenses, which they or any of them, their heirs, executors, or administrators shall or may incur or sustain by or by reason of any act done, concurred in, or omitted, in or about the execution of their duty (or supposed duty) in respect or office, except in the event of willful neglect or default.

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23. The Directors are hereby authorized from time to time to cause the Corporation to give indemnity to any Director or other person who has undertaken or is to undertake an action that may have a potential liability on behalf of the Corporation.

24. A resolution signed by all the Directors shall be as valid and effectual as if it had been passed at duly called and constituted meeting of the Board of Directors.

## OFFICERS

25. The Corporation shall have the following Officers, namely:

President,  
Vice-President,  
Secretary,  
Treasurer.

26. Subject to the provision below, the President and Vice-President shall be elected by the Board of Directors of the Corporation from among their number for a one (1) year term, such election to take place as soon as may be convenient after the annual general meeting of the Membership of the Corporation. Subject to the provision below, the Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by the Board of Directors (but the Secretary and Treasurer need not be a director), such election to take place as soon as may be convenient after the annual general meeting of the Membership of the Corporation.

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27. No Director may hold more than one office in the Corporation at any one time.

28. All officers shall perform such duties as are designated by the Board of Directors, or failing such designation by the Board, those duties usually pertaining to such officers.

## COMMITTEES AND STAFF

29. The Board of Directors may constitute a Nomination Committee (which will nominate candidates for proposed election to the Board of Directors) and such other committees from time to time as it may deem necessary, composed of such persons as it shall see fit, and whether they be members of the Board of Directors or not, and the duties of such committees shall be those from time to time designated by the Board of Directors.

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30. The Board of Directors may from time to time appoint persons to carry out the objects of the Corporation and may delegate to them either some or all authority to manage the affairs and operations of the Corporation (except such matters and duties as by law must be transacted or performed by the Board of Directors) and such appointment may be for such length of time as the Board of Directors in its discretion decides upon.

## EXECUTION OF INSTRUMENTS

31. Contracts, documents or any other instruments in writing requiring the signature of the Corporation may be signed by any two of the following: The President, Vice-President, Secretary or Treasurer of the Corporation, and all contracts, documents and instruments in writing so signed shall be binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality.

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32. Notwithstanding the provisions of paragraph 31, the Board of Directors shall have power from time to time by resolution to appoint any officer or officers, person or persons, on behalf of the Corporation, either to sign contracts, documents, instruments in writing generally, or to sign specific contracts, documents, or instruments in writing.

BOOKS OF ACCOUNT AND AUDITORS

33. The Corporation shall maintain at its Head Office or at such other place as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors, books of account concerning the operation of the Corporation and these shall be audited in such manner as the Board of Directors by resolution may from time to time determine.

FISCAL YEAR

34. The fiscal year of the Corporation shall run from April 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> of each year.

AMENDMENT AND REPEAL

35. This by-law may be amended or repealed in whole or in part only in the following way:

- (a) A notice of motion to amend or repeal, in whole or in part, shall be circulated to each member of the Board at least two (2) weeks before the meeting at which the amendment is to be voted upon.
- (b) No amendment or repeal shall be made unless by two-thirds no majority vote of the full Board of Directors.
- (c) No such amendment or repeal shall be in force or acted upon until approval by resolution has first been obtained from the Membership at the annual general meeting of the Corporation.

DISSOLUTION

36. ~~It is specifically provided that in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation, all of its remaining assets, after payment of its liabilities, shall be distributed to one or more organizations which are "qualified donees" as defined in the Income Tax Act (Canada) and which carry on similar activities to those of the Corporation, as determined by the directors.~~

ENACTED this \*\*\*\* day of \*\*\*\*, 2018.

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President

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Secretary

The foregoing By-law is hereby passed by the Officers and Directors of the Corporation pursuant to the *Corporations Act* (Ontario) as evidenced by all of their respective signatures.

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# Bylaws - Camp Crossroads

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## Camp Crossroads

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### General Operating Bylaw

A bylaw relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of Camp Crossroads.

**WHEREAS** by Letters Patent issued under the Act and dated the third (3rd) day of June 2005, the Corporation was incorporated for the following objects:

**To establish, maintain and operate a Christian camp in the Town of Torrance to promote and advance the spiritual teachings of the Mennonite faith.**

**AND WHEREAS** it is considered expedient to enact a General Operating Bylaw relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation;

**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED** as a bylaw of the Corporation as follows:

#### Article 1 Definitions and Interpretations

##### 1.1 Definitions

~~In this Bylaw and all other Bylaws and resolutions of the Corporation unless the context otherwise requires:~~

~~1.1.1 — the singular includes the plural;~~

~~1.1.2 — the masculine gender includes the feminine;~~

~~1.1.3 — “Act” means the Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 89, and any statute amending or enacted in substitution therefor, from time to time;~~

~~1.1.4 — “Board” means the Board of Directors of the Corporation;~~

~~1.1.5 — “Committee” means any committee established by the Board pursuant to Article ~~4.2.1~~;~~

~~“Conference Member” means the OCMBC in accordance with section 4.1.1;~~

~~1.1.6 — “Corporation” means Camp Crossroads;~~

~~1.1.7 — “Documents”, includes deeds, mortgages, hypothecs, charges, conveyances, transfers and assignments of property, real or personal, immovable or movable, agreements, releases, receipts and discharges for the payment of money or other obligations, conveyances, transfers and assignments of shares, bonds, debentures or other securities and all paper writings;~~

~~1.1.8 — “Director” means a person who has been elected to the office of Director in accordance with Article 5 and 6, or appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Director in accordance with section 5.5;~~

~~1.1.9 — “Director Member” means the Directors from time to time of the Corporation who shall become ~~ex officio~~ Director Members in accordance with section 4.1.2;~~

~~1.1.10 — “Executive Officers” means the persons who hold the offices enumerated in section 9.1;~~

~~“Letters Patent” means the Letters Patent incorporating the Corporation, as from time to time amended by Supplementary Letters Patent;~~

~~“Meeting of the Members” includes an Annual General Meeting of Corporation Members and a Special General Meeting of Corporation Members;~~

~~1.1.11 — “Member” has the meaning ~~either as a Conference Member or Director Member as~~ set out in section 4.1;~~

~~1.1.12 — “Ordinary Member” means such persons who are admitted as Ordinary Members by a resolution passed by the then Ordinary Members of the Corporation at an annual or other special general meeting of Members in accordance with Section 4.1.1; “OCMBC” means the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches;~~

~~“President” shall have the meaning as set out in section 9.1; and~~

~~1.1.13 — “Special Resolution” means a resolution passed by the Directors and confirmed with or without variation by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation called for that purpose.~~

~~1.1.14 — Chairperson is the President of the Corporation.~~

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#### 1.2 Interpretations

In this Bylaw and all resolutions of the Corporation unless the context otherwise requires, the singular includes the plural and the masculine gender includes the feminine.

#### 1.3 Durability of the Bylaws

If any provision set forth in this Bylaw or the application of it in any particular circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Bylaw or the application of such provision other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby. Each such provision shall be separately valid and enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

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#### 1.4 Corporations Act Terms

All terms defined in the Act have the same meanings in this Bylaw and all other Bylaws and resolutions of the Corporation.

### Article 2 Head Office

The head office of the Corporation shall be in Town of Torrance in the Province of Ontario, and at such place ~~therein~~ as the Board may from time to time determine.

### Article 3 Affiliation and Statement of Faith ~~Seal~~

#### 3.1 Affiliation

The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches is a national body incorporated by an Act passed by the Senate on November 22, 1945. It is comprised of all the Mennonite Brethren congregations in Canada, which in turn are generally organized into regional conferences on a provincial basis. The Corporation exists within the family of churches of the OCMBC and is committed to the faith of the Mennonite Brethren denomination as expressed in the Confession of Faith as maintained by the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

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#### 3.2 Statement of Faith

The statement guiding the faith and practice of the OCMBC and the Corporation shall be the Confession of Faith that was adopted by the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in North America at its meeting convened in July 1999 in Wichita, Kansas and as updated from time to time at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.  
~~The seal which is impressed in the margin hereon shall be the corporate seal of the Corporation.~~

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### Article 4 Membership

#### 4.1 Classes

There shall be two classes of Membership in the Corporation, who shall be entitled to vote in Meetings of the Members of the Corporation, as follows:

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~~4.1.1 Ordinary Members. The initial Ordinary Member will be admitted by resolution of the first Directors of the Corporation and thereafter Ordinary Members are such persons who are admitted by a resolution passed by the then Ordinary Members of the Corporation at an annual or other special general meeting of Members.~~  
Conference Member. The Conference Member shall be an individual appointed by the OCMBC Board, and such individual shall be authorized to be its OCMBC representative at all Meetings of the Members. The Conference Member shall, by virtue of his appointment by the OCMBC Board, be admitted into the Membership of the Corporation by the Board. He will possess all the rights, duties and privileges of Membership in the Corporation. The OCMBC Board shall give notice

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to the Board of the Corporation of the full name and address of the representative, the term of his appointment and the termination of such appointment; and

**4.1.2 Director Members.** The Director Members consist of the Directors from time to time of the Corporation ~~who shall be ex-officio Director Members. The Director Members are not entitled to vote in meetings of the Members of the Corporation unless they are Members of another class of Members having the right to vote, in which case they shall vote as a Member of that other class.~~

#### 4.2 Applications

~~Unless otherwise determined by the Board, applicants for Membership in the Corporation shall be admitted as Ordinary Members. An individual, corporation or other entity may be a Member.~~

#### 4.3 Voting Classes

Save as otherwise provided herein, each Member of the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote per Member at all Meetings of the Members of the Corporation.  
~~No person who is not an Ordinary Member shall be entitled to vote in any proceedings of the Corporation.~~

#### 4.4 Qualification for Membership

In order to qualify as a Member, an individual must have the qualifications of a Director as provided for in section 5.3.

#### 4.5 Transfer of Membership

~~Except for the transfer of Membership from one class to another as otherwise provided in this Bylaw of the Corporation, if at all, a Membership in the Corporation is not transferable.~~

#### 4.5 Revocation of Membership

~~Any Member may be expelled from the Corporation for cause by a two-thirds (2/3) vote taken by ballot of the Members present and eligible to vote at an Annual General Meeting or other Special General Meeting of Members.~~

#### 4.6 Termination of Membership

A Membership in the Corporation automatically terminates upon the happening of any of the following events:

4.6.1 if the person, in writing, resigns as a Member of the Corporation;

4.6.2 if the ~~Member~~ person dies;

4.6.3 if a ~~person~~ Member is ~~removed~~ expelled from the Corporation as a Director pursuant to section 5.6; or

4.6.4 if the OCMBC terminates the appointment of the individual appointed as its representative.

~~4.6.4 if an assessment under the authority of section 4.7 remains unpaid for more than sixty (60) days after notice of the assessment has been given to the Member. (All reference to Membership dues Notwithstanding termination of Membership, a former Member remains liable for any assessment levied under the authority of section 4.7 prior to termination of the Membership.)~~

#### 4.7 Effect of Termination of Membership

Subject to the Articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the Member, including any rights in the property of the Corporation, automatically and immediately cease to exist.

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### 4.8 Liability of Members

Members shall not, as such, be held answerable or responsible for any act, default, obligation or liability of the Corporation or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, matter or thing relating to or connected with the Corporation.

## Article 5 Board of Directors

### 5.1 Board

Subject to the provisions of any Special Resolution changing the number of Directors, the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board composed of nine (9) elected Directors.

### 5.2 ~~Elected~~ Election of Directors and Composition

#### 5.2.1 ~~Election~~

~~Elected~~ Directors, subject to the provisions of section 5.3, shall be elected in the manner set out in Article 6 ~~each of whom, subject to the provisions of the Letters Patent and the Supplementary Letters Patent, shall hold office until the second annual meeting after election to office or until the successor of the Director has been elected and qualified.~~

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#### 5.2.2 ~~Composition~~

~~The number of Directors from non-Mennonite Brethren churches shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total number of authorized Directors of the Corporation.~~

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### 5.3 Qualifications

Each Director shall:

5.3.1 be at the date of, or become within ten (10) days after the election of the person as, and thereafter remain throughout the term of office, a ~~Member-Director~~ of the Corporation who is qualified by the terms of this section 5.3 to hold office;

5.3.2 be at least eighteen (18) years of age;

5.3.3 not be an undischarged bankrupt or a mentally incompetent person; ~~and~~

5.3.4 uphold the MB Confession of Faith, as defined in Article 3, in their role as a Director; and

5.3.5 be a church member in good standing of a local congregation ~~that which is either:~~

5.3.5.1 a member church of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (OCMBC).

This person must have the endorsement of the pastor or the board of the individual's home church as being a member in good standing. If a person ceases to be a Member of the Corporation who is qualified by the terms of this section 5.3 to hold office, or becomes bankrupt or a mentally incompetent person, the person thereupon ceases to be a Director, and the vacancy so created may be filled in the manner prescribed by section 5.5; or

5.3.5.2 a member of another evangelical church which is committed to use and support the objects and ministries of the Corporation. This person must have the endorsement of the pastor or the board of the individual's home church as being a member in good standing.

**Commented [JH20]:** Added to reference the new Article on the Statement of Faith and make clear its implications for Director qualifications.

5.3.6 A Member shall cease to be a Director if:

5.3.6.1 he ceases to be a Member of the Corporation who is qualified to hold office;

5.3.6.2 he becomes bankrupt or a mentally incompetent or otherwise incapable of managing his own affairs;

5.3.6.3 the Board of Directors determines by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote that a Director has acted in any way which discredits the Corporation, brings it into disrepute or otherwise damages or potentially damages the reputation of the Corporation after first giving the Director an opportunity to address the Board concerning such allegations or concerns;

5.3.6.4 he ceases for any other reason to meet the qualifications of Director;

5.3.6.5 he shall be removed from office by resolution of the Members as provided in section 5.6;

5.3.6.6 by notice in writing to the Corporation, he resigns his office and such

**Commented [JH21]:** New qualifications for Directors from other denominations have been added.

**Commented [JH22]:** This section defines the reasons why a Member shall cease to be a Director. It consolidates the information from other sections of the bylaws.

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resignation, if not effective immediately, becomes effective in accordance with the terms of the resignation.

The vacancy so created may be filled in the manner prescribed by section 5.5.

#### 5.4 Quorum

A quorum for any proceedings or transactions taken at meetings of the Board shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the number of ~~Members-Directors~~ of the Board, and no actions shall be taken at any meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of such proceedings. Directors may be present in person or otherwise participate by a conference call whereby all parties are able to hear and reply to the comments of the other Directors and all Directors have consented to such meetings.

**Commented [JH23]:** Added to allow for conference calls in meetings.

#### 5.5 Vacancies

So long as a quorum of Directors remains in office, a vacancy on the Board may be filled by the Directors, ~~from among the qualified members of the Corporation.~~ The person so appointed to fill the vacancy shall do so for the remainder of the term. If no quorum of the Directors exists, the remaining Directors shall forthwith call a Special General Meeting of ~~Members~~ to fill the vacancies on the Board.

**Commented [JH24]:** Edited because of the change to Class 1 of Members being the Conference and not Ordinary Members.

#### 5.6 Removal of Directors

The Members entitled to vote may, by resolution passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a Special General Meeting of which notice specifying the intention to pass the resolution has been given, remove any Director before the expiration of the term of office, and may, by a majority of the votes cast at that meeting, elect any person in the place and stead of the person removed for the remainder of the term of the removed Director.

#### 5.7 Remuneration of Directors

The Directors of the Corporation shall serve without remuneration.

#### 5.8 Responsibility for Acts

The Directors for the time being of the Corporation shall not be under any duty or responsibility in respect of any contract, act or transaction whether or not made, done or entered into in the name or on behalf of the Corporation, except such as shall have been submitted to and authorized or approved by the Board.

#### 5.9 Powers of the Directors

The Directors of the Corporation may administer the affairs of the Corporation in all things and make or cause to be made for the Corporation, in its name, any kind of contract which the Corporation may lawfully enter into, and may delegate administrative powers to officers and Committees and, save as herein provided, generally, may exercise all such other powers and do all such other acts and things as the Corporation is by its Letters Patent or otherwise authorized to exercise and do.

**Commented [JH25]:** Added to clarify the power that the Directors hold.

### Article 6 Election of the Board

#### 6.1 Term of Office

The term of office of Director shall be three years with at least three Directors being elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Members. The terms of Directors shall be scheduled to provide for such a staggered rotation.

**Commented [JH26]:** Added to ensure Director's terms are staggered.

#### 6.2 Re-election

A Director, if otherwise qualified, is eligible for election for two (2) consecutive full three-year terms, and thereafter is not eligible for re election until a period of eleven (11) months has elapsed from the date of retirement of such Director. Provided however when there are extenuated circumstances, the Board shall, by

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~~Special Resolution, be entitled to increase consecutive number of terms that can be served to three (3), that this section 6.2 shall not apply so as to prevent any person who is an Executive Officer to continue to serve as a Director for the remainder of the traditional cycle, if any, of service in offices then in progress.~~

**Commented [JH27]:** Simplified wording to allow for directors to complete two full terms if appointed to complete a partial term.

### 6.3 Nominations

Candidates for the office of Director shall include:

6.3.1 the slate of candidates for offices proposed by the Nominating Committee, or if there is no Nominating Committee, ~~by the Executive Committee (if any) and~~ submitted by the Board to the Annual General Meeting; and ~~such names shall be set out in a proposed slate of candidates and the Members shall be asked to vote on the proposed slate as a whole;~~

**Commented [JH28]:** Executive Committee has been removed as it is not being used. Governance Manual can specify internal board structures.

6.3.2 the persons whose names are put in nomination by any Member entitled to vote at any Meeting of the Members at which the election of Directors is held.

**Commented [JH29]:** Added to align with section 6.4.

### 6.4 Election Method

~~Where:~~

~~6.4.1 Where the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of offices to be filled, the Members Secretary of the meeting shall cast a single ballot electing that number of candidates for the offices. If the Members do not approve the whole of the proposed slate, the election shall be done pursuant to a method which sets the names of the candidates and allows each Member to vote for Directors on an individual basis. The number of votes cast by a Member shall be limited to the number of vacancies to be filled; and 6.4.2 the number of candidates nominated is greater than the number of offices to be filled, the election shall be by ballot.~~

**Commented [JH30]:** Updated to provide better clarity as to the election process.

### 6.5 Forms

The Board may prescribe the form of nomination paper and the form of a ballot.

## Article 7 Meetings of Directors

### 7.1 Calling Meetings

Meetings of the Board ~~and of the Executive Committee (if any)~~ may be held at any place within or outside Ontario, as designated in the notice calling the meeting. Meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, Secretary or any two (2) Directors.

### 7.2 Notice of Meetings

Subject to the provisions of section 7.3, notice of Board meetings shall be delivered, emailed, faxed or telephoned to each Director not less than two (2) days before the meeting is to take place. The statutory declaration of the Secretary or President that notice has been given pursuant to this Bylaw shall be sufficient and conclusive evidence of the giving of such notice. No formal notice of a meeting is necessary if all the Directors are present or if those absent have signified their consent to the meeting being held without notice and in their absence.

### 7.3 Regular Meetings

The Board may appoint one or more days in each year for regular meetings of the Board at a place and time named; no further notice of the regular meetings need be given. ~~The Board shall hold a meeting within seven (7) days following the annual meeting of the Corporation for the purpose of organization, the election and appointment of officers, or any other transactions. At its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Members, the Board shall include in its agenda the election and/or appointment of its officers and Committees for the coming year.~~

**Commented [JH31]:** Updated to allow for more flexibility in the operations of the Board.

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If all persons who are members of the Board or a Committee (as the case requires) consent thereto generally or in respect of a particular meeting and each has adequate access, such persons may participate in a meeting of the Board or Committee by means of such conference telephone or other communications facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other, and a person participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Provided that at the outset of each such meeting, and whenever votes are required, the chairperson of the meeting shall call roll to establish quorum, and shall, whenever not satisfied that the proceedings of the meeting may proceed with adequate security and confidentiality, unless a majority of the persons present at such meeting otherwise require, adjourn the meeting to a predetermined date, time and place.

#### 7.5 Voting

Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to have been lost. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a show of hands or by verbal affirmation for electronic conference unless a poll on the question is required by the chairperson or requested by any Director. A declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

#### 7.6 Written Resolutions

Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of Directors or a Committee meeting is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of Directors the Board or a Committee called, constituted and held for that purpose.

### Article 8 Meetings of the Members

#### 8.1 Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Members shall be held each year within Ontario, at a time, place and date determined by the Board, for the purpose of:

- 8.1.1 hearing and receiving the reports and financial statements required by the Act to be read at and laid before the Corporation Membership at an Annual General Meeting;
- 8.1.2 electing such Directors as are to be elected at such Annual General Meeting;
- 8.1.3 appointing the auditor and fixing, or authorizing the Board to fix, the remuneration therefor; and
- 8.1.4 the transaction of any other affairs properly brought before the meeting.

#### 8.2 Special General Meeting

The Board may at any time call a Special General Meeting of the Members for the transaction of any affairs, the general nature of which is specified in the notice calling the meeting. A Special General Meeting of the Members may also be called by the Members as provided in the Act.

#### 8.3 Notice of Meetings

Notice of the time, place and date of Meetings of the Members and the general nature of the affairs to be transacted shall be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting to each Member (and in the case of an Annual General Meeting shall also be given to the auditor of the Corporation) by sending notice by prepaid mail to the last address of the addressee shown on the Corporation's records, or, if the Member or auditor has consented to have the notice sent by email, it shall be sent to the email address on file at the office of Corporation.

#### 8.4 Quorum

A quorum for the transaction of affairs at meetings of the Members shall be at least two persons present in person or by proxy, at least one of which must be an Ordinary Member and no affairs of the Corporation shall be transacted at any meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of such affairs. A quorum a Meeting of the Members shall be at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Members entitled to

**Commented [JH32]:** Updated to reflect the new Member classes.



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vote at the meeting. No affairs of the Corporation shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Members unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement and throughout the meeting.

#### 8.5 Voting by Members

Unless otherwise required by the provisions of the Act or this Bylaw of the Corporation, all questions proposed for consideration at a Meeting of the Members shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast by Members entitled to vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to have been lost.

#### 8.6 Proxies

There will be no provisions for voting by proxy. Votes at Meetings of the Members may be given either personally or by proxy, and the proxy so appointed need not be a Member. The proxy holder shall represent no more than one (1) other Member by proxy at such meeting. A Member present in person shall nullify that Member's proxy vote. At every meeting at which a Member is entitled to vote, every Member or person present and appointed by proxy to represent the Member shall have one vote. A proxy shall be executed by the Member or the Member's attorney authorized in writing.

**Commented [JH33]:** Ontario Corporations act was changed in November 2017 and proxies must be allowed.

A proxy may be in the following form or some similar form:

"The undersigned Member of Camp Crossroads hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_, or failing the person appointed above, \_\_\_\_\_ as the proxy of the undersigned to attend and act at the Meeting of the Members of Camp Crossroads to be held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof in the same manner, to the same extent, and with the same power as if the undersigned were present at the said meeting or such adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ "Signature of Member"

The Board of Directors may from time to time make rules regarding the lodging of proxies at some place or places other than the place at which a meeting or adjourned Meeting of the Members is to be held and to determine particulars of such proxies being cabled, telegraphed or sent by facsimile or in writing before the meeting or adjourned meeting. The chair may, subject to any rules made as aforesaid, in the Chairperson's discretion, accept telegraphic or facsimile or written communication as to the authority of any person claiming to vote on behalf of and to represent a Member notwithstanding that no proxy form as stated above conferring such authority has been lodged with the Corporation, and any votes given in accordance with such telegraphic or facsimile or written communication accepted by the chair shall be valid and shall be counted.

#### 8.7 Show of Hands

At all Meetings of Members every question shall be decided by a show of hands unless otherwise required by this bylaw of the Corporation or unless a poll is required by the Chairperson or requested by any Member entitled to vote. Upon a show of hands, every Member entitled to vote and present in person shall have one (1) vote. Whenever a vote by show of hands has been taken upon a question, unless a poll is requested, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been carried or lost by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Corporation is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

#### 8.8 Chairperson

In the absence of the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson, the Members entitled to vote present at any Meeting of the Members shall choose another Director as Chairperson.

#### 8.9 Polls

If at any meeting a poll is requested on the election of a Chairperson or on the question of adjournment, it must be taken forthwith without adjournment. If a poll is requested on any other question, it shall be taken in the

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manner and either at once or later at the meeting or after adjournment as the Chairperson directs. The result of a poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was requested. A request for a poll may be withdrawn at any time prior to the taking of the poll.

#### 8.10 Adjournments

Any Meeting of the Members may be adjourned to any time and from time to time, and any matter or action may be transacted at any adjourned meeting that might have been transacted at the original meeting from which the adjournment took place. No notice is required of any adjourned meeting.

#### 8.11 Written Resolutions

Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing, signed by all the Members entitled to vote on that resolution at a Meeting of the Members or Committee of Members, is as valid as if it had been passed at a Meeting of the Members or a meeting of a Committee called, constituted and held for that purpose.

### Article 9 Officers

#### 9.1 Executive Officers

~~There shall be a Chairperson of the Board who shall also be elect the President of the Corporation (and who shall be a Director) to chair all meetings, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer (the latter two need not be Directors). The Secretary and the Treasurer may be the same individual in which case the position will be known as the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary and and the Treasurer if not Members of the Board must meet the same qualifications the Directors must meet. must be Members in good standing of a Local Congregation that is a Member of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.~~

#### 9.2 Election/Appointment of Executive Officers

Executive Officers, including the Chairperson (President), shall be elected or appointed by resolution of the Board at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting of Members at which the Directors are elected as defined in section 7.3.

#### 9.3 Chairperson (President)

The Chairperson, who shall be the President of the Corporation, shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Members (and in the absence of the Chairperson of the Executive Committee, meetings of the Executive Committee). The Chairperson shall supervise the affairs and operations of the Corporation, sign all documents requiring the signature of the President, and have the other powers and duties from time to time prescribed by the Board or incident to the office.

#### 9.4 Secretary (not a Member if appointed; but could be paid when not a Member.)

The Secretary shall act as Secretary of each all meetings of the Corporation, or the Board or Executive Committee (if any) (or delegate those duties to another person); shall attend all meetings of the Board and of the Executive Committee (if any) to record all facts and minutes of those proceedings in the books kept for that purpose; shall give all notices required to be given to Members and to Directors; shall be the custodian of the corporate seal of the Corporation and of all books, papers, records, correspondence and documents belonging to the Corporation; and shall perform the other duties from time to time prescribed by the Board or Executive Committee (if any) or incident to the office.

#### 9.5 Treasurer (not a Member if appointed; but could be paid when not a Member.)

The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation in proper books of account; shall deposit all moneys or other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in the bank or banks from time to time designated by the Board or Executive Committee (if any); shall disburse the funds of the Corporation under the direction of the Board or Executive Committee (if any), taking proper vouchers therefor; shall render to the Board or Executive Committee (if any), whenever required,

**Commented [JH34]:** Wording in section 9 has been updated to try to improve clarity around the President/Chairperson role.

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an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial position of the Corporation; shall co-operate with the auditors of the Corporation during any audit of the accounts of the Corporation; and shall perform the other duties from time to time prescribed by the Board ~~or Executive Committee (if any)~~ or incident to the office.

#### 9.6 Other Officers

The Board may appoint other officers, (~~who must have all the same qualifications as Directors who must be Members in good standing of a Local Congregation that is a Member of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches~~), ~~including without limitation, and~~ agents, (and with such titles as the Board may prescribe from time to time) as it considers necessary and all officers shall have the authority and perform the duties from time to time prescribed by the Board. The Board may also remove at its pleasure any such officer or agent of the Corporation. The duties of all other officers of the Corporation appointed by the Board ~~or Executive Committee (if any)~~ shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the Board ~~or Executive Committee (if any)~~ prescribes.

#### Article 10 ~~Camp Executive Director~~

The ~~Camp Executive~~ Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and, subject to the directions of the Board from time to time shall perform all duties incident to the office. The ~~Camp Executive~~ Director shall be appointed by resolution of the Board. The ~~Camp Executive~~ Director shall receive notice of all meetings of the Board and its Committees and shall have the right to attend and to speak to any issue placed before the Board or any of its Committees but shall not be a Member of the Board and shall not have the right to vote.

**Commented [JH35]:** Wording has been updated to reflect the title of Executive Director to align with the Board Governance Manual.

#### Article 11 Committees

~~The Board may, from time to time by resolution establish any Committee or other advisory body, as it deems necessary or appropriate for such purposes and, subject to the Act, with such powers as the Board shall see fit. The number and composition of Committee members on each Committee and the mandate of such Committee may be determined by Resolution of the Board from time to time. Any such Committee may formulate its own rules of procedure, subject to such Regulations or directions as the Board may from time to time make as defined in the Board's Governance Manual. Any Committee member may be removed by resolution of the Board.~~

**Commented [JH36]:** The Committees are being handled within the Board Governance Manual which allows the bylaws to be significantly simplified.

At its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting, the Board shall elect the members of any standing Committees. The Board may at any time establish Committees, either ad hoc or permanent for such duration, or such purposes and with such powers as the Board may determine.

**Commented [JH37]:** Added reference to the Governance Manual so that its existence is noted in the Bylaws.

#### 11.1 Executive Committee

~~The Board, whenever it consists of more than six (6), may from time to time elect from among its number an Executive Committee consisting of such number of Members, not less than three (3), as the Board may by resolution determine; preferably though not necessarily the Executive Committee shall be composed of the Executive Officers. Each Member of the Executive Committee shall serve during the pleasure of the Board and, in any event, only so long as such Member shall be a Director. The Board may fill vacancies in the Executive Committee by election from among its number. If and whenever a vacancy shall exist in the Executive Committee, the remaining Members may exercise all its powers so long as a quorum remains in office.~~

~~Any action by the Executive Committee shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting of the Board succeeding such action and shall be subject to revision or alteration by the Board; provided that no actual rights of any third party shall be affected by such revision or alteration.~~

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~~The Executive Committee shall fix its own rules of procedure and shall meet where and as provided by such rules or by resolution of the Board, but in every case the presence of a majority shall constitute a quorum.~~

#### 11.1.1 Powers

~~During the intervals between the meetings of the Board, the Executive Committee shall possess and may exercise (subject to any regulations which the Board may from time to time impose) all the powers of the Board in the management and direction of the affairs of the Corporation in such manner as the Executive Committee shall deem best for the interest of the Corporation in all cases in which specific directions shall not have been given by the Board.~~

#### 11.1.2 Procedures

~~Subject to sections 11.4, 11.5 and 11.6 and to any regulations imposed from time to time by the Board, the Executive Committee shall have power to fix its quorum at not less than a majority of its Members and may fix its own rules of procedure from time to time. The Executive Committee shall keep minutes of its meetings in which shall be recorded all action taken by it, and copies of all minutes thereof shall be submitted to the Board.~~

#### 11.1.3 Quorum

~~No decisions may be made or actions taken by the Executive Committee except at a meeting of its Members at which a quorum of the Executive Committee is present.~~

#### 11.1.4 Place of Affairs

~~Meetings of the Executive Committee may be held at the head office of the Corporation or at any other place within or outside Ontario as specified in the notice calling the meeting.~~

#### 11.1.5 Other Directors Present

~~Each Director shall be entitled to speak but not to vote at any meeting of the Executive Committee at which the Director is present. However, no Director who has not been elected to the Executive Committee shall be entitled to notice of any meeting of the Executive Committee, and the presence of such Director shall not be included for the purpose of calculating a quorum.~~

### 11.2 Nominating Committee

A Nominating Committee may be appointed by the Board consisting of at least three Members, a majority of whom shall be directors whose term of office is continuing. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the Nominating Committee shall have power to fix its quorum at not less than a majority of its Members, and to regulate its procedure.

The Nominating Committee shall:

- prepare a slate of one (1) or more candidates for each office which will be vacant and for which an election is to be held at or after the Annual Meeting and deliver the slate to the Ordinary Members 30 days prior to the date the Annual Meeting is held.
- accept any additional written nominations for elected office any time prior to the holding of annual elections, but this does not preclude the Chairperson of the Annual Meeting from accepting further nominations from the floor at the time of the election;
- make recommendations to the Board of names of persons to fill vacancies in office or on the Board or on Committees that occur throughout the year.

### 11.1 Review/Audit Committee

At its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting, the Board shall appoint a Review/Audit Committee consisting of no fewer than three Directors. Until otherwise ordered by the Board, the audit Committee shall meet at least twice annually, plan and review the annual financial statements and audit (if performed) with the external auditor, negotiate the remuneration to be paid to the external auditor for the ensuing year, and report to the Board on the review/audit, and any management or review/audit comments by the external auditor, when the audited financial statements are presented.

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#### **11.4 Ad Hoc Committees**

~~There may be such ad hoc Committees and for such purposes as the Board or the Executive Committee (if any) may determine from time to time by resolution. The existence of each such Ad Hoc Committee shall be terminated automatically upon:~~

~~11.4.1 the delivery of its report;~~

~~11.4.2 the completion of its assigned task;~~

~~11.4.3 a change in the Membership of the Board or Executive Committee by which it was constituted; or~~

~~11.4.4 a resolution to that effect of the Board or Executive Committee by which it was constituted, whichever first occurs.~~

~~11.4.5 Provided however that, in the case of termination pursuant to subsection 12.4.2, the Board or the Executive Committee (as the case may be) may by resolution continue such ad hoc Committee.~~

#### **11.5 Combined and Inactive Committees**

~~From time to time by resolution the Board may combine the work of two or more Committees under such name as the Board shall select, and may permit any Committee to be inactive.~~

#### **11.6 Rules Governing Committees**

~~Except as otherwise provided by this Bylaw of the Corporation, all Committees other than the Executive Committee are subject to the following:~~

~~11.6.1 the Chairperson and Members shall be appointed by the Board, from among the Members of the Corporation who are qualified to hold office;~~

~~11.6.2 at least one Member of the Executive Committee, if any, shall be appointed to serve on each Committee;~~

~~11.6.3 in addition to the Members of a Committee appointed pursuant to subsection 12.5.1, the Executive Committee, if any, otherwise the Board, may appoint to any Committee, persons who are not Members of the Corporation who are qualified to hold office; provided that the total number of such persons shall at all times remain less than one third of the total number of persons who are Members of such Committee;~~

~~11.6.4 a Member of a Committee shall serve for a term ending at the annual meeting of Members following appointment, and is eligible for reappointment for one or more additional terms;~~

~~11.6.5 each Committee shall meet at least annually, and more frequently at the will of its Chairperson or as required by its terms of reference, and as requested by the Board;~~

~~11.6.6 each Committee shall be responsible to, and report after each meeting to, the Executive Committee or if none, to the Board;~~

~~11.6.7 subject to any rules established by the Board, each Committee may establish its own rules of procedure and may appoint subcommittees.~~

#### **11.2 Bylaw Review Committee**

A Bylaw Review Committee may be appointed by the Board, as required, consisting of at least three Committee members. At least one Committee member must be provided by the OCMBC. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the Bylaw Review Committee shall have power to fix its quorum at not less than a majority of its members, and to regulate its procedure.

**Commented [JH39]:** The Bylaw Review Committee is very important and so its structure remains part of the bylaw definitions.

### **Article 12 Protection of Directors and Officers**

#### **12.1 Directors and Officers Liability Exclusion**

Absent the failure to act honestly and in good faith in the performance of the duties of office, and save as may be otherwise provided in any legislation or law, no present or past Director or officer of the Corporation shall be personally liable for any loss or damage or expense to the Corporation arising out of the acts (including wilful, negligent and accidental conduct), receipts, neglects, omissions or defaults of any other Director or officer or employee, servant, agent, volunteer or independent contractor arising from any of the following:

12.1.1 insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by the Corporation or for or on behalf of the Corporation;



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- 12.1.2 insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of or belonging to the Corporation shall be placed out or invested;
- 12.1.3 loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy or insolvency of any person including any person with whom or which any monies, securities or effects shall be lodged or deposited;
- 12.1.4 loss, conversion, misapplication or misappropriation of or any damage resulting from any dealings with monies, securities or other assets belonging to the Corporation;
- 12.1.5 loss, damage or misfortune whatever which may happen in the execution of the duties of the Member or the Directors or officer's respective office or trust or in relation thereto; and
- 12.1.6 loss, damage, arising from any wilful act, assault, act of negligence, breach of fiduciary or other duty or failure to render aid of any sort.

### 12.2 Pre-indemnity Considerations

Before giving approval to the indemnities provided in section 12.3 herein, or purchasing insurance provided in ~~section 12.4~~ article 13 herein, the Board shall consider:

- 12.2.1 the degree of risk to which the Director or officer is or may be exposed;
- 12.2.2 whether, in practice, the risk cannot be eliminated or significantly reduced by means other than the indemnity or insurance;
- 12.2.3 whether the amount or cost of the insurance is reasonable in relation to the risk;
- 12.2.4 whether the cost of the insurance is reasonable in relation to the revenue available; and
- 12.2.5 whether it advances the administration and management of the property to give the indemnity or purchase the insurance.

### 12.3 Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Every person, (including their respective heirs, executors and administrators, estate, successors and assigns) who:

- 12.3.1 is a Director; or,
- 12.3.2 is an officer of the Corporation; or
- 12.3.3 is a Committee member; or
- 12.3.4 has undertaken, or, with the direction of the Corporation is about to undertake, any liability on behalf of the Corporation or any Corporation controlled by the Corporation, whether in his personal capacity or as an officer or Director or employee or volunteer of such Corporation;
- 12.3.5 shall, upon approval of the Board from time to time, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Corporation, from and against costs, charges and expenses which such person sustains or incurs;
- 12.3.6 in or in relation to any demand, action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against them in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted or not permitted by them, in or in relation to the execution of the duties of such office or in respect of any such liability; or,
- 12.3.7 in relation to the affairs of the Corporation generally,
- 12.3.8 save and except that such costs, charges or expenses are occasioned by their own failure to act honestly and in good faith in the performance of the duties of office, or by other wilful neglect or default.

The Corporation shall also, upon approval by the Board from time to time, indemnify any such person in such other circumstances as any legislation or laws permit or require.

Nothing in this Bylaw shall limit the right of any person entitled to indemnity to claim indemnity apart from the provisions of this Bylaw to the extent permitted by any legislation or law.

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### Article 13 Insurance

The Corporation shall purchase and maintain appropriate liability insurance which shall provide coverage for each person acting or having previously acted in the capacity of a Director, officer or such other capacity on behalf of the Corporation, which insurance shall include:

- 13.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance;
- 13.1.2 Directors and Officers insurance; and,
- 13.1.3 such other insurance as may be recommended from time to time by the insurance broker retained by the Corporation to advise it and procure coverage on its behalf,
- 13.1.4 specifying coverage amounts of a minimum of \$5 Million per claim/\$10 Million in the aggregate.

No coverage shall be provided for any liability relating to a failure to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation.

It shall be the obligation of those seeking insurance coverage or indemnity from the Corporation to cooperate fully with the Corporation in the defence of any demand, claim or suit made against it, and to make no admission of responsibility or liability to any third party without the prior agreement of the ~~Corporation~~Board.

### Article 14 Execution of Documents

#### 14.1 Cheques, Drafts, Notes, Etc.

All cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by the officer or officers or person or persons and in the manner from time to time prescribed by the Board.

#### 14.2 Execution of Documents

Documents requiring execution by the Corporation may be signed by any two (2) of the President or a Vice-~~Chair~~President and the Secretary or the Treasurer or any one (1) of the foregoing together with any one (1) Director, and all documents so signed are binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality. The Board may from time to time appoint any officer or officers or any person or persons on behalf of the Corporation, either to sign documents generally or to sign specific documents. ~~The corporate seal of the Corporation shall, when required, be affixed to documents executed in accordance with the foregoing.~~

#### 14.3 Books and Records

The Board shall see that all necessary books and records of the Corporation required by this Bylaw of the Corporation or by any applicable statute are regularly and properly kept.

### Article 15 Banking Arrangements and Securities

#### 15.1 Banking Arrangements

The Board shall designate, by resolution, the officers and other persons authorized to handle the banking transactions of the Corporation, or any part thereof, with the bank, trust company, credit union, or other Corporation carrying on a banking arrangement that the Board has designated as the Corporation's banker, to have the authority set out in the resolution, including, unless otherwise restricted, the power to:

- 15.1.1 operate the Corporation's accounts with the banker;
- 15.1.2 make, sign, draw, accept, endorse, negotiate, lodge, deposit or transfer any of the cheques, promissory notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange and orders for the payment of money;
- 15.1.3 issue receipts for and orders relating to any property of the Corporation;
- 15.1.4 execute any agreement relating to any banking affairs and defining the rights and powers of the parties thereto; and

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15.1.5 authorize any officer of the banker to do any act or thing on the Corporation's behalf to facilitate the banking arrangements.

#### 15.2 Deposit of Securities

The securities of the Corporation shall be deposited for safe keeping with one or more bankers, trust companies or other financial institutions to be selected by the Board. Any and all securities so deposited may be withdrawn, from time to time, only upon the written order of the Corporation signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner, as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. The institutions which may be so selected as custodians of the Board shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with the directions of the Board and shall in no event be liable for the due application of the securities so withdrawn from deposit or the proceeds thereof.

### Article 16 Borrowing by the Corporation

#### 16.1 Board May Borrow

Subject to the limitations set out in this bylaw or in the Letters Patent of the Corporation, the Board may:

16.1.1 borrow money on the credit of the Corporation;

16.1.2 issue, sell or pledge securities of the Corporation; or

16.1.3 charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any of the real or personal property of the Corporation, including book debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertakings, to secure any securities or any money borrowed, or other debt, or any other obligation or liability of the Corporation,

16.1.4 Provided that, except where the Corporation borrows on the security of its real or personal property, its borrowing power shall be limited to borrowing money for current operating expenses.

#### 16.2 Specific Borrowing Authority

From time to time the Board may authorize any Director, officer or employee of the Corporation or any other person to make arrangements with reference to the money so borrowed or to be borrowed and as to the terms and conditions of the loan thereof, and as to the security to be given therefor, with power to vary or modify such arrangements, terms and conditions and to give such additional security as the Board may authorize, and generally to manage, transact and settle the borrowing of money by the Corporation.

### Article 17 Financial Year

The financial year of the Corporation shall terminate on the 31st day of December in each year or on such other date as the Board may from time to time by resolution determine.

### Article 18 Dissolution

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation and / or the divestiture of the property at Torrance, the assets remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be transferred to the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches OCMBC provided the Conference is a registered charity pursuant to the Income Tax Act. In the alternative, the Board will transfer the net assets to another registered charity with objects not inconsistent with the Corporation's objects.

**Commented [JH40]:** Dissolution is clarified in the case that OCMBC does not exist, where the assets would be directed. This is not a change, simply a clarification.

### Article 19 Auditor Appointed by Members

The Members entitled to vote shall at each Annual General Meeting appoint an auditor, who shall be a qualified public accountant, as prescribed by the Act, to audit the books of the Corporation, to hold office until the next

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Annual General Meeting, provided that the Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the auditor. The remuneration of the auditor shall be fixed by the Members entitled to vote or by the Board, if authorized to do so by the Members entitled to vote.

#### Article 20 Notice

##### 20.1 Method of Notice

Except where otherwise provided in this bylaw, notice shall be validly given if given by telephone, or if in writing, by prepaid letter post, by facsimile, by email, or by other electronic method, addressed to the person for whom intended at the last address shown on the Corporation's records.

##### 20.2 Computation of Time

In computing the date when notice must be given under any provision of this bylaw requiring a specified number of days' notice of any meeting or other event, the date of giving the notice is, unless otherwise provided, not included.

##### 20.3 Omissions and Errors

The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting of the Board, a Committee or Members or the non-receipt of any notice by any Director or Member or by the auditor of the Corporation or any error in any notice not affecting its substance does not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceedings taken at the meeting. Any Director, Member or the auditor of the Corporation may at any time waive notice of any meeting and may ratify and approve any or all proceedings taken thereat.

#### Article 21 Bylaws and Amendments, etc.

The Bylaws of the Corporation may be repealed, altered or amended as described in Article 21.

##### 21.1 — Enactment

~~This Bylaw of the Corporation may be enacted, repealed, amended, altered, added to or re-enacted in the manner contemplated in, and subject to the provisions of, the Act.~~

##### 21.1 Amendments

Any Member may initiate a proposed amendment to the bylaws by submitting it in writing to the Board. The Bylaw Review Committee may also propose amendments to the bylaws by submitting it in writing to the Board.

##### 21.2 Review

The Bylaw Review Committee will be responsible to review any proposed amendment before presenting them for approval at a Meeting of the Members of the Corporation. The Bylaw Review Committee may work with the Member to make revisions to the submitted proposal, or they may present their own proposal regarding the amendment being considered.

##### 21.3 Notice

Notice to amend the bylaws, along with a complete copy of the bylaws with the proposed amendments, must be provided to all Members at least 30 days before the meeting at which it is to be considered. Amendments may be voted on at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

##### 21.4 Vote

The amendment to the bylaws must be passed by a Special Resolution a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Director Members at a duly constituted Meeting of the Members called for that purpose as well as the unanimous vote by the Conference Member.

**Commented [JH41]:** This section has been updated to reflect the two classes and how they will work together in the future to amend the bylaws.

**Commented [JH42]:** By stating the bylaws amendment process explicitly, this overrides the default process used by the Act.

**Commented [JH43]:** Directors or the Conference Member or the Bylaw Review Committee can submit amendments.

**Commented [JH44]:** This process may sound contradictory, but it ensures transparency and effectiveness. First, any Member can insist that their amendment be presented unchanged. Or, the Member can work with the BRC to develop the best solution possible to meet the Member's intent. Or, the BRC can draft and submit their own amendment allowing the Members to vote on whichever proposal best meets the needs of the Corporation.

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### 21.5 Effective on Passing

This bylaw shall come into force when enacted by the Board Members in accordance with the Act. This bylaw shall come into force without further formality upon its enactment.

~~ENACTED as a Bylaw of Camp Crossroads and sealed with the corporate seal this 14th day of January 2006.~~  
The foregoing bylaw has been passed by the Board of Directors on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of 2018.

President

Secretary

~~CONFIRMED by the Members in accordance with the Corporations Act (Ontario) on the 18th day of February 2006.~~

The foregoing bylaw is ratified and approved in accordance with the Act on the on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of 2018.

President

Secretary



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### General Operating Bylaw

A bylaw relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of Camp Crossroads.

**WHEREAS** by Letters Patent issued under the Act and dated the third (3rd) day of June 2005, the Corporation was incorporated for the following objects:

**To establish, maintain and operate a Christian camp in the Town of Torrance to promote and advance the spiritual teachings of the Mennonite faith.**

**AND WHEREAS** it is considered expedient to enact a General Operating Bylaw relating generally to the conduct of the affairs of the Corporation;

**BE IT THEREFORE ENACTED** as a bylaw of the Corporation as follows:

### Article 1 Definitions and Interpretations

#### 1.1 Definitions

**"Act"** means the Corporations Act, R.S.O. 1990, Chapter 89, and any statute amending or enacted in substitution therefor, from time to time;

**"Board"** means the Board of Directors of the Corporation;

**"Committee"** means any committee established by the Board pursuant to Article 11;

**"Conference Member"** means the OCMBC in accordance with section 4.1.1;

**"Corporation"** means Camp Crossroads;

**"Documents"**, includes deeds, mortgages, hypothecs, charges, conveyances, transfers and assignments of property, real or personal, immovable or movable, agreements, releases, receipts and discharges for the payment of money or other obligations, conveyances, transfers and assignments of shares, bonds, debentures or other securities and all paper writings;

**"Director"** means a person who has been elected to the office of Director in accordance with Article 5 and 6, or appointed to fill a vacancy in the office of Director in accordance with section 5.5;

**"Director Member"** means the Directors from time to time of the Corporation who shall become Members in accordance with section 4.1.2;

**"Executive Officers"** means the persons who hold the offices enumerated in section 9.1;

**"Letters Patent"** means the Letters Patent incorporating the Corporation, as from time to time amended by Supplementary Letters Patent;

**"Meeting of the Members"** includes an Annual General Meeting of Corporation Members and a Special General Meeting of Corporation Members;

**"Member"** has the meaning either as a Conference Member or Director Member as set out in section 4.1;

**"OCMBC"** means the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches;

**"President"** shall have the meaning as set out in section 9.1; and

**"Special Resolution"** means a resolution passed by the Directors and confirmed with or without variation by at least two-thirds of the votes cast at a Special General Meeting of the Members of the Corporation called for that purpose.

#### 1.2 Interpretations

In this Bylaw and all resolutions of the Corporation unless the context otherwise requires, the singular includes the plural and the masculine gender includes the feminine.

#### 1.3 Durability of the Bylaws

If any provision set forth in this Bylaw or the application of it in any particular circumstance shall, to any extent, be invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Bylaw or the application of such provision other than those to which it is held invalid or unenforceable shall not be affected thereby. Each such provision shall be separately valid and enforceable to the full extent permitted by law.

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#### 1.4 Corporations Act Terms

All terms defined in the Act have the same meanings in this Bylaw and all other Bylaws and resolutions of the Corporation.

#### Article 2 Head Office

The head office of the Corporation shall be in Town of Torrance in the Province of Ontario, and at such place as the Board may from time to time determine.

#### Article 3 Affiliation and Statement of Faith

##### 3.1 Affiliation

The Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches is a national body incorporated by an Act passed by the Senate on November 22, 1945. It is comprised of all the Mennonite Brethren congregations in Canada, which in turn are generally organized into regional conferences on a provincial basis. The Corporation exists within the family of churches of the OCMBC and is committed to the faith of the Mennonite Brethren denomination as expressed in the Confession of Faith as maintained by the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

##### 3.2 Statement of Faith

The statement guiding the faith and practice of the OCMBC and the Corporation shall be the Confession of Faith that was adopted by the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches in North America at its meeting convened in July 1999 in Wichita, Kansas and as updated from time to time at the Annual General Meeting of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

#### Article 4 Membership

##### 4.1 Classes

There shall be two classes of Membership in the Corporation, who shall be entitled to vote in Meetings of the Members of the Corporation, as follows:

**4.1.1 Conference Member.** The Conference Member shall be an individual appointed by the OCMBC Board, and such individual shall be authorized to be its OCMBC representative at all Meetings of the Members. The Conference Member shall, by virtue of his appointment by the OCMBC Board, be admitted into the Membership of the Corporation by the Board. He will possess all the rights, duties and privileges of Membership in the Corporation. The OCMBC Board shall give notice to the Board of the Corporation of the full name and address of the representative, the term of his appointment and the termination of such appointment; and

**4.1.2 Director Members.** The Director Members consist of the Directors from time to time of the Corporation.

##### 4.2 Applications

An individual, corporation or other entity may be a Member.

##### 4.3 Voting Classes

Save as otherwise provided herein, each Member of the Corporation shall be entitled to one vote per Member at all Meetings of the Members of the Corporation.

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### 4.4 Qualification for Membership

In order to qualify as a Member, an individual must have the qualifications of a Director as provided for in section 5.3.

### 4.5 Transfer of Membership

Membership in the Corporation is not transferable.

### 4.6 Termination of Membership

A Membership in the Corporation automatically terminates upon the happening of any of the following events:

- 4.6.1 if the person, in writing, resigns as a Member of the Corporation;
- 4.6.2 if the person dies;
- 4.6.3 if a Member is removed as a Director pursuant to section 5.6; or
- 4.6.4 if the OCMBC terminates the appointment of the individual appointed as its representative.

### 4.7 Effect of Termination of Membership

Subject to the Articles, upon any termination of membership, the rights of the Member, including any rights in the property of the Corporation, automatically and immediately cease to exist.

### 4.8 Liability of Members

Members shall not, as such, be held answerable or responsible for any act, default, obligation or liability of the Corporation or for any engagement, claim, payment, loss, injury, transaction, matter or thing relating to or connected with the Corporation.

## Article 5 Board of Directors

### 5.1 Board

Subject to the provisions of any Special Resolution changing the number of Directors, the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board composed of nine (9) elected Directors.

### 5.2 Election of Directors and Composition

#### 5.2.1 Election

Directors, subject to the provisions of section 5.3, shall be elected in the manner set out in Article 6.

#### 5.2.2 Composition

The number of Directors from non-Mennonite Brethren churches shall not exceed one-third (1/3) of the total number of authorized Directors of the Corporation.

### 5.3 Qualifications

Each Director shall:

- 5.3.1 be at the date of, or become within ten (10) days after the election of the person as, and thereafter remain throughout the term of office, a Director of the Corporation who is qualified by the terms of this section 5.3 to hold office;
- 5.3.2 be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- 5.3.3 not be an undischarged bankrupt or a mentally incompetent person;
- 5.3.4 uphold the MB Confession of Faith, as defined in Article 3, in their role as a Director; and
- 5.3.5 be a church member in good standing of a local congregation which is either:
  - 5.3.5.1 a member church of the OCMBC. This person must have the endorsement of the pastor or the board of the individual's home church as being a member in good standing.; or
  - 5.3.5.2 a member of another evangelical church which is committed to use and support the objects and ministries of the Corporation. This person must have the endorsement of the pastor or the board of the individual's home church as being a member in good standing.

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#### 5.3.6 A Member shall cease to be a Director if:

- 5.3.6.1 he ceases to be a Member of the Corporation who is qualified to hold office;
- 5.3.6.2 he becomes bankrupt or a mentally incompetent or otherwise incapable of managing his own affairs;
- 5.3.6.3 the Board of Directors determines by a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote that a Director has acted in any way which discredits the Corporation, brings it into disrepute or otherwise damages or potentially damages the reputation of the Corporation after first giving the Director an opportunity to address the Board concerning such allegations or concerns;
- 5.3.6.4 he ceases for any other reason to meet the qualifications of Director;
- 5.3.6.5 he shall be removed from office by resolution of the Members as provided in section 5.6;
- 5.3.6.6 by notice in writing to the Corporation, he resigns his office and such resignation, if not effective immediately, becomes effective in accordance with the terms of the resignation.

The vacancy so created may be filled in the manner prescribed by section 5.5.

#### 5.4 Quorum

A quorum for any proceedings or transactions taken at meetings of the Board shall be two-thirds (2/3) of the number of Directors of the Board, and no actions shall be taken at any meeting unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement of such proceedings. Directors may be present in person or otherwise participate by a conference call whereby all parties are able to hear and reply to the comments of the other Directors and all Directors have consented to such meetings.

#### 5.5 Vacancies

So long as a quorum of Directors remains in office, a vacancy on the Board may be filled by the Directors. The person so appointed to fill the vacancy shall do so for the remainder of the term. If no quorum of the Directors exists, the remaining Directors shall forthwith call a Special General Meeting to fill the vacancies on the Board.

#### 5.6 Removal of Directors

The Members entitled to vote may, by resolution passed by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the votes cast at a Special General Meeting of which notice specifying the intention to pass the resolution has been given, remove any Director before the expiration of the term of office, and may, by a majority of the votes cast at that meeting, elect any person in the place and stead of the person removed for the remainder of the term of the removed Director.

#### 5.7 Remuneration of Directors

The Directors of the Corporation shall serve without remuneration.

#### 5.8 Responsibility for Acts

The Directors for the time being of the Corporation shall not be under any duty or responsibility in respect of any contract, act or transaction whether or not made, done or entered into in the name or on behalf of the Corporation, except such as shall have been submitted to and authorized or approved by the Board.

#### 5.9 Powers of the Directors

The Directors of the Corporation may administer the affairs of the Corporation in all things and make or cause to be made for the Corporation, in its name, any kind of contract which the Corporation may lawfully enter into, and may delegate administrative powers to officers and Committees and, save as herein provided, generally, may exercise all such other powers and do all such other acts and things as the Corporation is by its Letters Patent or otherwise authorized to exercise and do.



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### Article 6 Election of the Board

#### 6.1 Term of Office

The term of office of Director shall be three years with at least three Directors being elected at each Annual General Meeting of the Members. The terms of Directors shall be scheduled to provide for such a staggered rotation.

#### 6.2 Re-election

A Director, if otherwise qualified, is eligible for election for two (2) consecutive full three-year terms, and thereafter is not eligible for re election until a period of eleven (11) months has elapsed from the date of retirement of such Director. Provided however when there are extenuated circumstances, the Board shall, by Special Resolution, be entitled to increase consecutive number of terms that can be served to three (3).

#### 6.3 Nominations

Candidates for the office of Director shall include:

6.3.1 the slate of candidates for offices proposed by the Nominating Committee, or if there is no Nominating Committee, submitted by the Board to the Annual General Meeting; and such names shall be set out in a proposed slate of candidates and the Members shall be asked to vote on the proposed slate as a whole;

6.3.2 the persons whose names are put in nomination by any Member entitled to vote at any Meeting of the Members at which the election of Directors is held.

#### 6.4 Election Method

Where the number of candidates nominated is equal to the number of offices to be filled, the Members shall cast a single ballot electing that number of candidates for the offices. If the Members do not approve the whole of the proposed slate, the election shall be done pursuant to a method which sets the names of the candidates and allows each Member to vote for Directors on an individual basis. The number of votes cast by a Member shall be limited to the number of vacancies to be filled.

#### 6.5 Forms

The Board may prescribe the form of nomination paper and the form of a ballot.

### Article 7 Meetings of Directors

#### 7.1 Calling Meetings

Meetings of the Board may be held at any place within or outside Ontario, as designated in the notice calling the meeting. Meetings of the Board may be called by the Chairperson or Vice Chairperson, Secretary or any two (2) Directors.

#### 7.2 Notice of Meetings

Subject to the provisions of section 7.3, notice of Board meetings shall be delivered, emailed, faxed or telephoned to each Director not less than two (2) days before the meeting is to take place. The statutory declaration of the Secretary or President that notice has been given pursuant to this Bylaw shall be sufficient and conclusive evidence of the giving of such notice. No formal notice of a meeting is necessary if all the Directors are present or if those absent have signified their consent to the meeting being held without notice and in their absence.

#### 7.3 Regular Meetings

The Board may appoint one or more days in each year for regular meetings of the Board at a place and time named; no further notice of the regular meetings need be given. At its first meeting following the Annual General Meeting of the Members, the Board shall include in its agenda the election and/or appointment of its officers and Committees for the coming year.

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#### **7.4 Meetings by Electronic Conference**

If all persons who are members of the Board or a Committee (as the case requires) consent thereto generally or in respect of a particular meeting and each has adequate access, such persons may participate in a meeting of the Board or Committee by means of such conference telephone or other communications facilities as permit all persons participating in the meeting to hear each other, and a person participating in such a meeting by such means is deemed to be present at the meeting. Provided that at the outset of each such meeting, and whenever votes are required, the chairperson of the meeting shall call roll to establish quorum, and shall, whenever not satisfied that the proceedings of the meeting may proceed with adequate security and confidentiality, unless a majority of the persons present at such meeting otherwise require, adjourn the meeting to a predetermined date, time and place.

#### **7.5 Voting**

Questions arising at any meeting of the Board shall be decided by a majority vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to have been lost. At all meetings of the Board, every question shall be decided by a show of hands or by verbal affirmation for electronic conference unless a poll on the question is required by the chairperson or requested by any Director. A declaration by the chairperson that a resolution has been carried and an entry to that effect in the minutes is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the resolution.

#### **7.6 Written Resolutions**

Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing, signed by all the Directors entitled to vote on that resolution at a meeting of Directors or a Committee meeting is as valid as if it had been passed at a meeting of the Board or a Committee called, constituted and held for that purpose.

### **Article 8 Meetings of the Members**

#### **8.1 Annual General Meeting**

The Annual General Meeting of the Members shall be held each year within Ontario, at a time, place and date determined by the Board, for the purpose of:

- 8.1.1 hearing and receiving the reports and financial statements required by the Act to be read at and laid before the Corporation Membership at an Annual General Meeting;
- 8.1.2 electing such Directors as are to be elected at such Annual General Meeting;
- 8.1.3 appointing the auditor and fixing, or authorizing the Board to fix, the remuneration therefor; and
- 8.1.4 the transaction of any other affairs properly brought before the meeting.

#### **8.2 Special General Meeting**

The Board may at any time call a Special General Meeting of the Members for the transaction of any affairs, the general nature of which is specified in the notice calling the meeting. A Special General Meeting of the Members may also be called by the Members as provided in the Act.

#### **8.3 Notice of Meetings**

Notice of the time, place and date of Meetings of the Members and the general nature of the affairs to be transacted shall be given at least ten (10) days before the date of the meeting to each Member (and in the case of an Annual General Meeting shall also be given to the auditor of the Corporation) by sending notice by prepaid mail to the last address of the addressee shown on the Corporation's records, or, if the Member or auditor has consented to have the notice sent by email, it shall be sent to the email address on file at the office of Corporation.

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#### 8.4 Quorum

A quorum a Meeting of the Members shall be at least two-thirds (2/3) of the total number of Members entitled to vote at the meeting. No affairs of the Corporation shall be transacted at any Meeting of the Members unless the requisite quorum is present at the commencement and throughout the meeting.

#### 8.5 Voting by Members

Unless otherwise required by the provisions of the Act or this Bylaw of the Corporation, all questions proposed for consideration at a Meeting of the Members shall be determined by a majority of the votes cast by Members entitled to vote. In the case of an equality of votes, the question shall be deemed to have been lost.

#### 8.6 Proxies

Votes at Meetings of the Members may be given either personally or by proxy, and the proxy so appointed need not be a Member. The proxy holder shall represent no more than one (1) other Member by proxy at such meeting. A Member present in person shall nullify that Member's proxy vote. At every meeting at which a Member is entitled to vote, every Member or person present and appointed by proxy to represent the Member shall have one vote. A proxy shall be executed by the Member or the Member's attorney authorized in writing.

A proxy may be in the following form or some similar form:

"The undersigned Member of Camp Crossroads hereby appoints \_\_\_\_\_, or failing the person appointed above, \_\_\_\_\_ as the proxy of the undersigned to attend and act at the Meeting of the Members of Camp Crossroads to be held on the day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_, and at any adjournment or adjournments thereof in the same manner, to the same extent, and with the same power as if the undersigned were present at the said meeting or such adjournment or adjournments thereof.

DATED the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ "Signature of Member"

The Board of Directors may from time to time make rules regarding the lodging of proxies at some place or places other than the place at which a meeting or adjourned Meeting of the Members is to be held and to determine particulars of such proxies being cabled, telegraphed or sent by facsimile or in writing before the meeting or adjourned meeting. The chair may, subject to any rules made as aforesaid, in the Chairperson's discretion, accept telegraphic or facsimile or written communication as to the authority of any person claiming to vote on behalf of and to represent a Member notwithstanding that no proxy form as stated above conferring such authority has been lodged with the Corporation, and any votes given in accordance with such telegraphic or facsimile or written communication accepted by the chair shall be valid and shall be counted.

#### 8.7 Show of Hands

At all Meetings of Members every question shall be decided by a show of hands unless otherwise required by this bylaw of the Corporation or unless a poll is required by the Chairperson or requested by any Member entitled to vote. Upon a show of hands, every Member entitled to vote and present in person shall have one (1) vote. Whenever a vote by show of hands has been taken upon a question, unless a poll is requested, a declaration by the Chairperson that a resolution has been carried or lost by a particular majority and an entry to that effect in the minutes of the Corporation is conclusive evidence of the fact without proof of the number or proportion of votes recorded in favour of or against the motion.

#### 8.8 Chairperson

In the absence of the Chairperson or the Vice-Chairperson, the Members entitled to vote present at any Meeting of the Members shall choose another Director as Chairperson.

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#### **8.9 Polls**

If at any meeting a poll is requested on the election of a Chairperson or on the question of adjournment, it must be taken forthwith without adjournment. If a poll is requested on any other question, it shall be taken in the manner and either at once or later at the meeting or after adjournment as the Chairperson directs. The result of a poll shall be deemed to be the resolution of the meeting at which the poll was requested. A request for a poll may be withdrawn at any time prior to the taking of the poll.

#### **8.10 Adjournments**

Any Meeting of the Members may be adjourned to any time and from time to time, and any matter or action may be transacted at any adjourned meeting that might have been transacted at the original meeting from which the adjournment took place. No notice is required of any adjourned meeting.

#### **8.11 Written Resolutions**

Subject to the Act, a resolution in writing, signed by all the Members entitled to vote on that resolution at a Meeting of the Members or Committee of Members, is as valid as if it had been passed at a Meeting of the Members or a meeting of a Committee called, constituted and held for that purpose.

### **Article 9 Officers**

#### **9.1 Executive Officers**

The Board shall elect the President (who shall be a Director) to chair all meetings, a Vice-Chairperson, a Secretary and a Treasurer (the latter two need not be Directors). The Secretary and the Treasurer may be the same individual in which case the position will be known as the Secretary-Treasurer. The Secretary and the Treasurer if not Members of the Board must meet the same qualifications the Directors must meet.

#### **9.2 Election/Appointment of Executive Officers**

Executive Officers, including the Chairperson (President), shall be elected or appointed by resolution of the Board at the first meeting of the Board following the Annual General Meeting of Members as defined in section 7.3.

#### **9.3 Chairperson (President)**

The Chairperson, who shall be the President of the Corporation, shall, when present, preside at all meetings of the Board and of the Members. The Chairperson shall supervise the affairs and operations of the Corporation, sign all documents requiring the signature of the President, and have the other powers and duties from time to time prescribed by the Board or incident to the office.

#### **9.4 Secretary**

The Secretary shall act as Secretary of all meetings of the Corporation, or the Board (or delegate those duties to another person); shall attend all meetings of the Board to record all facts and minutes of those proceedings in the books kept for that purpose; shall give all notices required to be given to Members and to Directors; shall be the custodian of all books, papers, records, correspondence and documents belonging to the Corporation; and shall perform the other duties from time to time prescribed by the Board or incident to the office.

#### **9.5 Treasurer**

The Treasurer shall keep full and accurate accounts of all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation in proper books of account; shall deposit all moneys or other valuable effects in the name and to the credit of the Corporation in the bank or banks from time to time designated by the Board; shall disburse the funds of the Corporation under the direction of the Board, taking proper vouchers therefor; shall render to the Board, whenever required, an account of all transactions as Treasurer and of the financial position of the Corporation; shall co-operate with the auditors of the Corporation during any audit of the accounts of the Corporation; and shall perform the other duties from time to time prescribed by the Board or incident to the office.

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#### **9.6 Other Officers**

The Board may appoint other officers, (who must have all the same qualifications as Directors and agents, (and with such titles as the Board may prescribe from time to time) as it considers necessary and all officers shall have the authority and perform the duties from time to time prescribed by the Board. The Board may also remove at its pleasure any such officer or agent of the Corporation. The duties of all other officers of the Corporation appointed by the Board shall be such as the terms of their engagement call for or the Board prescribes.

#### **Article 10 Executive Director**

The Executive Director shall be the Chief Executive Officer of the Corporation and, subject to the directions of the Board from time to time shall perform all duties incident to the office. The Executive Director shall be appointed by resolution of the Board. The Executive Director shall receive notice of all meetings of the Board and its Committees and shall have the right to attend and to speak to any issue placed before the Board or any of its Committees but shall not be a Member of the Board and shall not have the right to vote.

#### **Article 11 Committees**

The Board may, from time to time by resolution establish any Committee or other advisory body, as it deems necessary or appropriate for such purposes and, subject to the Act, with such powers as the Board shall see fit. The number and composition of Committee members on each Committee and the mandate of such Committee may be determined by Resolution of the Board from time to time. Any such Committee may formulate its own rules of procedure, subject to such Regulations or directions as the Board may from time to time make as defined in the Board's Governance Manual. Any Committee member may be removed by resolution of the Board.

At its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting, the Board shall elect the members of any standing Committees. The Board may at any time establish Committees, either ad hoc or permanent for such duration, or such purposes and with such powers as the Board may determine.

##### **11.1 Review/Audit Committee**

At its first meeting after each Annual General Meeting, the Board shall appoint a Review/Audit Committee consisting of no fewer than three Directors. Until otherwise ordered by the Board, the Committee shall meet at least twice annually, plan and review the annual financial statements and audit (if performed) with the external auditor, negotiate the remuneration to be paid to the external auditor for the ensuing year, and report to the Board on the review/audit, and any management or review/audit comments by the external auditor, when the financial statements are presented.

##### **11.2 Bylaw Review Committee**

A Bylaw Review Committee may be appointed by the Board, as required, consisting of at least three Committee members. At least one Committee member must be provided by the OCMBC. Unless otherwise ordered by the Board, the Bylaw Review Committee shall have power to fix its quorum at not less than a majority of its members, and to regulate its procedure.

#### **Article 12 Protection of Directors and Officers**

##### **12.1 Directors and Officers Liability Exclusion**

Absent the failure to act honestly and in good faith in the performance of the duties of office, and save as may be otherwise provided in any legislation or law, no present or past Director or officer of the Corporation shall be personally liable for any loss or damage or expense to the Corporation arising out of the acts (including wilful,



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negligent and accidental conduct), receipts, neglects, omissions or defaults of any other Director or officer or employee, servant, agent, volunteer or independent contractor arising from any of the following:

- 12.1.1 insufficiency or deficiency of title to any property acquired by the Corporation or for or on behalf of the Corporation;
- 12.1.2 insufficiency or deficiency of any security in or upon which any of the monies of or belonging to the Corporation shall be placed out or invested;
- 12.1.3 loss or damage arising from the bankruptcy or insolvency of any person including any person with whom or which any monies, securities or effects shall be lodged or deposited;
- 12.1.4 loss, conversion, misapplication or misappropriation of or any damage resulting from any dealings with monies, securities or other assets belonging to the Corporation;
- 12.1.5 loss, damage or misfortune whatever which may happen in the execution of the duties of the Member or the Directors or officer's respective office or trust or in relation thereto; and
- 12.1.6 loss, damage, arising from any wilful act, assault, act of negligence, breach of fiduciary or other duty or failure to render aid of any sort.

### 12.2 Pre-indemnity Considerations

Before giving approval to the indemnities provided in section 12.3 herein, or purchasing insurance provided in article 13 herein, the Board shall consider:

- 12.2.1 the degree of risk to which the Director or officer is or may be exposed;
- 12.2.2 whether, in practice, the risk cannot be eliminated or significantly reduced by means other than the indemnity or insurance;
- 12.2.3 whether the amount or cost of the insurance is reasonable in relation to the risk;
- 12.2.4 whether the cost of the insurance is reasonable in relation to the revenue available; and
- 12.2.5 whether it advances the administration and management of the property to give the indemnity or purchase the insurance.

### 12.3 Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Every person, (including their respective heirs, executors and administrators, estate, successors and assigns) who:

- 12.3.1 is a Director; or,
- 12.3.2 is an officer of the Corporation; or
- 12.3.3 is a Committee member; or
- 12.3.4 has undertaken, or, with the direction of the Corporation is about to undertake, any liability on behalf of the Corporation or any Corporation controlled by the Corporation, whether in his personal capacity or as an officer or Director or employee or volunteer of such Corporation;
- 12.3.5 shall, upon approval of the Board from time to time, be indemnified and saved harmless out of the funds of the Corporation, from and against costs, charges and expenses which such person sustains or incurs;
- 12.3.6 in or in relation to any demand, action, suit or proceeding which is brought, commenced or prosecuted against them in respect of any act, deed, matter or thing whatsoever, made, done or permitted or not permitted by them, in or in relation to the execution of the duties of such office or in respect of any such liability; or,
- 12.3.7 in relation to the affairs of the Corporation generally,
- 12.3.8 save and except that such costs, charges or expenses are occasioned by their own failure to act honestly and in good faith in the performance of the duties of office, or by other wilful neglect or default.

The Corporation shall also, upon approval by the Board from time to time, indemnify any such person in such other circumstances as any legislation or laws permit or require.

Nothing in this Bylaw shall limit the right of any person entitled to indemnity to claim indemnity apart from the provisions of this Bylaw to the extent permitted by any legislation or law.

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#### Article 13 Insurance

The Corporation shall purchase and maintain appropriate liability insurance which shall provide coverage for each person acting or having previously acted in the capacity of a Director, officer or such other capacity on behalf of the Corporation, which insurance shall include:

- 13.1.1 comprehensive general liability insurance;
- 13.1.2 Directors and Officers insurance; and,
- 13.1.3 such other insurance as may be recommended from time to time by the insurance broker retained by the Corporation to advise it and procure coverage on its behalf,
- 13.1.4 specifying coverage amounts of a minimum of \$5 Million per claim/\$10 Million in the aggregate.

No coverage shall be provided for any liability relating to a failure to act honestly and in good faith with a view to the best interests of the Corporation.

It shall be the obligation of those seeking insurance coverage or indemnity from the Corporation to cooperate fully with the Corporation in the defence of any demand, claim or suit made against it, and to make no admission of responsibility or liability to any third party without the prior agreement of the Board.

#### Article 14 Execution of Documents

##### 14.1 Cheques, Drafts, Notes, Etc.

All cheques, drafts or orders for the payment of money and all notes and acceptances and bills of exchange shall be signed by the officer or officers or person or persons and in the manner from time to time prescribed by the Board.

##### 14.2 Execution of Documents

Documents requiring execution by the Corporation may be signed by any two (2) of the President or a Vice-Chair and the Secretary or the Treasurer or any one (1) of the foregoing together with any one (1) Director, and all documents so signed are binding upon the Corporation without any further authorization or formality. The Board may from time to time appoint any officer or officers or any person or persons on behalf of the Corporation, either to sign documents generally or to sign specific documents.

##### 14.3 Books and Records

The Board shall see that all necessary books and records of the Corporation required by this Bylaw of the Corporation or by any applicable statute are regularly and properly kept.

#### Article 15 Banking Arrangements and Securities

##### 15.1 Banking Arrangements

The Board shall designate, by resolution, the officers and other persons authorized to handle the banking transactions of the Corporation, or any part thereof, with the bank, trust company, credit union, or other Corporation carrying on a banking arrangement that the Board has designated as the Corporation's banker, to have the authority set out in the resolution, including, unless otherwise restricted, the power to:

- 15.1.1 operate the Corporation's accounts with the banker;
- 15.1.2 make, sign, draw, accept, endorse, negotiate, lodge, deposit or transfer any of the cheques, promissory notes, drafts, acceptances, bills of exchange and orders for the payment of money;
- 15.1.3 issue receipts for and orders relating to any property of the Corporation;
- 15.1.4 execute any agreement relating to any banking affairs and defining the rights and powers of the parties thereto; and

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15.1.5 authorize any officer of the banker to do any act or thing on the Corporation's behalf to facilitate the banking arrangements.

#### **15.2 Deposit of Securities**

The securities of the Corporation shall be deposited for safe keeping with one or more bankers, trust companies or other financial institutions to be selected by the Board. Any and all securities so deposited may be withdrawn, from time to time, only upon the written order of the Corporation signed by such officer or officers, agent or agents of the Corporation, and in such manner, as shall from time to time be determined by resolution of the Board and such authority may be general or confined to specific instances. The institutions which may be so selected as custodians of the Board shall be fully protected in acting in accordance with the directions of the Board and shall in no event be liable for the due application of the securities so withdrawn from deposit or the proceeds thereof.

### **Article 16 Borrowing by the Corporation**

#### **16.1 Board May Borrow**

Subject to the limitations set out in this bylaw or in the Letters Patent of the Corporation, the Board may:

16.1.1 borrow money on the credit of the Corporation;

16.1.2 issue, sell or pledge securities of the Corporation; or

16.1.3 charge, mortgage, hypothecate or pledge all or any of the real or personal property of the Corporation, including book debts, rights, powers, franchises and undertakings, to secure any securities or any money borrowed, or other debt, or any other obligation or liability of the Corporation,

16.1.4 Provided that, except where the Corporation borrows on the security of its real or personal property, its borrowing power shall be limited to borrowing money for current operating expenses.

#### **16.2 Specific Borrowing Authority**

From time to time the Board may authorize any Director, officer or employee of the Corporation or any other person to make arrangements with reference to the money so borrowed or to be borrowed and as to the terms and conditions of the loan thereof, and as to the security to be given therefor, with power to vary or modify such arrangements, terms and conditions and to give such additional security as the Board may authorize, and generally to manage, transact and settle the borrowing of money by the Corporation.

### **Article 17 Financial Year**

The financial year of the Corporation shall terminate on the 31st day of December in each year or on such other date as the Board may from time to time by resolution determine.

### **Article 18 Dissolution**

In the event of the dissolution of the Corporation and / or the divestiture of the property at Torrance, the assets remaining after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities shall be transferred to the OCMBC provided the Conference is a registered charity pursuant to the Income Tax Act. In the alternative, the Board will transfer the net assets to another registered charity with objects not inconsistent with the Corporation's objects.

### **Article 19 Auditor Appointed by Members**

The Members entitled to vote shall at each Annual General Meeting appoint an auditor, who shall be a qualified public accountant, as prescribed by the Act, to audit the books of the Corporation, to hold office until the next Annual General Meeting, provided that the Directors may fill any casual vacancy in the office of the auditor. The

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remuneration of the auditor shall be fixed by the Members entitled to vote or by the Board, if authorized to do so by the Members entitled to vote.

### Article 20 Notice

#### 20.1 Method of Notice

Except where otherwise provided in this bylaw, notice shall be validly given if given by telephone, or if in writing, by prepaid letter post, by facsimile, by email, or by other electronic method, addressed to the person for whom intended at the last address shown on the Corporation's records.

#### 20.2 Computation of Time

In computing the date when notice must be given under any provision of this bylaw requiring a specified number of days' notice of any meeting or other event, the date of giving the notice is, unless otherwise provided, not included.

#### 20.3 Omissions and Errors

The accidental omission to give notice of any meeting of the Board, a Committee or Members or the non-receipt of any notice by any Director or Member or by the auditor of the Corporation or any error in any notice not affecting its substance does not invalidate any resolution passed or any proceedings taken at the meeting. Any Director, Member or the auditor of the Corporation may at any time waive notice of any meeting and may ratify and approve any or all proceedings taken thereat.

### Article 21 Bylaws and Amendments, etc.

The Bylaws of the Corporation may be repealed, altered or amended as described in Article 21.

#### 21.1 Amendments

Any Member may initiate a proposed amendment to the bylaws by submitting it in writing to the Board. The Bylaw Review Committee may also propose amendments to the bylaws by submitting it in writing to the Board.

#### 21.2 Review

The Bylaw Review Committee will be responsible to review any proposed amendment before presenting them for approval at a Meeting of the Members of the Corporation. The Bylaw Review Committee may work with the Member to make revisions to the submitted proposal, or they may present their own proposal regarding the amendment being considered.

#### 21.3 Notice

Notice to amend the bylaws, along with a complete copy of the bylaws with the proposed amendments, must be provided to all Members at least 30 days before the meeting at which it is to be considered. Amendments may be voted on at an Annual General Meeting or Special General Meeting called for that purpose.

#### 21.4 Vote

The amendment to the bylaws must be passed by a Special Resolution a two-thirds (2/3) majority vote by the Director Members at a duly constituted Meeting of the Members called for that purpose as well as the unanimous vote by the Conference Member.

#### 21.5 Effective on Passing

This bylaw shall come into force when enacted by the Members in accordance with the Act. This bylaw shall come into force without further formality upon its enactment.

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The foregoing bylaw has been passed by the Board of Directors on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary

The foregoing bylaw is ratified and approved in accordance with the Act on the on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ of 2018.

\_\_\_\_\_  
President

\_\_\_\_\_  
Secretary



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## Behta Darya Community Church

Address: 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  
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, Tamille Richardson  
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 (Seniors Pastor)  
Church Website: www.fairviewmb.ca

## Free Church Toronto

Address: (College and Spadina) PO Box 67653, Toronto, ON M5T 3M1  
Office Email: admin@freechurch.ca  
Lead Pastor: Jon Osmond  
Church website: www.freechurch.ca  
The Kensington Expression  
Meets at: St. Stephen in-the-Fields, 103 Bellevue Ave.  
Chaplain: Courtney Reeve  
The Annex Expression  
Meets at: The Annex Theatre, 730 Bathurst St, Toronto

## 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 Enden; 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  
Interim 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

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## Meadow Brook Church

Address: 219 Talbot Street East, Leamington, ON N8H 3V6  
Office Phone: 519-326-3605  
Office Email: [office@meadowbrook.ca](mailto:office@meadowbrook.ca)  
Pastor: Mesh Hit, Chris Walker, Xavier Avila, Sarah Elachkar  
Church Website: [www.meadowbrook.ca](http://www.meadowbrook.ca)

## Mountain Park Church

Address: 6970 Mountain Rd., Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4  
Office Phone: 905-374-2911  
Office Email: [herm@mp.church](mailto:herm@mp.church)  
Pastor: Andrew Plett, Herm Plett, Pam Sykes, Alex Smethurst, Jessica Smethurst, Greg Sykes, Brandan Vandendool, Brenda Drost  
Church Website: [www.mp.church](http://www.mp.church)

## New Hope Church Niagara

Address: 2360 First Street Louth, St. Catharines, ON L2R 6P7  
Office Phone: 905-684-2444  
Office Email: [office@newhopechurchniagara.com](mailto:office@newhopechurchniagara.com)  
Pastor: Thom Braun, Mandy Kasper, Nathan Braun, Jason Werner  
Church Website: [www.newhopechurchniagara.com](http://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](mailto:info@newlifetoronto.com)  
Pastor: Benjamin Devadason  
Church Website: [www.newlifetoronto.com](http://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](mailto:jacob.hfan@gmail.com)  
Church website: [www.newlivingchurch.ca](http://www.newlivingchurch.ca)

## Orchard Park Bible Church

Address: 434 Hunter Rd. RR#3 Niagara on the Lake, ON L0S 1J0  
Office Phone: 905-468-5731  
Office Email: [info@orchardparkbiblechurch.org](mailto:info@orchardparkbiblechurch.org)  
Pastor: Trevor Peck  
Church Website: [www.orchardparkbiblechurch.org](http://www.orchardparkbiblechurch.org)

## Port Rowan MB Church

Address: 465 1st Concession Rd. Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0  
Office Phone: 519-586-2835  
Office Email: [prmbc@xplornet.com](mailto:prmbc@xplornet.com)  
Pastor: Mark Hunt  
Church Website: [www.portrowanmbchurch.com](http://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](mailto:info@scottstchurch.ca)  
Pastor: Sabrina Wiens (Community Outreath), Phil Klassen (Youth Ministry), Kelly Dahl (Children's Ministry)  
Church Website: [www.scottstchurch.ca](http://www.scottstchurch.ca)

## South Point Community Church

Address: 475 Bevel Line Rd., Leamington, ON N8H 3V4  
Office Phone: 519-819-1590  
Pastor: Dave Bretzlaff  
Church Website: [www.southpointcc.ca](http://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](mailto:info@southridgechurch.ca)  
Lead Pastor: Jeff Lockyer; Chris Fowler (St. Catharines); Rick Zwiers (Vineland); Mike Meinema (Welland)  
Church Website: [www.southridgechurch.ca](http://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](mailto:stannschurchoffice@gmail.com)  
Pastor: Greg Allen  
Church Website: [www.stannscommunitychurch.ca](http://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](http://www.theaccesscentre.org)

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## 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](mailto:info@thegatheringottawa.com)  
Pastor: Jeff Jantzi, Kristyn Weatherbee, Mike Running, Dan Chook-Reid  
Church Website: [www.thegatheringottawa.com](http://www.thegatheringottawa.com)

## 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](mailto:info@thejourneyottawa.ca)  
Pastor: Dave Harder, Sean Kelly  
Church Website: [www.thejourneyottawa.ca](http://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](mailto:prayer@jesusnetwork.ca)  
Pastor: Shawn & Haley  
Church website: [www.jesusnetwork.ca](http://www.jesusnetwork.ca)

## WMB Church

Address: 245 Lexington Road Waterloo, ON N2K 2E1  
Office Phone: 519-885-5330  
Office Email: [office@wmbchurch.ca](mailto:office@wmbchurch.ca) [lisamatthews@wmbchurch.ca](mailto:lisamatthews@wmbchurch.ca)  
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Church Website: [www.wmbchurch.ca](http://www.wmbchurch.ca)

## ASSOCIATE CHURCHES

### Manotick Community Church

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### Malkutha

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Church Planter: Nigel Paul  
Church website: [www.movein.to](http://www.movein.to)

### Rugged Tree Community Church

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Pastor: Derek Parenteau  
Church Website: [www.ruggedtree.org](http://www.ruggedtree.org)

### The Spirit of Truth Church

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Office Phone: 416-356-9967  
Pastor: Siamak Keramat  
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Church Website: [www.ruherasti.com](http://www.ruherasti.com)

### Southeast City Church

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

# Event Information

## Do you have questions?

Please visit the Welcome Desk in the lobby for any information regarding Convention 2018, 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 throughout the building. Please take the time to visit with them to discover ways that their ministry can support and provide resources to you and your church.

# List of Exhibitors

Exhibitors are located on the second floor and in the 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.

- **Camp Crossroads**
- **CCMBC**
- **C2C Network**
- **Eden - SLC**
- **ETEQ**
- **Kindred Productions**
- **Leaders Collective**
- **MB Mission**
- **MB Seminary**
- **MCC Ontario**
- **Mennonite Disaster Service**
- **Plan to Protect**
- **Square One World Media**
- **SMARRT**

## Photography

Please be advised that photographs and video may be taken throughout the Convention which may be used in the MB Herald, CCMBC and ONMB 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.

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# ONMB Stats Report 2017

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	90		100	0	-	-
CF Chapel	80	92	91	3	35	13
Cornerstone	260	260	233	3	72	85
*Evangelical Asian Church	-	-	-	-	-	-
Evergreen Heights	175	-	110	19	-	-
Fairview	105	-	188	5	-	-
Free Church	92	57	53	-	-	14
Glencairn	220	277	288	6	-	67
Grace	71	60	62	2	6	6
Grantham	82	-	124	1	-	18
Kitchener	172	269	266	6	27	26
*Life Point	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Malkutha	12	0	0	2	-	-
Manotick	23	30	25	-	-	-
Meadow Brook	300	-	228	6	75	73
Mountain Park	260	-	110	0	-	-
New Hope	332	0	0	19	95	70
New Life	110	100	110	6	12	12
New Living	45	-	35	4	-	-
Orchard Park	112	199	202	2	-	16
Port Rowan	173	192	190	0	101	70
*Rugged Tree	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scott Street	172	221	212	4	36	25
*South Point	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southridge	905	-	369	14	-	-
*Spirit of Truth	-	-	-	-	-	-
St. Ann's	150	107	101	4	45	50
*The Access Ctr	-	-	-	-	-	-
The Gathering	137	55	53	9	-	60
*The Journey	-	-	-	-	-	-
*Jesus Network	-	-	-	-	-	-
WMB	715	-	536	42	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-

\*Data not available for 2017