

ONMB ONLINE AGM

February 27, 2025
7-9pm



2025

ONMB CONFERENCE YEARBOOK

- FEB 20** Seniors Luncheon
- FEB 21** Pastors & Leaders Day
- FEB 21-22** Acts 6:4 Assembly
- FEB 27** ONMB Online AGM

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Schedule of Events 2025 Online AGM February 27, 2025

6:45 pm	Zoom Link Opens
7:00 pm	Welcome & Prayer
7:10 pm	Business Motions Board Reports
7:30 pm	Breakout Rooms •Ministry & Team Reports
8:25 pm	Committee Reports & Motions •Nominations •Financial & Budget •PFLT
8:55 pm	Final Motions & Results
9:00 pm	Business Meeting Adjournment

Notice of Motions

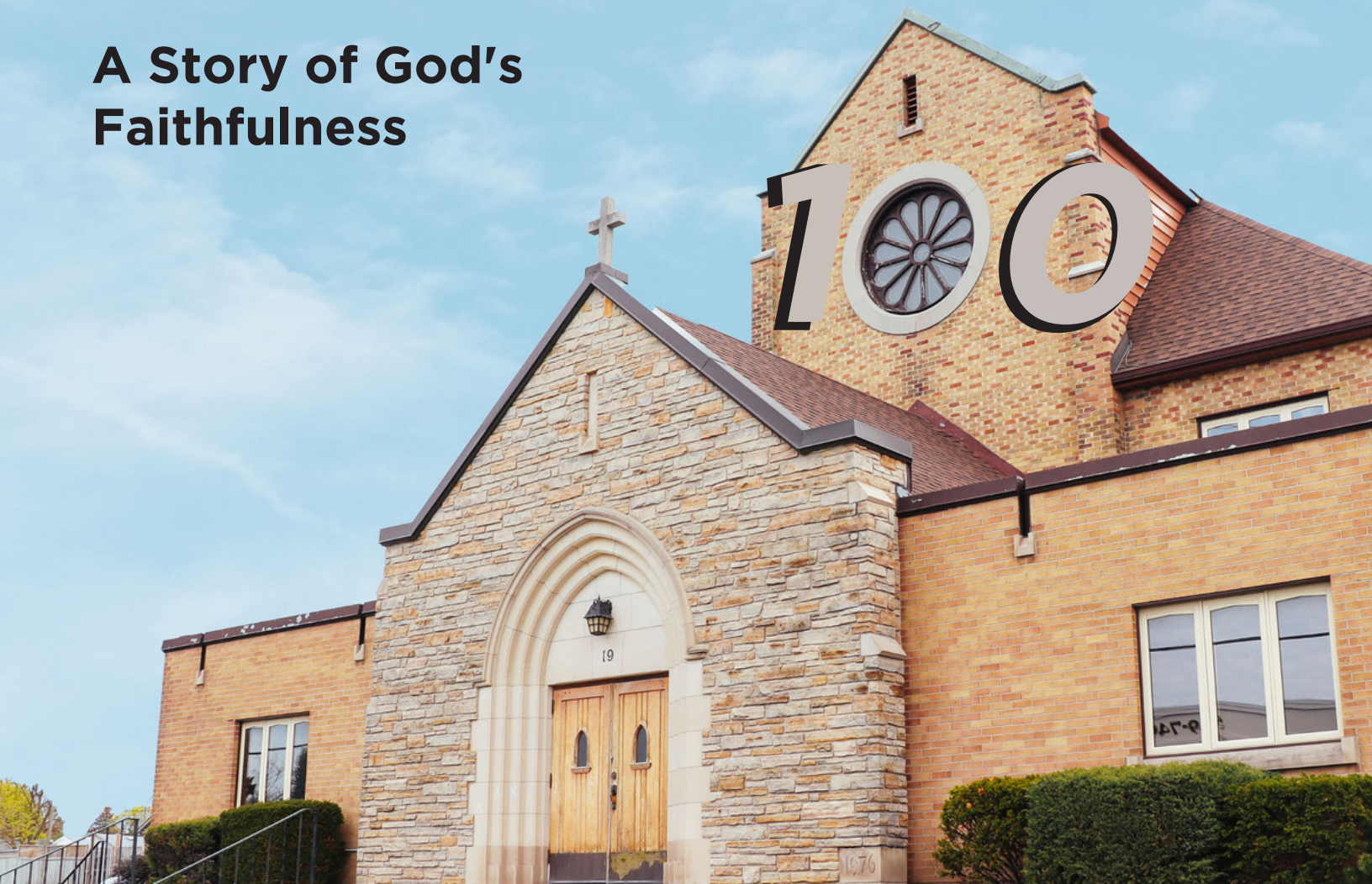
2025 ONMB Online AGM

February 27, 2025

1. Motion to approve the parliamentarians and ballot counters.
2. That the agenda be accepted as presented.
3. That we receive the Committee and Board Reports as distributed electronically in advance in the Convention book.
4. That the minutes from Convention 2024 as presented electronically in the Convention book, be approved.
5. That the Board of Directors for the period commencing from Convention 2025 until Convention 2026 be made up of twelve (12) members.
6. That Michelle Knowles be acclaimed as Chair.
7. That Doug Valerio be acclaimed as Vice Chair for a one-year term.
8. The following individuals be elected to the ONMB board as members-at-large: Anita Boles, Brent Easey, Sanjay Kasukurthy, Karen West
9. That all candidates for the Nominating Committee 2025 be acclaimed.
10. That the financial statements from the review engagement for 2024 be accepted.
11. That the ONMB membership approve the use of a review engagement instead of an audit for 2025.
12. That Bridgeman and Durksen be appointed to perform the review engagement for 2025.
13. That the operating budget for 2025 be approved as presented.
14. It is moved to approve Belmont Village Church for Associate Church status with ONMB, for a period of up to five years, beginning upon approval of this motion.
15. It is moved to approve the release of Valleyview Manor from the ONMB Conference, contingent upon the approval by the ONMB Board of the new governing documents of Valleyview Manor.
16. That the ballots be destroyed upon the approval of the minutes by the Board Secretary.
17. That the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Convention 2025 be adjourned.



A Story of God's Faithfulness



"It all started with a baptism."

As one MB periodical states, "It all started with a baptism." This year marks the 500th anniversary of the Anabaptist movement and the Mennonite Brethren are among its descendants. And baptism became the central issue. For those of us who live in Kitchener-Waterloo, this year marks the 100th anniversary of the MB church in Ontario.

But let us jump back to 1860. It was the year the Mennonite Brethren Church was born in what is now Ukraine. There was a sort of "awakening" in the evangelical churches in Germany that made its way to Russia and it influenced the forefathers of the MBs.

There was a yearning for among other things, more personal piety and holiness, water baptism by immersion following faith-inspired conversion, and communion taken reverently, and not as a ritual. Our leaders produced a signed document on January 10, 1860 with 50 charter members.

The religious freedom granted to our forefathers by the Russian royal family did not last, however. As we all know, the reign of the Russian monarchs came to a violent end at the end of World War One and what became the Russian or Bolshevik Revolution - 1917-1921. Mennonites who were given religious freedom, economic opportunity, and exemption from military service were obviously not interested in the Bolshevik or Communist agenda - and very quickly became among the first of its millions of victims.



The Church choir led by Nicholas Fehderau, announcer C. J. Rempel (left) and preacher Frank C. Peters (right) giving a weekly radio program ca. 1950.

For those forced to leave, the city of Kitchener was where some of them came. As you may know, the story of KMB church really begins way back on July 18, 1924, when a large group of German speaking immigrants from the Ukraine in southern Russia stepped off the train at the Waterloo station, carrying what was left of their worldly goods. Because of revolution, anarchy, famine and war, they arrived landless, homeless and grieving the tragic deaths of family and friends. From the Erb Street Mennonite Church, a few blocks away, these tired, dispossessed travelers were assigned to the waiting Swiss Mennonite farmers who had generously agreed to house them.

Some immigrants of shared Mennonite Brethren background soon gravitated to each other. They regularly gathered together in various homes in the St Jacobs and Baden area for worship, mutual comfort and encouragement. They had brought their well-used German bibles and hymn books with them. Pastors within the group provided spiritual leadership. Soon, the group solidified and decided to formally become a church. On May 25, 1925, eighteen signatories signed the articles of organization. They called themselves the Molotschna Mennonite Brethren Church, named after one of their largest colonies in southern Russia. Later, the name was changed to the Mennonite Brethren Church of Kitchener; then Kitchener MB church.

So this is how MB conferences begin... come to the ONMB conference on February 21st to hear the rest of the story.

Harvey Goossen,
WMB Church member



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Board of Directors Report

Michelle Knowles, Board Chair

I give thanks to my God for every remembrance of you, always praying with joy for all of you in my every prayer, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am sure of this, that he who started a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus. (Philippians 1:3-6)

I write with much anticipation for all God has in store, as we prepare to gather very soon for our ONMB Conference Week 2025! What a gift it is to walk together by faith, in the mission to which God has called us as a family of churches in Ontario.

I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. (John 15:5)

This year's Conference Week introduces some new rhythms to our annual gathering. We want to deepen our connection to Jesus and to one another, to encourage and strengthen one another, for the flourishing of all our churches altogether, to the praise and glory of God.

The final event of Conference Week is our 2025 AGM. A healthy vine and branches need a well-constructed trellis to be fruitful. Our AGM is critical to our 'trellis work'. Thank you for taking the time to prepare for this - as we work together and prayerfully listen, to steward resources, identify leaders, and make decisions, we ensure that we have a strong structure to support the work that only God can do in and through us by His Spirit.



The stories and reports that follow in this year-book reflect the beautiful array of vine and trellis work among our provincial and national church family throughout the year. I am grateful for the faithful service of our staff, committees & ministry teams, partners & agencies – we are on mission together and Jesus continues to transform lives and communities as we serve together, praise God! As I serve with our ONMB team, as well as with our national MB family, I am deeply encouraged by the renewal God is bearing among us.

I want to express my thanks to our Board and committee members, for your gifted and passionate service to ONMB. I am grateful for the dedication of our Board; the time and energy you give generously as leaders and servants.

ONMB Board of Directors 2024-2025



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Board Chair



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As a board, we want to express our deep appreciation for our staff, Trevor, Kristi & Ryan. It's been a joy to watch you form as a dynamic team of gifted, dedicated and passionate leaders and servants. Continue to bring this team before God in your prayers.

Lastly, thank YOU ONMB church members, pastors, and leaders – we love you and pray for you with much gladness and hope. Our Board is so thankful for your prayers, generosity, and grace. Please feel welcome to connect with me anytime. It is a joy to serve our ONMB family.



Executive Director Report

Trevor Seath



It's been a great privilege to begin my journey as ONMB Executive Director over this past year. Each church in our family gives me powerful reasons to praise God. No matter where I look, I see examples of humility, perseverance, wisdom, and creativity as we all seek to joyfully join Jesus in His mission in the distinct stories unfolding within each of our churches. Praise God!

On top of all that, working with Kristi Lee and Ryan Jantzi on our ONMB staff team has been a joy. Kristi is incredibly knowledgeable, proficient, thoughtful, and creative as she serves as our Operations & Communications Manager. Ryan brings joy, wisdom, curiosity, and deep passion to his work as Ministry Director. Of course, we're more than just a set of individual members. What's most encouraging has been how the Holy Spirit has been unifying and directing us. To get a sense of the dynamic we're experiencing, check out the Jesus' Stories podcast episode, "Anticipation & Gratitude" from January 13th.



It's important for you to know how outstanding our ONMB Board, Provincial Faith & Life Team (PFLT), Missional Expressions Team (MET), and Nominating Committee are. Ryan shares in his report about the work of our PFLT and MET. I want to highlight that the ONMB Board not only provides governance oversight as a whole team but also lead and serve on teams focused on Personnel, Organizational Health, and Finance where they diligently steward the people, resources, and processes of our conference. Additionally, please join me in thanking God for the energetic way that sisters and brothers from our ONMB family are sacrificially engaged nationally participating on the CCMBC Executive Board and our National Faith & Life Team. It's a significant amount of effort offered with joy, energy, and humility.

Can I go on? I need to, because it's important to celebrate how a dynamic story of Spirit-dependent collaboration is unfolding between our ONMB Team and our Multiply partners in the province. All of us are keenly interested in uncovering every way in which we can function in unity under a single God-given purpose to continue catalyzing and supporting a dynamic and fruitful expression of God's kingdom alongside all of you.

Also, I'm inspired by the ways God is working so dynamically in the ministry of Camp Crossroads. And it was a joy to witness the launch of a new expression of partnership between MB Seminary and Ontario as WMB in Kitchener Waterloo became the school's latest Teaching Church location.



Jesus has led us by His Spirit in 2024. We've heard four invitations from the Lord that have been affirmed in both formal and informal conversations among our leaders. God is calling us to pray first, move together, join in globally, and make disciples.

A simple phrase connected to each has been helpful in providing more clarity:

- **Pray First** – entrusting the future to God's power, not our own.
- **Move Together** – collaborating in mission regionally for Jesus' glory.
- **Join in Globally** – learning with and from the global Church.
- **Make Disciples** – inviting people to follow Jesus no matter what.



A new chapter in our shared life of prayer was sparked at our 2024 Pastors & Leaders Retreat at Camp Crossroads May 5-7. Derek Parenteau shared a plea from God for ONMB from John 21:1-14 where we read about Jesus instructing his disciples to “cast (their) net on the right side of the boat” (v.6). God gave us a picture in that story of the choice we all have – we can work in our own strength and see nothing of the harvest God has for us or we can humbly, even foolishly, trust His leadership and experience what only He can do for us.



A primary response following this time of hearing from God has been to cultivate a growing response of faith-filled prayer for a move of the Holy Spirit to bring in a God-sized kingdom harvest in our land. You can hear some of the early processing of this response on the Jesus Stories podcast episode “A Plea for Ontario” that was published May 27, 2024.

We moved forward in prayer as leaders and members from our churches gathered on September 10th at Mountain Park Church in Niagara Falls for a day-long Prayer Summit. Since then, two 4-week Online Prayer Ministry Training cohorts have gathered to learn and pray. Alongside these responses, several of us representing each of the regions where MB churches are ministering have been discerning how we can work together as a team of prayer catalyzers for Ontario.



Ontario is a big place, and our Mennonite Brethren family is sprinkled across the province. While we're spread out, we know that God has brought us together into a shared kingdom story. Part of growing into all that God has for us depends on practically figuring out how to serve together in unity. Thankfully, the opportunity is right in front of us since we are not randomly dispersed but form into 6 regional clusters.

Here's a list of those regions and the churches & ministries within them:

- **Essex** – Southpoint Community Church and Meadowbrook Community Church
- **Central West** – Kingsfield Zurich Mennonite Church, Maple View Mennonite Church, Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship, Glencairn Church, and WMB Church, Belmont Village Church
- **Niagara** – St. Ann's Community Church, Grantham Mennonite Brethren Church, Northend Church, Scott Street Church, Cornerstone Community Church, and Mountain Park Church
- **Georgian Bay** – Christian Fellowship Chapel, Rugged Tree, and Camp Crossroads
- **GTA** – Behta Darya Community Church, New Life Christian Church, Life Point Fellowship, Restoration Place, Jesus Network, and Kyla Sinclair-Peters' mission.
- **Ottawa** – Manotick Community Church, The Gathering, Bytown Community Church, Southeast City Church, and Darren Milley's Power Serve mission.



We believe that next steps of mission through disciple making, church planting, and church reignitions will be best discerned and supported as churches and ministries in these regions come together in practical collaboration with support from our ONMB staff team. We are praying for new leaders and fresh vision to rise up in each of these six regions and for the leaders, churches, and ministry partners in those places to discover ways to collectively support the new things God invites them to do.

There are different opportunities and challenges in each of our regions. We should not expect that the next steps of collaboration in God's mission will be the same across these different contexts. Instead, the exciting opportunity is for churches to build trust, listening well to one another and to God and to stand ready in expectation that King Jesus has a plan for multiplied kingdom impact that is waiting to be uncovered.





While the Church in North America is often perceived as a source of resourcing and support for our brothers and sisters around the world, many here are both convicted and encouraged by a growing appreciation for how much we need to learn from the global Church.

We are heavy-laden with resources in Canada. Our minds, browsers, and bookshelves are crowded with strategies and models. Just about every conceivable ministry and mission concept already has numerous resources standing by to support it. Meanwhile, the church is thriving outside the west where Christians face many challenges without most of the resources to which we're accustomed.

Dynamic kingdom partnerships between our churches and churches globally is the goal. To get there, though, it's urgent for us to embrace our role as learners, listeners, and apprentices. We have so much to learn about sacrifice, suffering, Holy Spirit dependence, prayer, faith, and bold witness (to name a few) from our sisters and brothers in the global Church.

We're taking an important step forward in this as a small team of us from Ontario including ONMB board members and staff together with Derek Parenteau from Multiply will visit in Brazil in April. We're keen to learn from MB church and mission leaders there and discern how God's dynamic work in that part of our global MB family can inform and strengthen our vision for how He can work in Ontario.

No call from Jesus is more laden with potential than His commission to reach the nations by making more disciples. None of us would be here today unless generations of Christians had stepped into the adventure of teaching others to trust and obey Jesus. And yet, so many of us in all kinds of roles and positions throughout the Church feel inadequate and anxious about walking alongside another person so that they can come to know and trust Christ.

Along with our whole national family, we're convinced that God wants us to, "cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission." That's our mission as the MB Church in Canada. And so, as we journey, our board and staff are committed wholeheartedly to celebrating, strengthening, and supporting our disciple making capacity so that we grow in this way of living as Jesus' people.



Please let me be a bit blunt as I end: sacrificial unity is the only path into all that God can do with a family of churches like ours. That's why I'm so encouraged by every evidence of deeper unity and shared purpose among us.

An essential part of a part of the Mennonite Brethren story in Canada is embracing, whether individually and as churches, that it's God who has brought us together. Our life together as a diverse collection of churches is a gift Jesus is fashioning as He's building His Church. Pursuing unity and shared sacrifice in God's mission is non-negotiable if we're going to grow up into all we can become by God's grace.

We need each part of our Ontario MB family engaged in this story. Let's dig deep joyfully! Let's step forward boldly, relying on the goodness, faithfulness, and power of God. Let's invest our time, our abilities, and our resources into this shared ONMB story for Jesus' glory!

Ministry Director Report

Ryan Jantzi



It is clear to me that God was leading ONMB forward through 2024. The Holy Spirit was revealing our path forward in a way that felt unforced and patiently directed by him. As our new Executive Director, Trevor Seath, led through various conversations, God would weave together a few more threads or reveal a new window to what was next. I can confidently say that God, by His Spirit, is with us and blessing us. May it be toward the end of multiplying disciples together!

Settling in with Trevor this year has been a joy. I feel that we work well together with complementary gifts, passions and perspectives. He, Kristi Lee and I have settled into a good team dynamic. The opportunity to pass the baton to him and to grow in trust with his leadership has been a blessing. I believe the vision God is revealing through Trevor and our Board at this time is in continuation with the work He's been doing with ONMB the last few years.

The following are my primary areas of responsibility as a Ministry Director:

Faith & Life

Jacob Nuh was hired as the new Lead Pastor with New Life Christian Church (NLCC) in Scarborough. This follows one year of excellent ministry by Jacob Birch as a transitional pastor. Jacob Nuh previously pastored New Living Church, an ONMB church planted in 2009 in North York. New Living Church has closed, and the people have joined him at NLCC. We now have zero Lead Pastor openings across ONMB. Praise God!

Sadly, I walked with The Well in Dartmouth, NS as they processed the resignation of planting

pastor Adam Greeley, and discerned God was leading them to close the church after 13 years of ministry. This work was on behalf of CCMBC National Director, Cam Stuart.

Please see the Provincial Faith & Life Team report by Karen West for an account of this team's activity. This includes reference to the National Faith and Life Team on which I also serve.

I am pleased to report the successful completion of a one-day Healthy Leaders Training workshop by our credentialed leaders in February 2024. This training will be a core requirement for credentialed pastors every five years. The initiation of the Taylor Johnson Temperament Analysis (TJTA) included in the credentialing of all Lead Pastors was also completed. This is a tool for helping us hire emotionally healthy leaders and direct our leaders on a path toward health. We've also developed a pathway for Pastoral Leadership Transitions in our churches. I'm excited to walk with our churches through this critical time in a clear, mapped-out way. In 2024 I completed the Basic Ministry Training offering with the Transitional Leaders Network to better assist churches in this realm.

Join us in Winnipeg this fall for EQUIP as MBs a cross Canada seek to grow together. Our theme is The Gospel, Peacemaking and the Kingdom.



Commissioning of Jacob Nuh, NLCC

Leadership Development

The May 2024 Pastors Retreat at Camp Crossroads was a success with over seventy participants. 'Walking in the Spirit' was our theme, with Derek Parenteau calling on us to rely on the power of God, rather than our own strength.

The Jesus Stories Podcast continues to grow and be a source of inspiration for people across and beyond ONMB. Check it out at: <https://onmb.org/onmb-podcast/>.

Favourite episodes include '[A Plea for ONMB](#)' with Derek Parenteau, '[What is an Acts 6:4 Assembly?](#)' with Nasser al 'Qahtani and '[Prayer Ministry for Everyone](#)' with Doris Falkenburger and Wilf Janzen.

Leadership Development is the area I work most closely with Trevor and I think he's done a great job of investing in our pastors, primarily through a call to deeper prayer across ONMB culture, as seen in our fall Prayer Summit.

In early 2025 I received Ordination as a pastor from ONMB and Maple View Church, following a discernment process. Ordination is a practice that MBs across Canada have been encouraged to re-engage as means of discerning, blessing, anointing and laying hands on emerging pastoral leaders. Would your church consider this empowering practice for pastors in your context?



My greatest joy in this role is connecting with our excellent group of pastors and leaders to listen, encourage and pray together, spurring them along in faithful and fruitful ministry.

God has blessed ONMB with many great disciple makers who love God and others deeply. I'm excited to see what 2025 holds for ONMB.

I believe that 2024, with Trevor at the helm was a good first step with God into the future he's inviting us toward.

Submitted with love and hope,
Ryan Jantzi
Ministry Director



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Meghan Plett, Board Secretary



ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES 93rd Annual Convention Hosted at Scott Street Church, St. Catharines

Feb. 23-24, 2024

Theme: Being a Great News People

Attendance: 132

97 Convention Members and 35 guests, representing 21 of 23 member churches, and 2 of our 4 Associate Member Churches.

Friday Night Celebration Service 7pm-9pm

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS: Kristi Lee and Rob Patterson
2. WORSHIP IN MUSIC
3. WHERE WE'VE BEEN: Ryan Jantzi

God has been faithful to us through 2023. A year ago we made some hard decisions, and it was a time of uncertainty with relational strains. Over the last year, God has drawn us together in unity, focus, a shared identity, and a sense of calling. Of course there are challenges and points of sorrow, but there are also beautiful stories that we celebrate of how the good news of Jesus is growing among us. Churches taking steps of faith, pastors supporting one another, and kingdom fruit across ONMB churches because of God's faithfulness to us. So we gather together to celebrate the gospel, the greatest news of all.

4. KEYNOTE: Philip and Robyn Serez

Philip and Robyn shared their story of God's faithfulness and the necessity of nurturing faith and discipleship in an ongoing way already, so that our lives are built on the solid rock of Jesus which will withstand the storms of life. Jesus meets us in our place of pain and invites us into deeper fellowship with him.

They invited us to sit with the Holy Spirit, listen to what he has to say to each of us tonight, and respond in obedience while Jordan Duerrstein led the hymn "Take My Life and Let It Be".

5. WHERE WE'RE GOING: Trevor Seath

Trevor envisions ONMB growing in relationship with Jesus, developing new leaders, and deepening our global relationships as God continues to write our story.

6. COMMUNION:

It's significant that when we remember Jesus' sacrifice, we're taking something in to nourish, strengthen, and sustain us.

7. WORSHIP IN MUSIC

8. CLOSING COMMENTS AND PRAYER

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Saturday February 24, 2024 9:00am-4:35pm

9. WORSHIP SONG AND WELCOME:

Kristi, Trevor, and Ryan welcomed everyone and opened in prayer.

We joined in worship through singing “God of Abraham”, “King of Kings” and “Take My Life and Let it Be”

10. Commissioning Trevor Seath:

Michelle Knowles and Jeff Jantzi introduced Trevor. Together we as a community and Trevor himself made commitments to each other and to God. We then prayed a blessing over Trevor.

11. Opening Address:

Trevor Seath envisioned us as a Great News people who can build each other up, reach real needs in our communities, province and country, and learn from the global church.

12. Call to Order:

Doug Valerio and Michelle Knowles gave instructions re: voting and asking questions.

Many of the motions that will be made today have corresponding breakout sessions to provide more information and space to ask questions, as well as share about opportunities on the horizon.

13. Quorum:

We have 2 of 4 associate churches represented. We have 21 out of 23 member churches represented. We have 97 Convention Members and 35 guests, meaning there are 132 people with us today.

14. Reports and Motions:

MOTION C24-1 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that JP Hayashida (WMB), Tracy Lepp (South Point Community Church), AND Ed Korschewitz (Grace MB) be approved as parliamentarians.

AND THAT Christine Hiebert (Cornerstone), Tamille Richardson (Evergreen Heights), Renee Serez (WMB Church) and Natasha Baines (Manotick) be approved as ballot counters.

MOTION C24-2 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the agenda be accepted as presented.

MOTION C24-3 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that we receive the committee and board reports as distributed in the advance in the Convention Book.

MOTION C24-4 MOVED, SECONDED, and TABLED that the minutes from Convention 2023, as presented in the Convention Book, be approved.

Discussion:

Michael VandenEnden, Grantham MB, proposed an amendment to the 2023 Convention minutes, requesting to add more information to the record of discussion for motion C23-15: first to provide a more detailed record of his proposed amendment to motion C23-15, and second to add in comments he had made of which there was no written record.

After consultation with the parliamentarians, it was decided to make some amendments to the draft minutes and table the motion for approval in the afternoon.

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15. Board Chair Report:

As we've navigated through some difficult decisions last year, we are grateful for the stories of how our faithful God has been moving across our province among our churches. Grace MB Church and Radiant City Church have decided to form a new congregation called Belmont Village Church. Brent Kipfer offered a prayer of blessing and encouragement over Grace MB and its members.

Michelle thanked the ONMB Board and Nominating Committee. Michelle called up Ryan and Kristi to honour them for their open-handed, gracious service. They have both served with excellence. Doug prayed a blessing over them.

16. Interim Executive Director Report:

Ryan is grateful for the opportunity to serve and strengthen the ONMB churches. He encouraged us to continue to work on making our churches safe, welcoming spaces, while holding fast to our convictions as we graciously grow in our relationship with 2SLGBTQ+ people.

17. Jesus Stories

Life Point Fellowship and Manotick Community Church
Mike Dale and Doug Valerio

Doug: Manotick Community Church has boldly stepped out in faith and seen God provide for their needs as they've been able to better reach their growing community in a relevant way.

Mike: Life Point was deeply impacted by Covid, resulting in the loss of their building in 2023. Their senior pastor retired in 2022 with only 10-15 people remaining in the congregation. Mike and a former student from his youth group built up a core group of people (half of whom are in their 20s) and in June of 2023 they reopened their doors with an influx of at least 20 new people attending.

Ryan: Let's honour Mike as he's raising up young people and passing the baton. Please keep on praying for Life Point and Manotick, that more people would know Jesus through them.

18. Breakout 1

Lunch

Breakout 2

19. Afternoon Session:

MOTION C24-4 MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that the minutes from Convention 2023, as amended, be approved.

The amendment that was made to the Convention 2023 minutes was the addition of the following information to the record of discussion for motion C23-15:

Michael VandenEnden, Grantham MB - Given that Southridge Community Church is three distinct congregations which includes Vineland, the oldest MB congregation in Niagara, he would like to amend the motion to name all 3 locations: Glenridge, Welland, and Vineland. This amendment was not approved.

Michael VandenEnden, Grantham MB - He believes that some of the largest churches in ONMB have

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indicated that their willingness to remain part of ONMB hinges on this decision and the direction it indicates ONMB is heading.

Discussion on the amended minutes:

Michael VandenEnden, Grantham MB remarked that the proposed revision to the 2023 minutes did not report specifically what he understood about some of the largest churches in ONMB threatening to leave if Southridge Community Church was not removed. He warned that we should not be too eager to edit history and asserted that what he had said should be recorded in the 2023 minutes in detail.

Michelle expressed appreciation for Michael's candid comments. She also noted that comments and questions have all been recorded in summary form in the minutes. Since the minutes are not a word-for-word record in general, Michelle asserted that the proposed revisions are in keeping with the other recorded comments.

Jordan Duerrstein, Scott Street MB Church expressed he was glad that a more detailed record of Michael's proposed amendment to the 2023 motion to remove Southridge Community Church was recorded in the proposed revision to the minutes. Jordan asserted that documentation is important, so if it had just said "Southridge" it would be erasing part of the dynamic at play.

Michelle commented that the dialogue and conversation is appreciated since we want to process these matters well as a family.

20. National Ministry Team Reports:

Jim Bell - CCMBC Legacy CFO

Ministry-focused Financial Services. Investing in Kingdom growth together.

Gave a summary of the services offered. Shared a vision of what an investment in Legacy facilitates, working together to support our churches and grow the kingdom of our loving God.

21. NFLT Report:

Ken Esau - NFLT Director

Brings greetings from the NFLT.

Thankful for the relationship with CCMBC and ONMB. To create and cultivate a community of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission.

Who is CCMBC? 230+ MB churches in Canada

One of our main goals is to produce healthy churches.

Orthodoxy - right/straight + glory

Orthopraxy - right/straight + practice

Orthopathy - right/straight + feeling

Qualities of a "healthy Church":

1. Before all else, growing in love and worship for the Triune God.
2. Promoting activities that lead people to grow in character more like Jesus.
3. Promoting widespread familiarity with God's biblical story.
4. Growing in understanding and unity around its core theological, ethical, and missional convictions.
5. Encouraging corporate church "habits" that promote health.
6. Living out missional faithfulness to the Great Commission and the Great Commandment.
7. Creating church structures and procedures that promote health.

CUSP - how can we help you as provinces to accomplish your 4 goals?

Spiritual health & theology, mission, dealership development, organizational health goals

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CCMBC - collection of MB Seminary, CCMBC Legacy Fund, Centre for Mennonite Brethren Studies, Multiply, Kindred Productions, CCMBC Executive Board, CCMBC National Ministry Team, CCMBC National Faith & Life Team

We're here to nurture and provide care, depending on God to grow our churches into his image for his glory.

22. MB Seminary Update:

Mark Wessner - MB Seminary

One of the mandates of the NMT is to operationalize the CUSP and our 4 priority areas. One of the 4 priority areas of the CUSP is Leadership Development which aims to support, equip and resource existing leaders while discovering and developing new leaders.

Leadership FrontCounter is intended to be a tool providing options and pathways to help develop leaders. It coordinates programs and people to help resource leaders across the country.

23. ONMB Nominating Committee Report:

Terry Shuh

We are nominating 2 new members to the ONMB Board: Jeff Martens, Cornerstone, and Tanya Janssen, Kingsfield-Zurich.

With Jeff Martens and Bill Stubbs leaving this committee, we'll be bringing 2 candidates to join our committee: Jeff Jantzi and Jordan Duerrstein.

MOTION C24-5 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that the Board of Directors for the period commencing from Convention 2024 until Convention 2025 be made up of 11 members.

MOTION C24-6 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that the following individuals be elected to the ONMB Board as members-at-large: Andrew Plett, Brent Kipfer, Noah Grossman, Meghan Plett, Jeff Martens, Tanya Janssen

MOTION C24-7 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that all candidates for the nominating committee 2024 be acclaimed.

2024 Slate of Nominees for Nominating Committee include: Jordan Duerrstein, Jeff Jantzi, Tabitha VandenEnden, Terry Shuh

24. Jesus Stories:

Ryan Jantzi and Darren Milley – Power Serve

This is an emerging disciple-making initiative to engage truckers so that many would become fully committed, connected, and equipped disciples of Jesus Christ for the Glory of God through the use of social media —The Father Trucker on YouTube, Instagram, and TikTok, as well as the app The Christian Trucker's Toolbox.

Darren's vision is such a great example of the creative power of the gospel. These are God-sized visions that God calls us to embrace and do together.

25. Financial Report:

Anita Boles, ONMB Treasurer

2023 was a year of transition and stability because of Ryan's leadership and the ways the churches stepped up and gave faithfully. We will need to see that level of generosity continue to meet our 2024 budget.

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In the fall, we sent out a video explaining the vision for the upcoming year. I encourage you to make sure that that video gets seen at least by your board, if not the whole congregation. We need to spread the word about what we do and why we're here and the need to pay staff and have a budget. I encourage you to consider your giving to ONMB. Let's pray and discern what God is asking of us this year. Thank you for your giving and support.

MOTION C24-8 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED [the amended motion] that the audited financial statements for 2023 be accepted.

MOTION C24-9 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that the ONMB membership approve the use of a Review Engagement instead of an audit for 2024.

MOTION C24-10 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that Bridgman and Durksen be appointed to perform the review engagement for 2024.

MOTION C24-11 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that the operating budget for 2024 be approved as presented.

26. PFLT Report:

Karen West, PFLT Chair

Our report and mandate can be found on page 36-37 of your convention booklet.

27. ONMB Organizational Health Report:

Doug Valerio, Committee Chair

Full report found on page 39 of your convention booklet.

Thank you to all the people who stood on the committee this past year, especially Ryan Jantzi.

28. Mark Wessner, President of MB Seminary

Lifelong learning for lifelong mission

256 students taught, 382 lifelong learners, deficit free since 2020!

1. The best things in life are FREE, now including seminary. New students get your first 2 courses tuition free! We're doing this because we believe education, training, equipping is important.
2. One person. Can each church give the name of somebody in your church who you see as an emerging leader? Until we invite and invest in people, our systems and policies won't make anything happen.
3. Pray for MB Seminary. Every Monday morning Mark sends out an email with specific prayer requests.

29. Camp Crossroads Report:

Andrew Hiebert, Executive Director of Camp Crossroads

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

Camp is a place for evangelism, discipleship, and developing leaders. In addition to Family Camp and Summer Camp, we host retreats, canoe trips, and are offering a brand new Gap Year Discipleship program this year.

We're also investing in rebuilding Camp through our program activities, infrastructure, and facilities.

30. Multiply Update:

Erin Coffey and Robyn Serez, Multiply

You're not alone; God is with you.

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Video from Bruce Enns, Multiply

Helping serve the church join in God's mission in 3 main ways:

- Sending out Missionaries
- Partnering with Nationals
- Helping Everyday Disciples Multiply

Robyn: Thank you to Erin and Joel for taking on multiple roles as the staff team decreases and Robyn and Philip's availability has decreased.

Joel has felt a deep conviction for every day disciple-making, and out of that calling will be moving to the secular marketplace at the end of April.

31. Jesus Story:

Ryan Jantzi and Derek Parenteau, Rugged Tree

God has placed Derek among us as an apostle and evangelist, as well as sent him out from us. Rugged Tree is an extension of a disciple-making team reaching out to First Nations people. They call us to share the gospel and see Christ renewing all things.

We're a prayer ministry with an orientation towards the least, the last, and the lost. The "amen" to our prayers is our actions to go, love, proclaim the good news, make disciples. Our answering action to do the work is where we walk in expectation of those prayers being answered.

32. Final Business:

MOTION C24-12 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that the ballots be destroyed upon the approval of the minutes by the board secretary.

MOTION C24-13 - MOVED, SECONDED, and APPROVED that the Ontario Mennonite Brethren Convention 2024 be adjourned.



2025 Nominating Committee Report

Terry Shuh, Committee Chair

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2024/2025 were Jordan Duerrstein, Jeff Jantzi, Tabitha VandenEnden and Terry Shuh. Trevor Seath also participated in our meetings as a non-voting member in his position as Executive Director, as per GOB Article 15.1.5.

In October 2024 a letter was sent to all churches, pastors and leaders as a call for nominations inviting prayerful input into the process of discerning future leaders of our conference. This past year the Board of Directors had eleven (11) members but we had the potential of three (3) openings for a full complement of twelve (12) members, as per GOB Article 8.1.

It was an active nomination process and each candidate completed an extensive questionnaire, with references, and met for an interview via Zoom, with the committee. As a committee, we have prayerfully discerned three (3) suitable candidates. You will find their names and personal profiles at the end of this report, along with mem-

bers of the Board of Directors slated for re-election.

We would like to thank this year's candidates for their willingness to serve our conference, discerning their own calling, and to serve with humility and with their gifts. We also express our gratitude to outgoing board members Jeff MacLeod and Richard Martens for their leadership and dedication of time serving our conference.

As we look forward, we ask for your prayers to cover our Board of Directors in their work and also be prayerfully considering candidates from your churches who could serve on the Board of Directors in 2026. Nominating gifted, qualified and spiritually mature individuals to serve on the board is one way that our churches collaborate with each other and bless the conference as a whole.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shuh
Nominating Committee Chair

Recommendations

MOTIONS:

- (1) That the Board of Directors for the period commencing from Annual Meeting 2025 until the Annual Meeting 2026 be made up of twelve (12) members.
- (2) That Michelle Knowles be acclaimed as Chair.
- (3) That Doug Valerio be acclaimed as Vice Chair for a one-year term.
- (4) The following individuals be elected to the ONMB board as members-at-large: Anita Boles, Brent Easey, Sanjay Kasukurthy, Karen West
- (5) That all candidates for the Nominating Committee 2025 be acclaimed.

2025 Nominating Committee Report

Terry Shuh, Committee Chair

Slate of Candidates:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2025

Members-at-large:

(1) Andrew Plett, (2) Brent Kipfer, (3) Noah Grossman, (4) Meghan Plett, (5) Anita Boles, (6) Jeff Martens, (7) Tanya Janssen

New Candidates for Board of Directors 2025:

(1) Sanjay Kasukurthy (2) Karen West (3) Brent Easey

Board Members for Re-Election 2025:

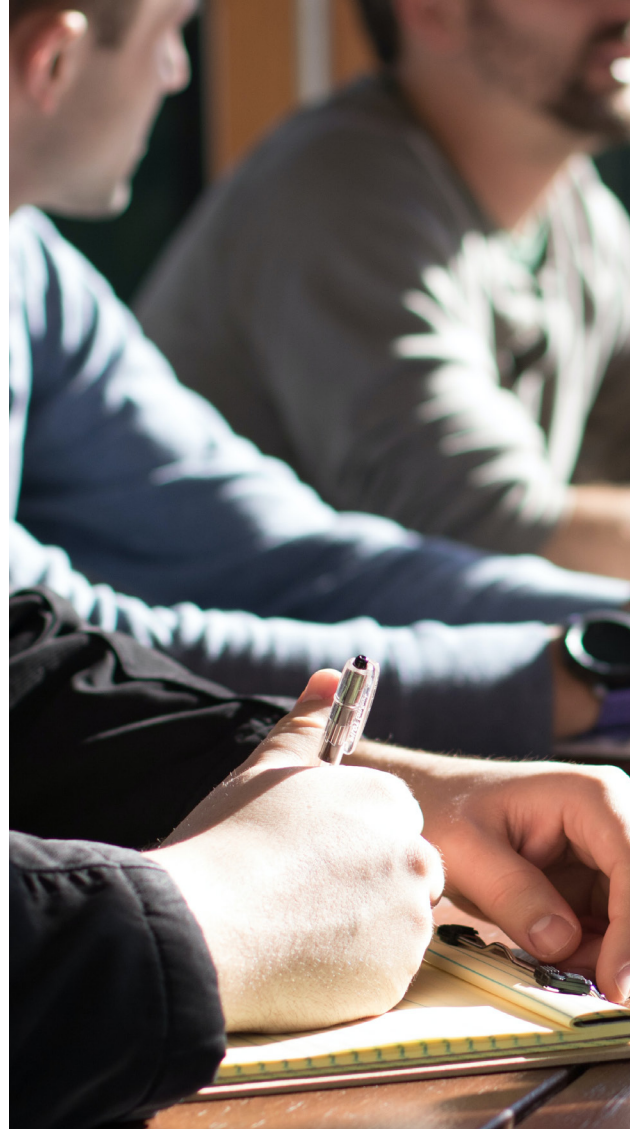
(1) Michelle Knowles, (2) Doug Valerio, (3) Anita Boles

Slate of Candidates:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE 2025

Committee Members for Re-Election 2025:

(1) Tabitha VandenEnden (2) Terry Shuh (3) Jeff Jantzi (4) Jordan Duerrstein



Thinking Ahead to 2026

The NC wants to hear from members and is asking our member churches to begin the discernment process now by prayerfully considering candidates who could serve on the BoD in 2026. Nominating gifted, qualified and spiritually mature individuals who can serve on the board is one way that our churches collaborate and bless the conference as a whole.

New Candidates for Board of Directors 2025

Nominee Profiles



Sanjay Kasukurthy

- Salesperson - Re/Max Realtron Realty Inc.
- Church Experience: Director, Worship and Programming/Vice-Chair, worship team member, member of New Life Christian Church
- Other Experience: Manager, Scotiabank/Tangerine Bank
- Education: BComm Ryerson University, Green Belt - Lean Six Sigma
- Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Exhortation



Karen West

- Retired. Pastor at WMB Church for 22 years
- MB Conference: Chair of PFLT, previous representative to NFLT, previous ONMB Moderator and board member
- Other Experience: Pastoral care, hospital/funerals/weddings, Senior Leadership Team at WMB Church, preaching/teaching.
- Education: Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Religious Education in Pastoral Studies
- Spiritual Gifts: Wisdom, Leadership, Teaching, Administration



Brent Easey

- Lead Pastor, St. Ann's Community Church
- Church Experience: Lead Pastor 9 years, Associate Pastor 2 years, Youth Pastor 2 years. Elder 15 plus years (6 as Secretary)
- Other Experience: Management in Retail Operations, Food Safety and Quality Control for Cidery, chaplain for offshore workers.
- Education: MDiv, Acadia, MTh (inc.) Huron College (Western) Business Administration
- Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Mercy, Wisdom



Board Members for Re-Election 2025

Nominee Profiles



Michelle Knowles

- Pastor, Discipleship – Kitchener site, WMB Church
- Church Experience: Served on pastoral staff team for fourteen years, member of WMB Church since 2005
- Education: MA – Transformational Leadership, Bethel Seminary; BA – Kinesiology & Phys Ed, Wilfrid Laurier University
- Other Experience: Served with the ONMB Board of Directors, 2012-2015 & 2019-present, ONMB Moderator Rep CCMBC Executive Board 2022 – present, Nominations Committee 2017-2019, chaired ONMB governance team, parliamentary teams for provincial and national gatherings, National Assembly task forces, served in leadership with many short-term mission teams, including various programs and events with Multiply
- Spiritual Gifts: Words of Knowledge/Wisdom, Exhortation, Faith, Leadership



Doug Valerio

- Lead Pastor, Manotick Community Church
- Church Experience: Executive Pastor, Small Group Director; Bible College Director and Tutor (Australia); Assistant Pastor (UK)
- Education: MA Christian Studies (Leadership Major) at Alphacrucis University College. Sydney Australia.
- Other Experience: ONMB Board Vice-Chair, Eastern Ontario prayer catalyzer for ONMB, Leadership Team for the Ottawa Unity Movement, Secretary for the Manotick Village Community Association; Co-lead Renew-Arts and Theology. Former Secretary/Chaplain for a local Christian Motorcycle Ministry.
- Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Leadership, Creative



Anita Boles

- Director, Finance & Operations, WMB Church
- Church Experience: (at various points over many years) prayer usher, home group leader, Leadership Board member, Sunday school teacher, premarital mentor
- Education: Business Administration-Accounting
- Other Experience: Chief Financial & Operations Officer at Emmanuel Bible College; Co-Chair of Women's Crisis Services of Waterloo Region
- Spiritual Gifts: Faith, Discernment, Wisdom

Candidates for Nominating Committee 2025

Nominee Profiles



Tabitha VandenEnden

- Co-Pastor – Grantham MB Church, St. Catharines
- Church Experience: Co-pastor, Music & Worship Leader, Children’s Ministries, Outreach 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



Terry Shuh

- Retired - Business, client relations/sales, active member of WMB Church (Waterloo site)
- Church Experience: Former Leadership Board Chair, Home Group Leader, Usher/Greeter, Mentor. Two previous terms served with the ONMB Board of Directors
- Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Discernment



Jeff Jantzi

- Pastor, The Gathering Ottawa.
- Church Experience: Lead Pastor @ The Gathering Ottawa (2014-present), Associate Pastor @ Southridge (2007-2014), ONMB Board Chair/Member at Large (2013-2021), ONMB FLT Member (2013-2017), Associate Spiritual Life Director @ Eden High School (2003-2007), Former Youth Worker with YFC (1999-2003).
- Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Teaching/Preaching, Leadership, Discernment



Jordan Duerrstein

- Associate Pastor — Scott Street MB Church, St. Catharines
- Church Experience: Lead/Parish Pastor, Associate Pastor, Worship Pastor, Music Director, Choir Conductor, Preacher/Teacher
- Other Experience: High School Music/Media Studies teacher (overseas), MB Historical Commission summer archival intern, MoveIn Team Member, Toronto City Mission Day Camp Coordinator, Camp Crossroads Summer Team
- Education: Master of Divinity, Bachelor of Music, Bachelor of Education
- Spiritual Gifts: Teaching, Administration, Exhortation, Service

2024 ONMB Treasurer Report

Anita Boles, ONMB Treasurer



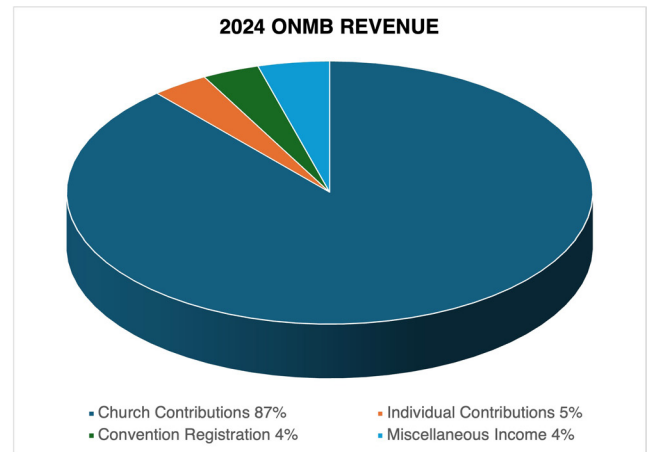
Our mission is to cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission.



Looking Back...

We have completed our first year with our **new Executive Director, Trevor Seath**. **Ryan Jantzi** returned to his original role as Ministry Director and **Kristi Lee's** role was redefined (Operations & Communications Manager), to accurately reflect how she serves ONMB.

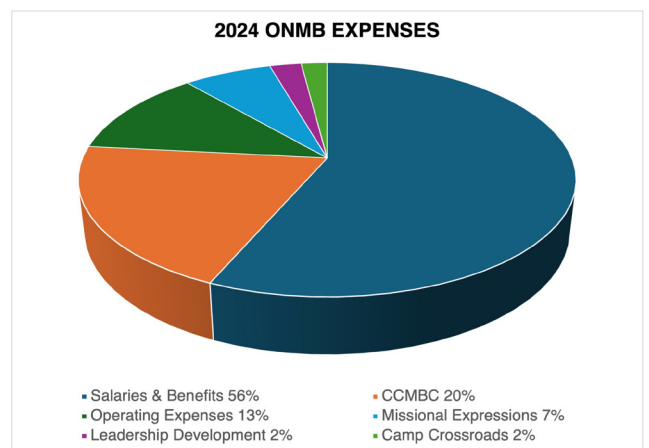
While we need to close a gap to achieve a balanced budget, we saw encouraging progress in 2024. Half our churches were able to increase their financial contribution to ONMB last year! Our board remains confident that once all churches are able to contribute 5% of their budget, as indicated the ONMB Family Covenant (2020), we'll be in a healthy and sustainable financial position.



The Bottom Line...

The 2024 ONMB Budget was approved with recognition that we needed to increase our revenue in order to support our mission to cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in His mission.

We finished 2024 with a **deficit of \$21K** in operations. Church contributions came in **8% lower** than budgeted and an **overall decrease of 0.7%** over the previous year. Operating expenses were **2% lower** than budgeted. Still, expenses **increased by 14%** over the previous year, which was anticipated (and budgeted) because of our return to 3 staff.



2025 ONMB Budget Proposal

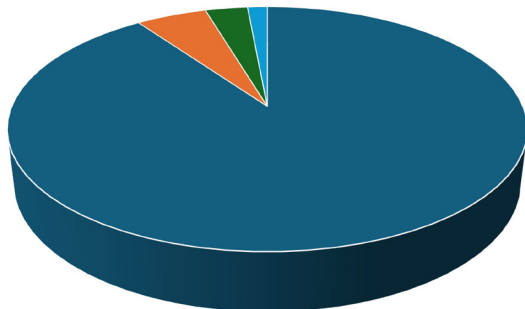
Looking Ahead...

The ONMB Board and staff continue to have a strong desire to **increase the engagement of churches and leaders**. Our decision to change the format of our annual gathering for 2025 is one example of new initiatives in this area. We invite churches to examine their giving and move towards the requested 5% (if not already there) for One Stream funding. For 2025, we have **increased** budgeted revenue from church contributions by **5% over last year's giving**, which reflects only a 0.2% increase over what we anticipate church giving to be, based on some direct conversations, as well as estimates. **We need your support in order to expand our impact and invest resources into the opportunities and needs of our churches.**

The Bottom Line...

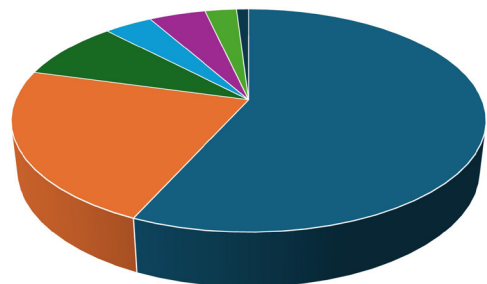
The proposed **2025 ONMB Budget** is being presented as a **deficit budget**. In operations, we have budgeted for an **increase in revenue** from church contributions (over 2024 actuals) of **5%**. Budgeted expenses are **5% higher** than 2024 actuals, reflecting increases in fixed costs and cost of living. Last year we noted that increasing our revenue would realistically take more than one calendar year, and we are trusting that we can get there by the end of 2025. For the 2025 year, we have **increased** our commitment to **CCMBC from 22% to 26%**. We remain committed to our national partnership of **30-33%** under One Stream funding, as we invite churches to live into this as well.

2025 ONMB PROPOSED REVENUE



- Church Contributions 90%
- Individual Contributions 5%
- Conference Week Registration 3%
- Miscellaneous Income 2%

2025 ONMB PROPOSED EXPENSES



- Salaries & Benefits 56%
- Operating Expenses 9%
- Leadership Development 5%
- Camp Crossroads 1%
- CCMBC 23%
- Missional Expressions 4%
- Board of Directors 2%

2025 ONMB Proposed Budget

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	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>
INCOME	2025	2024	2024
Church Giving	\$ 430,000.00	409,789	445,000
Individual Giving	\$ 25,000.00	16,145	20,000
Missional Expressions		-	
Convention Delegate Fees	\$ 15,000.00	16,285	14,000
Leaders Collective Fees	\$ -	-	
Retreats - Pastoral & Youth	\$ -	12,937	10,000
Misc. Income/PCO	\$ 1,000.00	-	1,000
Investment Income	\$ 6,000.00	7,587	5,000
Total Income	\$477,000.00	462,743	495,000
EXPENSES			
Missional Expressions			
New Initiatives	\$ 20,000.00	14,658	15,000
R & C Leaders	\$ -	5,342	5,000
Total Regional Church Planting	\$ 20,000.00	20,000	20,000
CCMBC Collaboration Support			
One-Stream Funding	\$ 115,000.00	100,000	100,000
Support of Other Ministries			
Camp Crossroads	\$ 5,000.00	10,000	10,000
Total Other Ministries	\$ 5,000.00	10,000	10,000
Board of Directors			
Faith & Life Committee	\$ 2,500.00	2,680	2,000
Missional Expressions Team	\$ 500.00		500
Board Meetings / Travel	\$ 10,000.00	9,365	10,000
Total Board of Directors	\$ 13,000.00	12,045	12,500
Development			
Church Engagement	\$ 20,000.00	17,987	22,000
Leaders Collective	\$ -		-
PCO	\$ 500.00	342	
Pastor's Retreat(s)	\$ -	8,929	10,000
Regional Meetings	\$ 2,000.00	1,879	1,500
Special Events	\$ 1,000.00	1,001	2,000
Total Development	\$ 23,500.00	30,139	35,500
Operating Expenses & Wages			
Advertising	\$ 1,000.00	1,058	500
Bank Fees	\$ 1,300.00	1,249	1,000
Office	\$ 1,500.00	1,646	1,500
Conferences	\$ -	610	
Conference Insurance	\$ 4,000.00	3,433	4,000
Convention & Yearbook	\$ 12,000.00	7,963	14,000
Bookkeeping	\$ 5,500.00	4,833	4,000
Office Fees & Dues	\$ 2,000.00	1,022	1,000
Office Rental Fees	\$ 3,600.00	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees	\$ 5,000.00	2,714	5,000
- Consultant Fees	\$ 500.00	600	5,000
Professional Development	\$ 2,000.00	981	3,000
Technology	\$ 2,000.00	2,117	3,000
Special Project Expense (Brazil T	\$ 3,000.00		
Salaries	\$ 288,689.54	280,278	270,562
Staffing Expenses	\$ -	-	-
Other Expenses	\$ 500.00	271	500
Emergency Fund Expense	\$ -	-	
Total Operating & Wages	332,590	311,776	316,062
Payroll Expenses			-
Severance Liabilities	\$ -		
Total Expense	\$ 509,089.54	483,960	494,062
Net Income / Deficit	\$ (32,089.54)	(21,217)	938

2025 ONMB Proposed Fund Balances

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FUND BALANCES

Current Fund Balances

Operating Reserve	\$	149,038.00
Missional Expressions Fund (formerly Special Project Fund)	\$	16,141.00
Emergency Fund	\$	24,489.00
Ministry Development Fund	\$	-
Total Current Fund Balances		189,668

Proposed Fund Balances

Operating Reserve	\$	116,948.00
Missional Expressions Fund (formerly Special Project Fund)	\$	20,000.00
Emergency Fund	\$	25,000.00
Total Fund Balances		161,948.00



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INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches (the Conference) that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2024, and the statements of changes in net assets, revenues and expenditures and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), 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.

Practitioner's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Basis for Qualified Conclusion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Conference derives revenue from donations, the completeness of which is not susceptible to us obtaining evidence we considered necessary for the purpose of the review. Accordingly, the evidence obtained of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Conference. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to donations, excess of revenues over expenditures, and cash flows from operations for the year ended December 31, 2024, current assets and net assets as at December 31, 2024.

Qualified Conclusion

Based on our review, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Conclusion* paragraph, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ontario Conference of M.B. Churches as at December 31, 2024, 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 (ASNPO)

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**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash	\$ 65,006	\$ 59,562
Accounts receivable	1,950	-
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	1,499	1,540
Prepaid expenses	2,465	810
	70,920	61,912
INVESTMENTS (Note 4)	140,420	182,833
	\$ 211,340	\$ 244,745
LIABILITIES		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 1,290	\$ 4,571
NET ASSETS		
NET ASSETS	210,050	240,174
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$ 211,340	\$ 244,745

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ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

_____ Director

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**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN NET ASSETS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2023 Balance	Surplus (deficiency)	Transfers	2024 Balance
General operating fund - current reserve	\$ 141,897	\$ (1,217)	\$ (20,000)	\$ 120,680
General operating fund - fixed minimum	50,000	-	-	50,000
Emergency fund	24,489	(1,260)	-	23,229
Missional expressions fund	23,788	(27,647)	20,000	16,141
	\$ 240,174	\$ (30,124)	\$ -	\$ 210,050
	2022 Balance	Surplus (deficiency)	Transfers	2023 Balance
General operating fund - current reserve	\$ 106,668	\$ 35,229	\$ -	\$ 141,897
General operating fund - fixed minimum	50,000	-	-	50,000
Emergency fund	25,000	(511)	-	24,489
Missional expressions fund	24,738	(950)	-	23,788
	\$ 206,406	\$ 33,768	\$ -	\$ 240,174

See Note 3 for a description of funds.

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**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
REVENUES		
Church commitments	\$ 409,789	\$ 412,958
Individual contributions	16,145	12,475
Convention delegate fees	16,285	9,280
Pastoral and youth retreats	12,937	-
Interest from operating funds	7,587	10,332
Miscellaneous income	-	2,515
Leader's collective fees	-	240
	462,743	447,800
EXPENDITURES		
Salaries and benefits	280,278	175,082
Support to conference agencies	110,000	152,000
Ministry and program	39,770	22,776
Office management	12,739	10,532
Board and governance	12,045	14,171
Fees and professional services	8,147	14,058
Professional development	981	1,871
Church planting	-	22,081
	463,960	412,571
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY) - OPERATIONS	(1,217)	35,229
EMERGENCY FUND		
Revenues	-	11,000
Expenditures	(1,260)	(11,511)
NET DEFICIENCY - EMERGENCY FUND	(1,260)	(511)
MISSIONAL EXPRESSIONS FUND		
Revenues	6,311	1,160
Expenditures	(33,958)	(2,110)
NET DEFICIENCY - MISSIONAL EXPRESSIONS FUND	(27,647)	(950)
 NET SURPLUS (DEFICIENCY)	 \$ (30,124)	 \$ 33,768

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**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

	2024	2023
OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Net surplus (deficiency)	\$ (30,124)	\$ 33,768
Item not affecting cash:		
Interest from operating funds	(7,587)	(10,332)
	(37,711)	23,436
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	(1,950)	-
Harmonized sales tax recoverable	41	754
Prepaid expenses	(1,655)	(360)
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	(3,281)	(108,929)
	(6,845)	(108,535)
	(44,556)	(85,099)
INVESTING ACTIVITY		
Transfer from investments	50,000	75,000
INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH	5,444	(10,099)
Cash - beginning of year	59,562	69,661
CASH - END OF YEAR	\$ 65,006	\$ 59,562

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

1. DESCRIPTION OF ORGANIZATION

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

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Basis of presentation

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

Measurement uncertainty

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

Net assets

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

Designated fund exclusions

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

Fund accounting

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

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

Restricted contributions for operations are deferred and recognized as income in the related fund once they are disbursed.

Cash and cash equivalents

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

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ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024

2. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Capital assets

The cost of additions are charged to expenses at the time of purchase. Management has decided to not recognize capital assets and to record the expense in the statements of revenues and expenditures in accordance with ASNPO. 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.

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. 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.

An Emergency Fund of \$25,000 was created out of the General Operating Fund on December 31, 2005 to support any church's pastor (or family) in the case of sudden financial curtailment. As of December 31, 2024, \$1,711 of the fund has been used.

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

4. INVESTMENTS - CANADIAN CONFERENCE

The investment is with the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches earning interest at a base rate of 3.5% at year end. See note 6 for interest rate risk.

5. RELATED PARTIES TRANSACTIONS

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

**ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2024**

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, 2024. Unless otherwise noted, the risks and management thereof have not changed in the past year.

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.

7. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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Missional Expressions Report

Ryan Jantzi, Ministry Director

We're grateful for God's development in Missional Expressions in 2024. We invite all our churches to engage in bold and creative ways to raise up an increasing number of new disciples and disciple-making churches.



New Disciple-Making Initiatives:

Darren Milley continues to develop **Power Serve**, a disciple-making initiative in the trucking industry. A new partnership with Transport for Christ is emerging that will open new doors. [Look up the Father Trucker on YouTube.](#)



We're grateful for our partnership with **Multiply** workers who are sharing the Good News, making disciples in new ways here in Ontario.

- Kyla Sinclair-Peters – Toronto with an Asian, displaced minority group
- Billie Jo Isaac – Moose Deer Point First Nation
- Rene and Lisa Nyland – Parry Sound with two house churches and outreach groups
- Derek Parenteau – Sudbury and the Georgian Bay region, with Chains Will Fall and regional gatherings of believers

Y'Elshaday Baraki & Christlike Church – Y'Elshaday serves as a church planting apprentice on staff with WMB Church, in partnership with the churches of our Central West region. God has given him a vision for a multicultural church in Kitchener-Waterloo. Currently, Y'Elshaday leads a weekly Bible Study group of approx. 70 young adults, mostly from Ethiopian and Eritrean origin. The hope is to officially launch the church in late 2025 or 2026.

Southeast City Church with David Hood and **Bytown Community Church** with Dan Chook Reid continue to make progress in maturing to be healthy, multiplying church communities. God is clearly at work in these communities!

Church Plants:



Matthew and Heather Houle – Matt joined Southeast City Church as a church planting apprentice in Spring 2024, to discern a call from God to plant a church in Carleton Place. However, the apprenticeship came to an end in the fall as they sensed God leading in a different direction.

Re-Ignitions:

We have no Re-Ignitions to report at this time. We invite our churches to consider struggling churches around you where God might lead you to reignite Gospel witness and the life and mission of His people in that place.

Raising Up Leaders:

We're asking God to raise a movement of leaders for new Missional Expressions and also everyday missionaries. We have two upcoming opportunities toward this end.



- **Missional Expressions Experiment Grant** – Gather a group of young adults to experiment with engaging people with the Gospel. Two successful applicants will receive a grant of \$1000 to assist with experiment expenses. Contact Ryan Jantzi for full details.

- **Antioch Mission School** – Nasser al'Qahtani will lead this training event in Toronto, May 31-June 3. We're looking to empower everyday missionaries. This is an event for regular people, not primarily pastors or church leaders.

We need our churches' help in identifying, blessing and raising up those who have calling and gifting for leading in church planting and new disciple-making initiatives.

I'm grateful for the Missional Expressions Team who have served as a support and feedback loop for me in this ministry: Sandra Reimer (Glencairn), Rene Nyland (Multiply), Adam Knowles (WMB-Kitchener), Diana Hood (Southeast City), Derek Parenteau (Multiply), Darren Milley (Power Serve), Doug Valerio (Manotick).

In Spring 2025 I will communicate more in terms of strategy and a discernment pathway for Missional Expressions. We invite each of our six ONMB Regions to collaborate in the work of launching new Missional Expressions, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

I see much opportunity before us! The fields are ripe for the Harvest and God is raising up and sending out people. Finances are a key tool toward this end, providing ministry tools and freeing up time for our leaders. How will you and your church give to ONMB Missional Expressions in 2025? Let's move together that the church of Jesus may grow in Ontario this year.

Submitted with hope and love,

Ryan Jantzi,
Ministry Director



2025 Provincial Faith & Life Team Report

Karen West, Chair

Mandate:

The Provincial Faith and Life Team (PFLT) is a standing committee of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (ONMB) board, as set forth in the ONMB General Operating Bylaw. Its authority and mandate, as outlined in the bylaw, is to:

- (1) Initiate, study and recommend any matters of faith and life related to the issues of ministry and church life in the Ontario Conference or to the relationship of the Ontario Conference to broader issues in society at large.
- (2) Maintain the centrality of the Confession of Faith and interpret and apply it to all Ontario Conference ministries and programs in a manner consistent with interpretations and practices of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and the National Faith and Life Team.
- (3) Administer the processes for both credentialing and de-credentialing individuals for Christian ministry who serve the Member Churches of the Ontario Conference, or who serve in other similar leadership and spiritual functions.
- (4) Maintain the registry with the Ontario office regarding the licensed ministers of the Ontario Conference.
- (5) Give guidance to Member Churches, Associate Churches, and any other organizations using the Confession of Faith in matters of faith and doctrine.
- (6) Appoint one of its committee members to serve on the National Faith and Life Team of the Canadian Conference.
- (7) Assist the Board in discerning new congregations applying for membership in the Ontario Conference.
- (8) Assist the Board in matters of the suspension, revocation or reinstatement of a Member Church.
- (9) Interview individuals to determine their standing as described in the bylaw.

Through these mandated roles, the FLT participates in and collaborates with the National Faith and Life Team (NFLT) to articulate and safeguard Mennonite Brethren theological convictions, and provides discernment and guidance on contemporary issues within the Province of Ontario. This task is accomplished primarily through sustaining our MB confessional foundation, guiding and supporting churches and their leaders, and facilitating the credentialing process for church and ministry leaders.

Provincial & National Accountability:

The PFLT is accountable to the ONMB board, and by extension to the ONMB conference of churches. Each Provincial Faith and Life Team across Canada has a direct relationship to the National Faith and Life Team by appointing one team member as a representative to serve on the NFLT, and to ensure national and provincial coordination and collaboration on Faith & Life Team matters.

Faith & Life Team:

During this past fiscal year, our Ontario PFLT officially met six times in March, May, June, September, December, 2024 and January 2025, through a combination of zoom and in-person meetings, with extended times for credentialing interviews on May 21 and December 3. Members of our PFLT also engaged in meetings with various church leaders regarding a number of different topics.

The PFLT team members and chair are appointed by the ONMB Board. During this last fiscal year, the following people served as members of PFLT, all of whom are credentialed pastors/leaders within our MB denomination: (Left to Right, Top to Bottom)



PFLT Members:

- Karen West, WMB Church and PFLT Chair
- David Fowler, Retired ONMB Pastor
- Richard Martens, Glenairn MB
- Matt Unruh, Cornerstone CC and NFLT Rep.
- Renée Serez, WMB Church
- Andrew Plett, Mountain Park
- Ryan Jantzi, ex-officio ONMB Staff
- Krist Lee, ex-officio ONMB Staff
- Bill Stubbs, Glencairn MB

Thanks also goes out to Bill Stubbs in volunteering to track all our marriage licensing, as part of our credentialing process. This year, Bill has decided to step down from this role with PFLT. We are grateful for his support over the last 12 years.

Credentialing:

One of the major PFLT roles is ensuring that our pastors and ministry leaders are credentialed, in order to maintain the centrality of our MB Confession of Faith in the context of ministry leadership and practice, and to ensure that our pastors and leaders in our ONMB family are ethically able and supported in their ministry roles. The credentialing process includes:

- Completing the national Ministry Credentialing Questionnaire or Mentor-Based Credentialing Process
- being interviewed by two members of the PFLT
- reference checks
- prayerful discernment and vote by the PFLT as a whole
- signing the MB Code of Personal and Ministry Ethics
- attending the National Pastor's Credentialing Orientation (PCO)
- completing Healthy Leaders Training once every five years
- Note: This credentialing process is expected to occur within the first year of a new pastoral assignment, with PCO to be completed within two years of credentialing.

2024 Topics and Specific Work:

1. ONMB Ministry Director - Supporting Ryan Jantzi as the ONMB Ministry Director in his role responsibilities with our Ontario churches, ministries, and leaders, in matters of faith and life. At the request of Ryan's home church, Maple View Mennonite Church, we are pleased to announce that Ryan was ordained with our ONMB Conference in January, 2025.

2. Healthy Leaders Training – Our Pastor/Leaders' Day held in February 2024 focused on a new initiative called Healthy Leaders Training. This event was strongly attended and well received as a step towards establishing regular credentialing training tools to better position healthy leaders and churches in Ontario. Knowing that leading God's people can be complex, this training focuses primarily on pastoral vulnerability and power dynamics. Abuse of power can happen in ways we least expect, causing hurt and damage in ways we least intend. Healthy Leaders Training is preventative training, designed to provide healthy ways for our credentialed leaders to lead and guide others in appropriate, Christ-honouring ways.

2024 Credentialing Updates:

- 6 Ministry Leaders Credentialed
 - o Tracy Lepp (South Point Community Church);
 - o Kyla Sinclair-Peters (Multiply);
 - o Stephen Sesink (Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship);
 - o Leah Sherk (WMB Church)
 - o Michael Thompson (Christian Fellowship Chapel);
 - o Tabitha VandenEnden (Grantham MB Church);
 - o Scott Roes (Maple View Mennonite Church);
- 5 Credentials removed due to resignations from the Mennonite Brethren denomination
- We anticipate credentialing 5-10 additional pastors in 2025

Church Memberships:

The PFLT is recommending Belmont Village Church to the ONMB Board for an AGM resolution to be received as an Associate Church Member. This designation begins a process of intentionally exploring the possibility of a membership relationship, for a future vote.

3. Confessional Integrity - Exploring ways to help our ONMB churches live and model confessional integrity with the MB Confession of Faith on a variety of complex, cultural topics, while still demonstrating Christ's love and grace to all people. 2024 topics: Divorce & remarriage; LGBTQ+; MAID; Loving Well Our Trans Neighbours, Friends and Family.

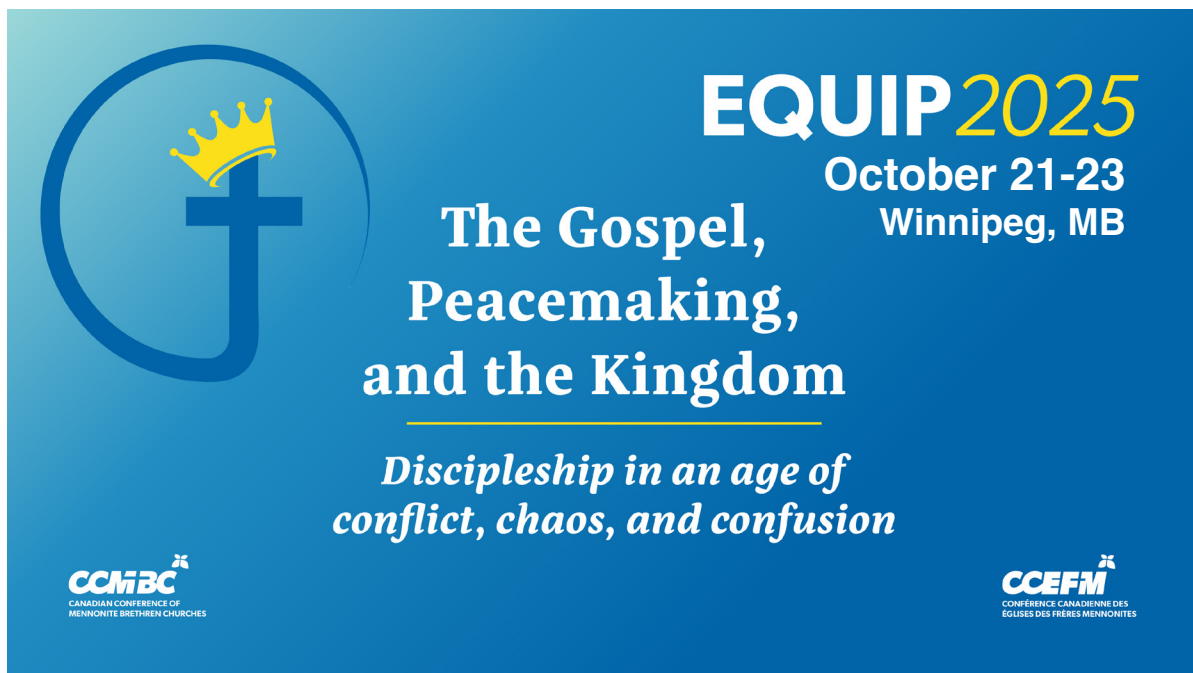
4. National Faith & Life - Providing input to NFLT regarding work on collaborative national documents, particularly from an Ontario perspective. These are documents that all provincial MB conferences hold in unity across Canada, and seek to implement together as one denomination, but in many different geographical and cultural settings. In 2024, this work primarily included Collaborative National Church Affiliation & Review Policy, the Growing as a Healthy Leader process, and ongoing review of Confession of Faith wording. Initiating dialogue with the NFLT to clarify aspects of the MB Divorce & Remarriage Policy, and the MB position on women in ministry leadership across Canada has continued to unfold.

EQUIP 2025 Conference:

Please mark your calendars and save the date for **EQUIP 2025**, which will be held in Winnipeg on **October 21-23**. This will be a meaningful time for all in our MB family for a focused on a timely topic: The Gospel, Peacemaking, and the Kingdom. More details to follow, or learn more on the CCMBBC web site!

Your Ontario PFLT appreciates your prayers, and is open to your feedback, comments and questions. It is with great blessing that we serve and support you—our leaders and churches—as a people devoted to the ministry of the Word and to prayer.

Karen West,
Ontario Provincial Faith and Life Chair
for the Provincial Faith and Life Team



The banner features a blue background with a white cross and a yellow crown on top, enclosed in a white circle. The text is in white and yellow. The main title is 'EQUIP 2025' in large yellow letters, followed by 'October 21-23' and 'Winnipeg, MB' in white. Below this is 'The Gospel, Peacemaking, and the Kingdom' in white, with a yellow underline. At the bottom, the subtitle 'Discipleship in an age of conflict, chaos, and confusion' is written in white. The logos for CCMBBC and CCFM are in the bottom corners.

EQUIP 2025
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God continues to author His story through new chapters.



The Story of Belmont Village Church

- ...Beginning in 2001, through Grace Mennonite Brethren Church**
- ...Beginning in 2012, through Radiant City Church**
- ...Beginning in the Fall of 2022, through Belmont Village Church (BVC)**

Through a series of God arranged events, during the Fall of 2021, two churches began to meet together on Sundays and in the Fall of 2022 followed God's direction to become one group of people who would be better together, caring for each other, and reaching out to the people of KW. And Belmont Village Church was born! The merger became a new legal entity in the Fall of 2024. (See BVC Building Pic)

BVC wants to be a church that does life around the gospel. Daily rhythms as individuals and as a church community are being framed around a walk with Jesus that embodies the belief that God's good news leads us into mission with others for others.

BVC invites people to participate in missional families that have a particular focus toward specific

people or people groups in the KW community. A few examples: Through participation in a Learn English Make Friends (ESL) Program, and a House of Friendship Food Program, both located at a nearby Community Centre, BVC is intentional about hosting bridging events to foster these new relationships with people. Events such as Community Christmas Dinners, Lenten Lunches, Board Games Cafés, and a Free Community Garage Sale have created a 'come and see' posture with many new friends. (See Feb.1/25 Garage Sale Pic)

We are excited about the vision God is growing for BVC to be a praying church of intercultural and multi-generational followers of Jesus, neighbouring and on mission both individually and together in community. There's an exciting buzz in the church that God has BVC on a path to build and thrive in 2025 and beyond.



*In 2001, Grace Mennonite Brethren Church began as a group of 17 families who loved God, cared for each other, and wanted to see the KW community meet and follow Jesus.

*In 2012, Radiant City Church began as a group of 31 people who loved God and many of whom moved into specific under-resourced KW neighbourhoods with prayer, presence, and a desire for people to meet and follow Jesus.

Organizational Health Team Report

Doug Valerio, ONMB Board Vice-Chair, OHT Chair

This past year has been a little slower than in previous years when we had a lot of bylaw work to do. Instead, we have settled into a new rhythm of collating, organizing and revising our existing policies. Brent Kipfer was the architect of our new policy template that we are using for all new and revised policies. This standardizes our look and format that helps with policy writing and ease of use for the future. The new system also identifies which documents are Board policies and which ones are Conference policies that need final ratification by the Convention Members.

Team Updates:

Trevor Seath started with the OH Team and has been a real pleasure to work with as we discuss, problem solve and wordsmith documents on the fly in a collaborative team effort.

Trevor and Brent have been working with the Valleyview Board toward their bless and release.

We want to thank Katie Hines from Scott Street Church for all her input as she has stepped off the OHT. Jeff Martens joined the OHT and brings a keen interest in governance with him. The OHT now comprises of Trevor Seath, Brent Kipfer, Jeff Martens, Doug Valerio and we are bringing Natasha Baines from Manotick Community Church on the Team for 2025.

Policy Work:

- Conflict of Interest Policy was re-written in light of the finalised GOB. It was last reviewed in 2008 and still referenced the Leadership Council that was in place before the change to a Governance Board Model.
- Missional Expressions Fund Policy was revised and sent to the Board for approval.
- Board Expense Policy was reviewed and updated with the 2024 mileage rates.

OHT Work:

- We have helped the following Member Churches with their bylaws and ONCA reviews:
 - o Evergreen Heights
 - o Scott Street Church
 - o Southeast City Church
- Reviewed the guidelines for the Nominating Committee.
- Reviewed the Statements of Qualifications for the Nominations Committee and the Board of Directors.
- Reviewed the Camp Crossroads MOU



Report to the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches From the Board of Valleyview Manor

Date: February 10, 2025

Subject: Confirmation of Charitable Objects, Strategic Focus, and Partnership with ONMB

Dear Members of the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches,

On behalf of the Board of Valleyview Manor, we are writing to provide an update on our organization's focus, strategic direction, and relationship with the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (ONMB). This report affirms our charitable objects, outlines key changes in our operational mandate, and clarifies our ongoing commitment to our partnership with ONMB.

Clarification of Charitable Objects and Strategic Focus:

As we move forward in fulfilling the mission of Valleyview Manor, our board has determined that Valleyview will focus exclusively on operating a Christian home for seniors of low or modest income. Considering this decision, we will work to amend our charitable objects to remove direct care services, such as medical or assisted care for residents. Rather, our focus will be on providing affordable accommodation in a Christian environment.

While we will not be providing care in the traditional sense, the board has received input from the Canadian Council of Christian Charities (CCCC) and has confirmed that Valleyview Manor will be able to continue operating as a charitable organization under the relief of poverty provision, as defined by the Canada Revenue Agency.

Governance and Release of Controlling Interest:

Our board also has determined that we are ready to request to be released from the controlling interest which the ONMB has exercised over Valleyview since its founding. We recognize and appreciate the support and oversight that ONMB has provided throughout the history of Valleyview, and we remain committed to our shared values and mission.

As we move towards this new phase, the Valleyview Board intends to maintain a partnership relationship with ONMB. We will continue to ensure that the governance of Valleyview includes a minimum number of directors from ONMB member churches, ensuring that the leadership of the organization remains connected to the broader Mennonite Brethren community.

Conclusion:

We are grateful for the ongoing partnership and support of ONMB as we adapt to meet the needs of our residents and community. We believe that these changes will position Valleyview Manor to better fulfill its charitable mandate and serve those who need affordable housing in a Christian environment.

We look forward to continuing our relationship with the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches as we move forward in this new chapter of service. Should you have any questions or need further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact us.

In Christ's service,

Cecil Hayes,
Board Chair

On behalf of the Board of Valleyview Manor

2025 NATIONAL DIRECTOR REPORT

One of the reasons I pursued this role was the growing sense that CCMBC was budding into a new season. For the last eight years we have been in a season of significant change, restructuring, and revisioning. At times it has been very painful, yet much of the change was necessary. By God's grace, we are emerging from this challenging season with hope and hunger for what God wants to do in and through our churches. Here are a few of the highlights and opportunities that are before us.

Highlights

1. We ended the year with a large donation that covered our potential deficit. God's grace and the faithful generosity of our churches and donors is such an encouragement.
2. Praise God for his continued faithfulness as we grow into our vision with a collaborative posture. The vision that we believe God is inviting us to pursue is: "To cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission." To me, this is a very compelling and challenging vision. It is compelling because it reflects the unique call that God has given us as participants in his great unfolding story of redemption. It is challenging because we have not had a robust plan in our church ministries that incorporates disciple-making as an expectation of what it means to be a follower of Jesus. I want to celebrate a very big step forward with our vision and collaborative efforts. We have streamlined our vision and collaborative efforts with two key documents that will lead us into the future. These two documents — Collective Impact Strategy (CI Strategy) and Member Organization Agreements (MOAs) — are making their way through the necessary procedural channels and will be presented to the constituency for final affirmation.
 - a. Collective Impact Strategy: Our leading vision is called the Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP-approved 2021). This is very comprehensive document. The Executive Board asked that we summarize this document into one page that clearly and simply summarized the larger CUSP document. This summary is called the Collective Impact Strategy (CI Strategy). The CI Strategy has been well received and is the basis of our collaborative efforts between all our provinces and agencies.
 - b. Collaboration and Member Organization Agreements (MOAs): The governance posture we have recently adopted is called the collaborative model. The intention of this model of leadership/governance is to fundamentally serve one another in mutual submission, humility, and respect, realizing that each brings much to the conversations. It is a way of leading that intentionally puts aside personal agendas in order to pay attention to Jesus' leadership of our denomination, churches, and agencies. The ways in which we want to collaborate are outlined in what we are calling Member Organization Agreements (MOAs).
3. The National Ministry Team (NMT) has discerned two key initiatives towards our vision. First, we would like to have prayer increasingly become a core aspect of our ministry/missional DNA. We have been encouraged by the week of prayer during January 5-11, 2025. Our theme for that week — and for the year — is "Pray First/Pray Always". We had roughly 100 participants from across our country come together daily to pray. The good news is that many felt we needed to continue praying for our churches, and so we established a weekly 30-minute online prayer time on Tuesdays at 12 p.m. PST. Second, I believe that the only way we are going to cultivate healthy disciple-making churches and ministries is through disciple-making initiatives. We are all exploring and learning the principles of disciple-making with the goal of discipling others towards disciple-making.
4. A major project the Executive Board completed this year was the writing of a new Governance Manual that is congruent with our by-laws, CUSP, and Collaborative Model.

Opportunities

1. 2025 is the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism. This is the historical and theological stream from which Mennonite Brethren emerged. There is much to celebrate in our story. I also believe that there is much our theological framework has to offer our broken and violent culture. We will explore one of these themes at EQUIP in October at North Kildonan Church in Winnipeg (October 23-25) led by Ken Esau and our National Faith and Life Team. The theme is **“The Gospel, Peacemaking, and the Kingdom: God’s Peace in an Age of Conflict, Chaos, and Confusion.”**
2. It does feel as though we are moving into a season of unity building and vision development. I believe this will be the outflow of praying together. And as we grow a culture of prayer, I am hoping that we can increasingly be supporting, blessing, encouraging, and resourcing one another in a spirit of humility and generosity for the glory of God and for the wonderful vision he has entrusted to us. This kind of unity will be noticed (John 17) by a watching world. Please consider joining our national weekly prayer gathering every Tuesday at noon (PST). You can sign up through the [CCMBC website link](#).

So Grateful

I am so grateful for wonderful colleagues and leaders in our denomination. I am grateful for Jason Krueger who held the interim National Director role for the first few months of 2024. I am thankful to serve alongside our Executive Board who serve faithfully, diligently, and with humility. The same is true of the National Ministry Team who serve our provincial conferences and agencies with integrity and diligence. The CCMBC staff has had a significant turn over this year and are blessed to have added Leanne Janzen, Michelle Madnunatu, Carina Gallardo and Linda Fox. We welcomed Connie Dyck as the new Executive Assistant replacing Kara Friesen who left us to pastor a church in Winnipeg. Carson completed a much-earned sabbatical from November 9, 2024 to February 10, 2025. We are grateful to Jon Isaak, the director of our archives, who retired at the end of the year. He provided 13 years of steady, diligent service to our CCMBC family.

I would close my brief report with Psalm 126:3: “The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy.” May this continue to be our experience and our anticipation!



Cam Stuart

National Director



2025 NATIONAL MINISTRY TEAM

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NATIONAL FAITH & LIFE DIRECTOR REPORT FOR 2025 PROVINCIAL CONVENTIONS

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According to the Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP), we as a Conference exist “to cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission.” The National Faith and Life Team (NFLT) exists to articulate and safeguard Mennonite Brethren theological convictions, produce theological and pastoral resources, and provide discernment and guidance on current issues. The National Faith and Life Team stewards the Confession of Faith on behalf of the Conference.

Activities in 2024

This has been a very full year for me, but I experienced it with much joy because of the excellent National Faith and Life Team members, CCMBC Staff, and those on the National Ministry Team and Executive Board. I’m thankful to be part of all of these teams of deeply committed men and women of godly character. They are an inspiration and encouragement to me each and every day. Over the course of 2024, we said good-bye to Karen West (ONMB Provincial Rep), Rob Thiessen (BCMB Conference Minister), and Doug Heidebrecht (Multiply Rep). We were very thankful for these three faithful team members and wish them God’s best in their new endeavors.

Some of the NFLT highlights for 2024 include:

- We produced a monthly “**Contending in Prayer**” resource that revolved around encouraging different types of prayers throughout the year (viz., gratitude prayers; blessing prayers; confession prayers; etc.).
- We gave final approval to **Article 3: Creation and Humanity** (Explanatory Notes); **Article 4: Sin and Evil** (Explanatory Notes) and **Article 6: Nature of the Church** (Explanatory Notes; Living the Confession [FAQs]) as part of our Confession of Faith Resource Revision Project.
- We are in the final approval stage for **Article 5: Salvation** (Explanatory Notes); **Article 7: Mission of the Church** (Explanatory Notes), and **Article 9: Lord’s Supper** (Explanatory Notes). These are presently on the [CCMBC website](#) inviting feedback.
- We gave final approval to our “Loving Well our Trans Neighbours, Friends, and Family” for

distribution to our pastors and church leaders.

- We partnered with MB Seminary and BCMB to oversee the **Pastors Credentialing Orientation** May 28-30, 2024 at Columbia Bible College (Abbotsford) with about 70 participants. We agreed that in 2025, PCO would become a regional event alternating between west (BC/AB/SK) and east (MB/ON/QC) with shared planning and implementation from these provincial conferences.
- We made a decision to discontinue the publishing of new topics in our **NFLT Pamphlet Series** and evaluate our existing pamphlets for relevance and constituency demand.
- The NFLT spent some significant time deliberating how we should navigate our 1999 and 2006 discussions around women and church leadership roles. We are continuing to talk about this in light of the reality of significant differences and perspectives across our national family. We do hope that all of CCMBC’s member organizations and local churches can encourage and facilitate leadership development for gifted women within their community.

Besides all of these more formal NFLT involvements, I enjoyed writing the **Q&R Corner** in the *MB Herald Digest* addressing such topics as Progressive Christianity (Feb); the Nature of Suffering in Hell (April); Burial or Cremation? (Aug); the Role of Israel Today (Oct); and Children Leaving the Faith (Dec). I also joined the *Direction* journal Editorial Council as CCMBC’s representative. The Fall 2024 issue was dedicated to the publication of presentations from Equip 2023 so I revised my “**Why Church?**” presentation and had it published there. Whenever possible, I try to say yes to serve in local churches and this year, I had the opportunity to teach a “From the Garden to the Desert: Genesis to Deuteronomy” summer course and an Old Testament Survey Fall course. These made my life very full but were very enjoyable.

While we celebrate all the highlights from 2024 (and thank God for so many answered prayers!), we continue to engage around the following items for 2025:

- Our CCMBC theme for 2025 is “**Pray First! Pray Always!**” so our monthly prayer column will have this new name. We will be working slowly

through short phrases from the Lord's Prayer each month. We have invited some new writers from across the country to contribute to the column.

- We are actively planning and anticipating an excellent **Equip 2025** conference from October 21-23 at NKMB Church, Winnipeg. Our theme is: **"The Gospel, Peacemaking, and the Kingdom: God's Peace in an Age of Conflict, Chaos, and Confusion."** More information [here](#).
- We are working with MB Seminary and ONMB to host the **PCO 2025: Getting to Know the Family!** (May 6-8, 2025) at Behta Darya Community Church (Mississauga, ON). More information [here](#).
- We continue to give significant effort to our **Confession of Faith Resource Revision Project** and hope to process new explanatory notes for **Article 10: Discipleship; Article 11: Marriage, Singleness, and Family; Article 12: Society and State; and Article 13: Love and Nonresistance.** (Articles 12 and 13 will be the special focus of Equip 2025.)
- We have been asked to work on other resources related to **Medical Assistance in Dying (MAiD)** and about **divorce and remarriage**—especially in reference to pastors/leaders. It was deemed wise to wait for the completion of the Explanatory Notes on Article 14: Sanctity of Life and Article 11: Marriage, Singleness, and Family before addressing these topics. It is hoped that resources will become available for churches and pastors later in 2025.

My prayer is always that everything that I do and that we do together as a family would reflect faithfully the character and mission of King Jesus and God's Kingdom. As we live into God's Kingdom story of 2025, may we engage fully into the Lord's Prayer, calling out to God to bring his Kingdom to earth as it is in heaven—and participating in disciple-making as a dimension of the Kingdom work in the world. Blessings and Shalom in Jesus as you pray and serve in your family, church, and community!

If you have suggestions, encouragements, or thoughts, feel free to email them to us at listeningwell@mbchurches.ca



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Greetings to the Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches!

We extend our sincere gratitude for the privilege of partnering with you in the shared mission that unites us. Reflecting on the past year, we are deeply inspired by the powerful stories of God's work within your congregations. These stories strengthen our resolve to provide ministry-focused financial services that support Kingdom growth.

Our unique role enables us to serve Mennonite Brethren Churches across Canada in meaningful ways



Financial Assistance

Offering mortgage loans to churches, camps, schools, and pastors to facilitate the purchase, maintenance, or renovation of vital meeting spaces.



Administrative Support

Alleviating administrative challenges through payroll administration and bookkeeping expertise.



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Providing cost-effective group health benefits and a pension plan tailored for CCMBC pastors and staff.

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Legacy offers investment accounts designed specifically for MB Churches. These accounts feature no lock-in periods, no terms, and no fees. Here's how your church can benefit from a Legacy Account:

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Highlights from the Past Year



Strategic Initiatives

Launched new services and hosted topical webinars to address the evolving needs of our churches.



New Loans

Provided three pastor loans, four church loans, and two organization loans to support various initiatives across our CCMBC community.



Estate Planning

Partnered with Advisors with Purpose to offer church members professional guidance in crafting estate plans that reflect their faith, values, and life's work.



HR Advisory Services

Partnered with Spraggs Advisory Group to provide churches with tailored human resource advisory services designed to address the unique challenges of faith-based and non-profit organizations.



Pension Plan Enhancements

Introduced a new Mennonite Brethren pension plan, benefiting 1,600 members. This “best in class” plan includes expanded investment options, retirement and educational tools, decumulation (retirement) options, and significantly lower investment management fees.



Employee Engagement

Designated a “Flourishing Christian Workplace” by Best Christian Workplaces. Focusing on our mission, values and employee engagement has resulted in a team that does its best to serve our constituents and glorify God.



As we look to the year ahead, we are eager to continue growing, collaborating, and serving alongside you in our shared mission of Kingdom growth. Your unwavering support and partnership empower us to make a meaningful impact, and we are excited about the opportunities that await. Thank you for your trust and collaboration.

Jason Krueger, CEO



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2024

IMPACT REPORT

CELEBRATING OUR PARTNERSHIP IN THE GOSPEL

I don't like it when people ask me what my favourite Bible book (or verse) is.

I love it all!

But if I had to identify a book that feels particularly powerful right now, it would likely be Revelation.

In a world that is unstable, unpredictable, and deeply challenging for disciples of Jesus, Revelation breaks in with power and completely reorients our perspective. And just when we are about to give up, the Revelation of Jesus Christ to John explodes into our experience with:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

“Look, he is coming with the clouds,” and “every eye will see him, even those who pierced him”; and all peoples on earth “will mourn because of him.” So shall it be! Amen.

“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is, and who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Wow!

Whatever issue, problem, oppression, persecution, or struggle you or your church are facing, remember that **the eternal, almighty, triune God of the universe is still in power!**

We have hope because of who God is.

At MB Seminary, whether teaching about leadership, spiritual care, mission, biblical studies, theology, or history, our heart is to draw people closer to God. And to equip others to do the same. Now more than ever, we need to have our eyes on God.

Thank you for supporting, encouraging, and partnering with MB Seminary this past year!



Mark Wessner, Ph.D. is President of MB Seminary
and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies for Leadership

SHAPING LEADERS, CHANGING LIVES

The first chapter of Philippians is a powerful text that speaks directly to our hearts.

In verses 4-5, Paul writes, "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."

Did you catch what Paul said causes him to pray with joy? Partnership in the gospel.

Not wealth, not success, not fame.

Partnership in the gospel.

This is the heart of our Teaching Church partnerships across the country. Through each unique ministry relationship, MB Seminary comes alongside churches and conferences to help educate and equip leaders and church families to "reach Canada and beyond with the Good News of Jesus Christ."

We've experienced many encouraging experiences during four years of Teaching Churches, including **launching our first partnership with WMB Church in Waterloo, Ontario, this fall.**

And as we look ahead, this June, MB Seminary and Willingdon Church will celebrate the first cohort of graduating students who will have completed their entire Masters degrees while staying in their church community and serving in their ministry contexts!

This would not be possible without your partnership in the gospel. On behalf of our students and ministry leaders, thank you for supporting MB Seminary!

-Dr. Mark Wessner



ONMB

With you, we are partnering with Ryan Jantzi, Ministry Director for the Ontario Conference (ONMB) to help equip pastors and lay people through our new Teaching Church in Ontario.



This new Teaching Church is exciting because it will impact both our pastors and our churches. "An increasing number of our pastors are beginning as a mid-career, mid-life shift. Existing life responsibilities mean most will never attend seminary in a traditional on-campus format. And yet, deep theological formation still matters! It's been exciting **to see a number of our pastors learn together, within our evangelical Anabaptist MB framework**, in ways that weren't previously accessible. I believe that the development of the Teaching Church Partnership will enable ONMB toward a more faithful and fruitful collective witness to Christ."

Further, "Many people scattered across our churches have never had the opportunity for theological formation at an academic level, for various reasons. The level of participation at the first Teaching Church Partnership offering at WMB Church indicates that there is a hunger for this. What a joy to see lay **people young and old learning alongside** some of our pastors who are studying for credit." One lifelong learning participant expressed thankfulness:

"I am so thankful to have the opportunity to take part in this workshop. Thank you for coming to Ontario. I look forward to the next one."

Your partnership in the gospel is making an impact in ONMB and churches across the country!

MB CHURCHES

With you, we are partnering with **Connie Maier**, Pastor of Outreach & Implementation at Glencairn MB Church in Kitchener ON, to equip her church and others across the country.

She extended the invitation because, "I am a huge fan of biblical/theological training for both staff and lay folks within our conference. I did my seminary part-time, while serving as a lay leader in the church and loved the experience. I would hope that others would see the value in this opportunity and I was happy to spread the word with our Glencairn family. Having this hosted locally was a huge bonus for our churches in Ontario."



"I really believe MB theology has a unique gift to offer the broader church. **This partnership can help not only equip our people, but help them to see themselves as part of a larger family on mission together for Jesus.**"

"Good theological training has need of a multi-pronged approach in our churches and the MB teaching church model can play a strong role in strengthening theological depth within our churches here in Ontario."

Your partnership in the gospel is helping our MB churches connect and be on mission together!

MB STUDENTS

With you, we are partnering with three new graduate students who are benefitting from having access to world-class theological training close to home.

Scott Roes, Associate Pastor at Mapleview Mennonite Church, a congregation with a 150 year history, spoke appreciatively about the fact the MB Seminary was offering a course close to home for him. "It means that I can participate in MB Seminary courses. I am a part time pastor and I also have a dairy farm and a family. It would not be possible for me to travel to be part of these courses. Also the fact that the seminary courses are brought to local churches makes it even more appealing. There is always the option of taking online courses but being able to be in the same room as the professor and the other students is much more appealing."



Brad Sherk, Pastor of Discipleship at Waterloo MB Church, was asked about a highlight from the course, "Interpreting Scripture Today" that was taught by Dr. Mark Wessner. He replied, "My highlight was the personal connections made with my professor and with the other students. Since we were all pastors, we really bonded over working through the material of the course. Mark's videos that he made to give us feedback on our assignments were meaningful and helpful." Brad also expressed appreciation of being able to study close to home, allowing him to remain connected with his church family and saving time and resources.

Michael Reimer, youth ministry director at Cornerstone Community Church, shown here baptizing one of his youth, talked about his first seminary course being a rich experience because he was able to learn alongside people from his home church. He mentioned how meaningful it was "seeing how thoughtful and careful our approach is to seeing the depth of Scripture and understanding it well to apply it in our lives today." "The course has impacted my ministry by giving helpful language, methodology, and experience in diving DEEP into Scripture to let it have all the more impact and effect on how I carry myself as someone who wants to be deeply impacted by God and His word."



-Terry Kaethler

Your partnership in the gospel is helping to train our MB pastors in their home church context!

GROWING CAPACITY

CELEBRATING PARTNERSHIPS ACROSS THE NATION



GRADUATE HRS TAUGHT

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Jesus called his disciples to be his "witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth" (Acts 1:8 NIV), levels of Kingdom investment that radiate like concentric rings. Our Jerusalem is the community of MB churches, and our Judea and Samaria are the sisters and brothers we have been training through our partnership at ACTS for over 25 years. Our graduates are serving literally to the ends of the earth.

-Dr. Brian Cooper



MB STUDENTS EQUIPPED

In every church there are gifted people with the ability to lead and the capacity to learn. Through our growing partnerships, we are equipping individuals for ministry right now, including some who are discerning and living out God's call to lead our MB churches. But we're only beginning. How might God be calling you?

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-Dr. Brian Cooper

ONLINE STUDENTS REACHED

Not every student can uproot to go to seminary, nor is every student near an MB Teaching Church. Our growing online programs help extend our seminary's reach and accelerate degree completion for our students. This year our faculty taught 19 online courses and helped equip 117 students, some even as far away as Hong Kong!

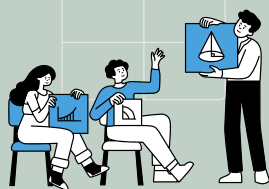
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-Dr. T. Anderson

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LIFELONG LEARNERS EQUIPPED



Teaching Churches is more than knowledge seekers. This was my lesson as I met with a group from the Alberta Conference at Sunwest Church in Calgary. The group had gathered to consider how to pastorally respond to MAiD (Medical Assistance in Dying). As an Educator, I knew lifelong learning to be about gaining knowledge, skills, and experience for personal growth. My heart was blessed as I realized in that room I had lifelong learners seeking to learn and grow as faithful disciples of Jesus. No degree seekers, but definitely kingdom seekers!

-Dr. Gloria Woodland

DEVOTIONAL READERS ENCOURAGED

The author of Hebrews states that the word of God is "living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword" (Heb 4:12). What we read in the Bible has *life*, which makes it different from anything else ever written. One of the reasons why we produce a devotional for Advent and Easter is to encourage people to open their Bibles and hear from God through Scripture, something that over 2,500 readers did this past year. I love to direct this project because no matter how many times readers might look at the same passage, God finds ways to speak to us in new and refreshing ways!

-Keith Reed

2525





Psalm 133

A song of ascents. Of David.

*How good and pleasant it is
when God's people live [partner/serve/work] together in unity!
It is like precious oil poured on the head...*

If I was to sum up Multiply's 2024 engagement in only one word I would have to say **partnership**. If I had to use another word, it would be **team**. Not only has it been a joy to serve with our Ontario-based Multiply team of Erin, Derek and Doug; and the wider team of our North American workers like Kyla and the B's and the Nylands; but also with the ONMB staff team of Trevor, Ryan and Kristi. What a true blessing to support and serve our churches, and Kingdom expansion, **together**.

This past year, it has been such a privilege to find ourselves engaging more and more closely with ONMB in the initiatives that God has placed on the heart of our Ontario churches and leaders. It is as though we have been reading from the same playbook! Well, I guess we are!

This report is a testimony to serving together on one mission, with one church under one God. In this season, we as the Multiply Eastern Canada Team are truly thankful for the rich relationships and partnerships with the ONMB staff team, our ONMB family of churches and our global workers and global family of churches.

Together that the world may know Jesus,
Robyn Serez

Our Team

Derek Parenteau in Sudbury: serving with First Nations communities, new initiatives among those exiting the correctional system, and on the Multiply Global Lead Team. Derek is working with ONMB to resource prayer training ministry and mobilizing our family of churches.

Doug Hiebert in Niagara: Global Lead Team for Sub-Saharan Africa, resourcing the church and deepening partnerships in Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi and more. The African diaspora church is thriving in North America and growing in mission to the West. Doug is available to speak as a mobilizer to our family of churches.

Kyla Sinclair-Peters in Toronto: continues to serve among marginalized individuals and immigrants from a least-reached diaspora group in the GTA. Connecting with youth who are exploring how to pray and worship as they discover that God speaks their heart language. Kyla is also working as a prison chaplain.

Robyn Serez in Kitchener: as Regional Mobilizer and Team Leader she walks alongside the team, serves our workers and helps facilitate some of our Mission Training Programs like SOAR and ACTION in a smaller capacity as she continues to provide care for Philip.

Erin Coffey in Kitchener: as Regional Administrator and Mobilization Assistant she supports workers, staff and programs in the region in many areas such as finance, project management, creative design, and communications, while also teaching piano and music theory lessons.



SOAR KW

- How powerful it is to envision a community where there is a missionary on every street, actively engaged in serving their neighbors!
- Pray for locally-rooted SOAR experiences for youth. multiply.net/soar/ontario
- SOAR KW 2024 March 13-16, 35 participants from WMB and Glencairn
- SOAR has made a transition from being a larger event based discipleship and mission program to being a locally embedded program where discipleship and mission happen in your own backyard and the serving opportunities during the week are ongoing throughout the year. Modeled on our past AWAKE events, these have the potential to be for the whole church and we hope to bring a mini-SOAR experience to other regions in the future.



Partnering with ONMB

We have had the privilege of partnering with ONMB through prayer initiatives this past year, including the September Day of Prayer and online prayer training courses in which Derek Parenteau has had a facilitating role. The first online prayer training cohort happened in Fall 2024.

New Global Partners for ONMB Churches

This year we expanded our global partnerships into two new regions of the world. Cornerstone has begun a partnership with Emerson Cardoza, the Regional Team Leader for South America serving out of Brazil. Meadowbrook has begun a partnership with Nasser al'Qahtani serving North African and Middle Eastern Countries. May God use these partnerships to establish more kingdom territory in both Canada and the world.



Highlights/Milestones

- Doris Goertz retirement summer 2024 after 25+ years of serving in Japan since 1985 (supported by WMB Kitchener)
- Dave & Mel Berg spring 2024 transition into pastoral ministry in SK after serving in Central Asia and Austria since 2010 (supported by MeadowBrook & Glencairn)
- Focus interns for 2023-2024 Joanna K in Central Asia and the Gerrie family in Thailand

Upcoming

- Sarah Reed • mini-MINA June 2025
- A&R • MINA spring or summer 2025
- Nasser al'Qahtani • teaching at the February Acts 6:4 Assembly and June Antioch Mission School
- Alex & Carla Suderman • MINA Summer 2025
- Jeremy & Adrienne Penner • MINA fall 2025



Great Commission

We need more global workers! Would you pray with us for disciples of Jesus to be raised up in your churches and sent as local and global workers sharing the Gospel! Matthew 9:38 calls us to “ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.”



Our Family ON MISSION IN 2024

God is on a Mission. Jesus sends disciples, empowered by the Spirit, on God’s mission to love, reconcile, and transform people of all nations.

Joining God’s Mission. Together, we send disciples to make disciples who make disciples, that the world may know Jesus.

There are still thousands of **people groups lost without Jesus**. In each of the regions we serve, our network supports teams that are dedicated to loving specific groups of people. This year, 297 MB churches partnered with Multiply in at least one of our three mission strategies.

1 SENDING OUT MISSIONARIES

In 2024, **79 long-term workers**, sent from North America, served on teams around the world.



2 PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

In 2024, we continued to encourage nationals in **71 nations**, walking closely with them and connecting them with those in North America who pray, give, and send missionaries where needed.



3 HELPING DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

In 2024, **819 everyday disciples** participated in **15 Mission Training Programs** based in North America, and thousands more in our global network participated in similar training worldwide.



View our full 2024 Global Report Online

multiply.net/report

Financial Overview



Fiscal Year in \$USD: June 2023 - May 2024

We are thankful to God and to our donors that we continue to be in a healthy financial position. Our board of directors authorized us to invest \$540K of our accumulated unrestricted reserves to further support our strategic initiatives for this fiscal year. This year we used \$397K of our reserves as shown below.

Net Results

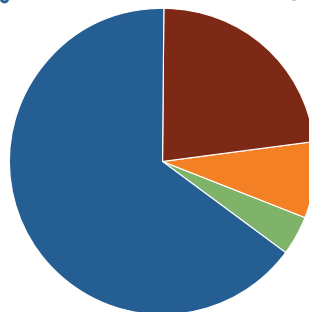
Fiscal Year Ended:	May 31, 2024	May 31, 2023
Revenue:	\$ 10,590,635	\$ 10,553,563
Expenses:	\$ 10,987,334	\$ 10,828,328
Net:	\$ (396,699)	\$ (274,765)

In addition to the net results shown here, our global workers and ministry projects have deployed \$542k of their restricted reserves which are held separately on our balance sheet. Combined, these projects have \$3.2M of reserves.

How Your Gifts Were Put to Work

Regional Teams Sharing *Jesus* | 65%

- Central & South America | 9%
- East Asia | 5%
- Europe & Central Asia | 15%
- Middle East & North Africa | 3%
- North America | 4%
(Indigenous & Immigrants)
- South Asia | 3%
- Southeast Asia | 14%
- Sub-Saharan Africa | 5%
- Worldwide Initiatives | 7%



23% | North American Church Engagement

- 16% | Facilitating MB Church Partnerships
- 7% | Mission Training Programs
(includes Short-Term Mission programs)

8% | Administration

Finance, IT, Legal & Governance

4% | Human Resources

Wellness, Equipping & Long-Term Missionary Training

Our Generous Donors



This financial summary represents the work of Multiply Network funded by US and Canadian churches and donors. For more info, contact our Director of Finance, Jeff Friesen at JeffF@multiply.net

Camp Crossroads Update

Andrew Hiebert, Executive Director



Over the last several weeks my mind has kept coming back to God's steadfast love toward us. We can all fall into the trap of believing that God's love is conditional and that His acceptance is based on accomplishing things.



Lamentations 3:22-23 says “The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.”

Thank God His love is not based on any of our feelings on the matter. On the contrary, His words of promise towards us do not change but are based on His unchanging love and what Jesus accomplished on the Cross! He meant it when He said 'It is Finished! I have been realizing my need to let this truth sink in and to rest in God's steadfast love. God's love towards you, towards me is steadfast! We can rest.

Highlights from 2024

This year we saw God move in the hearts of campers and staff of various ages. One story came from our last Family Camp of the summer. One of the adult campers had been deeply moved by the Lord during one of the Chapel sessions to take the step of obedience and get baptized. She had come to camp with her family and church care group. It was a beautiful sight to see her, her family, her care group, her pastor and many other campers and staff down at the beach supporting her as she publicly professed Jesus as Lord and Saviour and got baptized in Black Lake.

Highlights from 2024

Another encouraging story comes out of partnering with a ministry called Rose City Kids. This past summer they sent 20 campers plus their staff to Teen week. God moved in a powerful way in the lives of these youth. The ministry director e-mailed me to let me know that several accepted Jesus as their saviour, some of them found a deep sense of peace, and others wanted to connect with a local church when they got home. Praise God for His transformation in the hearts of these youth!

We have been running our new discipleship program since last September. We have three students who have been learning, growing and serving in various capacities at Camp and with other ministries in Kitchener and New York City. We have seen God work in their lives in significant ways and are excited to walk alongside them. We are getting ready for a mission trip in March where they will be putting into practice what they have learned.

Registration

Program Type:	2022:	2023:	2024:
Overnight Campers	558	728	733
Family Campers	281	296	360
Day Campers	90	111	132
Peewee/Fishing	73	92	50
Canoe Trip	-	-	9
Discipleship of Staff:			
Leaders in Training	21	26	24
Bridge	10	15	20
Discipleship Program	-	-	3



Rebuilding Camp

We saw God provide in significant ways. We had many volunteers and trades come to help us rebuild camp and we are incredibly grateful for the work we could get done.

Completed Projects include the chapel ceiling and fireplace, renovating Lakeview accommodations, hooking up the drilled well for our water source, installing Yurt tents at the cook out site, cabins were reshingled, outdoor stairs and walkways were rebuilt, and we installed a new dishwasher.



Ministry Outlook for 2025

We have run 4 weekend retreats this winter and have seen God at work in the youth groups that have come. We are excited to serve the remaining seven churches coming in February. These retreats seem to be an excellent opportunity for youth to grow in their relationship with Jesus and to bring friends who don't know Him yet.

This summer we want share the Good News of Jesus with as many people as we can and see God transform lives! Summer registration opened February 3 and things are off to a good start. Currently, we have 620 overnight campers, 299 family campers, 82 day campers. Camp has room in every week except Youth Week. I would ask that you help us fill the beds and encourage people to come. Here is the link to our website: www.campcrossroads.com/

We need your help!

- **Pray** We ask you to pray for God to transform lives with winter retreats and summer programs.
- **Help** We rely on volunteers to help us in our mission. We are running a **spring work week/weekend from April 28 – May 3**. Please contact Jay if you want to know more jay@campcrossroads.com We are also looking for kitchen and dining hall help during our 3 Family Camps this summer. www.campcrossroads.com/volunteer/
- **Give** We are raising funds to support kids who otherwise can't afford camp. We're also raising funds to pay for the required septic system we need to install. www.campcrossroads.com/give/

Partnerships

We continue to partner with various youth and family ministries to coordinate our efforts in sharing the Good News and making disciples. Check out the ministries below:

- [Rose City Kids](#)
- [City Kidz Hamilton](#)
- [Move-in](#)
- [Eden High School](#)



Projects for 2025

We are currently working on a new staff residence we're calling Oakridge Lodge.

We are planning on installing a new septic bed to replace our aging system.

Thank-you for partnering with us as we seek to know Christ and to make Him known!



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Resounding In Faith!



The word “resound” has woven itself into the fabric of our ministry. It means to be “unmistakable and emphatic” and this is the faith we desire for high school students as they live in Christ. God is working powerfully at Eden and although we’re excited by the metric of “numbers”, it is the deep desire for authentic discipleship that is truly causing us to rejoice! Our mentoring connections are focusing on topics like baptism, how to be better in “sabbath”, and deeper confession and repentance in students’ personal walk with Jesus. Honestly, it is humbling to see such a clear vulnerability from teens who are passionate about sharing Christ with their friends, and living a genuine faith, even in difficult life situations.

Recently, we interviewed potential leaders for our leadership track Eperera, and we asked each to describe the spiritual burdens they have for their friends. One applicant replied, “I want my friends to know there’s so much more beauty living a life for Christ than for yourself.” This is the Holy Spirit at work in the lives of Eden teens as they long to see their friends experience the life and teaching of Jesus Christ!

Our first community worship night hosted 300 people in the Eden chapel.



Encouraging Trends

- Our Thursday prayer gathering is averaging 100 students/week.
- 1:1 mentoring meetings have been encouraging as many students dig deeper into their faith.
- There are 30+ students involved in our worship and tech ministry.
- Many students are being baptized in local churches and the SLC has been mentioned in several testimonies.
- We began a new Life Group that is focused on outreach. 15-20 students are being introduced to Jesus through deep questions on faith and life.
- Our daily morning chapel hosts an average of 130 students each day morning.

IT IS OUR DESIRE “TO CONTINUALLY GROW AS A CHRIST-CENTRED CATALYST AT EDEN HIGH SCHOOL FOR LIFE TRANSFORMATION AND SERVICE.”



Each fall, we host Grade Retreats at Camp Crossroads and they become instant highlights in the lives of those who attend! Following this year’s retreats, a group of parents mentioned that they’ve always wanted to experience a Grade Retreat, but have been unable to do so. From those conversations, we planned a worship night at Eden called “Becoming 2” (that was our retreat theme) and it was a powerful night where 300 grandparents, parents, alumni, and students showed up to sing and pray! The roof was lifted as we sang praise to God, calling out to our Heavenly Father as we knelt and prayed over the chapel space. Near the end of the evening, our students surrounded our parents and grandparents and prayed over them! There were many tears during this powerful expression of intercession and thankfulness! We are hosting our second gathering, “Resound 2” on May 22 so if you can make it, you are welcome to attend!



In the midst of our joy, the Spiritual Life Centre continues to face many challenges as we minister within a public high school. Over the past two years, we have been negotiating a Community Partner Agreement with the school board. The purpose was to clarify and strengthen our position within Eden, while operating within the policies and procedures of the DSBN. It was a challenging process that required legal insight and many



meetings. An agreement was reached on May 30, 2024 and while it wasn’t a perfect document, it afforded some encouragement. The challenge has been in the day to day “living out” of the document and that has brought significant hurdles, including limited access to our hallways and common areas. But God continues to be faithful! We are continuing to connect regularly with many students and are encouraged by the many that are accessing our SLC offices!

As I close, Ephesians 2:8-9 has been a powerful reminder that

God is making “masterpieces” from within our students and as He calls them to do those good works which He has prepared in advance, they are accepting the call! As we experience many Eden students surrendering to Jesus, we are watching Him hand-craft the hearts of prophets, poets, servants, peace-makers, reconcilers, ambassadors, and warriors. He is truly building His church within a generation that is not ashamed to live like Jesus!

The SLC ministry is situated in a public high school, providing one of the most unique opportunities to engage high school students with the life-changing Gospel of Jesus Christ. By God’s grace, we are equipping a generation to go and bring Christ to their world. I continue to believe that this is a miraculous gift from God so please continue to pray for our team as we labour in Christ. On behalf of Meghan Plett who is in her 15th year, Kezia Wilson who joined the SLC in April 2024 and the Eden Advisory Board, we thank you for supporting us in our mission of “leading students to learn of Christ and live in Christ”. May God bless you in your ministries!



John Bryan (SLC Director)

FOR MORE INFO. ON THE SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE, PLEASE VISIT SLCEDEN.COM

As we look back on the last year, we're filled with gratitude for you and your partnership in our work. Your support is bringing hope to families, empowering communities and transforming lives through our work right here in Ontario.

Like our new meat cannery in New Hamburg providing nutritious food for people in crisis so they don't have to worry where their next meal will come from. And The Raw Carrot social enterprise which makes delicious soup for everyone and creates meaningful work for people who face barriers to employment.

Such as the Circle of Friends program that walks alongside those in poverty by building community and relationships.

Also, the Indigenous Neighbours program where we're striving towards truth and reconciliation through relationship, art and advocacy.

And our thrift stores where our incredible staff volunteers and shoppers are supporting over 500 international programs helping communities thrive around the world.

Your partnership has made all this possible this past year. Supporting MCC is one of the ways you are responding to the call of the gospel and following Jesus by sharing his love and compassion with those in need. This is a testament to your trust in us and the difference we're making together.

We know there are many other worthy causes you could support, and we're incredibly grateful that you've chosen to walk alongside us. Thank you for sharing your love and compassion with those in need from all of us here at MCC Ontario.

With much gratitude,



MICHELLE BRENNEMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MCC ONTARIO



Program Highlights

from April 1, 2023 to March 31, 2024

2,820,965

items, including clothing, furniture and household goods, were thoughtfully reused, helping both people and the planet through MCC Ontario Thrift Shops.

1,801

volunteers embodied compassion and hope for countless lives.



1,400

hours of employment that matters at The Raw Carrot soup enterprise.



116,125

people internationally received hygiene items, including menstrual health supplies.



305

initiatives strengthened local food sovereignty in northern Indigenous communities.



15

advocacy initiatives aimed to create meaningful change and improve the lives of the most vulnerable.



194

newcomers were welcomed to Ontario, beginning new lives of hope and opportunity.



MCC photo/Ken Ogasawara

MCC in Ontario

On January 18, 2025, over 700 people gathered at the MCC Hub in New Hamburg to celebrate the grand opening of the new MCC Meat Cannery. This 10,000-square-foot facility is set to make a significant impact on vulnerable communities worldwide with a goal of producing 60,000 cans of nutritious food annually for families in crisis. The event was filled with energy and hope as supporters, donors and volunteers celebrated alongside MCC staff, local elected officials and members of the local meat canning committees. With the new cannery, MCC is poised to provide even more vital food to families in need. Together, we can continue to make a lasting impact, one can at a time.



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MCC Around the World

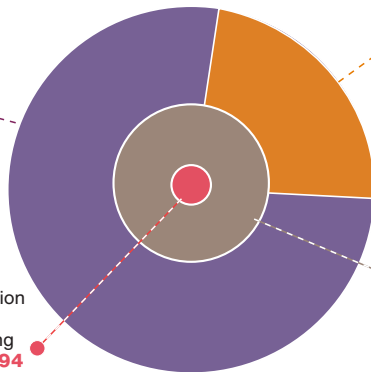
The war in Ukraine continues after three years and MCC partner, The Association of Mennonite Brethren Churches of Ukraine (AMBCU), continues to provide relief to people whose lives have been upended by the conflict. Each month they provide food packages to more than 200 families. Volunteers have distributed relief and hygiene supplies such as MCC relief kits, comforters and canned meat. They have also started responding to psychological needs, providing therapy and other supports to displaced children. Amid the darkness of violence and grief these churches are living out what it means to be a people of hope and clinging to the promise of advent that God is still with us and at work.

Financial Highlights

MCC ONTARIO DOLLARS AT WORK:
\$18,710,282

International programs
\$10,727,663
57%

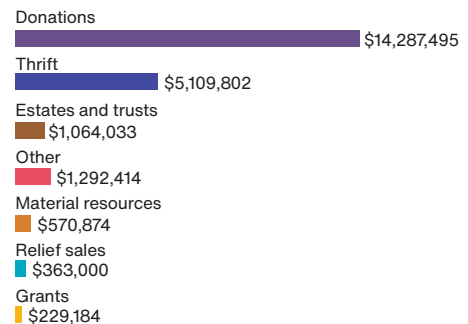
Core mission support - Fundraising
\$1,297,494
7%



Ontario programs
\$4,279,420
23%

Core mission support - Administration
\$2,405,705
13%

MCC ONTARIO FUNDING SOURCES:
\$22,916,802



Read more stories online at mcc.org/impact



REPORT

MDS Canada 2024: Restoring hope

“It is a tremendous thing to have this happen. To have a house built for you, it’s beyond words,” said Jade Shamen, one recipient of a volunteer-built home in North Shuswap, British Columbia.

Jade, his wife Isabelle and their four-year-old son Able were among hundreds of North Shuswap area residents affected by the Bush Creek East Wildfire in August 2023. The family was one of four households in the North Shuswap area to benefit from an MDS volunteer-built home this summer, while four more were helped with home repairs and renovations. Over a five-month period, 227 volunteers served in the North Shuswap.

Around the same time, a smaller national crew rebuilt a house in Lytton, British Columbia. Patsy Gessey and Owen Collings survived a wildfire in 2021. Due to several complicating factors — including toxic ash removal, loss of town records, archeological surveying requirements and updates to the local building code — rebuilding began more than two years after the fire flattened their village.

“I’m so grateful and thankful that I’m working with [MDS] because your organization shows hope... Some people have given up... but you’ve stuck with us,” shared Owen.

Units were also active across the country with house builds taking place in Carstairs, Alberta, and Truro, Nova Scotia. Home repair projects were undertaken in Manitoba.



Isabelle Labelle and Jade Shamen in Celista, B.C.

In Carstairs, more than 130 people volunteered to rebuild a house for Elisa Humphreys after she lost her home to a tornado last year. The house was built almost entirely by daily volunteers, 95 serving with MDS for the first time.

“God [directed] but people had to say yes. So, my heart was really warmed by how giving people were and what a great community we live in,” said Jessica Lawrence, volunteer coordinator for the response.

In July, the Ontario Unit hosted the MDS Canada Family Project at Fraser Lake Camp near Bancroft, Ontario. Over four weeks, 48 people built three cabins and put the finishing touches on two more — to house camp volunteers and facilitate their program activities.

As I reflect on our work and relationships with disaster survivors and their communities in 2024, I am so grateful for the collective efforts of response coordinators, units, staff and the hundreds of daily, weekly and long-term volunteers who helped us achieve our mission to restore hope and homes. Thank you for your partnership in this work! I invite your continued prayers as we explore how to best serve our neighbours, across the country, in 2025.

—Ross Penner, Executive Director

2024 STATS

2 national responses	8 service scholarships awarded
263 national response volunteers	21 Spirit of MDS Fund grants totalling
4 unit responses	\$102,000 issued to churches and community orgs.
1 summer youth project	
1 family project	

Ontario Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches Member Church Directory



Behta Darya Community Church

Address: 3479 Autumn Leaf Cres.,
Mississauga, ON L5L 1K6
Meets at: 5155 Spectrum Way #15, Mississauga
Office Phone: 416-857-4039
Office Email: bdcc03@gmail.com
Church Website: www.bdcctoronto.com

Christian Fellowship Chapel

Address: B-1296 Cambrian Road,
Severn, ON L3V 0W5
Office Phone: 705-326-8030
Office Email: office@cfchapel.com
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@ccchurch.ca
Church Website: www.ccchurch.ca

Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship

Address: 140 Oak Street,
Simcoe, ON N3Y 5M5
Office Phone: 519-428-0960
Office Email: office@evergreenheights.org
Church Website: www.evergreenheights.org

Glencairn MB Church

Address: 725 Erinbrook Dr.
Kitchener, ON N2E 3E3
Office Phone: 519-579-8741
Office Email: office@glencairn.ca
Church Website: www.glencairn.ca

Grantham MB Church

Address: 469 Grantham Ave.,
St. Catharines, ON L2M 3J2
Office Phone: 905-935-5811
Office Email: office@granthamchurch.ca
Church Website: www.granthamchurch.ca

Kingsfield - Zurich Mennonite Church

Address: PO Box 131, 37818 Zurich Hensall Rd.,
Zurich, ON N0M 2T0
Office Phone: (519)-868-4933
Office Email: admin@kzmc.ca
Church Website: www.kzmc.ca

Life Point Church

Address: Oshawa, ON
Office Phone: 905-725-8463
Office Email: mkdale@hotmail.com
Church Website: www.lifepointdurham.ca

Manotick Community Church

Address: 1165 Beaverwood Rd,
Manotick, ON K4M 1L7
Office Phone: 873-353-2345
Office Email: admin@churchinthetick.ca

Maple View Mennonite Church

Address: 5074 Deborah Glaister Line,
Wellesley, ON N0B 2T0
Office Phone: 519-656-2946
Office Email: office@mvmchurch.ca
Church Website: www.mvmchurch.ca

Meadow Brook Church

Address: 219 Talbot Street East,
Leamington, ON N8H 3V6
Office Phone: 519-326-3605
Office Email: office@meadowbrook.ca
Church Website: www.meadowbrook.ca

Mountain Park Church

Address: 6970 Mountain Rd.,
Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4
Office Phone: 905-374-2911
Office Email: andrew@mp.church
Church Website: www.mp.church

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Toronto, ON M1W 1G4
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Office Email: info@newlifetoronto.com
Church Website: www.newlifetoronto.com

Northend Church

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

Restoration Place

Address: 121 Athol St,
Whitby, ON L1N 3Z1
Office Phone: 416-385-0285
Church Phone: 905-239-8309

Scott Street MB Church

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

St. Ann's Community Church

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

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
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
Church website: www.jesusnetwork.ca

WMB Church

Waterloo Site:

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 Site:

Meets at: 19 Ottawa Street North,
Kitchener, ON N2H 3K2
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Office Email: office@wmbchurch.ca
Church Website: www.wmbchurch.ca



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Malkutha

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Toronto, ON M1L 1K9
Office Email: contact@movein.to
Church website: www.movein.to

Rugged Tree Community Church

Address: 21 Poupore Rd. West
Skead, ON P0M 2Y0
Church Email: derek@ruggedtree.org
Church Website: www.ruggedtree.org

Southeast City Church

Address: 1854 Russell Rd, Ottawa, ON K1G 1L5
Meets at: 933 Smyth Rd., Ottawa ON
Office Phone: 613-809-6575
Office Email: hello@southeastcitychurch.ca
Church Website: www.southeastcitychurch.ca

The Spirit of Truth Church

Address: 671 Sheppard Ave. E, North York
Office Phone: 416-356-9967
Office Email: thespiritoftruthchurch@gmail.com
Church Website: www.stctoronto.com

Recommended Associate Church:

Belmont Village Church

(formerly Grace MB Church)
Address: 546 Belmont Ave,
Kitchener, ON N2M 5E3
Office Phone: 226-243-4735
Office Email: gord@belmontvillagechurch.com
Church Website: www.belmontvillagechurch.com

Other Affiliated Churches:

Bytown Community Church

(Church Plant - The Gathering Ottawa)
Address: PO Box 82013 Riverside South RPO,
Gloucester, ON K1V 2N9
Meets at: St Giles Presbyterian Church (181 First
Ave)
Office Email: info@bytowncommunitychurch.ca
Church Website: www.bytowncommunitychurch.ca



Essex Regional Meeting 2024



Entrusting the future to God's power, not our own.



Collaborating in mission regionally for Jesus' glory.



Learning with and from the global church.



Inviting people to follow Jesus no matter what.