

January 15, 2021

90th Annual Ontario MB Conference Convention Dates: Feb 19 & 20, 2021 Location: Virtual Event (Hosted and produced by Mountain Park Church, Niagara Falls)

To All Ontario MB Churches and related agencies,

We, the Board of Directors of the Ontario MB Conference are pleased to invite all of our congregations and ministry partners to join us for our 90th Annual ONMB Convention. This has been an unprecedented year as a result of COVID-19. In spite of all the uncertainty and upheaval, we invite you to gather with us virtually, to hear stories of how God is working in our midst, to make necessary decisions together, and most importantly to lift up the name of Jesus. Although we cannot meet together in person this year we are united as a community through Jesus.

Vision and Mission:

This year's theme will be: **The Road we are on...** where we have come from, where we find ourselves, and where we are headed. We will reflect together on the amazing story of God's activity in and through our churches over the past 90 years. Additionally, we will paint a picture of what is in store for us in the months ahead. Even in the midst of this pandemic we declare with Paul that: "...we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Cor. 4:16-18

Schedule of Events:

Friday, February 19, 2021 @ 7pm – 8pm

A link will be provided for this live premiered event. This is a great opportunity for many in Ontario and beyond to join in this experience. It may just be the first and best taste of an ONMB Convention for a great number of new folks. We would strongly encourage you to invite your people to mark this evening of worship and reflection in their calendars.

Saturday, February 20, 2021 @ 9am - 1pm

A link will be provided for this Zoom event. Delegates and guests will hear about what God is doing in and through us these days. There will be updates from our various ministry partners and together we will make decisions that will shape our future. In particular we need to ratify our newly drafted bylaws.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 15, 2021

Registration Here: 2021 ONMB CONVENTION

Delegate Information:

Don't forget... each Ontario Conference church may send one delegate for every 25 members (or fraction thereof), plus...

- one Pastor, one Moderator, one Treasurer
- In the event that the Pastor, Moderator, or Treasurer is unable to serve as a delegate, an alternate delegate may be appointed by that local congregation
- Associate member churches and church plants are encouraged to send non-voting guests but not voting delegates.

A delegate must be a member in good standing of a member church, 18 years of age or older, he or she must be approved as a delegate by the church membership or governing board of the church.

*Please note that because we are running this convention virtually, voting will happen through an online communications software. Each delegate will require their own digital device, such as a computer or smart phone. For reasons of authentication and vote tabulation, multiple delegates cannot share a single device.

Delegate packages, including agenda's, minutes and any other pertinent information will be distributed to the churches, electronically, approximately 14 days before the Convention. All documents will be available on our <u>2021 ONMB CONVENTION</u> event page for you to review and download onto your personal devices.

We look forward to you joining us this year.

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