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TO THE TABLE

88th Annual Convention
Ontario Conference of MB Churches

February 22-23, 2019

Glencairn MB Church, Kitchener ON

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ONMB Convention 2019

Schedule



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Conference of Mennonite
Brethren Churches

Friday, February 22

7:00 pm

Celebration Service (open to the public)

Worship

Speaker - Derek Parenteau

Communion

Saturday, February 23

8:00 am

Continental Breakfast

8:30 am

Session 1

Worship

Speaker - Ed Willms

Building Community

- ONMB Stories
- Church Covenant

10:00 am

... Break ...

10:20 am

Session 2

Business Session

Resourcing Ministry - ONMB Updates

- Motions & Elections
- Financial Update

11:15 am

Breakout Session 1

- Covenanting Together
- Working Together Across Canada
- Stewardship: Financial Update
- Prayer & Renewal Movements in Canada

12:00 pm

... Lunch & Connecting ...

1:00 pm

Breakout Session 2

- Covenanting Together
- Working Together Across Canada
- Stewardship: Financial Update
- Baptism & Membership - Article 8 Overview

1:45 pm

... Break ...

2:00 pm

Session 3

Speaker - Elton DaSilva

Final Decisions

Developing Leaders & Multiplying Churches

- Ministry Stories

Worship Send Off



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Welcome!

To the 88th Annual ONMB Convention of the Ontario MB Conference

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 Glencairn MB Church for hosting us this year. It's so great to see what God is doing through this church family in Kitchener. And what a beautiful building with the new addition - a great space for a great ministry! Thanks again, Glencairn, for hosting.

And thanks to all of you for joining us. I hope & pray God blesses you deeply as we gather together as family!

Jeff Jantzi, Chair, Ontario Conference of MB Churches

We are grateful for God's provision in our recent building expansion that gives us the opportunity to host a wide variety of events that contribute to our mission of inviting people to join us in following Jesus. This year we are thrilled to have the ONMB convention come to Glencairn and experience the fruit of what God can do when we unite together to multiply disciples of Jesus Christ.

Richard Martens, Lead Pastor, Glencairn MB Church

About the Speaker

Derek Parenteau

Derek and his wife Tiffany were called to serve in missions which began in Toronto, specifically with human trafficking. In this field they met many First Nations women who were lost and broken and felt a very clear call to go where they had come from. With not much of a plan but with a clear sense of a call to Come, Derek and Tiffany moved their family to the Georgian Bay area as First Nations Church planters. Derek and the First Nations Ministry team have a vision and a mission to "empower indigenous believers to plant the good news of Jesus in indigenous soil." Derek will be challenging us on who is our neighbour, how do we love our neighbour and how do we invite our neighbour to Come to the Table.





ONMB Executive Director Report

Ed Willms

Delegates, colleagues, and friends, I provide this report with a deep sense of gratitude. I am honored to serve in a season where we see a growing engagement and partnership in mission across ONMB. A season where the evidence of the Spirits movement among us is palpable. As an expression of this gratitude join me as I walk you through a few key markers from 2018.

I'm grateful for... the Board of Directors who provide ownership and oversight of all things ONMB. To a person they serve sacrificially in our united efforts to see the health and vitality of our churches across Ontario grow. Their passion has become uniquely personal this year. Alex Suderman has just moved his family to Germany to engage in church planting. Adam Knowles has stepped out of the business world to become the site Pastor for WMB's new location at the former Kitchener MB Church. We bless both leaders in their Kingdom pursuits.

I think we should all take note that part of their calling happened while serving on our Board.

I'm grateful for... the 2-day strategic retreat our Board held in September. We experienced the clear presence of the Lord in our deliberations. One of the tangible results of those days together in Toronto was the envisioning of a new Church Covenant we will share at convention. We believe God is calling all of our churches to a deeper level of engagement and sacrifice together. We invite you to consider your renewed place at the Table.

I'm grateful for... the opportunity I personally was given to engage in the Arrow Executive stream. I've not only been deeply impacted personally and professionally, I sense that the ripple effects have already begun to touch our conference. Two expressions of that are the Team of Teams monthly video calls and the Pastor Cluster groups that we have initiated.





I'm grateful for... the opportunity that God is opening through Rugged Tree and the focus on First Nations people. We had the privilege to take a tour of several communities from Parry Sound up to Manitoulin Island. What we experienced was both overwhelming and inspiring. We have been blessed with some amazing leaders who are serving passionately in these neighborhoods. I invite your ongoing prayerful and financial support of these efforts.



I'm grateful for... the chance we have to pour into emerging leaders through our Leaders Collective initiative. This year we launched our third cohort and the leaders are exceptional. Not only does it signal that we have great leaders emerging for now and into the future, it also shows that with some intentionality we will have a strong future.

I'm grateful for... the God sized church transformations we are witnessing in our conference. What has taken place in the Cornerstone – Orchard Park merger, the WMB – KMB adoption, and the Fairview – Northend relaunch is nothing short of miraculous. The courageous faith of so many people represented in each of these stories cannot be underestimated.



I'm grateful for... the example of generational leadership transference represented at Mountain Park. The display of humility and grace shown by Herm Plett passing the baton of leadership to his son Andrew has been remarkable. The way in which God has blessed years of faithful service is evidenced by an amazing move of His Spirit.

I'm grateful for... the open invitation that we all receive individually and corporately to the table. Whether we have been seated for some time, have just taken a seat, or are considering our spot at the table, I'm thrilled that there is a place for each one. I find myself overwhelmed with anticipation and hope for the stories we will share around the table in the days ahead.

I'm grateful for... those closest to me as this is a shared work. My wife Karin and immediate family are amazingly supportive. My assistant Kristi takes ideas and concepts and brings them to life in ways that I could only dream of accomplishing. My prayer team and Arrow Leadership mentor have quietly stood alongside as both support and accountability.

Finally, each of you who serve faithfully as God has called you, reminds me that we are indeed on mission together.

Ed Willms

Executive Director
Ontario Conference of MB Churches





A note from the Ontario Provincial Moderator and Board Chair Jeff Jantzi

Welcome! Thanks for taking the time to read through our conference binder and to prepare for Convention 2019. We're so glad that you've chosen to 'come to the table' by joining us for this important family 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, that we are family in Christ, and that we need each other to be all that God has called us to be.

As we gather for Convention 2019, it is our prayer as a Board of Directors that the stories we will hear throughout our time together will inspire each of us in fresh ways; that we will be reminded of all God is doing in each of our lives and communities; that we will connect deeply with one another in the Spirit of Christ; and that we will leave with our hearts stirred with the possibilities God has in mind for the future.

The Ontario MB Board of Directors:

The 10 members of the Board of Directors for the 2018 fiscal year came from 8 different churches and 7 cities across our province:

- Shelley Campagnola**, WMB Church in Waterloo (Treasurer)
- Mesh Hit**, Meadow Brook in Leamington
- 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
- Jeff Martens**, Southridge Community Church in St. Catharines
- 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 2018 fiscal year, the Board met in person for a full day in April, June, November and January (2019), with additional teleconference meetings held as necessary in between. This year, we also added a 2-day strategic planning retreat in September where we spent an extended time together praying and discerning where God seems to be leading us.

Throughout the year we worked through many processes and initiatives, with the key ones being:

- Overseeing, supporting and evaluating the work of our Executive Director, Ed Willms as he works alongside our churches and ministries (see Ed's report)
- Strategic Planning for ONMB; Working through Patrick Lencioni's "The Six Critical Questions" (see "The Advantage: Why Organizational Health Trumps Everything Else in Business")
- Partnering with CCMBC and our new National Director, Elton DaSilva, to discern and implement next steps related to our National "Collaborative Model" here in Ontario.
- Continued partnership with C2C/ Multiply to plant healthy MB churches in Ontario

- Various Board Committee work: Faith and Life Team, C2C Team, Finance, Executive Team, and Governance Committee, Personnel Committee

- Providing financial oversight to the Ontario Conference

On a personal note, Convention 2019 marks the three-year anniversary of my role as Chair of the Board. It has been a joy to serve alongside a great Board of Directors, and to support Ed Willms in his role as our Executive Director over this past year. I am looking forward to seeing what God does over the next year through of conference of MB Churches!

Please feel free to be in touch with me if you have questions in any of these areas. I'm so grateful that you're choosing to 'come to the table' as part of our MB family. I look forward to connecting at Convention!

Peace,

Jeff Jantzi

Ontario Moderator and Chair of the ONMB Board of Directors

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Greetings MB Churches of Canada,

As we enter 2019, we look forward to the ways God will lead us as we rethink how we work together as a family of churches. Over the coming year, you will have several opportunities to speak into the development of this Collaborative Model.

It is with a great deal of excitement that I inform you that teamwork between provincial conference leaders, MB agencies, and the Canadian Conference of MB Churches (CCMBC) is growing. At present, all these aspects of MB ministry are working together to develop a unified, strategic ministry framework for Mennonite Brethren in Canada. Our goal is to present you with a simplified and effective structure in which all these parts will work to support the mission of the local church.

During the regional meetings across the country in fall 2018, you told us that you want to see us maintain a focus on local and global mission, make a greater investment in developing the next generation of leaders, and clarify our common convictions and theology. We commit ourselves to follow through with what you have asked us to do.

In the Collaborative Model, “we” is no longer CCMBC. This “we” represents the provinces and the national agencies (MB Seminary and Multiply) working together for the health of our churches.

This new way of working is exemplified in all aspects of the Collaborative Model. In the role of discerning direction, provincial and agency leaders form the National

Ministry Team (NMT). Entrusted with theological watch care, the National Faith and Life Team (NFLT) also has representation from each province and agency. At the governance level, the National Assembly will be composed of all members of provincial boards and representatives of Multiply and MB Seminary. The National Assembly Executive will continue to be made up of provincial moderators. All these layers together will form the new “we.”

Our next steps toward the full implementation of the Collaborative Model:

- Presentation at each spring 2019 provincial convention, including a draft of a strategic plan, a draft of a unified budget, and the ministry scope and definitions for each part of the Collaborative Model.
- June 8, 2019 – an informal National Assembly to hear and discuss the National Ministry Team’s draft of a new governance model.
- October 23, 2019 – a proposal for approval of the full implementation of the Collaborative Model at the special AGM.

All of us are working diligently and prayerfully as we continue to develop the Collaborative Model. I ask you to join us in prayer and engagement in this process. Your voice is important as we move forward.

Sincerely,
Elton DaSilva
National Director





Courageous Collaboration

There's an old Herman cartoon of a caveman looking thoughtfully at a cart with square wheels. The caption is along the lines of "Did you ever have the feeling you're on the verge of an incredible breakthrough?"

Over the last two years, I have had that sense from people at all levels of our conference. We have so many wonderful churches, godly leaders, and incredible partners, but something felt like it was missing. At the same time, we wanted greater unity and a stronger, more collaborative MB conference in Canada.

In the spring of 2017, that collaboration grew in earnest with the courageous humility of leaders across the MB family. They came with towel and basin – willing to give up whatever was necessary to make it happen – recognizing that true collaboration involves creativity and sacrifice, not just words. This was, and is, not a journey of MB family leaders, or a few provinces or partners, but a beginning of unprecedented collaboration for all of us.

Collaboration has taken many forms:

- We merged MB Mission and C2C into Multiply to foster the understanding that mission work and church work are the same thing.
- CCMBC's Executive Board offered to release its decision-making authority to the provinces.
- Provincial conferences and partner agencies made unprecedented commitments to share resources and systems.
- Collectively, at our annual meeting last year, we passed a motion to develop the collaborative model.
- When many questions arose about one stream funding for the collaborative model, we delayed the decision for a year to gather additional information

and work out more details together.

- Now we are developing a common strategy map for our MB family to navigate together.

We continue to work with representatives from the provincial and national conferences and our agencies to determine how the new collaborative model will work. Elton DaSilva, who started as CCMBC national director in July 2018, is skillfully guiding us through this time of listening, cooperating, and collaborating. It has been my honour to work together with Elton during these past few months – he is a gift to the conference during this time of transformation.

Collaboration between many decisive leaders takes effort, but it is the Kingdom way to strengthen our conference. I'm grateful for the posture of humility among our leaders. We will continue to need that courageous humility as we walk through challenging issues in the days and months ahead.

In 1 Corinthians, Paul says that some plant, some water, but only God makes the seed grow. We all do our part, building on the foundation of Jesus. Then Paul declares this truth about the power of the Spirit in community: "Don't you realize that all of you together are the temple of God and that the Spirit of God lives in you?" (1 Corinthians 3:16 NLT). God's Spirit is at work – be encouraged!

Thank you for praying, listening to the Spirit, and humbly participating with us as we step into this incredible breakthrough of collaboration together.

Bruce Enns
CCMBC moderator





ONMB Treasurer Report

Shelley Campagnola

Year Ending December 2018

You just never know for sure what God is going to do until he does it!

One year ago we were celebrating significant steps of faith taken by Churches and Individuals. We thanked God for granting us revenues well beyond what we had asked for! At the same time, we knew there was still much to be done, and we suggested it was time to be “all in” to the following:

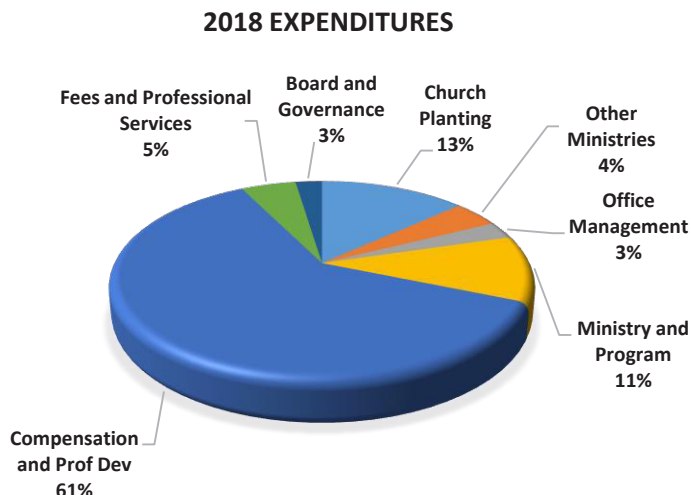
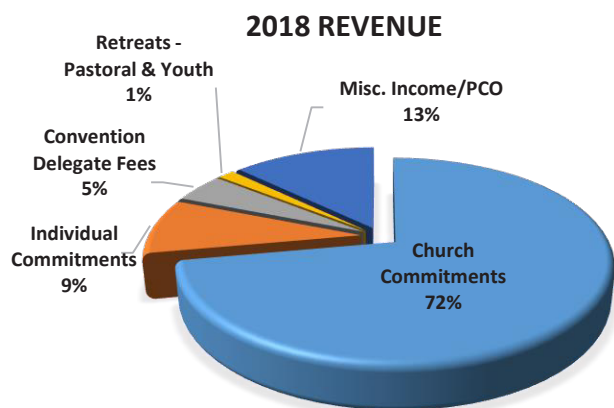
- A small, yet significant, surplus.
- Increasing church collaboration and contributions and nudging these to the next level.
- Individuals catching a vision and investing.
- Leadership Development through Board Leadership, Pastor’s Retreats and Leaders Collective.
- Church planting, through C2C and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

We shared at Convention about fasting and praying and believing that God wanted to do so much more. Well, throughout 2018, “all-in” took us to new chal- lenges and many opportunities to connect with our churches and to pray and fast some more. It came down to the final days of the year but God did it again! **We finished the year 6.5% ahead in bud- geted revenues, and with our first surplus in many years!**

Revenues from all sources:	260,915
Less:	
Church Planting	32,460
Support of Agencies	10,500
Office and Organization	16,648
Ministry and Program	38,956
Compensation and Development	131,444
Fees and Professional Services	13,523

Net Income – a surplus!!! 17,384

Please refer to our audited statements for detailed reports.



ONMB Proposed Budget

Year Ending December 2019

Building on the call to be “all in” last year we look to 2019 as the year when the things we have been dreaming and working for take stronger root and produce greater fruit.

This is not about going off into all new directions! It is about valuing the focus and intentionality that makes us strong and that gives us opportunity to discover what more God might want to do through this amazing conference of churches filled with people seeking Him! It is, once again, a budget that calls us to lean in, give regularly with anticipation, and watch attentively for God’s leading and provision.

The proposed budget for 2019 reflects:

- ✓ our desire to see new MB churches planted and ability to respond to new initiatives
- ✓ our commitment to developing the next generation of leaders
- ✓ our continued collaboration in a national mission lived out with attention to the Ontario context
- ✓ the value we place in ensuring our extraordinary staff have the resources they need to continue to come alongside our churches
- ✓ recognition of the need for some specialized support as we navigate some of the complexities that come with ministries maturing and launching out on their own
- ✓ a conscious stewardship that ensures continued movement toward healthy reserves, and finally
- ✓ preparing to realize bigger dreams that God will call us into by ensuring there are resources available that enable us to respond

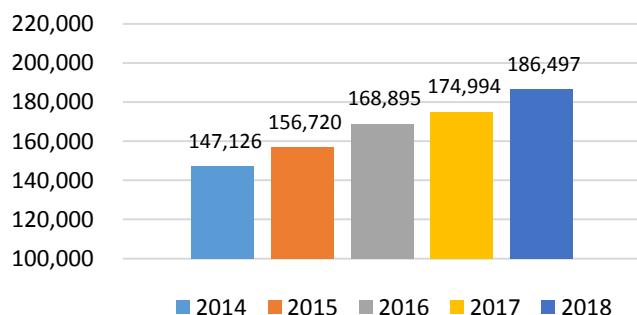
EXAMPLE!

This year we will be looking for **15 people who will each give \$1,000** to ensure the support of the **Leader’s Collective** initiative. Our churches are filled with leaders-in-waiting; young adults ready to be mentored and prepared for vibrant ministry. Investing intentionally every year in this next generation and giving them clear roles in our Conference will make us stronger together now and ensure we have the leaders we need as we step into new seasons of unfolding mission.

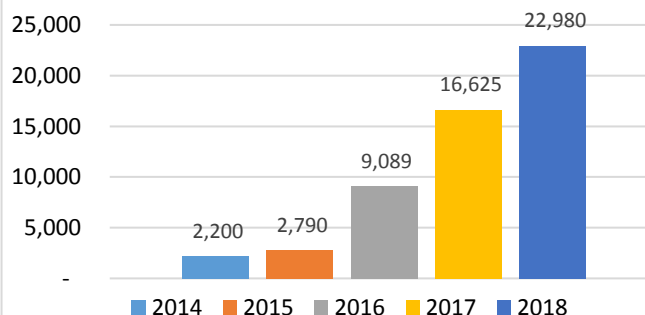
Can we do all of this? Yes, we can!

The charts below show that as we have been stepping out just a little bit more each year, God has been responding by providing through both Churches and Individuals.

Church Contributions 2014 - 2018



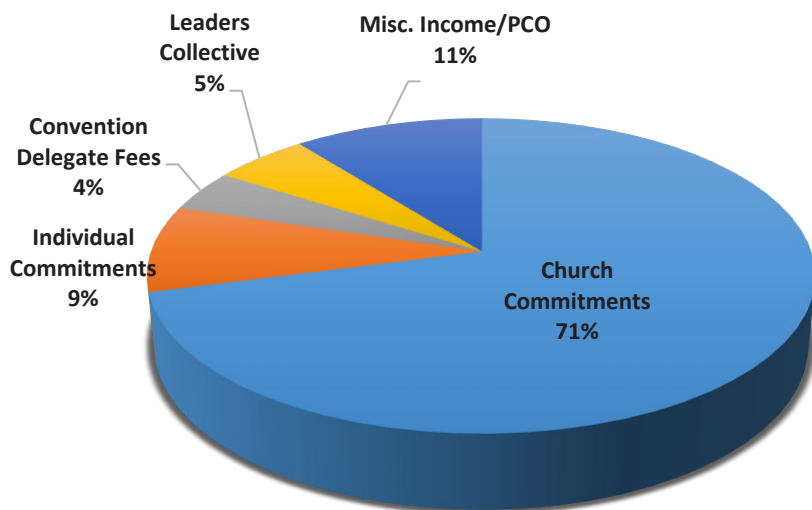
Individual Contributions 2014 - 2018



ONMB Proposed Budget

Year Ending December 2019

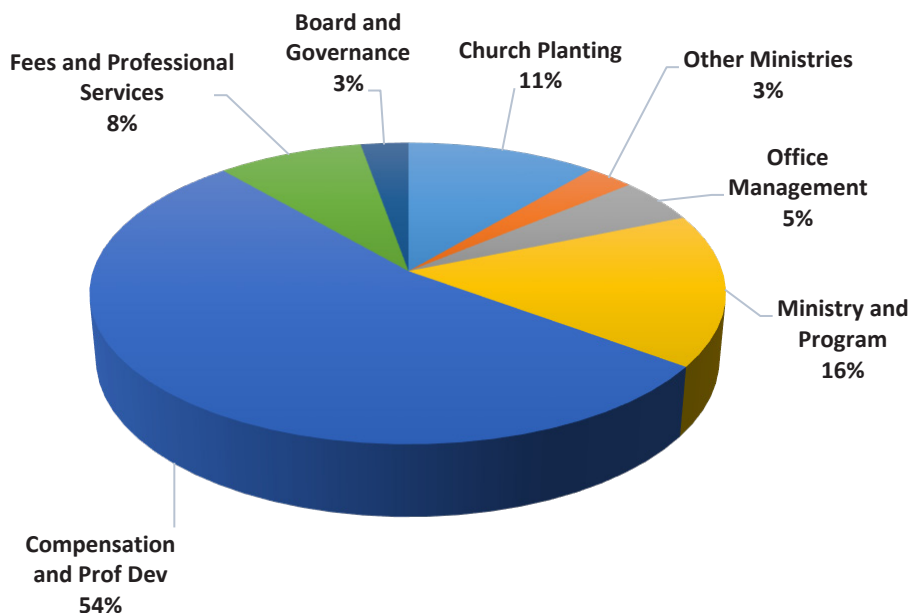
2019 PROPOSED REVENUE



- ✓ *Intentional investment in Leader's Collective*
- ✓ *Churches and Individuals leaning in, giving regularly with anticipation, and watching attentively for God's leading and provision*
- ✓ *Conference staff resourced to support their excellent ministry to the churches in our Conference*
- ✓ *Preparing to realize bigger dreams that God will call us into*

2019 PROPOSED EXPENDITURES

- ✓ *Supporting Church Planting and new initiatives*
- ✓ *Navigating the maturing and launching of ministries*
- ✓ *Collaboration in national mission with attention to the Ontario context*
- ✓ *Providing ministry to churches and programs that support leadership development and doing mission together*



2019 ONMB BUDGET - Draft			
	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Actual*</i>	<i>Budget</i>
INCOME	2019	2018	2018
Church Commitments	200,000	186,497	190,000
Individual Commitments	25,000	22,980	25,000
Convention Delegate Fees	12,000	12,006	10,000
Leaders Collective Fees	15,000	950	15,000
Retreats - Pastoral & Youth	0	3,850	4,000
Misc. Income/PCO	30,000	33,199	0
Investment Income	1,000	1,433	1,000
Total Income	283,000	260,915	245,000
EXPENSES			
Regional Church Planting			
MB Church Plants	20,000	20,000	20,000
New Initiatives	10,000	12,460	10,000
Total Regional Church Planting	30,000	32,460	30,000
Support of Other Ministries			
Smart (Abuse Response Team)	0	0	1,000
Camp Crossroads	7,500	7,500	7,500
Eden Board	0	3,000	3,000
Total Other Ministries	7,500	10,500	11,500
Board of Directors			
Faith & Life Committee	500	465	700
Board Meetings / Travel	7,000	5,400	7,500
Pastor's Retreat(s)	5,000	5,341	4,000
Total Board of Directors	12,500	11,206	12,200
Development			
Leaders Collective	15,000	14,396	15,000
Special Events	0	149	0
Total Development	15,000	14,545	15,000
Operating Expenses & Wages			
Salaries and Benefits	131,410	139,553	140,000
Payroll Expenses	7,870	240	
Ministry Expenses	17,000		
Contract Services	13,000	4,450	3,000
Bank Fees	500	810	300
Office Supplies	1,000	1,060	1,000
Conference Insurance	2,600	2,522	2,600
Convention & Yearbook	7,000	6,411	6,000
Office Fees & Dues	1,000	549	2,000
Professional Fees	10,000	7,714	5,000
Professional Development	5,000	9,651	12,000
Technology	2,000	1,612	2,000
Special Project Expense	5,500		0
Other Expenses	400	249	
Total Operating & Wages	204,280	174,820	173,900
Total Expense	269,280	243,531	242,600
NET INCOME / DEFICIT	13,720	17,384	2,400
Planned Fund Transfers			
Trsf from Operating Reserve	0	0	0
Trsf from Special Projects	0	0	0
Trsf from Komoka Fund	0	0	0
Tsf from Ministry Development	0	0	0
Trsf From Emergency Fund	0	0	0
Total transfers	0	0	0
* Based on unaudited numbers			



ONMB 2018 Financial Statements - DRAFT

ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018



ONMB 2018 Financial Statements - DRAFT

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

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

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches (the Conference), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2018, and the statements of changes in net assets, revenues and expenditures and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Conference as at December 31, 2018, 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.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Conference in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with those requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the 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.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Conference's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters relating to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Conference or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Conference's financial reporting process.

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

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements. As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Conference's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Conference's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Conference to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

St. Catharines, Ontario

**CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS
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Authorized to practise public accounting by
the Chartered Professional Accountants of
Ontario



ONMB 2018 Financial Statements - DRAFT

ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION DECEMBER 31, 2018

	2018	2017
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
General		
Unrestricted bank accounts - general	\$ 48,464	\$ 32,587
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	1,495	1,218
	<u>49,959</u>	<u>33,805</u>
Northend Church (Notes 5, 7)		
Unrestricted bank accounts	65,373	-
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	3,091	-
	<u>68,464</u>	<u>-</u>
Total current assets	118,423	33,805
INVESTMENTS - general (Note 3)	<u>68,447</u>	<u>67,015</u>
	<u>\$ 186,870</u>	<u>\$ 100,820</u>
NET ASSETS		
GENERAL	\$ 118,406	\$ 100,820
NORTHEND CHURCH (Notes 5, 7)	<u>68,464</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 186,870</u>	<u>\$ 100,820</u>

Approved on behalf of the Board

Director

Director

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	2017 Balance	Excess of revenues over expenditures	Transfers	2018 Balance
General operating fund - current reserve	\$ 20,889	\$ 17,586	\$ -	\$ 38,475
General operating fund - fixed minimum	50,000	-	-	50,000
Emergency fund	25,254	-	-	25,254
Special project fund	4,677	-	-	4,677
Total general funds	100,820	17,586	-	118,406
Northend Church	-	68,464	-	68,464
Total net assets	\$ 100,820	\$ 86,050	\$ -	\$ 186,870

	2016 Balance	Deficiency of revenues over expenditures	Transfers	2017 Balance
General operating fund - current reserve	\$ 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
	\$ 162,603	\$ (61,783)	\$ -	\$ 100,820

See Note 5 for a description of funds.

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**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
REVENUES		
Church commitments	\$ 181,497	\$ 174,994
Miscellaneous income	33,714	15,022
Individual contributions	22,980	16,625
Convention delegate fees	12,006	10,421
Donation from Northend Church (<i>Note 4</i>)	5,000	-
Pastoral and youth retreats	3,850	240
Interest from operating funds	1,432	2,100
Leader's collective fees	950	3,500
	<u>261,429</u>	<u>222,902</u>
SUPPORT TO CONFERENCE AGENCIES		
Donation to Ministries - general	12,460	-
Donation to Camp Crossroads	7,500	7,500
Donation to Eden Board	3,000	6,000
Donation to SMART - Abuse Response Team	-	1,000
Donation to MoveIn Fund	-	4,324
	<u>22,960</u>	<u>18,824</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Wages and benefits	138,823	138,678
C2C support	20,000	60,000
Ministry development	19,981	30,513
Professional development	9,651	4,353
General bookkeeping and administration	8,304	6,602
Professional fees	7,714	3,846
Convention and yearbook	6,411	6,093
Board meetings and travel	5,400	9,760
Conference insurance	2,522	2,522
Technology	1,612	1,933
Faith and life committee	465	561
Emergency fund	-	1,000
	<u>220,883</u>	<u>265,861</u>
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) FROM OPERATIONS	17,586	(61,783)
NET SURPLUS, Northend Church (<i>Schedule 1</i>)	<u>68,464</u>	<u>-</u>
COMBINED NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ 86,050</u>	<u>\$ (61,783)</u>

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - NORTHEAST CHURCH
(Schedule 1)
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
REVENUES		
Donations	\$ 172,985	\$ -
Seniors income	2,454	-
Proceeds from surplus asset sales	2,680	-
	<u>178,119</u>	<u>-</u>
EXPENDITURES		
Wages and benefits	46,378	-
General bookkeeping and administration	13,127	-
Evangelism and special events	9,439	-
Contract fees	9,073	-
Repairs and maintenance	7,320	-
Ministry	5,237	-
Donation to Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches (Note 4)	5,000	-
Utilities	4,471	-
Advertising and promotion	4,041	-
Charitable contributions	3,773	-
Furniture and fixtures	1,227	-
Board meetings and travel	569	-
	<u>109,655</u>	<u>-</u>
NET SURPLUS FROM OPERATIONS	<u>\$ 68,464</u>	<u>\$ -</u>

The Northeast Church started within the Conference in 2018, after having assumed the operations of the church previously known as the Fairview M.B. Church. The Fairview M.B. Church operations are not disclosed as comparatives in these financial statements as it was an independent, third party organization.

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**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018**

	<u>2018</u>	<u>2017</u>
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over expenditures	\$ 86,050	\$ (61,783)
Change in non-cash working capital:		
Harmonized sales tax payable	<u>(3,368)</u>	<u>(180)</u>
	<u>82,682</u>	<u>(61,963)</u>
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Investments	<u>(1,432)</u>	<u>57,899</u>
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH FLOW	81,250	(4,064)
CASH - BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>32,587</u>	<u>36,651</u>
CASH - END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 113,837</u>	<u>\$ 32,587</u>
CASH CONSISTS OF:		
Unrestricted bank accounts - general	\$ 48,464	\$ 32,587
Unrestricted bank accounts - Northend Church	<u>65,373</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>\$ 113,837</u>	<u>\$ 32,587</u>

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

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.

As part of serving the constituency of churches, the Conference has taken over the operations as the new **Northend Church** (formerly Fairview M.B. Church) during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. These operations will continue until the new church has obtained charitable status and is running independently. See "Fund Accounting" Note 2, Note 4, Note 5 and Note 7 for details.

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 (ASNFPPO).

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.

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

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

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.

Revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities for **Northend Church** are reported separately in their own related funds.

Cash and cash equivalents

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

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 Mennonite Brethren Churches earning interest at a base rate of 2.00%. See note 6 for interest rate risk.



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4. DUE TO RELATED PARTIES

The Conference has transactions with numerous related parties (member churches) or organizations that are funded by the Conference. Other than the interfund \$5,000 church commitment paid between the Northend Church fund and General funds, these financial statements do not determine, disclose or verify all external related party activities.

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

The **Northend Church** is a new church plant (formerly Fairview M.B. Church) currently operated by the Conference until such time that the church registers as a charity and is operating independently. Assets, net assets, and the statement of revenue and expenses have been disclosed separately to recognize the operations of the church as a separate fund within the Conference.

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, 2018.

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.



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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2018

7. COMMITMENTS AND SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Conference completed a commitment made to the C2C for \$60,000 in 2017 and \$20,000 in 2018.

The Northend Church via the Conference has committed to paying the mortgage of the property the Northend Church is currently operating on. Mortgage payments were deferred until January 2019. This property and mortgage subsequent to the year end is in process of transferring to the Northend Church.



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Pat Goertzen, Secretary

ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

87th 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 87th 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.





Nominating Committee Report

Tabitha VandenEnden

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2018/19 were Bill Stubbs, Michelle Knowles, and Tabitha VandenEnden. 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 (BoD) and the NC. As part of the discernment procedure, each nominee responds to a questionnaire and provides the NC with two references from their congregation, or from a member of one of our conference churches.

In November of 2018, all MB churches in Ontario were invited to submit nominations for the election of candidates for the Board and the NC. Additionally, Ed Willms, along with members of the Board, continued to be proactive in seeking out qualified candidates. As a result, the Nominating Committee is able to present three candidates for the BoD and one new candidate for the NC for election this year. Each of these candidates have gone through the process of discernment with the NC and the committee has determined they are all suitable candidates.

The names of these new candidates, plus the names of three existing board members and two nominating committee members seeking re-election, are listed at the end of this report along with their personal profiles.

The NC 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 2020. 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. This is the time to start thinking about candidates for 2020!

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, Adam Knowles and Alex Suderman, for their years of service on the Board.

Recommendations (Motions):

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

Peace in Christ,

Tabitha VandenEnden

Chair, Nominating Committee

2019 Slate of Candidates for the Board of Directors

Vice-Chair: Karen West

Members-at-large: Shelley Campagnola,
Mandy Kasper, Michelle Knowles, Rafiqua
Masih, Michael Meinema

2019 Slate of Candidates for the Nominating Committee

Members: Bill Stubbs, Tabitha VandenEnden,
Sabrina Wiens



New Candidates for Board of Directors 2019



Michelle Knowles

Director, Global Outreach
& Refugee Ministry –
WMB Church, Waterloo

•**Church Experience:** served on pastoral staff team for eight years, member of WMB Church for 14 years. Currently a church-planting apprentice with Multiply, together with her husband Adam.

•**Education:** MA – Transformational Leadership, Bethel Seminary;
BA – Kinesiology & Phys Ed, Wilfrid Laurier University

•**Orevious experience/work:** Served with the ONMB Board of Directors, 2012-2015; Nominations Committee 2017-2019; parliamentary teams for provincial or national gatherings as needed during this time. Served in leadership with many short-term mission teams, including various programs and events with Multiply, with her church's soccer outreach ministry, and other church ministries.

•**Spiritual Gifts:** Leadership, Discernment, Prophecy, Wisdom/Knowledge



Michael Meinema

Location Pastor,
Southridge Community
Church, Welland

•**Church experience:** I have served, and in some areas continue to serve as a youth leader, worship band musician, life group leader, Alpha leader, and in outreach/action ministry.

•**Education:** M.Th (in progress), McMaster Divinity College; B.A., Calvin College

•**Other experience/work:** I am a former Christian school teacher, vice principal, and principal. I spent 15 years teaching and leading in both elementary and secondary schools.

•I am an avid reader and I love to continue to grow through professional development. I have studied things like Transformational Coaching recently to bring into our church environment, and I am slowly continuing with my studies in graduate school so I can be at my best for serving God and the church.

•**Spiritual Gifts:** leadership, apostleship, and pastoring



Rafiqua Masih

Associate Pastor,
Behta Darya Community Church,
Mississauga

•**Church experience:** has led various church ministries including youth, worship, Sunday School, small groups, outreach, special events, church committees and other

•**Other experience/work:** Marketing Associate for several years in pharmaceuticals, served on the ONMB Board of Directors, presently serving as board member for Erindale Mississauga riding association, serving as board member to CCASA (Canadian Christian Association for South Asians)

•**Spiritual Gifts:** teaching, leadership, discernment, outreach



Board Members for Re-election 2019



Shelley Campagnola

Member, WMB Church,
Waterloo

- Church experience:** Associate Pastor, Vice-Chair Leadership Board, Treasurer, various church ministries, professor, ministry consultation
- Education:** B. Comm., B.R.E., Masters of Theological Studies, CBT Certification, Diploma in Volunteer Management
- Other experience/work:** Present - Director of Mennonite Coalition for Refugee Support; certified in Cognitive Behavioural Therapy; working on Trauma Certification. Previous - researcher, chair of Child in Church and Culture National Partnership, Vice-Chair Women Alive, associated with EFC, CTM and VIVA, writer, speaker, principal - consulting business, baseball coach, international mentoring, Trustee International Children's Spirituality Conference, missions, Executive Director in the International Aid and Development sector
- Spiritual Gifts:** leadership, teaching, administration, prophecy



Mandy Kasper

Associate Pastor, New
Hope Church, St Catharines

- Church experience:** 14 years with New Hope Church Niagara, Associate Pastor
- Education:** Lifelong learner in multiple formats! Greek courses at Tyndale Seminary, YWAM Discipleship Training School
- Other experience/work:** YWAM, Midwifery Clinic Administration
- Spiritual Gifts:** Encouragement, Preaching, Leadership



Karen West

Pastor Emeritus – WMB
Church, Waterloo

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



Candidates for the Nominating Committee 2019



Bill Stubbs

Glencairn MB Church,
Kitchener

- **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



Tabitha VandenEnden

Grantham MB Church,
St. Catharines

- **Co-Pastor** – Grantham MB Church, St. Catharines
- **Church Experience:** Co-pastor, preaching and teaching, music & worship leader, children's ministries, outreach ministries, youth leader, various other church ministries
- **Education:** MA in Theological Studies, Bachelor of Church Music
- **Other experience/work:** Beacon Christian School Board of Directors, Chapel Coordinator at Canadian Mennonite University, Regional Representative for World Vision Canada, Ministry Team Director at Heritage College & Seminary
- **Spiritual Gifts:** teaching, discernment, encouragement



Sabrina Wiens

Scott Street MB Church,
St. Catharines

- **Church Life & Community Outreach Pastor** – Scott Street MB Church (St. Catharines)
- **Previous church experience:** Youth Pastor of North End MB Youth (Scott Street MB Church & Fairview MB Church)
- **Other experience/work:** Coordinator for Niagara Youth Network, Site Leader for Canadian Mennonite University's Outtatown
- **Spiritual Gifts:** leadership, discernment, mercy



Breakout Session 1:

11:15 – 12:00pm



- **Covenanting Together:** - Karen West & Jeff Martens
What does it Mean as an MB church to rediscover your place at the table?



- **Working Together Across Canada:** - Ed Willms & Elton DaSilva
An Update on the Collaborative Model.



- **Stewardship:** - Shelley Campagnola & Adam Knowles
A Financial Review, building on the call to be "All In".



- **Prayer & Renewal Movements in Canada:** - Sara Maynard
The history of Canada's most significant revivals and what we can learn from them.

Notes:



Breakout Session 2:

1:00 – 1:45pm



- **Covenanting Together:** - Karen West & Jeff Martens
What does it Mean as an MB church to rediscover your place at the table?



- **Working Together Across Canada:** - Ed Willms & Elton DaSilva
An Update on the Collaborative Model.



- **Stewardship:** - Shelley Campagnola & Adam Knowles
A Financial Review, building on the call to be "All In".



- **Baptism & Membership:** - Jeff MacLeod & Robyn Serez
A Discussion about Baptism, Membership and our Confession of Faith in Article 8.

Notes:



Trevor Seath

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God is at work! We pray each morning at 10:02 for more labourers (see Luke 10:02), and we're experiencing God's living, breathing answers as new conversations start week by week with leaders who are at various stages of discovering God's call to church planting. Meanwhile, both new and established churches are being stirred with fresh vision to equip planters and pursue multiplication. As we cultivate new churches in many different settings and stages, it's not easy to capture everything in an update.

With that said, we're thankful for 6 Ontario candidate couples who participated in a church planter assessment centre in 2018. It's also exciting to see God opening opportunities for church planting internships which help emerging leaders hone their skills and develop capacity before considering church planter assessment.

Week by week, the core focus is supporting leaders as they discern God's call to church planting and walk in obedience to His confirmed leading. In 2018, this involved working with 10 who were in the deep end of planting a new church, 3 who were getting ready to graduate from our support systems and become independent, and another 8 who have been at various stages of preparation leading up to launching a new work. In addition, throughout 2018 it was a privilege to work with Derek Parenteau as we saw Ontario's team of First Nations workers grow to include 3 new couples labouring to see First Nations leaders disciplined to plant churches on First Nations soil. Each church planting story is distinct and it's truly a joy to watch as God calls, equips, and empowers men and women who are ready to set out in faithful obedience.

While working closely with leaders on the front lines of church planting is essential, it's just as important to mobilize a team who

can share in that support work. Seeing church planters and pastors stepping up across our province to participate in church planter assessment and training as well as by serving on church plant task forces has been a true joy. Just one example of how God is working: In January, we started two new Church Planter Incubator training courses (in Mississauga & Ottawa). These new cohorts are in addition to a group that is in their second year of the 2-year program. In total, 20 participants are enrolled in this 16-module learning journey and a team of 12 trainers share the load of delivering this intensive development opportunity.

It's a joy to collaborate with a diverse range of denominations to plant gospel-centred churches. At the same time, our vision for a movement of mission and planting within our MB family is no less intense. In 2018, we rejoice over the re-planting story unfolding at Northend Church in St. Catharines, the new season for Kitchener MB as the first site expression of WMB, and the exciting developments at Southeast City Church in Ottawa.

While we're embracing the opportunities that God has already provided, we continue to pray for an abundant outpouring of the Holy Spirit that results in bold witness, generous collaboration, and sacrificial obedience in response to God's love demonstrated through Jesus' sacrifice. In that sense, our role is to call out and equip not just



individual church planters but to see churches mobilized into multiplication. Please join us in pleading with God for our cities, our province, and our nation!

Let's Celebrate Our Shared Impact In Church Planting

Working together in the last year...



97 Church Plants in North America

— **43** MB Church Plants

29 Church Plants Graduated

— **5** MB Church Plants Graduated

1 MB Church Plant Closed

25 Church Planting Apprentices

— **6** MB Church Planting Apprentices

At least **550** Baptisms



Global Mission & Programs

Robyn Serez

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What if everyone in Ontario accepted the love of God the Father, the redeeming sacrifice of Jesus Christ, and the intimate presence and counsel of the Holy Spirit? What if the mission and vision that we are actively pursuing through our own congregations was multiplied to such an extent that the whole harvest was completed? What would our neighborhoods look like? How would our schools and businesses function? How would shopping and banking and voting be impacted? No more homeless? No more hungry? No more empty? No more afraid?

It is my greatest hope that we see this happen, not just in Ontario, but all over the world! It is still the truth that everyone was created for a relationship with God, and that the only way to restore us into this relationship is through the saving work of Jesus on the cross.

"But how can they call on him to save them unless they believe in him? And how can they believe in him if they have never heard about him? And how can they hear about him unless someone tells them?" Romans 10:14

As we became Multiply on January 1 (the merger of C2C and MB Mission), this hope gained more momentum. We are joining together to support the churches in our region to work together collaboratively to reach our neighbours, planted new churches, send out global workers, partner with global church plants and networks, and live on mission in our workplaces.

Over this past year we have seen the development and maturing of partnerships between churches here and Thailand and Burundi. We

have sent out young adults on global mission opportunities. We have invested in the discipleship of our community through the EMBRACE missional retreat and AVOCAT prayer weekend, with Sara Maynard of the Red Leaf Prayer Network. We have trained short term mission, vision and prayer teams to Portugal, Burundi, Thailand and Montreal.

Thank you for your support in many ways - as you have prayed, given financially and travelled to these many regions where we serve the global church. Please continue to join us in this investment into the harvest. The field is ripe and ready.

The most significant way this will happen is through the power of prayer. Prayer roots our reliance on God and not in strategy. Prayer releases the work of Heaven and all the heavenly forces. Prayer aligns us to God's purposes and sovereign leading. Prayer invites us to ask for His will to be done, His kingdom to come, on earth as it is in heaven. And his kingdom in heaven is incredible!



Some of the ways we have seen God lead as we move into 2019 are:

- > New global workers, Alex and Carla Suderman and family, serving in Dortmund, Germany as church planters.
- > New partnerships growing between Ontario churches and churches/ministries in Thailand, Burundi, Malawi and Germany.
- > New paradigms of mission in Toronto and among First Nations communities.
- > New workers to serve in these regions and others around the globe.
- > Training and discipling and missional engagement opportunities through EMBRACE, AVOCAT, AWAKE, SOAR and ACTION.

Let's Celebrate Our Shared Impact Regionally

Working together in the last year...

Over **200** youth, leaders and volunteers at **SOAR Montreal** served with local churches and ministries to demonstrate God's love in the urban center

75 young adults at **EMBRACE Mission Immerse** learned by walking alongside church planters and established ministries in Toronto to experience the presence of Jesus

90 people explored how to pray the Lord's Prayer more

intentionally at **AVOCAT Prayer Training Retreat**

110 young adults from our region participated in **ACTION**, engaging evangelistic outreach in Asia, Guatemala, Central Asia Peace Camps, France and Guadeloupe

5 Prayer, Youth and Vision teams from our local churches with over **41** youth, young adults and adults experienced partnerships in **Portugal, Burundi and Thailand**.



Global Report

Thank you for your generous support as MB Mission and C2C Network have become Multiply. As we enter this new chapter in mission together, we are working as never before locally, nationally and globally, that the world may know Jesus.

> Local

We are seeing local churches all around the world catch a vision for planting more churches in their own cities and neighbouring communities. We love to tell stories about new churches springing up in places like Whitehorse, Yukon where people are hearing the Gospel for the first time, finding faith in Jesus and choosing to be baptized. In other places like Vilnius, Lithuania, where spiritual darkness has prevailed for decades, our church planting teams are embracing new opportunities to share the Gospel and bring the light of Christ to their neighbours. Work among refugees and new immigrants continues to be fruitful in key centers across Canada and Germany. We are also seeing a fresh movement of God's Spirit among our First Nations neighbours as we build friendships and learn to share the hope of Christ within their cultural setting. Whether through AWAKE weekends or through our various short-term mission programs, we appreciate every opportunity that God is giving us to inspire, equip and encourage the local church to embrace God's mission in their unique setting.

> National

In Canada, we are seeing a new level of inter-provincial cooperation as we coordinate mission strategy with the newly formed national MB ministry team. We are grateful for the unity that we enjoy not only as Mennonite Brethren but also as the broader Church in Canada. Multiply is now partnering with more than thirty denominations across the country to help train church planters and facilitate effective church planting. In 2018, more than one hundred church plants were supported through Multiply, and more than a thousand church leaders were trained. We rejoice at the fruitfulness of new church planting initiatives in places like Quebec and Atlantic Canada where the ground has previously been hard. In addition to another Multiply Conference in Vancouver in 2019, we will also be hosting the same event in Halifax, Nova Scotia, where hundreds of church leaders will gather to be inspired, equipped and encouraged to engage God's mission in Canada.



> Global

God is multiplying churches and partnerships like never before to the ends of the earth. We are amazed at the new levels of collaboration that we are seeing among church planting networks in places like Malawi, Burundi, and Myanmar. The church leaders that we are engaged with in these settings are some of the most dynamic servants of the Gospel that we have ever worked with, and we are thrilled about helping them multiply their passion, vision and ministry among the nations. We are now working with more than one hundred denominations worldwide, which has allowed us the privilege of training and equipping 1344 church planters. Those harvest workers have planted 132 new churches and baptized more than 3000 new believers. In addition, our strategies involved the mobilization of more than 3000 committed prayer partners and 1445 short-term mission participants. The world needs Jesus, and we are more engaged than ever in embracing global opportunities to see the name of Jesus made known among the nations.

For there to be an unprecedented global harvest, the whole Church will need to be awakened to life, engaged in concerted prayer, and ready to embrace every mission assignment from Jesus. We want to thank you for joining us on this journey.

Please visit our new website today at multiply.net to learn more about how you can be part of the teams that are making Jesus known locally, nationally, and globally.

Your fellow multipliers,

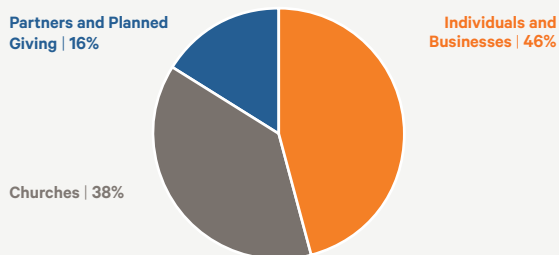
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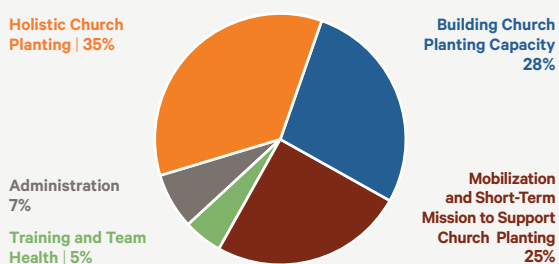


Financial Overview for 2017-2018

Revenue by Source:



Expenses by Outcome:



Let's Celebrate Our Shared Impact Globally

Working together in the last year...

1445 people were mobilized into short-term assignments to practically serve growing church plants

People in **41** nations were engaged with the gospel

3000+ people were baptized in new church plants

132 churches were planted globally (a new church every third day)

1344 church planters were trained and equipped to support a reproducing and multiplying church-planting strategy

3000+ committed prayer partners were engaged to advance the work of church planting

More than **100** denominations across the globe were engaged in partnership



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Leaders Collective Report

Robyn Serez

It has been a privilege this last year to journey with 2 cohorts of Leaders Collective – the outgoing 2017-2018 group of 10 young adults, and this current 2018-20219 crew of 7 from around southern Ontario.

I am going to let the cohort members do the reporting this year! Before you read their contributions I would ask 2 things.

First, please pray for them, there are voices that would seek to distract and discourage this generation. These leaders are listening to the Holy Spirit and are forcefully advancing. They need your prayers. And secondly, please consider who in your churches can be part of the 2019-2020 cohort. Information is available on the following page.

From our recent graduates:

“I am currently writing a paper on the portrayal of Indigenous people in cartoon films and the reflection it is on the attitudes within North American society - it has been a very meaningful and difficult write, and I have found myself struggling to do it justice. I am grateful for my kingdom elective last year, taking part in the First Nations Ministry tour helped give me a deeper understanding and better words with which to engage in the discussion of the First Peoples—Second Peoples relationship. Many of the things that I have learned in leaders collective help me as I study my degree, and they have also helped develop me into a better learner and more compassionate leader.” BW



"I am still meeting with my coach, Michelle and that was definitely the highlight of Leaders Collective." ES

"I'm now working on my M Div at Tyndale in the "In Ministry" program so I am interning at my church 2 days a week at the same time. LC was good for the intentionality that it gave me to prepare for ministry, especially for the discipleship-based ministry that I am doing." RS

"When I started LC I was feeling like I wasn't a good leader. The first 6 months were really rebuilding my foundation and identity as a leaders (working on the 'being'). And after that there have been tons of leadership moments. God has redeemed leadership in my life through Leaders Collective." AM

"In Leaders Collective the highlight was having a cohort that cares about the church." EM

"LC was valuable because it gave me permission to be called a leader." MH

From our current cohort:

"My coaching relationship has been ongoing for almost six years now. I love the intentionality that's been brought into it. The challenges she has been able to help me realize. And to know that little challenges are still challenges. I've just been so appreciative of her heart to hear where I'm at, give me tough love, and encourage me every step of the way." SR

"My leadership highlight has been working with my BRAVE girls, which is a program for grade 6-8 girls that our church has been offering. These ladies really amaze me. Some of the insight and processing that they are doing is so beautiful to be a part of. Their determination to learn, love and lead in the ways that God has created them is so special!" MVH



"I would say a leadership highlight has been getting to help some of my volunteers grow in their skills and gifting, and getting to work with some amazingly talented people who just need encouragement to grow those gifts. It's been really fun getting to just inspire them and give them the opportunities to work on projects." MN

"I'm not one to enjoy getting up in front of a large group of people and speaking, I tend to like to be a behind the scenes organizer so it's a bit of a stretch for me to get up on stage in front of 500 people or so ... and welcome to them to WMB but I feel it will be a good opportunity for me to get outside of my comfort zone!" LB

"I've been having a lot of great conversations with people about their philosophy for using technology. Last week I hosted a community dinner at Conrad Grebel University College where we discussed the dangers and opportunities of artificial intelligence. There have also been many informal discussions with folks at church, colleagues at work and gatherings of Christians in the tech industry. I've enjoyed contrasting these conversations with readings I've been doing in historical and international church environments (Bonhoeffer, Gutiérrez, Doyle). Seeing the church through history working to understand how it can better serve all people is very inspiring." JS

"I would find it difficult to pick out one specific thing that I've learned from my coach. It's probably a good sign though, that the mentorship I'm getting is applicable to my life in many areas such as: how to lead people in a professional setting, how to deal with conflict, how to journey through grief, humility before God, and learning to avoid greed and complacency." CM



Thank you for recommending these young leaders. Pray for them, encourage them as they engage in the mission of God.

Robyn Serez
Director, Leaders Collective

Leaders Collective Report

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Leaders Collective Details for 2019-2020:

Leaders Collective is a mentorship and equipping track for young adults engaged in ministry within MB churches in Ontario. Its purpose is to invest in the strategic and holistic development of leaders so that they can engage effectively in the mission of God through the church, whether it is vocational or market place in expression. Out of a heart for collaboration and multiplying healthy leaders, our MB churches and partnering organizations - the Ontario Conference of MB Churches, Multiply and Camp Crossroads - co-sponsor this leadership development track. Robyn Serez from Multiply is the director of the program.

Leaders Collective provides "value-added" opportunities for young leaders to engage in a mentoring relationship from within their local church; a rich cohort experience 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/work context. Leaders Collective supplements the resourcing already in place at the local church level, and provides a broader glimpse of God at work locally and globally.

The program is 10 months in duration. The following dates are tentative.

WHEN: Ten month program starting September 2019 - June 2020

WHERE: Three Retreats:

- Kick Off: Sept 20-22, 2019
- Encounter: April 24-26, 2020
- Debrief: June 12-14, 2020

PLUS: ONMB Convention & Leaders' Day: Feb 21-22, 2020

WHO: Young leaders age 22-27 serving in local MB Churches in Ontario

A Kingdom Elective (ministry opportunity) offered by any of the partner organizations
Readings, a mentoring relationship and other optional opportunities

Application Process: Applications are provided through the local church. Prospective leaders are identified by church leadership to be candidates.

Tuition Cost: \$300*

*In addition, travel and Kingdom Electives will be paid for by participants and/or host churches. Tuition will cover the cost of retreats and resource materials.



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CAMP CROSSROADS

Camp Crossroads Report

Ed Heinrichs

January 2019

A Thankful Grandmother



"As the boys excitedly told us about their week at Camp and especially about the speaker, I have to admit that the joy that I felt, spilled a bit out of my eyes!" Her grandsons don't attend church with their families and Crossroads is the place where they have the opportunity to hear about God. They enjoyed all the good food, fun, friendships and activities, but what stood out for these boys was chapel and learning about God. Your support of Camp Crossroads is helping to make this happen.

The stories of life change are so encouraging. Here are two of the many examples:

"Last summer I came up for one week to cabin lead, and it was so awesome watching the boys in my cabin grow in their faith. 3 of these boys did not come from a faith background, and in one week they were honestly exploring and asking questions about Jesus and God's love." - James

"I learned so much from working with kids and teaching them about God that I want to continue this coming summer. I love growing in my faith and helping children grow in their faith in a positive and encouraging environment." - Mollie

These stories are part of the ongoing legacy of Camp Crossroads. Did you know that...

48,000 'campers' have been at Camp in the past 38 years
over 8223 significant spiritual decisions (including over 1546 first time decisions for Christ) have been shared with staff



Effective Partnerships

One of the key components of the mission of Crossroads is to support the local church. This happens through partnership. Not only is Camp able to provide the quality programming, accommodations and great food that make for successful retreats but we partner in other significant ways as well. This includes:



small groups attending Family Camp together

church groups participating together in retreats (eg. Men's Network Retreat),

Youth groups participating in Youth Leadership Retreat, Deep Freeze or Winter Blast

church support for families with financial need

church staff supporting campers in the summer program

Scott Street Church has invested heavily in partnership. Kelly Dahl, a leader in the children's ministry has spent time at Camp and brought a cabin full of girls to be part of the great things happening here. This then provided a connection for ministry the rest of the year. Scott Street is committed to continuing this in the coming year. This ministry model has great potential for other churches to enhance their approach to discipleship.



Camp Crossroads Report

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Southridge has also been partnering directly with Camp Crossroads in order to reach into the community. Through the Rose City Kids program they have sent approximately 25 children to Crossroads over the last 5 years. The time away is a great opportunity for the children to experience a fun-filled week and come to know the love of God in a very personal way. The support of Rose City Kids staff during the week ensures that the impact of this experience is lasting and becomes part of the follow up and ongoing discipleship of these young people.



Looking back over the past five years...

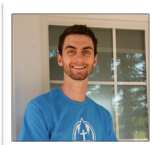
God has blessed Camp Crossroads over the 39 years of ministry. Camp Crossroads has a bright future!

Camp Crossroads is in better financial condition due to strong enrolment in the various programs and the support of community members investing in the ministry. General Operating donations are up 123% since 2013. The revenue from Programs is up 32%. There was an urgent need to address the shortfall from previous years. While this has meant increasing fees, to keep pace with inflation and to close the gap, we continue to place a strong emphasis on providing great value to campers and their families and ensuring that the programs are affordable. 'Camperships' are available for those families that find it financially difficult to send their children to Camp.

The Capital Campaign, which is at \$1,085,601 (not including the hours of volunteer and donations of materials). The Campaign has made it possible to address some of the infrastructure needs. While there are many high priority projects that need attention, it is encouraging to see progress. Some of the more visible projects completed are: Cabins 1&2 rebuild, Centre and Kitchen (fire suppression, ventilation, front office remodel), re-shingling a number of buildings, building of a water front shed, new windows in the Muskoka Room, donations of vehicles, insulating the Chapel floor, renovated office spaces, water and wastewater system upgrades, and major renovation in staff accommodations. The donation of a beautiful boat, a new sign at the road and many hours of labour and materials have also made a big difference. There are many needs yet to be addressed.

Tough decisions...so many good people!

The number and quality of applicants for the summer staff positions made for some tough decisions. We are excited to announce the members of the Summer Team. Take a moment to read why they want to come to Camp Crossroads to serve this summer:



Mark Mitchell- Male Section Head

"The influence that Camp ministry has had on my life and the lives of others is something that is absolutely invaluable. To come back to camp again to be a part of helping to lead staff and campers to have an encounter with Jesus and to have an encounter with the fun of camp is something that I would value immensely! "

Emily Schroeder- Female Section Head

"Camp has been such a big part of my life, it has helped shape the relationship that I have with Jesus. When I attended Camp Crossroads as a camper, it was always the highlight of my summer and I always felt closer to God.... I was so thankful for my experience as a camper and I want to be on staff to be able to give kids the same experiences that I had."



Andrew Dyck- Waterfront Manager

"I see each of the one hundred and forty four hours campers spend at camp as crucial - because in some cases these are the first, and only hours this child will be exposed to the good news, the Greatest news. God is for real, Jesus died for your sins, and this changes everything."





CAMP CROSSROADS

Michael Reimer- Special Events Coordinator

"Camp ministry provides an environment for kids to grow in faith relationships with God and their friends year after year... Camp can provide people with valuable and applicable leadership skills that will last them for eternity, and benefitting everyone who comes into contact with these leaders."



Matthew Chin- Worship Coordinator

"I have begun to see the start of God's vision for my life. I am now following the start of that vision, stepping out in faith knowing His plan is best for me. I felt that working at camp again this summer might be a door opened by God. It is also a "thin place" in my life. Somewhere God speaks to me closely and has had large impact on my Christian development as a child and still as a young adult."

Camp Crossroads is a key part of the development of young leaders who are seeking to follow Jesus. Many of them will go on to provide leadership in their workplaces, churches and families. Together we are making a valuable investment in raising up young leaders - this will bear fruit for many years to come.

Looking ahead...

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

Please pray for the staff, the Board and the many volunteers that will serve campers and families during the coming year.

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

Interpreting Scripture Today

 **Bible and Culture**  **Spirit and Community**

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Eden High School Report

John Bryan



SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE

Leading Students to learn of Christ and live in Christ

Beautiful Opportunities

Generation Z is made up of students born between 1995-2010, depending on what study you read. Researchers have given youth workers a lot to think about when it comes to engaging this generation with the gospel message. They are arguably the first post-Christian generation with minimal religious affiliation. They have never known a world without wi-fi, have likely never licked a postage stamp to mail a letter, are more globally aware, and have an entirely new perspective on human sexuality. Perhaps the most intriguing characteristic came out of a study of 1500 students who were asked to define their generation. They used the word “Founders,” demonstrating that they don’t like the world adults have created and are seeking to change the world. For some, it may seem a bit arrogant. I think it speaks to an incredible opportunity because we have the privilege of stepping into a high school student’s life to mentor them and introduce them to the life-changing gospel message of Jesus Christ! If this generation is potentially the epicentre of world change, then we want to walk alongside them offering the life of Jesus as the blueprint.



Eden High School continues to grow as we are currently over 900 students and are anticipating over 300 students entering grade nine in September 2019. The demographic of families choosing Eden is increasingly non-Christian so we have an awesome mission field before us, in addition to discipling Christian students.



Our mission of “leading students to learn of Christ and live in Christ” continues through our ministry programs with some new initiatives. We continue to host “The First 25,” our daily chapel, where we engage students with a Biblical worldview through the scriptures. Themes have included “Ethos,” looking at the heart of Jesus’ Sermon On The Mount and “Your Kingdom Come,” which featured a Palestinian Christian and a Non-Messianic Jew sharing perspectives on the Middle East. The goal of these series’ was to challenge students to live out Jesus’ kingdom on earth. We also had a variety of guest speakers teach through the Book of Colossians, to help students to see all that God is “For”. We have also continued walking students through the panorama of scripture helping

them to see the narrative more clearly.

In September we hosted four grade retreats, taking 269 students and 75+ volunteers to Camp Crossroads. They continue to be amazing times of spiritual growth and relationship building. Our Epereia leadership team consists of thirteen students who are receiving





mentoring in a leadership context. In November, they led chapels at Pleasant Manor and have been involved in team building activities. It's encouraging to see them seek to grow in Christ-like influence. In addition to mentoring in leadership, on average we see 50+ students/month in our offices for counsel and support. Please remember to pray for these interactions. Regarding mission, our Gear Up program partners with SOAR Montreal and after the disappointment of not having a team last year, we hope to see students participate this year. We also have a team of



six serving with Take Flight in Northern Ireland. We would appreciate your prayers for these teams.



The SLC is undergoing some staffing changes this year. After two and a half years, Brian Loewen has accepted a position at Northend Church in St. Catharines. He is the new Worship and Young Life Pastor. We will miss him and pray for God's blessing in his new role. As we seek to hire a new associate, please keep us in your prayers. Also, Meghan Plett will begin a maternity leave on February 8 and Jessica Klassen will once again join our team. Alicia Janzen and I continue to serve the students of Eden High School and we are all still excited to do what we do! We are grateful to the ONMB Conference for its support as we solely rely on

donations to keep the SLC operational. We are moving towards a new model of support as 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.

To close, I'd like to share about a student that we connect with. A family member recently became a Christian and he's been so intrigued by the change he has seen in her. As we talked about Jesus, the student took a copy of "Manga Messiah" (Japanese art) and finished it in a day or two. He was so intrigued by it that he ended up bringing a friend so he could get a copy. We didn't have any left so we ordered the series and he is now reading the series that will walk him through the Bible. He and his friend actually created class projects that depicted events from Jesus' life that they had read. We thank God for many encouraging encounters like this one!



Respectfully submitted,

John Bryan
SLC Director



A Message from the President of MB Seminary

So often, I meet pastors and church members who are looking to further their ministry education but are unsure of where to turn or what program might work for their specific needs. Many are surprised to learn that MB Seminary offers a broad spectrum of training programs, both on campus and remotely.

We are passionate about partnering with churches to educate and equip ministry leaders to share the transformative power of Jesus' love with the world. If you or your church members are seeking ministry support

and education, we would love to start a conversation with you and see how we can best meet your needs. If you can't come to us, we'll come to you!

Together, we can equip more men and women to lead the Church in reaching Canada and the world with the Good News of Jesus Christ!




Mark Wessner | President, MB Seminary

Bringing Ministry Training to Northern BC

How Westwood Church is Poised to Make a Difference

More than 16 years ago, after being hired at Arnold Community Church in Abbotsford, BC, Rob Dyck made the life-changing decision to attend MB Seminary for the Masters of Divinity program.

"The study of Scripture and theology has deepened my 'spiritual well', enabling me to preach, teach, and lead a congregation more effectively," says Rob.

In 2016, Rob felt an unmistakable calling from God to take a lead pastor position at Westwood Church in Prince George. It was a call he couldn't ignore. *"I had a strong conviction that God had given Westwood Church a responsibility to play a significant role in equipping disciples living in the north and I was excited to be part of that,"* says Rob. *"At the same time, I wondered what it would be like to work as a pastor so far from the larger MB support network I'd had in Abbotsford."*

Once he landed in Prince George, however, Rob realized that today's technological advances have the ability to make hundreds of kilometers seem like just a few.

"I'm thankful for the resources and support MB Seminary offers to churches remotely. Westwood has taken part in several workshop events via simulcast. There has been great interest shown by the community for both non-formal and formal ministry training. If one thing is clear, it's that people want to learn."



Rob has been a dedicated member of MB Seminary's Board of Directors since 2014.

The future holds some exciting opportunities for further partnership between Westwood Church and MB Seminary. *"Westwood's mission is to make disciples of all nations as Christ commanded,"* says Rob. *"We are interested in partnering with MB Seminary to become a teaching facility, and are exploring what it could look like for us to offer graduate courses and non-formal leadership training."*

MB Seminary is passionate about partnering with churches across Canada to provide support for spiritual growth in many capacities. Westwood Church is one of a number of churches forming a close partnership with MB Seminary to equip church leaders throughout Canada and the world.

If your church is interested in partnering with MB Seminary, we would love to hear from you.
CONTACT US AT 604-513-2133.

How MB Seminary Can Serve You

Graduate Training on Campus

MB Seminary's graduate programs, offered in Langley, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, and Toronto, provide a diverse range of courses to prepare men and women for effective leadership and ministry. Our graduate theological programs and leadership development programs support healthy, vibrant church communities by training biblically articulate, Spirit-led, and mission focused pastors and leaders.

Remote Graduate Training

Studying on campus is not feasible for everyone who wishes to further their ministry education. That's why MB Seminary now offers formal ministry education in partnership with teaching churches across Canada, and also through the new ACTS World Campus. Our onsite and online graduate-level training provides students with flexible programs that allow them to study no matter where they live.

Professional Development

In addition to graduate training, MB Seminary offers non-formal leadership development for pastors, leaders, and church members. Whether your leadership team would like to refresh their biblical knowledge with a weekend course, or you'd like to host a workshop event for your congregation, our MinistryLift programs provide resources that help address key theological and practical topics relevant to ministry in Canada today.



Find out how MB Seminary can partner with your church. **GET IN TOUCH AT 604-513-2133.**

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We'll Come to You!

MB Seminary offers a variety of training options for your church leaders and congregation. If you can't come to us, we can bring ministry training to you.



Our faculty and staff preached **39 times in 30 different churches** across Canada



We delivered MinistryLift training to **24 churches**



Our current students serve in leadership positions in **33 churches**



126 graduate students in 2018 (up from 104 in 2017)

"Talking about better ways to parent can be so hard. MB Seminary's parenting workshop at our church gave us a shame-free way to learn, discuss, and apply our knowledge. I would encourage any parent to attend!"

- Theresa Jouan, MinistryLift Participant

"Not all churches can afford to bring in professional speakers on their own. I was very impressed with the video presentation from MB Seminary!"

- Giselle Jackson, Grandmother and Congregation Member

"My training at seminary prepared me well for church leadership over the long haul. The small class sizes and personal relationships I developed were also key in my growth."

- Ryan Jantzi, Pastor

It's almost that time of year. Get ready for our **2018/2019 Annual Report** for more extensive stories and statistics about the impact of MB Seminary!

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Report from École de théologie évangélique du Québec (ETEQ) for Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Mission

ETEQ is a school rooted in the ongoing collaborative effort of Evangelical church families to provide university-level theological education in service to Christian communities so that men and women may be equipped to serve Christ in Quebec and all over the world.



Did you know

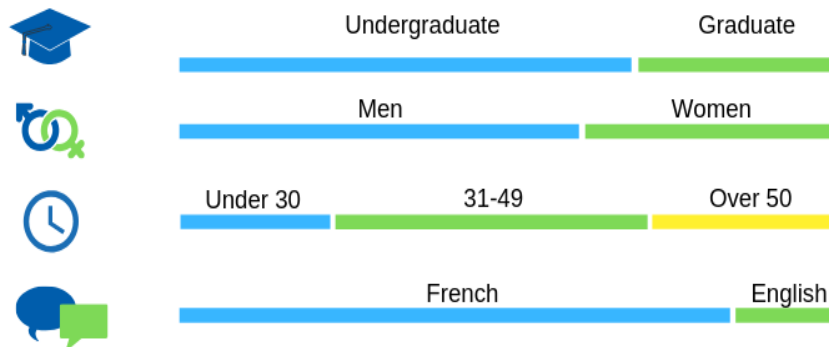
Students may study in English and or French, writing assignments in either language keeping in mind, of course, that one of our goals is to strengthen students' capacity in French while enabling them to experience rich cultural diversity.

By Kristen Corrigan, President



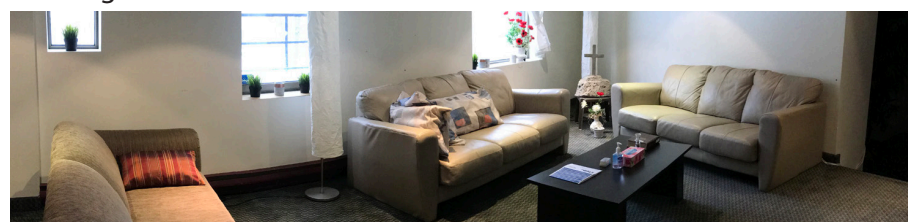
Did you know that all of our students who obtain a degree actually receive the degree through Université Laval? Students also receive a certificate from ETEQ, but the accredited diploma is universally recognized as it comes from the oldest French university in the Americas.

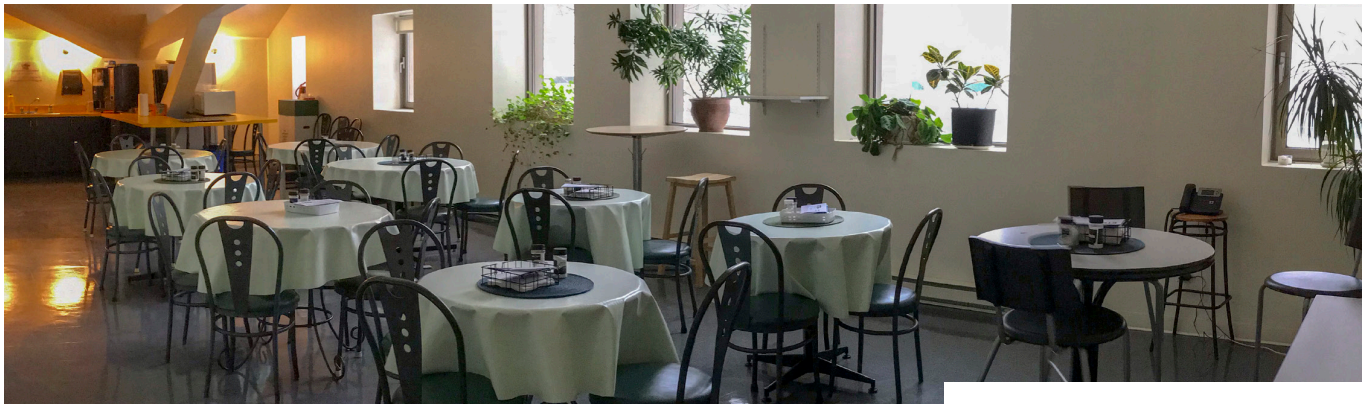
Our 100 students



Facilities

With increasing enrolment, we have at times been bulging at the seams. CCMBC to the rescue! When the Christian and Missionary Alliance St Laurence District offices were moved to a new location in November 2018, the CCMBC graciously approved that ETEQ could take occupancy of that space on the same floor as they currently occupies with minimal financial impact on ETEQ. The space now serves as our Chapel/Prayer room, a fourth classroom and a sorely needed board room. We are very grateful and excited to see God using that space for his Kingdom building.





Transitions



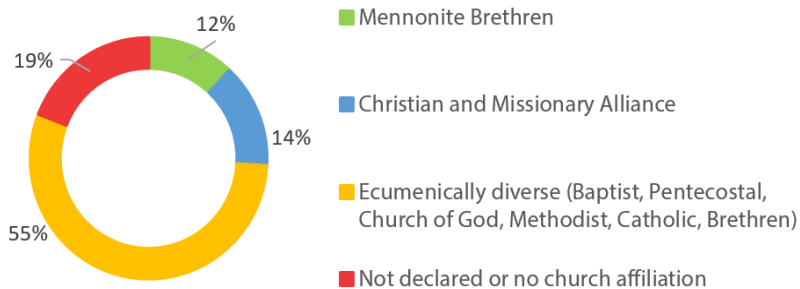
At the end of June 2019, a major transition will occur at ETEQ. Kristen Corrigan will transition from President to President Emeritus / Donor relations liaison-Western Canada as she moves back to BC, her sending province since 2008. Dr. John (Jean) Martin, PhD, formerly Dean of ETEQ, will be appointed Interim President while the board pursues a longer-term selection process.

Did you know that students may transfer credits from our program to other recognized universities through our partnership with Université Laval?

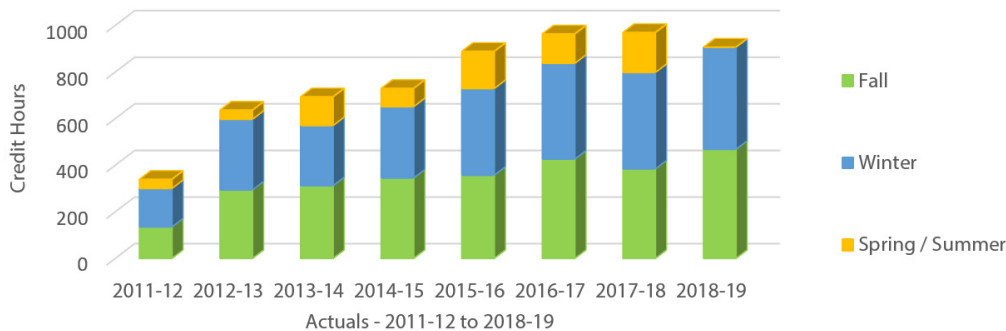
Strategic Partnerships

ETEQ also enjoys strategic partnerships with many other Christian organizations such as Institut Biblique du Québec (IBQ), Institut de théologie de la francophonie (ITF) with whom we share faculty and course offerings from time to time through our partnership with Université Laval.

Denominational distribution Fall 2018



Student enrolment - Credit Hours



CMU's mission is entrusted through interdependent partnerships with Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Brethren peoples, extended through congregations of a wide ecumenical range. Together the church and CMU enliven Anabaptist commitments of faith and life.

Academics and Vocation

CMU bridges student passions, convictions, faith, and vocational paths with the needs and opportunities of church and society. Academic studies link Biblical and Theological Studies with 19 different BA majors, all while nurturing an imagination for the church. Academics and community life inspire and equip students for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation as they enter careers in ministry, medicine, farming, law, business, education, social services ...and much more.

Practica

A Practicum requirement (a supervised opportunity for work and service-integrated learning, structured over an entire year or within one term) is a graduation requirement for every student, regardless of program degree. A Practicum forms a critical part of academic learning, career and vocational discernment. In 2017-18, 127 students completed practicum assignments across Canada and globally in congregations, businesses, hospitals, prisons, seniors homes, schools, camps, not for profit agencies...



Bachelor of Science

Along with BA degrees in Arts and Science and Environmental Studies, CMU now offers 3- and 4-year Bachelor of Science degrees in Biology, Mathematics and General Science. CMU's BSc is distinctive in its inclusion of a broad interdisciplinary base that builds capacity to address pressing questions of science, life, and faith.



2018-2019 Enrolment

Shaftesbury Campus

739 Students

628 Undergraduate

70 Graduate

41 Outtatown

75% Manitoba

25% other provinces and international

39% Mennonite (MC, MB, EMC...)

44% Ecumenically Diverse (Baptist and Pentecostal to Catholic and Orthodox)

17% Disclose no church connection

Includes **93** International students from **28** countries

283 FTE Menno Simons College

(CMU programming at U Winnipeg)

A Faith-Nurturing University Community

Outtatown 20 years of helping students learn to Know God, Know themselves and Know the world

Chapels 3 times weekly, focused on Seek First the Kingdom of God

Biblical and Theological Studies

(BTS) form part of the learning of all students.

18 credit hour minimum of BTS in all undergraduate degrees.

Pastor in Residence

Jim Loepp Thiessen (Pastor at Floradale Mennonite Church, Ontario) spent 1 week engaging students on campus.

Graduate School of Theology and Ministry (GSTM)

- Anabaptist-Ecumenical Seminary learning in a Canadian context
- Theological formation on a university campus
- Semestered, livestreamed and intensive (one week) course delivery

NEW: In September 2019, CMU will begin offering a Master of Divinity (MDiv) with commitments to:

- Learning and Formation
- Calling and Vocation
- Reflection and Praxis
- Discernment for Specific Ministry

CMU Centre for Faith and Life (cmu.ca/cfl)

The **CMU Centre for Faith and Life** (CFL) connects individuals, congregations, and ecumenically diverse constituencies with the university's church resourcing initiatives: **Face2Face** opens community conversations 'at the intersection of faith and life'. Themes this year have included:

- Whose Neighbour Am I? Treaty One and Mennonite Privilegium
- Whose Neighbour Am I? Newcomers in Canada
- Let's Talk About Death... it won't kill you

Portable CMU: Faculty offer 35 unique Portable options that arise from their commitment to resource congregations in their witness and mission.

ReNew: Resourcing Pastors for Ministry (February 11 and 12, 2019) on the theme **Death, Funerals, and the Christian Hope** with keynote speaker **Dr. Thomas Long** (Professor Emeritus of Preaching, Candler School of Theology, Atlanta, Georgia).

Upcoming

Sixpointeigh: equipping peacebuilders. A high school youth-gathering extending Micah's call to 'do justice, love mercy and walk humbly with God'. On Sunday, April 28, 2019 youth from MB, MC, and other church backgrounds will gather at CMU to be inspired and equipped as peacebuilders in the way of Jesus.

Emerging Perspectives on Ministry, gathers pastors and ministry leaders from diverse Christian communions for fellowship and professional resourcing. On **May 7 & 8, 2019**, **Diana Butler Bass** will present on her latest book, *Grateful: The Transformative Power of Giving Thanks*.

#ChurchTooManitoba, a conference for pastors, council and ministry leaders focused on sexual misconduct in the life of the church. Planned jointly by Mennonite Church Manitoba, Mennonite Brethren Church Manitoba, Mennonite Central Committee Manitoba and CMU. Held on **May 31- June 1, 2019** at CMU.

Livestreaming: Many CMU events are accessible wherever you live! Athletics games, Christmas at CMU, Face2Face conversations and various lectures and courses are all livestreamed.



MDS Report

Ross Penner



MDS 2018 Report to Churches and Conferences

Partnership

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*"In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your **partnership** in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus" (Phil 1:4-6, NIV)*

The picture on the left is one of the weekly crews who worked in Williams Lake, BC and stayed at our camp at the Cariboo Bethel Church (Mennonite Brethren). In 2017 wildfires destroyed many homes in the Cariboo Regional District of BC. Our summer of rebuilding homes in the Williams Lake was an amazing partnership experience.

Cariboo Bethel provided space in the basement where MDS volunteers ate, slept, and relaxed. The parking lot hosted mobile homes and a shower trailer that was gifted to MDS by Samaritan's Purse. Some members of the church provided the new home warranty through their construction company, Sprucelee Construction Ltd, while the local Home Hardware donated generously to the material costs. Salvation Army and World Renew gave us significant grants towards material costs. Through these partnerships, MDS was able to build 4 new homes in the Williams Lake area.

Cariboo Bethel Pastor Jeremy Vogt says, "Wherever I can, I share the MDS story. When I tell people here about MDS and what it is doing, their eyes get big. They can hardly believe it. It touches their hearts. It gives them hope to know that people all over North America care." MDS he says, "is a message of hope in our community."

In addition to our Williams Lake project, MDS Canada was active in building two new homes in Constance Bay, Ontario, cleanup after the Ottawa tornadoes, host a Summer Family Project at Shekinah Retreat Centre, SK and a Summer Youth Project in Williams Lake. Atlantic Canada Unit built an extension to a horse barn for a ministry that serves youth with disabilities in Newfoundland. In addition to numerous other projects throughout Canada, we also send hundreds of volunteers to recovery efforts in the US each 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. If you are interested in volunteering or finding out more about MDS please check our website (mds.mennonite.net) or give us a call.

Thank you for the joy of partnering with you as *"he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus"*.





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January 31, 2019

Dear Friend of MCC,

Greetings of peace in the name of Christ.

We at MCC have great cause to be thankful. The Mennonite Brethren community in Ontario have again chosen to support the vision of "relief, development and peace in the name of Christ" through MCC. For this we are deeply grateful.

We are also thankful that, as we are approaching our Centennial in 2020, our long history in places like Ukraine, Syria and Haiti has produced long-standing partnerships that allow us to respond during crises as well as continue to be able to respond after the immediate crisis has passed.

Included in this report is an infographic sharing some of the 2018 MCC highlights in Ontario and around the world. Let us know if you would like copies to share with your congregation. This infographic is also available to be shared online at mcco.ca/year-at-a-glance.

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. If you have questions about MCC, our programs and projects, or are interested in hosting an MCC speaker in your congregation, please let us know.

We are deeply grateful for your role in this ministry and the incredible generosity of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren churches.

In Christ's peace,

John Head
Executive Director

Fred Redekop
Church and Community Relations Associate

Relief, development and peace in the name of Christ





2018 YEAR AT A GLANCE

IN ONTARIO

QUICK STAT
In 2018, MCC shipped
3,696 tubes of
toothpaste!

ONTARIO PROGRAMS



LOW GERMAN

Over **400 service providers** who attended the Low German Networking Conferences are better equipped to meet the needs of Low German newcomers



REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT

221 Individuals from Burundi, DR Congo, Iraq, Ethiopia, Syria, Colombia, Eritrea, Myanmar and Sudan resettled in Ontario



PEOPLE IN POVERTY

191 people encountered Christ in people living on the margins of Toronto through TOOLS (Toronto Ontario Opportunity for Learning and Service)



INDIGENOUS NEIGHBOURS

Sent **community gardening kits to 9 isolated First Nations** working to address the high cost and low availability of fresh food



RESTORATIVE JUSTICE

Connected with **180 inmates** in two federal prisons and **65 individuals** returning to the community following incarceration



MATERIAL RESOURCES

1 shipment to Ukraine and **2 shipments** to remote northern Ontario communities including over **2,700 warm and comforting handmade comforters**

SOCIAL ENTERPRISE



THRIFT SHOPS

Over **\$7.8 MILLION** in sales in our 7 shops



SALES

Sales grew **70.4%** in the past 5 years

61
staff

1700
volunteers

3.5%
staff to
volunteer ratio

Over 1 Million

pounds diverted from the landfill
by the rePurpose Centre

MCC AROUND THE WORLD

57
countries

508
partners

716
projects

1,133
workers

QUICK STAT
One shop recently took their bits of broken jewellery to the gold smith, and came away with **\$1,200!**

PEOPLE



VOLUNTEERS

In Ontario **over 20,000 volunteer hours** are recorded each month



JOHN HEAD

MCC Ontario welcomed John Head as **Executive Director**. John previously served as MCC Ontario's Associate Executive Director

DISASTER RESPONSE



ETHIOPIA



DR CONGO



INDIA



UKRAINE



IRAQ



SYRIA



BANGLADESH



INDONESIA



2019 ICOMB Report



2019 Report for ONMB

The name International Community of Mennonite Brethren reminds us that we are a family which extends globally. It is also a reminder to all of us who hear Jesus calling us to reach out to all nations. Today we can live out more of this multinational fellowship that will go on in eternity.

ICOMB's goal is to create platforms to live out fellowship. This fellowship will shape our national and local churches to be more like Jesus.



Director transition. David Wiebe, executive director 2011–2018, announced that he would retire at the end of June 2018 to make way for a new director. ICOMB's vision from the start was that the director would come from the Global South. God led Rudi Plett of Paraguay (assistant director 2016–2018) to say “yes” to the request that he consider this role. He began 1 July 2018 and is thankful to count on David's continued support.

Latin American leaders meeting

Based on Rudi's early work of coaching leaders from the 8 Latin American conferences, ICOMB organized a regional meeting in Asuncion, Paraguay, July 2018, with at least 3 leaders from the 8 national churches. They gathered for personal encouragement and prayer and to reflect together on cultivating a fellowship that encourages, shares resources and helps shape our conferences.

The meeting included leaders from Venezuela and some other regions looking to work more closely in ICOMB.

We are looking forward to the outcome of this and future gatherings.



Emerging Conference Plan. After the mission and prayer consultation in Thailand 2017, we identified almost 30 networks of churches all over the world that want to join our international community.



2019 ICOMB Report



We identified “benchmarks” to help us know when a network is ready to become self-sustaining and join the ICOMB fellowship as full members. This plan builds detailed steps into the mission strategy map related to the transition from a mission project to ICOMB member. This design is new to our history, but we believe it will help us manage the transition better. In our past experience, the transition has been hard on the emerging church and has resulted in damaged relationships and stunted growth at times.

Multiply (MB Mission) assigned Vic Wiens to work in this area. We are happy that God is using the unique gifts Vic has to support both Multiply and ICOMB at half-time status.

Global Leadership Training Plan. This leadership training framework combines several core components: basic theology; the international Confession of Faith; and practical ministry basics. It’s designed to be taught at a high school level by a wide variety of teachers from anywhere in our fellowship. (We estimate 1/4 of the 5,000 Mennonite Brethren pastors worldwide do not have high school education; more than ½ do not have Bible school training.) This framework complements “Theological Education by Extension” which is usually available by correspondence. Doug Heidebrecht leads development and implementation.



Fellowship with the international community shapes us to be more like Jesus!



Love your global MB family: Support ICOMB through your prayers and financial gifts.

Go to www.icomb.org to sign up for the monthly ICOMB Update

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January 23, 2019

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 22-23, 2019.

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 Radiant Care's annual report.

With respect to the formal recommendations our Board would like to present to the delegates at Convention 2019, 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 (O/A Radiant Care Pleasant Manor)
Mennonite Brethren Senior Citizens Home Inc. (O/A Radiant Care Tabor Manor)
The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Foundation (O/A Radiant Care Foundation)
The Pleasant Manor and Tabor Manor Support Association (O/A Radiant Care Support Association)
2. That the auditing firm Crawford, Smith and Swallow be assigned for the fiscal year 2019-2020.
3. That bylaw amendments for the Radiant Care corporations be added to the agenda of the annual convention of MB Churches in 2020.

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



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STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE



Relational Excellence and Cultural Preservation

- In December, 2017, we launched a renewed brand, Radiant Care, that signifies our commitment to our core values and to serving our residents and tenants in a way that is 'CAREFUL' Committed, Authentic, Respectful, Empathetic, Faithful, Unconditional and Loving.
- We have been focusing on a goal to foster a culture of support and appreciation for our staff. We have wonderful employees, and we believe that positive encouragement and gratitude honours our staff.



Specialization in Dementia and Palliative Care

- Individuals with dementia are reassured when they know their caregivers. This year we introduced new name tags for all staff, designed specifically to identify each employee with a clear and simple name tag that is easy to read, and provides a level of comfort and security to our residents and tenants with cognitive impairments.
- At Radiant Care, we practice Montessori Methods for Dementia Care. This includes providing meaningful activities for our Long-Term Care residents such as baking, interacting with young children, enjoying the sewing corner, as well as a Dementia Caregivers Support Group for family members.



Innovative Growth and Partnership

- The Radiant Care Foundation completed its first full year of operation, developing awareness, and fulfilling its mandate of building relationships and presenting opportunities – opportunities including financial support, volunteering, and prayer support.
- Two special fund raising initiatives took place in July, 2017. At Radiant Care Pleasant Manor, a fundraising campaign for outdoor beautification resulted in 24 new park benches on the grounds, with new sidewalks in some areas being completed this spring. At Radiant Care Tabor Manor, a successful fund drive led to the opening of a Fitness and Wellness Centre. Both projects were undertaken in partnership with each home's Tenants Association, a wonderful example of positive partnership and collaboration.



YOUR DONATION DOLLARS AT WORK



Spiritual Enrichment

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, Radiant Care is able to ensure that each home has a full time chaplain and a variety of opportunities for spiritual enrichment. Every week, residents and tenants can experience chapel services, Bible studies, concerts and music programs, chaplain visits, and informal interactions that support their spiritual lives. Spiritual enrichment is a critically important thread woven into the fabric of daily life at Radiant Care.



Upgrades

Our donors have a positive impact on the everyday lives of the people who call Radiant Care home. Because of their efforts, Radiant Care is able to purchase upgraded equipment, furnishings and décor as the needs arise. Your donations help to enhance the attractive surroundings and homelike atmosphere our residents and tenants deserve and appreciate. Thank you!

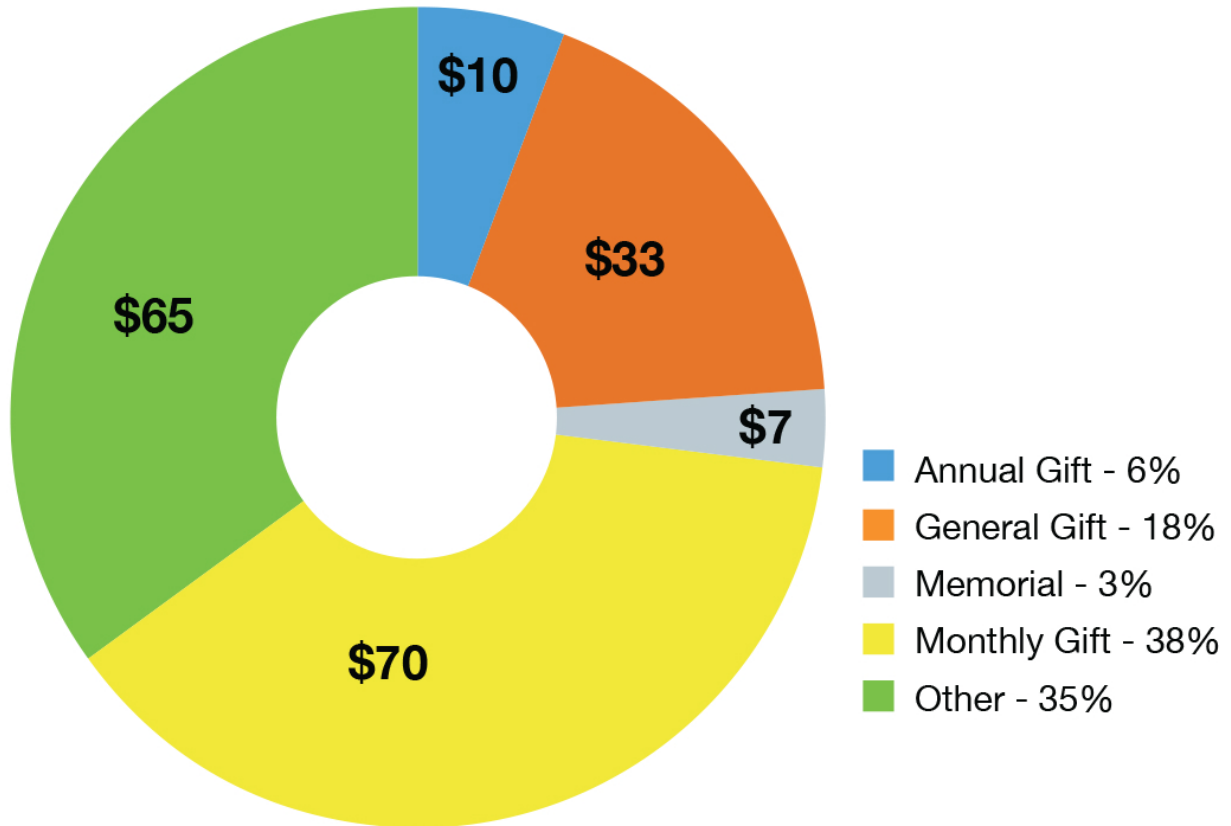


Special Projects

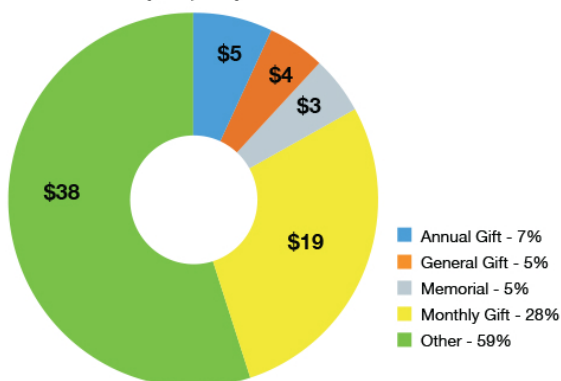
It was gratifying to experience the generosity of donors who supported the Outdoor Beautification Project at Radiant Care Pleasant Manor, and the Fitness and Wellness Centre at Radiant Care Tabor Manor. These new enhancements are an enjoyable and welcome addition to daily life at our homes.



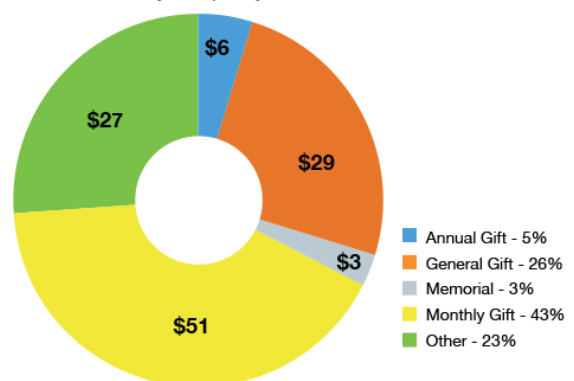
DONATIONS - Radiant Care 2017 (\$185,347)



DONATIONS - Radiant Care Pleasant Manor 2017 (\$68,905)

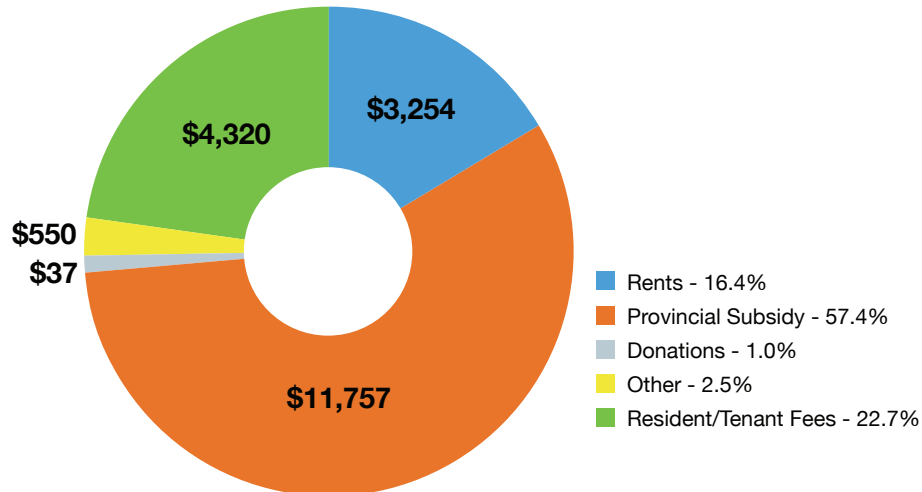


DONATIONS - Radiant Care Tabor Manor 2017 (\$116,442)

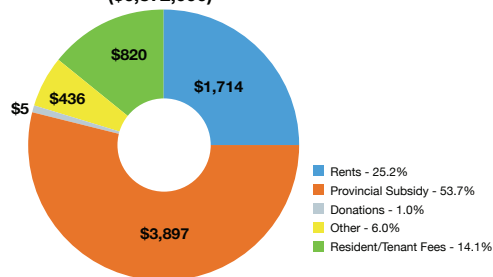


BUDGET OVERVIEW

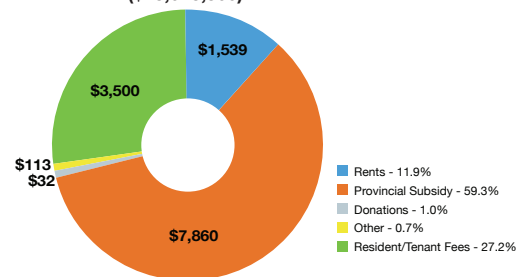
FUNDING SOURCES - Radiant Care 2017
(\$19,917,300)



FUNDING SOURCES - Radiant Care Pleasant Manor 2017
(\$6,872,000)



FUNDING SOURCES - Radiant Care Tabor Manor 2017
(\$13,045,300)



How is the money put to use?

Wages and Benefits: In line with other homes in Niagara and our sector, the largest part of the budget, almost 85%, is used to pay the wages and benefits of our 322 employees - the lifeblood of our home. We are proud to pay competitive wages in line with other homes in Niagara.

Food: In our long term care homes, part of the funding from the government is earmarked for food purchases. Our residents enjoy tasty and healthy meals and snacks, all accomplished with \$9.00 per resident per day

Facilities: We have many buildings and they are big. They include a complicated network of wiring and plumbing, a myriad of furnaces and hot water heaters, miles of roofing, gas, and hydro, and the list goes on. From cleaning supplies and equipment to copiers and computers in our offices, our homes need to be equipped in order to run efficiently and serve our residents and tenants well.

Programs: Life at Radiant Care is about more than just a place to sleep and eat. The budget includes provision for Therapeutic Recreation programs and activities, seasonal decor, trees, plants and flowers for the gardens, to name just a few.

Through every area of our spending, we are diligent and faithful stewards of the funding that has been entrusted to us.



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Radiant Care Foundation Banquet 2018



Keynote Speaker - Adam Shoalts

Relational Excellence and Cultural Preservation

The room was full, conversation was lively, and there was energy in the air as almost 300 people gathered at White Oaks resort for the first annual Radiant Care Foundation banquet on October 12. Attendees enjoyed an excellent meal, marveled at the stories of Arctic exploration and adventure by keynote speaker Adam Shoalts, and learned a bit more about Radiant Care along the way.

Innovative Growth and Partnerships

The banquet was an opportunity to honour the valuable partnerships that Radiant Care enjoys with Niagara College and Brock University. Also on hand to bring greetings and express support were Niagara-on-the-Lake Mayor Patrick Darte, and St. Catharines Mayor Walter Sendzik.

Specialization in Dementia and Palliative Care

Guests at the Radiant Care Foundation banquet had an opportunity to be introduced to two key areas of specialization in our Long Term Care homes. Displays highlighted our Montessori Approach to Dementia Care as well as some of the practical ways we provide dignified and loving palliative care.



Radiant Care

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Canada's Minister for Seniors Visits Radiant Care Tabor Manor



The Honorable Filomena Tassi spent time with residents at Radiant Care Tabor Manor on October 12. The visit was a part of her cross-country tour, interacting with seniors and soliciting their opinions and insights. Minister Tassi enjoyed one-on-one conversations with residents, as well as a coffee time. For more photos please visit radiantcare.ca.

Connexions

There are many reasons why I love working for Radiant Care, including the emphasis on palliative care and the way the passing of a resident is handled with love and grace. Staff are given the opportunity to say a few words about the resident, a flower is placed at their table, and the chaplain gives a beautiful tribute. It is very touching to watch and be a part of!

Barbara Osborne, Nutrition Manager, Radiant Care Tabor Manor

It sounds like a cliché to say it, but working at Radiant Care Pleasant Manor 'lifts up my spirit'. I feel encouraged by those supporting me; I'm thankful to be here.

Dawn Clyens, Director of Clinical Services, Radiant Care Pleasant Manor



The Spirit Is On The Move

There was a theory of aging developed in the 60's that said it was both normal and inevitable for people to "decrease their activity and seek more passive roles as they age"; that a mutual agreement of sorts was made between the old and young that looked to displace elders from important and contributing roles in society. Even if this theory is accurate, it ought to be challenged because of its inherent devaluing of members in our society. In the church we ought to see that, regardless of age and ability, every member has value and a contributing role simply because of who they are in Christ. This is what we believe at Radiant Care Pleasant Manor. With such events as our Pastor's In-Service, it is how we want to educate our society together with the help of our churches.

Michael Dyck, Chaplain, Radiant Care Pleasant Manor



The municipal elections are now over, and leaders are in position to serve the people. We tend to place our trust in our leaders' knowledge and ability. We expect a lot from them don't we! Scripture encourages us to place our faith and hope in the Lord Jesus Christ because He alone is 'the power of God and the wisdom of God!' (1Cor. 1:24)

Only He can really deliver divine wisdom to all who trust in Him! Ultimately, our confidence for the future should not rest in political parties or personalities. It must rest in the Lord Jesus Christ, who alone embodies 'The Way, The Truth, and The Life!' (John 14:6) Trust in him! He will never let you down!

Jim Evans, Lead Chaplain, Radiant Care Tabor Manor



Happy Birthday!

It is not every day that a member of our community turns 100 years old! Peter Dirks celebrated his 100th birthday on October 15, enjoying a special Coffee Hour with his Tabor Manor family.

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 17 – RC TM Auxiliary Christmas Tea & Bake Sale 10am – 11:30am
- Nov. 24 – RC PM Auxiliary Christmas Bazaar 10am – 11:30am
- Dec. 5 – RC TM Tenant Christmas Banquet 5pm
- Dec. 6 – RC PM Tenant/Life Lease Christmas Banquet 5pm
- Dec. 11 – RC PM Tenant/Life Lease Christmas Banquet 12pm
- Dec. 13 – RC PM Resident Christmas Banquet 5pm
- Dec. 16 – RC PM Resident Family Christmas Party 2:30pm
- Dec. 19 – RC TM Resident Christmas Lunch 12pm

Vital Statistics: Waiting Lists

Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Long-Term Care.....	88
Radiant Care Pleasant Manor Apartments.....	951
Radiant Care Tabor Manor Long-Term Care.....	351
Radiant Care Tabor Manor Apartments.....	1,167



Valleyview Manor Report

Karl Hanson

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Date: February, 2019

To: Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren

From: Karl Hanson, Administrator

Re: Report of Valleyview Manor - 2018

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On behalf of the Board and residents of Valleyview Manor I bring greetings to the conference. As the new Administrator, stepping in after Al Wiens retirement, I have been enjoying my first few months getting to know the residents and becoming familiar with my job description. I am excited to see what God has planned for the future of Valleyview.

Residency

God has been faithful in meeting our needs. Our units are always occupied, and we enjoy a healthy interest from individuals wanting to call Valleyview home. Our waiting list continues to grow and currently has 61 names on it.

Hospitality Suites

Valleyview is proud to provide three hospitality suites for residents to rent when they have family and friends come to visit. The suites are available to rent at a nominal fee of \$50 per night. In 2018 we had 62 reservations translating into 129 room nights rented.

Support Services

Community Care Concepts out of Elmira, are available to provide assisted living services to our residents in order that they may continue to live independently at Valleyview. This past year we were provided with a senior support worker from Community Care Concepts to assist our seniors on a pre-arranged appointment basis. Also, this past year we’ve seen a decrease in the use of these services for the first time in a long time which could be interpreted as a good indicator of the general health of the residents here at Valleyview.

Valleyview Manor Report

Karl Hanson

Social Activities

Valleyview residents continue to have a variety of activities from which they can choose to participate in.

- a bi-weekly Bible study on Tuesday evenings, open to all interested parties
- a bi-weekly coffee hour for residents,
- a weekly crafter social on Monday afternoons
- a bi-weekly crokinole competition between residents and individuals from outside Valleyview
- an occasional movie night
- an occasional evening of singing by groups who visit Valleyview
- “Diners Club” - Community Care Concepts provides us with a great home cooked meal for our residents who choose to attend. Residents may also invite friends to the luncheon which is a great opportunity for outsiders to see the facility and interact with its residents. The luncheon is held in our multi-purpose room on the first and third Thursdays of each month. There is a nominal fee for each resident partaking of this meal.
- Community Care Concepts also provides residents with a certified exercise trainer two afternoons per week for a one-hour exercise program.

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. I look forward to seeing what God has in store for Valleyview Manor and my future here.

Respectfully submitted by: Karl Hanson, Administrator

The Valleyview Board of Directors are:

Name	Position	Church Affiliation
Ray Braun	Chairperson	Glencairn MB Church
Doug Chalk	Member	Glencairn MB Church
Doug Dibben	Secretary/Treasurer	Glencairn MB Church
Barb Hahn	Vice Chairperson	Waterloo MB Church
Ed Penner	Member	Waterloo MB Church
Dean Perkins	Member	Glencairn MB Church
Kathy Pickford	Member	Waterloo MB Church



Ontario MB Church Directory

Behta Darya Community Church

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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
Meets at: 434 Hunter Rd., NOTL, L0S 1J0
Office Phone: 905-468-7155
Office Email: admin@cccchurch.ca
Pastor: Kevin Bayne
Church Website: www.cccchurch.ca

Evangelical Asian Church

Address: 1579 Royal York Rd. Toronto, ON M9P 3C5
Office Phone: 416-414-8850
Office Email: info@evangelicalasianchurch.org
Pastor: Emis Daniel, 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

Free Church Toronto

Address: 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
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:
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(s): Michael & Tabitha Vanden Enden
Church Website: www.granthamchurch.ca

Life Point Church

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



Ontario MB Church Directory

Meadow Brook Church

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Office Phone: 519-326-3605
Office Email: office@meadowbrook.ca
Pastor: Mesh Hit
Church Website: www.meadowbrook.ca

Mountain Park Church

Address: 6970 Mountain Rd., Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4
Office Phone: 905-374-2911
Office Email: andrew@mp.church
Pastor: Andrew Plett, Herm Plett
Church Website: 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
Pastor: Thom Braun
Church Website: www.newhopechurchniagara.com

New Life Christian Church

Address: 480 Huntingwood Dr., Toronto, ON M1W 1G4
Office Phone: 416-497-5437
Office Email: info@newlifetoronto.com
Pastor: Timothy Quek
Church Website: www.newlifetoronto.com

New Living Church

Address: 36 Broadlands Blvd., Toronto, ON M3A 1J3
Office Phone: 416-655-2602
Office Email: jacob.hfan@gmail.com
Pastor: Jacob Nuh
Church website: www.newlivingchurch.ca

Port Rowan MB Church

Address: 465 1st Concession Rd. Port Rowan, ON N0E 1M0
Office Phone: 519-586-2835
Office Email: prmbc@xplornet.com
Pastor: Mark Hunt
Church Website: www.portrowanmbchurch.com

Scott Street MB Church

Address: 339 Scott Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 1J7
Office Phone: 905-937-6900
Office Email: info@scottstchurch.ca
Pastor: Rob Patterson
Church Website: www.scottstchurch.ca

South Point Community Church

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

Southridge Community Church

Address: 201 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON L2T 3J6
Office Phone: 905-682-9901
Office Email: info@southridgechurch.ca
Lead Pastor: Jeff Lockyer, Mike Krause
Church Website: www.southridgechurch.ca

St. Catharines Location: Chris Fowler
Meets at: 201 Glenridge Ave., St. Catharines, ON
Vineland Location: Rick Zwiers
Meets at: 3970 Glendale Ave., Vineland, ON
Welland Location: Michael Meinema
Meets at: 414 River Rd., Welland, ON

St. Ann's Community Church

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



Ontario MB Church Directory

The Access Centre

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

The Gathering Ottawa

Address: PO Box 82013 Riverside South RPO, Gloucester, ON K1V 2N9
Meets at: St. Francis Xavier High School, 3740 Spratt Rd.
Office Phone: 613-822-7440
Office Email: info@thegatheringottawa.com
Pastor: Jeff Jantzi
Church Website: www.thegatheringottawa.com

The Jesus Network

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

WMB Church

Waterloo Location: Chris Stevens
Meets at: 245 Lexington Rd., Waterloo, ON N2K 2E1
Office Phone: 519-885-5330
Office Email: office@wmbchurch.ca
Church Website: www.wmbchurch.ca

Kitchener Location: Adam Knowles
Meets at: 19 Ottawa Street North, Kitchener, ON N2H 3K2
Office Phone: 519-745-5144
Office Email: office@kitchenermb.com
Church Website: www.kitchenermb.com

ASSOCIATE CHURCHES

Manotick Community Church

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Office Phone: 613-864-9249
Office Email: admin@churchinhetick.ca
Pastor: Doug Valerio

Malkutha

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

Northend Church

Address: 455 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2H2
Office Phone: 905-934-3398
Office Email: hello@northendchurch.ca
Pastor: Mike Sherbino
Church Website: www.northendchurch.ca

Rugged Tree Community Church

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

Southeast City Church

Meets at: 706 Hastings Ave, Ottawa ON
Pastor: David Hood
Office Email: hello@southeastcitychurch.ca
Church Website: www.southeastcitychurch.ca

The Spirit of Truth Church

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



ONMB Stats Report 2018

Church Name	Average Weekly Attendance (including Children)	Church Members Jan 1, 2018	Church Members Dec 31, 2018	Church Baptisms	# of Young People involved in Weekday Programming	# of Young People involved in Weekend Programming
*Behta Darya	90	100			-	-
CF Chapel	75	91	84	2	17	13
Cornerstone	305	231	253	12	60	80
Evangelical Asian						
*Evergreen Heights	175	110				
Free Church	120	60	76	2		15
Glencairn	239	266	272	1		70
*Grace	71	62				
*Grantham	82	124				
*Life Point	100	59				
*Malkutha	12					
*Manotick	23	25				
Meadow Brook	314	229	245	6	110	78
Mountain Park	380			22		
New Hope	350			15	125	55
*New Life	110	110				
*New Living	45	35				
Northend Church	180					
Port Rowan	187	190	197	4	105	67
Rugged Tree						
Scott Street	181	213	211		35	28
*South Point	80	52				
Southridge	809	369	375	14	50	195
Southeast City						
Spirit of Truth						
St. Ann's	129	101	99	4		85
*The Access Ctr	100	40				
The Gathering	133	53	53	5	16	42
The Jesus Network						
WMB/KMB	1000					

*approx data for 2018

**some data not submitted for 2018



Next Steps

My plan to respond



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What is God leading me to?

Take some time to process what you have heard this weekend and fill out some ways to respond below.

Are you interested in connecting with provincial leaders through our Cluster Groups? Talk to Kristi Lee about how to get started.

Talk to the ONMB Conference office to find ways to resource your ministry areas and help build community in your local church family.

Do you know of some young leaders who are ready to take the next step in their leadership development? Talk to Robyn Serez about Leaders Collective.

Are you hearing God's call to financially support ONMB initiatives?

Ways to Donate:

- **Mail to:** Ontario Conference of MB Churches
455 Geneva Street, St. Catharines, ON L2N 2H2
- **Online:** onmb.org/donate/



Event Information

Do you have questions?

Please visit the Welcome Desk in the lobby for any information regarding Convention 2019, comment cards, or first aid.

Should I wear my name tag?

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

Who are the Exhibitors?

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

Photography

Please be advised that photographs and video may be taken throughout the Convention which may be used in the MB Herald, CCMBC and 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.

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.

Upcoming ONMB Events

- PCO - May 14-16, 2019 in Winnipeg, MB
- Leaders Collective Kick-off Retreat - September 20-22, 2019
- EQUIP Study Conference - October 23-25, 2019 at WMB, ON
- 89th Annual ONMB Convention - February 21-22, 2020 at
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