

2026 AGM YEARBOOK

ONMB CONFERENCE WEEK

FEB 19 Seniors Luncheon
FEB 20 Leaders Day
FEB 20-21 Acts 6:4 Assembly
FEB 26 ONMB Online AGM



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2026 AGM SCHEDULE February 26, 2026

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

WELCOME!

The final event of Conference Week is our 2026 AGM

Part of how we move together in the life of God's Kingdom is by sharing important information and making time for discernment as a community. By engaging with one another to steward resources, identify leaders, and prayerfully listen so that we make good 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. Farmers know that a healthy vine needs a well-constructed trellis if the vine is going to be fruitful. Our AGM is critical to our 'trellis work'.



We share a common mission with all MB Churches in Canada.

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

AGENDA

- Gather for Vision, Prayer and Celebration
- Regular Business; Reports from the Board, Committees, Ministry Partners, Agencies
- 2026 Elections for Board of Directors and Nominating Committee
- 2026 Financial Report & Motions
- Recommendation to Receive 3 Churches as Associate Churches
- Recommendation to Receive SECC as a Member Church
- Closing Prayer

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

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 2026 AGM Yearbook.
4. That the minutes from AGM 2025 as presented electronically in the 2026 AGM Yearbook, be approved.
5. That the Board of Directors for the period commencing from AGM 2026 until AGM 2027 be made up of ten (10) members.
6. Motion to elect the position of Board Vice-Chair.
7. That the following individuals be elected to the ONMB board as members-at-large: Derek Klumpenhauer, Allen Kleine Deters, Noah Grossman, Meghan Plett, Jeff Martens, Tanya Janssen.
8. That all candidates for the Nominating Committee 2026 be acclaimed.
9. That the audited financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2025 be accepted.
10. That the ONMB membership approve the use of a review engagement instead of an audit for 2026, should ONMB qualify for this option.
11. That Bridgeman and Durksen be appointed to perform the review engagement or audit for 2026.
12. That the operating budget for 2026 be approved as presented.
13. That we approve each of the following congregations for Associate Church status with ONMB, for a period of up to five years, beginning upon approval of this motion,
 - Bytown Community Church
 - Christ Like Church
 - Mission Pentecostal Rehoboth Church
14. That Southeast City Church be accepted into full membership of ONMB as a member church in good standing.
15. That the ballots be destroyed upon the approval of the minutes by the Board Secretary.
16. That the Ontario Mennonite Brethren AGM 2026 be adjourned.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

Michelle Knowles, Board Chair

This morning I was reading from Exodus 35, including verses 21-22,

“Everyone whose heart was moved and whose spirit prompted him came and brought an offering to the Lord.... Both men and women came; all who had willing hearts.”

I was moved by the people’s response to God’s invitation, as He stirred hearts towards generously bringing their gifts and talents to build the tabernacle. It had been a tumultuous journey for the Israelites, yet it culminates in this beautiful act of worship, establishing God’s presence at the centre of His people. As I reflected on this passage, I was reminded of you—the many beautiful expressions of generosity we’ve seen across our ONMB family over this past year.

I am deeply thankful for you and filled with anticipation as Conference Week approaches and we prepare to worship together. Last year, we introduced new rhythms to our annual events, including the Acts 6:4 Assembly, and our on-line AGM. It was a joy to see so many of you join from across our province, coming together to worship, engage with God’s Word, and pray for the Holy Spirit to work among us, our nation, and around the world. These moments underscored God’s faithfulness, as we’ve witnessed the Spirit moving in remarkable ways. This 2026 AGM Yearbook is filled with inspiring testimonies, much to celebrate and to contend for in prayer together.



Worship gathering at Acts 6:4 Assembly at KMB

BOARD OF DIRECTORS REPORT

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This year, we extend a heartfelt invitation for you to return to Conference Week 2026, as we embrace the invitation to “Move Together.” We invite you to move together in several key areas:

- In Mission: God is graciously growing our family. At Assembly & AGM, we will introduce several new congregations for affirmation as Associate Churches, along with receiving Southeast City Church as a full member church. We welcome our brothers and sisters from Brazil, strengthening our global connections, and collaborate in a great variety of discipleship initiatives across ONMB and Canada.
- In Finances: Our financial journey stands as a testament to God’s provision, beginning with the ways we prayed together, to a generous response from churches and individuals that addressed our deficit by year-end—a story of faithfulness you can read in full on [page 26](#). We extend deep thanks for your prayers, conversations, participation, and giving. Let us continue praying together as well for our national budget and ongoing stewardship.
- Nationally: We remain committed to our role in the national collaborative model and the CUSP strategic plan. As we review our decision-making structure, a proposal will be presented at the AGM—details are available in the report on [page 46](#). I encourage your active engagement in this discussion at both the ONMB AGM and the CCM-BC AGM on June 18.

I would like to express sincere appreciation to our dedicated staff—Trevor, Ryan, and Kristi—who continue to grow as a team and lead with excellence. We celebrate a special milestone with Kristi, of ten years of faithful service with ONMB!

Finally, to all ONMB church members, pastors, and leaders: We hold you in our prayers with great gladness and hope. The board is profoundly thankful, and I invite you to connect with me anytime—it is truly a privilege and joy to serve our ONMB family.

With warm regards,
Michelle Knowles

Board Chair

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

To our board members, thank you for your unwavering commitment. We owe deep gratitude to Doug, Brent, and Andrew as they conclude their terms. Behind the scenes, our board and committees continue in diligent work for our conference, including the final stages of the bless and release process for Valleyview Manor, which we should have completed by the AGM. We are committed to stewarding these efforts with wisdom and care.



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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS REPORT

Trevor Seath, Executive Director

I continue to feel challenged, excited, and thankful for the opportunity to witness and contribute to the story of God's work in our province. I'm encouraged by the love for Jesus, commitment to humble service, and resolve to trust God in a wide variety of circumstances that I see across our Ontario MB family. Our churches are keen to obey Jesus, rely on the Spirit, and live as true children of our Father not only for one another but also for their neighbours. It's a great joy to see!

Day by day, I work most closely with Ryan Jantzi and Kristi Lee. Both are phenomenally gifted teammates who bring tons of diligence, energy, creativity, and care to their roles. Our provincial church family is profoundly enriched by their contributions. This month Kristi is celebrating 10 years of serving alongside ONMB churches. Can you believe it? Through good times and bad, Kristi has chosen to dig deep to help ONMB thrive. She's an inspiring example to Ryan and me and our provincial family is so much stronger because of her resilient service!

In addition to our churches and provincial staff team, I'm deeply grateful for our ONMB board. This team brings lots of care, wisdom, and humility to their work. Repeatedly, I've seen ideas refined and improved through the board's work. And there's commitment to continually improve the board's leadership even though its already strong. It's exciting!

It's also important to note how partnership continues as a dynamic and fruitful component of our story. Later I will mention initiatives that demonstrate how profoundly the people, strengths, and values of Multiply are impacting us in positive ways. We're

also made better by the work of MB Seminary, especially their Teaching Church strategy. And there's no way to tell the ONMB story without mentioning Camp Crossroad's profound and lasting impact. Additionally, we're tremendously enriched by participating in our national and global family. When I consider how Cam Stuart is leading our NMT as CCMBC's National Director, how Ken Esau leads our NFLT and organized an outstanding EQUIP Conference in 2025, or how Jason Kreuger and his team tirelessly serve our churches and leaders with financial and administrative support, I'm deeply grateful. In November, having both Mark Wessner and Jason Krueger join Michelle Knowles, our provincial staff, and Multiply reps for our five regional meetings made the week more significant and fun. And of course, we'll be impacted this month as Brazilian leaders come to pray over our nation and pour into us. God is blessing us through partnership in profound ways. As we dig into this year's Move Together theme at both Leaders Day and our Acts 6:4 Assembly, I'm grateful that we're already on a life-giving journey of collaboration.

OUR VISION

We share a burden with our national MB family, “to cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries faithfully joining Jesus in his mission.” The rubber of this vision hits the road in our everyday lives. Living as disciples is transformative, making us attentive and submitted to King Jesus in all things. No person is excluded. No part of life is overlooked. Everything about who we are and how we live can become an expression of devotion: All of Us. Everyday. For King Jesus.



*Dan Chook Reid, Greg Reed, Derek Parenteau
pray together at the 2025 Prayer Summit*

Pray First

We know that the vision we’re pursuing can never be achieved apart from joyful, whole-hearted dependence on God. We need to be led by the Holy Spirit, we need boldness that comes from being with Jesus, and we need to stand firm as our Father’s children. Simply put, we need to pray. We need to cash in on the privilege of intimacy with God. We need to unburden ourselves of self-importance, self-defence, and self-reliance by bringing all of who we are and what we need into the throne room of God.

Prayer is, thankfully, a life-long journey. There’s always more to learn and experience. In 2025, our prayer journey in Ontario continued in numerous ways as leaders and churches started or strengthened efforts to form lives of prayer both individually and together. Our second annual ONMB Prayer Summit on September 30th was a terrific opportunity to worship, intercede, listen, and receive prayer. Glencairn Church in Kitchener hosted us and Connie Maier and Doris Falkenburger led in discerning how we’d spend our time. Ontario folks were also well represented in our CCMBC national week of prayer that included national gatherings online January 5 – 9.

For me, joining to pray in The King’s House with ONMB friends from Kitchener, Wellesley, together with locals from Parry Sound as René and Lisa Nyland and house leader Mack Moore prepared to launch this new sober discipleship house was another precious prayer experience this year.

Move Together

We can respond to this invitation in numerous ways. We already partner globally, nationally, and provincially. That's fantastic! Over time, engaging with one another as family even though we're often dispersed has an important impact, allowing God to shape and direct us through shared experiences with him and one another.



The fresh collaboration invitation is to discern opportunities God is giving us to collaborate within the six regions where he's established our churches. Moving west to east, we have churches in Essex, Central West, Niagara, Georgian Bay, Toronto, and Ottawa. In each region, we can pray together, listen to God and one another, and look out into our communities for the needs and opportunities where Jesus is calling us to join him. As leaders are identified whom God is calling to step out into new missional expressions, our churches can rally to support them.



[LISTEN HERE](https://www.onmb.org/onmb-podcast/)

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In a recent Jesus Stories podcast episode, Ryan interviewed René Nyland about how The King's House (TKH) was launched in late 2025 as a sober discipleship house for men in Parry Sound. This missional expression is isolated geographically from our ONMB family with Christian Fellowship Chapel, the nearest ONMB church, over an hour away. But The King's House started as a story of significant collaboration. ONMB has been able to help with oversight and financial services as TKH does not have charitable status yet. Members from at least 5 ONMB churches have joined others from both the US and Canada to form an intercession team. Importantly, Bayside Family Church (PAOC) in Parry Sound has wholeheartedly adopted the project and mobilized committed volunteers to come alongside this 24/7/365 ministry. Ryan has more to share in his report about how churches and leaders are moving together to launch other missional expressions.

Join in Globally

In April, seven Ontario MB leaders travelled to Brazil for a week of prayer and learning from Brazilian church and mission leaders. Rather than travelling to explore future partnership opportunities, we went to receive what God wanted to invest in us through our brothers and sisters. As we planned the trip, we emphasized repeatedly how we wanted to sit at the feet of leaders in Brazil. It really turned out that way! As Emerson Cardoso and Franz Wolf (who serve with Multiply) introduced us to church planting pastors as well as to staff and participants in their mission training school, we were challenged and encouraged by how God is stirring up bold faith and joy among His people. Observing Emerson befriend hotel staff and plan to start a Bible study with them in their restaurant the following week inspired us about what everyday mission can look like. Perhaps more than anything else, receiving attentive and generous hospitality in countless ways gave us a fresh understanding of love in God's Kingdom.

ONMB and Brazil Team gather together to worship in Brazil



And of course, the story doesn't end there. This month a team of 6 Brazilian leaders will be in Ontario for a week of intercession for Canada. They will participate both at Leaders' Day and our Acts 6:4 Assembly and will lead times of concerted intercession in Ottawa, Toronto, and Niagara. They also will explore opportunities for future collaborative missional endeavours in Canada.

As we move forward step by step in our journey with churches in Brazil, we're also excited to see the opportunities that are unfolding to connect with new Canadian churches in Ontario especially with brothers and sisters from Ethiopia and Africa's Great Lakes Region. Thinking of these diaspora churches, Doug Hiebert (Multiply) points to three major benefits of relationship: (1) New immigrant churches have so much to offer and we can encourage, assist, and coach so that brothers and sisters coming from other countries can express what God has gifted them to contribute here,

(2) We have so much to learn by being in relationship with brothers and sisters who have been formed by different cultures and experiences. We can learn so much about things like resilience, community, hospitality, faith, and prayer, and (3) We can help mobilize and participate in vision that new Canadians have for God's work in their homeland which can create bigger, more effective Kingdom impact globally.



Worship gathering at Antioch Mission School

Make Disciples

In addition to The King's House and the other missional expression stories that Ryan has included in his report, I want to highlight three that are teaching me about the power of simple, straight-forward efforts founded on prayer, faith, and boldness.

At the beginning of June, 50 people from a wide range of ages and backgrounds gathered in Toronto for the Antioch Mission School with Nasser al'Qhatani and Derek Parenteau. This shared initiative of ONMB and Multiply included extended times of worship, prayer, and Bible teaching. In addition, we were sent out twice in groups (ideally as small as 2 or 3) with simple instructions to pray for God's guidance and then: (1) Only go where God sends you, (2) Only approach people as God directs you, and (3) Only say what God gives you. I'd never tried something like this, and it was powerful to see how God worked. With most hardly knowing Toronto at all, little groups ended up all over the place and multiple people experienced God directing them into memorable, important conversations. Importantly for those like me who believed that Toronto (where I've lived my whole life) is spiritually cold and hostile, God arranged for numerous groups to connect with Christians from different parts of the world who shared about how they felt isolated in the city. Additionally, we were directed to speak with many who were warmly receptive to the gospel and to prayer.

Derek Parenteau at Antioch Mission School



For some time, Derek Parenteau and a small team of leaders in Sudbury have been gathering as Chains Will Fall. This missional expression is, at its core, a declaration of faith. The vision is to form a disciple-making church for men and women who have been released from Sudbury's jail. God is working powerfully in the jail as hundreds have responded enthusiastically to the gospel in recent years in that dark and often hopeless place. For many, the riskiest discipleship challenge comes after they're released. Too often, addictions and toxic relationships is their true prison. But in Jesus' name, chains will fall! Jesus sets prisoners free! Chains Will Fall is a simple church that relies entirely on prayer, faith, and bold obedience while focusing on a specific, neglected Kingdom assignment to walk with folks who are maligned and marginalized.

A third similar story comes from Brock University. Back in September, Maddy Hiebert shared some of the story with me. She recounted how, as some friends began attending Brock as undergraduates a couple years ago, God gave them an awareness of his mission at the school and his desire to make himself known to students there. The Lord encouraged them with the truth of the authority that He has given them for prayer and bold witness, and they embraced the truth that they didn't have to wait until they were older. They were released to walk in freedom at school, introducing people to Jesus, making disciples, and baptizing people of all nations. With support from Multiply and Cornerstone Community Church where many of the students are members, this new missional expression is extending Kingdom life in a dynamic new way.

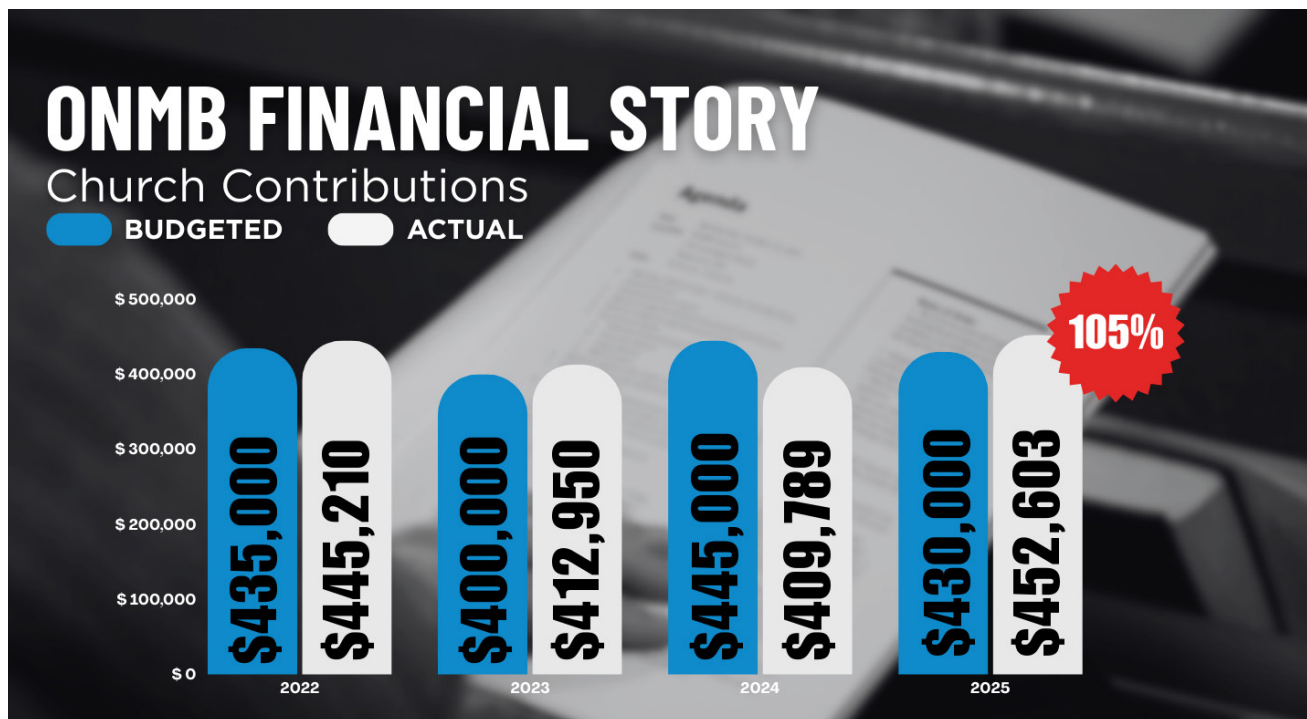


Maddy Hiebert leading worship at Antioch Mission School

A FINAL NOTE

In addition to enjoying our week of ONMB Regionals in November, I had the privilege this year of visiting one by one with most of our church leadership teams. Ryan was able to join me for most of those visits. I learned some things along the way. While I felt strongly about things I wanted to share, looking back I wish I'd made more time to listen. I'll do better at that next time! Still, I'm grateful that so many made time to gather to hear why we're so excited about how we're seeing God move in fresh ways in Ontario.

In those meetings, I was clear that our faith is being stretched as we're facing new opportunities even as our provincial budget is tight. I shared that as we set a deficit budget for 2025, we prayed that God would close the gap. And he did! Hallelujah! Exceeding our budgeted income is important. And not primarily because there are bills to pay. More significantly, giving is one way for us to put our faith in action as we sacrifice to support the direction we're going in response to God's call.



I'm so thankful for how so many churches and individuals gave generously in 2025. While there's more work to do before we'll experience the full potential of the financial model that our board introduced in 2020, I'm celebrating each step leaders take to ensure their churches participate! This year, we're also introducing the opportunity to join ONMB as a monthly donor. We're praying that God will stir many of us to participate in this new opportunity for collaboration.

MINISTRY DIRECTORS REPORT

Ryan Jantzi, Ministry Director

Following the crisis and return to stability throughout 2022-2024, it appears that in 2025 God opened the door wide for ONMB growth and development. I believe this is a blessing and responsibility from God in direct response to the path of faithfulness and hope that we forged in these recent years. In his 2024 report, Trevor Seath wrote,

“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.”



As I see the opportunities God is placing on our doorstep, this urgent plea feels even more striking a year later. May the Good News of Jesus go forward!

As Trevor and I worked at how our roles integrate throughout 2025, we've continued to identify that he engages primarily with our churches and ministries on a strategy and implementation level, while I engage primarily on a relational level. Of course, there is significant overlap and it's not always clear, but there is great strength in the unique partnership God has led us into. Being a part of a staff team with Kristi and Trevor is an honour and a lot of fun!

Faith & Life

See the Provincial Faith and Life Team report for a summary of activities, including reports on four new Associate Churches and one new member church to be affirmed by the ONMB membership.

Supporting Churches

Offering coaching via Facilitated Conversations to churches seeking God's direction for future mission, vision, values and strategy has been an area of joy for me in 2025. I've had the pleasure of leading both St. Ann's Community Church (in pastoral transition) and Christian Fellowship Chapel (with solid leadership under Pastor Michael Thompson) in this way. I facilitate four congregational conversations where we discuss and pray into who the church has been, who they are now and where God is leading them in the future. At the close, Trevor and I provide a set of recommendations for the church going forward. It's been exciting to see what the Holy Spirit reveals in these times.

Missional Expressions

We continue to explore and develop expressions of new disciple-making, church planting and revitalizations, with much prayer, coaching and discernment. Trevor Seath and I now share this area more fully. Thus, he highlights several Missional Expressions in his report while I point to others in mine.

Stratford Church Plant – Following years of decline, Elgin Missionary Church in Stratford sensed God calling them to close and partner with ONMB and Maple View Mennonite Church to start a new church in that location, launching in fall 2026. We are proceeding with the blessing of the previous denomination, The Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada. Rick Bruinsma will continue as the planting pastor. He and the new church will receive coaching and support via ONMB as they intend to join as an Associate Church in the coming year. Maple View has been invited to send people to this adjacent community to help start the new church.

Power Serve - This disciple-making initiative in the trucking industry, led by Darren Milley has transferred under the umbrella of Transport for Christ. This is an exciting development as they are better situated to resource and network Power Serve within the industry. We're grateful for the opportunity to help this ministry get up and running in the early years. Darren also now serves as a part-time pastor with a Baptist church in Kingston and has thus also transitioned out of our MB community of leaders.

Southeast City Church – as this church is recommended to become a full member church with ONMB, they officially leave 'Missional Expression' status. Praise God for the growth and fruitfulness of this church, planted via partnership between C2C Collective and ONMB.

New Opportunities - We are journeying with one person intentionally discerning a call to church planting in their region. Additionally, an ONMB church has committed with their members to begin intentional discernment of planting a new church in their region. In 2026 I am hosting a Church Planting Exploration Tour to Ottawa, for aspiring planters to meet and learn from 6 church planters within or friends of ONMB. Do you know anyone who might be a good fit for this?

Leadership Development

Ministry Toolbox is a new offering developed in 2025, offering 2-3 online opportunities to develop practical ministry skills per year. We ran the following online cohorts: Online Prayer Training (Winter); Art of Preaching Course (Spring); Board Governance (Fall/Winter). A cohort of pastors and lay people then meet via zoom to discuss teaching content and pray together. Our Spring 2026 offering will be Eldership & The Mission of God. We love having lay leaders join and are open to content suggestions.

Teaching Church is a model that MB Seminary has developed to provide seminary training for students and workshop training for anyone, in person. We're grateful that they've shifted their model to invest directly in us here 'on the ground' in Ontario. Three courses have been completed with 'Missional Discipleship' and 'MB Convictions - Engaging in Community' in 2025. For this offering to be sustainable long-term, we need our churches to increase engagement, participating in the development, rather than waiting until it is convenient. Does your church have people who would be interested in seminary studies, or participating in these workshops? Please encourage and point them in this direction! Our next offering is 'Caring as God's People' with Dr. Gloria Woodland, April 24-25 at WMB.



Camp Crossroads – In 2025 I served as a teacher for Family Snow Camp, The Crossroads Discipleship Program, and Summer Family Camp. The ministry of our camp among ONMB is a significant asset. I'm consistently impressed with the quality of staff who are filled with the Holy Spirit, modelling this to our kids and youth. I highly recommend that you discern how your church might step more fully into the discipleship opportunities for kids and youth at Camp Crossroads.

There are many other initiatives I've had the blessing to participate with, which you will have read in Trevor's Executive Director report. Perhaps my greatest joy as a Ministry Director with ONMB is the opportunity to connect, encouraging, resourcing, networking and praying with so many great leaders. God has blessed ONMB with many top-notch pastors, staff and lay leaders who love God, love others and serve sacrificially to lead people to Jesus. Praise God for this!

In conclusion, I repeat the appeal at the onset of this report. ONMB is richly blessed by God. I see that clearly. He's given us great people, great churches, great faith, great resources and most of all the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. Why are we blessed? To participate in God's mission of blessing all people through the redeeming work of Jesus. Will we devote this family of churches to the sacrifice and unity for mission that God is inviting us toward? He is opening the door. In 2026, may we join hands to step through with his guidance.

Submitted with love and hope,
Ryan Jantzi,
ONMB Ministry Director

2025 ONMB CONFERENCE WEEK

Celebrations and Highlights from February 20-22, 2025

WMB Church, Waterloo and Kitchener

Seniors Luncheon

On February 20, seniors from all over Ontario gathered at WMB Church's Kitchener site to participate in worship, learning, fellowship, and lunch together. Ken Esau, National Faith and Life Director, spoke on the topic of being a people of peace contending in prayer.

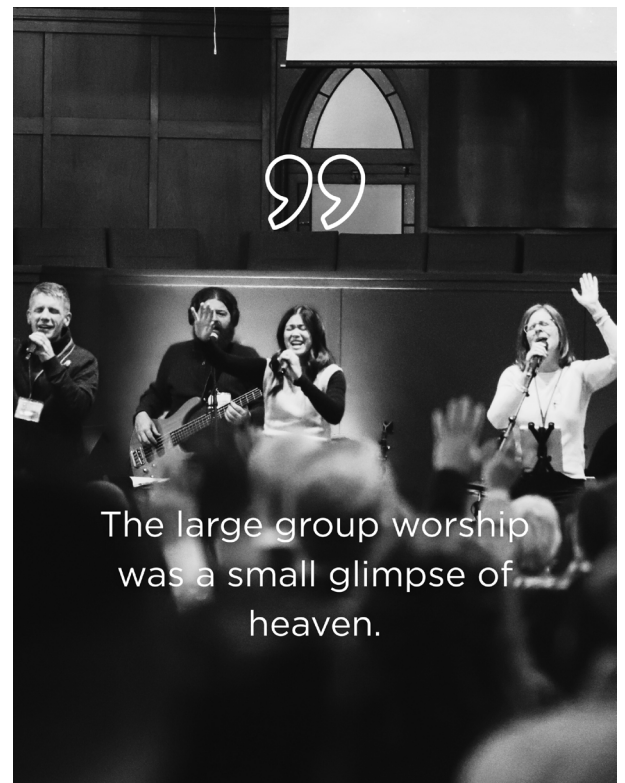
Leaders Day

On February 21, 96 pastors and leaders gathered at WMB Church's Waterloo site. The theme of the day was Rest for your soul: living and leading freely and lightly. CCMBC National Director Cam Stuart taught on the four soul dynamics in response to Jesus' invitation in Matthew 11:28-30: trust, surrender, enjoyment, and rest. He shared that the foundation of a healthy ministry is not gifting, strength of personality, or leadership skill — but a soul that abides, rests, and knows God.

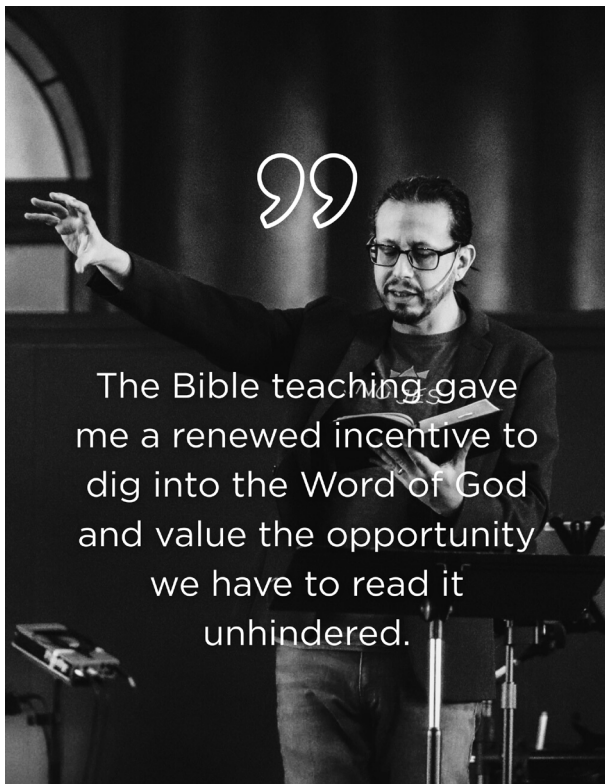


Acts 6:4 Assembly

On February 21-22, 160 attendees came together from across Ontario to WMB Church's Kitchener site. It was a rich and refreshing time together leaning into the New Testament call to “devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.”



ONMB was blessed to have Nasser al'Qahtani from Multiply speak throughout the weekend, guiding attendees through captivating reflections on Scripture. Nasser was born in Saudi Arabia in a devout Muslim family and was passionately committed to Islam until he met Jesus as a young adult. Today he's based in the US and serves as Multiply's team leader for the Middle East and North Africa.



The Bible teaching gave me a renewed incentive to dig into the Word of God and value the opportunity we have to read it unhindered.

One attendee gave this feedback:

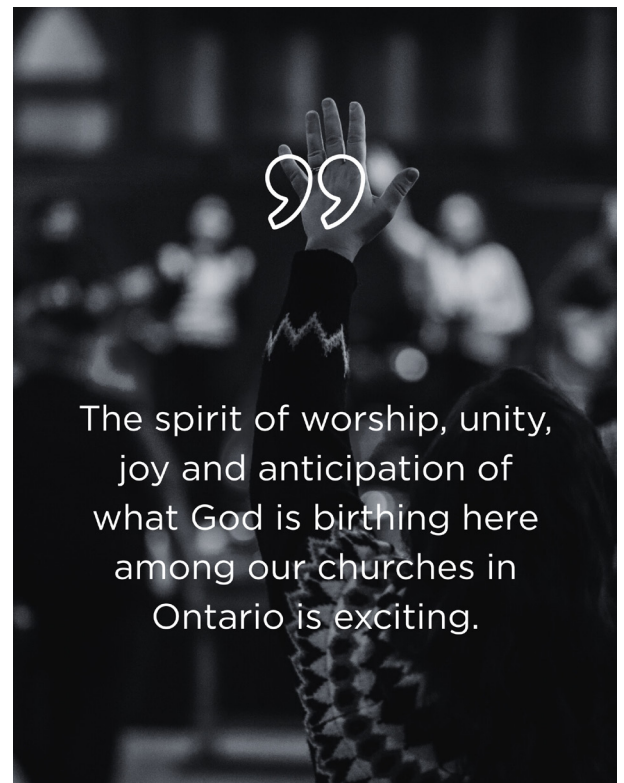
“Nasser’s teaching was refreshing and illuminating and his passion for the Bible and excitement ... was contagious. Knowing his background and testimony made the whole experience more powerful. I loved hearing from a Middle Eastern Christian with a Muslim heritage, coupled with being in a church that was started over 100 years ago by Russian and German Mennonites fleeing persecution.”

Rather than having a focus on report-sharing and decision-making as in years past, the emphasis of the weekend was on heartfelt worship, focused prayer, and deep teaching. In breakout sessions we gathered in smaller groups to pray and intercede for one another, ONMB, our national family, and for the world.

We celebrated 100 years of God’s faithfulness, as May 2025 marked the one hundredth anniversary for our host church KMB, now the WMB Church Kitchener site, which was also the beginning of the MB church in Ontario.

Testimonies were shared by Cornerstone Community Church, Behta Darya Community Church, Christ Like Church and Rugged Tree/Chains will Fall ministries. Ryan and Trevor highlighted new disciple making initiatives across ONMB while Cam Stuart shared a brief update from our National Ministry Team.

Another attendee said this: “The spirit of worship, unity, joy, and anticipation of what God is birthing here among our churches in Ontario is exciting. The leaning into prayer and the Word as our priorities ... felt like a needed corrective, and separating the business out to a different evening was a healthy change.”



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ONMB 2025 AGM

On February 27 from 7-9 p.m. (EST), ONMB held its online AGM via Zoom. 86 attendees heard reports from our staff and board chair and participated in two blocks of breakout sessions. Attendees hear reports from provincial committees, including the provincial faith and life team. Delegates voted on regular business motions, board member and nomination committee elections and the 2025 budget. A full report and list of motions is available in the record of minutes on page 22.

2025 ACTS 6:4 ASSEMBLY

Bible Teachings from Nasser al'Qahtani

Over three messages, Nasser unpacked the idea that Luke organized the themes of his gospel and Acts to intentionally and artistically testify to Jesus as the fulfillment of God's ancient promises.

To start off, Nasser took us all the way back to the creation story in Genesis 1 & 2. He noted how everything starts out formless, void, lifeless, and chaotic. God speaks and creates, bringing order to chaos in the first three days of creation and then life into the emptiness over days four, five, and six. Nasser asked, "How many days does God take to take something empty and lifeless and fill it with life? Three!" encouraging us to see a resurrection pattern on the first page of the Bible. He also noted how the seventh day, which God blessed and called holy (Genesis 2:1) is unlike any other since it has no morning or evening. It becomes a day that never ends, intended for restful fellowship between God and humanity.

The theme of God's order being filled with life is, as Nasser showed us, repeated in Exodus when the tabernacle is made. In Genesis, God created a space for humanity and invited them to fill that space (Genesis 1:28). In Exodus, people create a space according to God's plan and God fills it (Exodus 40:34 & 35). It's noteworthy that the tabernacle is all about animal sacrifices, which Nasser pointed out presumes feasting. God's plan remains as it was in Genesis 2 - a Sabbath rest for intimate fellowship with his people.

Nasser then showed us how Luke works with creation themes of chaos, order, and fellowship in Luke 5 where he tells the story of Levi's (or Matthew's) call into discipleship (Luke 5:27 - 39) and Jesus' teaching on the Sabbath that follows in Luke 6. Just like in Genesis 1, the story starts in chaos. Levi's name points to the priesthood but his life is in chaos. Rather than ministering to people, he's exploiting them as a tax collector for a foreign kingdom. But King Jesus speaks a life giving, new creation word: "Follow me" and things instantly change. There's a new order in Levi's life that makes room for intimate fellowship as a "large crowd of tax collectors and others" are welcomed to feast at Levi's table with Jesus. Levi is now living up to his name, which means, "joined in harmony" as he connects his friends to their Saviour. The same God from Genesis and Exodus is now incarnate. The tabernacle filled with God's presence is now a man.



2025 ACTS 6:4 ASSEMBLY

Bible Teachings from Nasser al'Qahtani

Going further, Nasser suggested that Luke's story about Levi not only echoes creation themes, but also harmonizes with Isaiah 24 & 25 where the prophet says, "the LORD is stripping the earth bare and making it desolate" (Isaiah 24:1) such that, "the earth is completely devastated" (24:19). Following this chaos, God promises he will, "prepare for all the peoples a feast of choice meat" (25:6) and, "will swallow up the burial shroud." (25:7). Isaiah prophesies that, "When he has swallowed up death once and for all, the LORD GOD will wipe away the tears from every face and remove his people's disgrace from the whole earth." Nasser showed how the Genesis pattern of chaos, new creation, and fellowship with God is echoing in Isaiah just as it does in Luke's gospel.

Moving into Luke 6 in his final talk, Nasser addressed how Jesus changes our understanding of Sabbath. Jesus heals a man's hand in the synagogue on the

Sabbath while scribes and Pharisees look on carefully, anxious to find a charge against him (Luke 6:7). Genesis 2:2 speaks of a seventh day without morning or evening where God rested from all his work. But in this broken world, a work of healing is needed. The Sabbath isn't about blindly following a tradition. It's to enjoy fellowship, be with God, and eat with him. And bringing healing to a broken man by God's own power fits perfectly. In Acts, Jesus sends the Holy Spirit to fill his body, the Church. Soon, though, there is tension. In Acts 6, not everyone is included equally in the benefits of the fellowship. But the apostles wisely do not allow intimacy with God to suffer even as they respond to the need (Acts 6:4). Further, those who are chosen to meet a practical need are clearly just as concerned about walking intimately with God. Stephen and then Philip (who

are chosen in Acts 6:5) turn out to be men of exceptional intimacy and obedience in their walk with God. This new living temple is a people who offer all they can (Acts 4:32) to create a place of fellowship where the needy are served (6:1-3) as God meets intimately with his people (6:4, 6:15, 7:55 & 56), directing them as his witnesses (8:29) in a world both hostile (7:57 & 58) and open (8:36 - 38). May we follow in their footsteps!



2025 AGM MINUTES - Draft

Meghan Plett, Board Secretary

ONTARIO CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

94th Annual Convention (Online AGM)

Hosted: on zoom

Thursday, February 27, 2025

Attendance:

18 of our 22 Member Churches

2 of our 4 Associate Member Churches

67 Convention Members & Voting Representatives (Delegates)

11 Guests registered in attendance

(In total = 78 present)

Zoom 7:00-9:00

Welcome:

Doug – provided instructions regarding naming yourself on Zoom, participating in discussion, and the voting process.

Quorum achieved

Call to Order

MOTION C25-1 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that Brent Kipfer (MVM), Tracy Lepp (South Point Community Church), AND Ed Korschewitz (Grace MB) be approved as parliamentarians AND THAT Christine Hiebert (Cornerstone) and Renee Serez (WMB Church) be approved as ballot counters.

MOTION C25-2 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that the agenda be accepted as presented.

MOTION C25-3 MOVED, SECONDED and CARRIED that we receive the committee and board reports as distributed electronically in advance in the Convention Book.

MOTION C25-4 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the minutes from Convention 2024, as presented electronically in the Convention Book, be approved.

Board Chair Report:

Found on pages 6-7 of the Convention Booklet.

Thank you to Jeff MacLeod and Richard Martens for their service on the Board.

Thank you to the Board, Committees, and Staff

Executive Director Report:

Trevor is so encouraged by the evidence of God at work across our province. It's also such a joy to work with Kris; Lee and Ryan Jantzi.

We felt an invitation from God to depend on Jesus' strength, not our own (based on John 21), and the core expression of that posture is prayer. We knew God was calling us to pray first and felt God calling us be people devoted to prayer and the ministry of the Word. Nasser's passion for Scripture would help lead us deeper into Scripture at our Acts 6:4 Assembly, and we were led in prayer in different prayer room experiences as well.

4 points - pray first (prayer rooms), move together (joy present in that room and shared among us, churches collaborating in our 6 regions), join in globally (Nasser al'Qahtani), make disciples (baptism testimonies, René Nyland's stories of salvation, Vishal and Rafiqua from Behta Darya)

2025 AGM MINUTES - Draft

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Ministry Director Report:

Ryan loves hearing from National staff who are so encouraged when they interact with our Ontario pastors and leaders. We're so blessed to have such great leaders in Ontario.

It's been a joy to serve under Trevor's leadership.

If you haven't, please read over the Missional Expressions report. Excited to see Bytown Community Church and Southeast City Church growing. Lots of missional expressions are happening including: Transport for Christ with Power-Serve, a multicultural church plant in the Waterloo region, Kyla Sinclair-Peters in Parkdale, Derek, René and Lisa, and The Jesus Network.

Breakout Rooms:

1. NFLT, CCMBC Legacy, National Report
2. Multiply, Camp Crossroads, MB Seminary
3. Organizational Health, ONMB Finance, PFLT

Business Session:

Doug welcomed everyone back

ONMB Nominating Committee Report:

Terry Shuh - very encouraging year as we discerned 3 new members who offer gifts we believe will complement the Board. We believe diversity of representation across our province strengthens our church family.

MOTION C25-5 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the Board of Directors for the period commencing from Convention 2025 until Convention 2026 be made up of twelve (12) members.

MOTION C25-6 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that Michelle Knowles be acclaimed as Chair.

MOTION C25-7 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that Doug Valerio be acclaimed as Vice-Chair for a one-year term.

MOTION C25-8 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the following individuals be elected to the ONMB Board as members-at-large: Anita Boles, Brent Easey, Sanjay Kasukurthy, Karen West.

MOTION C25-9 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that all candidates (Jordan Duerrstein, Jeff Jantzi, Terry Shuh, Tabitha VandenEnden) for the Nominating Committee 2025 be acclaimed.

ONMB Financial Report:

Anita - see written report

MOTION C25-10 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the financial statements from the review engagement for 2024 be accepted.

MOTION C25-11 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the ONMB membership approve the use of a review engagement instead of an audit for 2025.

MOTION C25-12 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that Bridgman and Durksen be appointed to perform the review engagement for 2025.

MOTION C25-13 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the operating budget for 2025 be approved as presented.

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PFLT Report:

Ryan - page 45 in convention booklet tells the story of Grace MB Church and Radiant City Church amalgamating into Belmont Village Church. We're not currently voting for them to become a member church with ONMB, but rather to welcome them into an exploratory phase where we'll discern together if this would be a long-term fit. We want to honour Michelle Knowles and Brent Kipfer for doing a great job of walking through this process with these churches.

Gord Brock, Belmont Village Church - appreciates the mission and vision of ONMB. Looking forward to engaging in this discernment process with a special focus group this year.

Peter Durksen, Grace MB Church - Grace MB has still not been closed due to the slow workings of the government, but the merger should hopefully come to pass in the first half of this year.

MOTION C25-14 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED 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.

Brent Kipfer - the Valleyview Board has been working to get their governing documents updated so that they can finish the bless and release process with ONMB.

MOTION C25-15 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED 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.

Prayers of Anticipation & Gratitude:

Trevor - grateful for Acts 6:4 weekend

Doug - thank you to all our staff, Board, ministry partners, delegates, and guests.

MOTION C25-16 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the ballots be destroyed upon the approval of the minutes by the Board Secretary.

Ryan Jantzi closed in prayer.

MOTION C25-17 MOVED, SECONDED, and CARRIED that the Ontario Mennonite Brethren AGM 2025 be adjourned.

Meeting closed at 9:01pm



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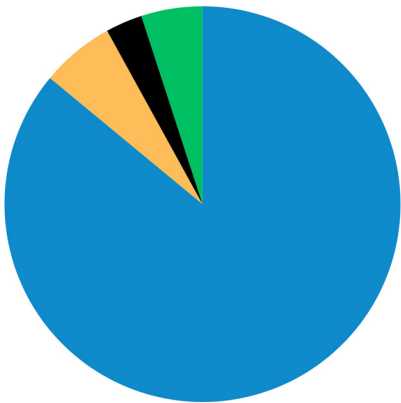
2025 ONMB FINANCIAL REPORT

Anita Boles, Board Treasurer

Looking back...

As I write this report, I recall how the ONMB Board laboured over preparing the 2025 budget last January. Without raising the expected revenue and decreasing expenses more than what was realistic, we could not balance the budget. We went into a time of dedicated prayer over this. We released our fears to the Lord and chose to bring the deficit budget to the membership. During our ONMB Finance Prayer Room at the Acts 6:4 Assembly, someone suggested that the amount of the deficit represented is what we needed to trust God for; what we couldn't do on our own. It's a pretty simple concept, isn't it? Yet it's often difficult to do. Our churches took this step of faith! And God met our need! Through many of our churches and some individuals,

God provided either an increase in giving, or a one-time gift and we ended 2025 in the black. Thank you to all the churches and individuals who responded in whatever ways God was leading.

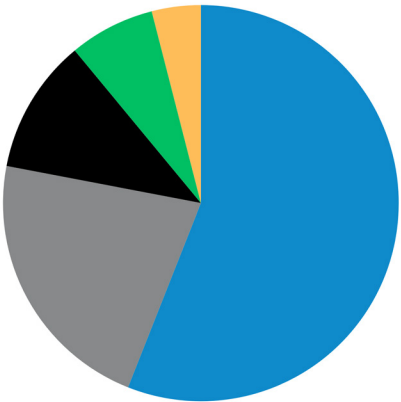


2025 Revenue

- 86% CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS
- 6% INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
- 3% CONVENTION DELEGATES
- 5% MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

The bottom line...

The 2025 ONMB Budget was approved as a deficit budget of \$32K which included a 5% increase (over 2024 actual results) in church contributions. We finished 2025 with a small surplus in operations. Church contributions came in 5% higher than budgeted and an overall revenue increase of 10% over the budget and 13% over the previous year. Operating expenses were equal to our budgeted estimates. Still, expenses increased by 6% over the previous year, which was anticipated (and budgeted) because of increases to fixed costs.



2025 Expenses

- 56% SALARIES & BENEFITS
- 22% CCMBC-ONE STREAM FUNDING
- 11% OPERATING EXPENSES
- 7% LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- 4% MISSIONAL EXPRESSIONS

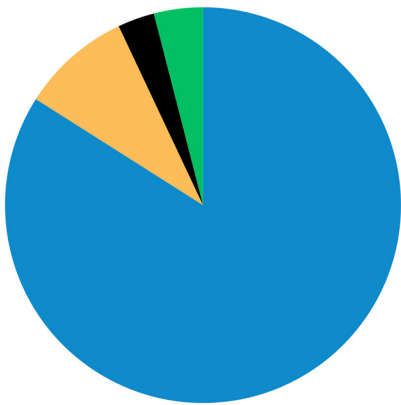
2026 ONMB PROPOSED BUDGET

Anita Boles, Board Treasurer

Looking forward...

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, and the many visits by staff to pastors and church boards, seem to be initiatives that are well received. We continue to invite churches to examine their giving and move towards the requested 5% (if not already there) for One Stream funding. For 2026, we have not increased budgeted revenue from church contributions over last year's giving, but have increased individual budgeted giving.

We invite your financial and prayer support, so that we can continue to enhance our impact and invest resources into the opportunities and needs of our churches. Our mission is to cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in His mission.

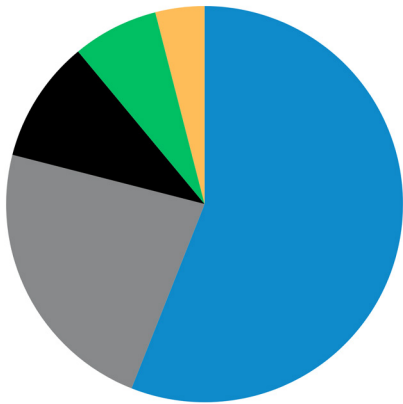


2026 Revenue

- 84% CHURCH CONTRIBUTIONS
- 9% INDIVIDUAL CONTRIBUTIONS
- 3% CONVENTION DELEGATES
- 4% MISCELLANEOUS INCOME

The bottom line...

- 56% SALARIES & BENEFITS
- 23% CCMBC-ONE STREAM FUNDING
- 10% OPERATING EXPENSES
- 7% LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT
- 4% MISSIONAL EXPRESSIONS



2026 Expenses

The proposed 2026 ONMB Budget is being presented as a balanced budget with a small surplus. In operations, we have not budgeted for an increase in revenue from church contributions (over 2025 actuals), but have budgeted a 65% increase in individual contributions. Budgeted expenses are 4% higher than 2025 actuals, reflecting increases in fixed costs and cost of living. For the 2026 year, we have increased our commitment to CCMBC to 27% of church contributions. We remain committed to our national partnership of 30- 33% under One Stream funding, as we invite churches to live into this as well.

2026 ONMB PROPOSED BUDGET

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	<i>Proposed</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Actual</i>	<i>Budget</i>
INCOME	2026	2025	2025	2024	2024
Church Giving	450,000	452,603	430,000	409,789	445,000
Individual Giving	50,000	30,045	25,000	16,145	20,000
Missional Expressions	-	2,236		-	
Convention Delegate Fees	15,000	13,570	15,000	16,285	14,000
Leaders Collective Fees	-	-		-	
Retreats - Pastoral & Youth	12,000	-	-	12,937	10,000
Training Income	-	1,275			
Misc. Income/PCO	5,000	21,532	1,000		1,000
Investment Income	4,000	4,166	6,000	7,587	5,000
Total Income	536,000	525,426	477,000	462,743	495,000
EXPENSES	2026	2025	2025	2024	2024
Missional Expressions					
New Initiatives	20,000	19,230	20,000	14,658	15,000
Resourcing & Coaching Leaders	2,000	770	-	5,342	5,000
Total Regional Church Planting	22,000	20,000	20,000	33,958	20,000
CCMBC Collaboration Support					
One-Stream Funding	125,000	115,000	115,000	100,000	100,000
Support of Other Ministries					
Camp Crossroads	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
Total Other Ministries	5,000	5,000	5,000	10,000	10,000
Board of Directors					
Faith & Life Committee	2,000	87	2,500	2,680	2,000
Missional Expressions Team	-	171	500		500
Board Meetings / Travel	6,000	5,802	10,000	9,365	10,000
Total Board of Directors	8,000	6,061	13,000	12,045	12,500
Development					
Church Engagement	20,000	16,264	20,000	17,987	22,000
Leaders Collective	-	-	-		-
PCO	-	-	500	342	
Pastor's Retreat(s)	10,000	-	-	8,929	10,000
Regional Meetings	1,500	3,740	2,000	1,879	1,500
Training Events		533			
Special Events	2,000	12,934	1,000	1,001	2,000
Total Development	33,500	33,470	23,500	12,152	35,500
Operating Expenses & Wages					
Advertising	1000	1060	1000	1,058	500
Contract Support	-	-	-		
Bank Fees	1,400	1,377	1,300	1,249	1,000
Office	1,200	1,232	1,500	1,646	1,500
Conferences	1,500	6,116		610	
Conference Insurance	4,000	3,742	4,000	3,494	4,000
Convention & Yearbook	6,000	5,721	12,000	7,963	14,000
Bookkeeping	5,000	4,480	5,500	4,833	4,000
Office Fees & Dues	4,300	4,212	2,000	1,022	1,000
Office Rental Fees	3,600	3,600	3,600	3,000	3,000
Professional Fees	5,000	4,500	5,000	2,714	5,000
- Consultant Fees			500	600	5,000
Professional Development	2,000	1,581	2,000	981	3,000
Technology	2,000	161	2,000	2,117	3,000
Special Project Expense	3,000	4,020	3,000		
Salaries	300,613	291,211	288,690	263,718	270,562
Staffing Expenses		-	-	17,987	-
Other Expenses	500	1,594	500	271	500
Emergency Fund Expense	-	1,771	-	-	
Total Operating & Wages	341,113	336,377	332,590	337,739	316,062
Payroll Expenses	-	-	-	-	-
Severance Liabilities					
Total Expense	534,613	515,908	509,090	483,960	494,062
Net Income / Deficit	1,387	9,518	(32,090)	(21,217)	938
Capital Cost Allowance					

2025 AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

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NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

Terry Shuh, Committee Chair

The members of the Nominating Committee for 2025/2026 were Jordan Duerrstein, Tabitha VandenEnden and Terry Shuh. (Jeff Jantzi was on medical leave from his ministry roles.) 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 November 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. Due to terms ending and a resignation, we had the potential of four (4) openings for a full complement of twelve (12) members, as per GOB Article 8.1.

We believe a healthy board includes a variety of members from our various congregations reflecting the breadth of diversity among us. This includes candidates who have long experience within and understanding of our MB family history and theological distinctiveness. It is not always easy to find such a balance. We hope that in the coming years our family of churches will continue to prayerfully recommend board candidates who will strengthen the leadership of our Ontario conference as we hold in tension the need for change and continuity.

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 and we recommend two (2) candidates. You will find their names and personal profiles at the end of this report, along with members 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 Brent Kipfer, Andrew Plett and Doug Valerio for their leadership and their dedication of time serving our conference. We also want to sincerely thank Tabitha VandenEnden for her faithful service on the Nominating Committee for a number of years. She brought leadership, wisdom and discernment to the work of this committee.

As we look forward, we ask for your prayers to cover our Board of Directors in their work and also to be prayerfully considering candidates from your churches who could serve on the Board of Directors in 2027.

Respectfully submitted,
Terry Shuh
Nominating Committee Chair

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (1) That the Board of Directors for the period commencing from AGM 2026 until AGM 2027 be made up of twelve (10) members.
- (2) The following new candidates be elected to the ONMB board as members-at-large:
 - Derek Klumpenhauer
 - Allen Kleine Deters
 - Meghan Plett
 - Noah Grossman
 - Jeff Martens
 - Tanya Janssen
- (3) That all candidates for the Nominating Committee 2026 be acclaimed.

2026 ONMB BOARD OF DIRECTORS & NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

Subject to approval for all candidates standing for election, the ONMB Board of Directors and Nominating Committee will be comprised as follows:

Executive Board:

Chair: Michelle Knowles
Vice-Chair: TBD
Treasurer: Anita Boles
Secretary: Meghan Plett

Members-at-large:

- (1) Noah Grossman
- (2) Jeff Martens
- (3) Tanya Janssen
- (4) Sanjay Kasukurthy
- (5) Karen West
- (6) Derek Klumpenhauer
- (7) Allen Kleine Deters

New Candidates for Board of Directors 2026:

- (1) Allen Kleine Deters
- (2) Derek Klumpenhauer

Board Members for Re-Election 2026:

- (1) Meghan Plett
- (2) Noah Grossman
- (3) Jeff Martens
- (4) Tanya Janssen

2026 Slate of Candidates for the Nominating Committee:

- (1) Jordan Duerrstein
- (2) Jeff Jantzi
- (3) Terry Shuh

NEW CANDIDATES FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS

2026 Nominee Profiles



Derek Klumpenhauer

- Role: Family Ministries Pastor, (WMB Church)
- Church Experience: Family Ministries Pastor 1 1/2 Years, Pastor of Families & Connections 1 year, Kids Pastor 1 1/2 years. EMCC Pulpit Supply (1 year). Youth & Young Adults Pastoral Intern at Westside Gathering (1 Year)
- Other Experience: Family Dairy Farm, Merchandise at Coca-Cola Canada, Marketing & Events at Ontario Holsteins
- Education: BA in Christian Ministry (minor in Theology) from Briercrest College
- Spiritual Gifts: Shepherding, Teaching, Giving, Mercy/Hospitality



Allen Kleine-Deters

- Role: Pastor of Congregational Life (Northend Church)
- Church Experience: Youth/Worship Pastor 16yrs, Church Planter 12yrs (2 churches), Adult Ministries Pastor 3yrs (while in seminary), Lead Pastor 5yrs (in an established church), Congregational Life Pastor 4yrs (current)
- Other Experience: Web Development, Musician, Audio/Video Production and Voice Over, Podcast Host, Marketing, Professional Cook (Food Handlers)
- Education: MDiv, Calvin Theological Seminary, BRE, Reformed Bible College, Certified with Healing Care Canada in Formational Prayer/Spiritual Direction.
- Spiritual Gifts: Apostleship, Teaching, Evangelism



BOARD MEMBERS FOR RE-ELECTION

2026 Nominee Profiles



Meghan Plett

- Role; Since 2010-Spiritual Life Associate – Eden High School Spiritual Life Centre
- Church Experience: Life group leader, retreat leader, mentor, mission trip leader, chapel speaker
- Education: B.Sc. in Secondary English Education, M.A. in Counselling
- Other Experience: Community Education Director at the Calgary Pregnancy Care Centre, Jr LIT program at Camp Crossroads, Bible Quizzing
- Spiritual Gifts: Encouragement, Leadership, Discernment, Compassion



Noah Grossman

- Role: Active member of The Gathering Ottawa
- Church Experience: Board Chair at The Gathering Ottawa, Home Church Leader, Youth Leader
- Education: BA History University of Ottawa
- Other Experience: IFIC from Mutual Fund Dealer Association (MFDA) LLQP from Financial Services Commission of Ontario (FSCO)
- Spiritual Gifts: Discerning of Spirits, Shepherd, Teaching



Jeff Martens

- Role: Pastor, Outreach & Operations, Cornerstone Community Church
- Church Experience: Has served as a Pastor at Cornerstone since 2010, Part of the Lead Pastoral Team since 2019, experience in leading Children and Youth Ministries, Outreach Ministries, and Executive Leadership
- Other Experience/Work: Ministry leadership at Camp Crossroads, extended experience in global ministry, 4 years on ONMB Nominating Committee
- Educational Background: Capernwray Harbour Bible School, Tyndale University
- Spiritual Gifts: Administration, Teaching, Discernment, Encouragement



Tanya Janssen

- Role: Member at Kingsfield Zurich Mennonite Church
- Current Church Roles: Missions Committee, Prayer Ministry Team member, Sunday School Director, and Kids Connect teacher at Kingsfield Zurich Mennonite Church
- Church Experience: Finance Chairperson, Church Council member, Pastoral Search committee member, Girl's Club leader
- Education: Discipleship Training School with YWAM
- Other Experience: Bookkeeping, Office manager, Business owner, Respite foster care
- Spiritual Gifts: Leadership, Teaching, Giving

CANDIDATES FOR NOMINATING COMMITTEE

2026 Nominee Profiles



Terry Shuh

- Role: 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

- Role; 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

- Role: Associate Pastor — Scott Street MB Church
- 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

PROVINCIAL FAITH AND LIFE TEAM REPORT

Ryan Jantzi, ONMB Ministry Director



The ONMB Provincial Faith and Life Team has continued its diligent work of overseeing the theology, ethics and ministry practice across our family of churches. We believe the shared understandings of our MB Confession of Faith are a treasure. We find joy in using it as a tool to guide and strengthen the witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ across ONMB. Healthy leaders and church cultures are our passion and we're consistently encouraged with what we see across ONMB. Praise God!

The PFLT met on six occasions through 2025, with 2 of those being abbreviated online meetings. Team members consisted of Dave Fowler (Chaplain), Ryan Jantzi (ONMB Staff), Kristi Lee (ONMB Staff), Richard Martens (Cornerstone), Andrew Plett (Mountain Park), Renée Serez (WMB) and Matt Unruh (Cornerstone). Dave Fowler concluded his time with the PFLT following 10 years of service, now easing into semi-retirement. Dave was the pastor with Life Point Church in Ottawa and serves as a military chaplain. We're grateful for Dave's many years of service and will miss his energy, warm heart and wise perspective. The team is happy to report that Andrew Plett will remain with the PFLT, even as his time serving as the Board of Directors representative concludes. We continue to search for one additional team member and await the appointment of a new Board rep.

Credentialing

In 2025, the PFLT extended ministry credentialing to the following:

- Susan Friesen, Pastor of Spiritual Formation (Meadow Brook Church)
- Matt Harman, Lead Pastor (Meadow Brook Church)
- Paul McIlwraith – Reinstatement, Community Care Pastor (WMB Church)
- Steve Peng, Worship Director (WMB Church)
- Renée Rocheleau, Child and Youth Director (Meadow Brook Church)

Credentials were removed for five ministry leaders in 2025, due to resignations and transitions from the ONMB community. We anticipate extending credentialing to 3-5 ministry leaders in 2025.

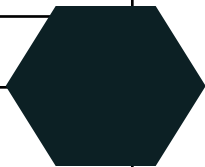
PROVINCIAL FAITH AND LIFE TEAM REPORT

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Lead Pastor Resignations

In the past year, we experienced the resignations of Brent Easey, Lead Pastor with St. Ann’s Community Church, Doug Valerio, Lead Pastor with Manotick Community Church and Stephen Sesink, Lead Pastor with Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship.



Ordination

The ordination of Ryan Jantzi, ONMB Ministry Director took place in January 2025, with his home church, Maple View Mennonite Church, in partnership with the PFLT. Following a discernment process this was a service of affirmation of God’s call and covenanting between Ryan, God and the church with anointing and blessing. We encourage our churches to consider initiating the practice of Ordination for their pastors who’ve received a life call to church leadership, affirming this following a few years of experience.

Church Memberships

The PFLT is happy to make the following recommendations:

Full Member Church

- Southeast City Church - Ottawa with Pastor David Hood

Associate Member Church

- Bytown Community Church - Ottawa with Pastor Dan Chook Reid
- Christ Like Church - Kitchener with Pastor Yelshaday Baraki
- Mission Pentecostal Rehoboth Church - Hamilton with Pastor Landware Simugabo

Each of these three churches are in the Exploratory Associate Church status, which is the temporary stage designed for the church and ONMB to discern fit and God’s leading to become a full member church with ONMB. A pre-screening interview is held by PFLT members with the leaders of each church to ascertain alignment with the MB Confession of Faith and fit with ONMB.

Pastor Credentialing Orientation (PCO)

Pastor Credentialing Orientation took place in Mississauga, May 6-9, 2025. It was a joy to host PCO in Ontario the year. Ken Esau and the National Faith and Life Team were the primary organizers. Betha Darya Community Church in Mississauga, led by Vishal Rangha and Rafiqua Masih, were amazing hosts. Getting to Know the Family! was our theme. 27 people participated, 18 of whom were from Ontario. Numerous national partners presented with Matt Unruh, Sarah Patterson, Michelle Knowles and Connie Maier contributing. We also visited in a downtown Toronto neighbourhood to learn and prayer walk with Kyla Sinclair Peters (Multiply) regarding her disciple-making work with a Buddhist diaspora group in that area.



EQUIP 2025 - The Gospel, Peacemaking & the Kingdom

Approximately 40 people from across ONMB travelled to North Kildonan MB Church in Winnipeg for this national event. It was an excellent week with grappling with the theology and ministry implications of a commitment to being a peace-making people. We're grateful for the work of Ken Esau, National Faith and Life Director for leading this event.



2025 Issues Addressed

- T-JTA Assessment – this new assessment tool, now required for the credentialing of incoming Lead Pastors was first utilized in 2025, with success. Thanks to Dianne Loerchner, a Registered Psychotherapist (Kingsfield – Zurich) for assisting. It is a tool available to all churches upon request.
- Supporting Pastoral Transitions – guidance and encouragement has been offered to St. Ann's Community Church and Manotick Community Church in 2025 and will be extended to Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship in 2026 as they prepare and search for their next Lead Pastors.
- NFLT Engagement – PFLT continues to offer feedback to the National Faith and Life Team on the development of Explanatory Notes for the Confession of Faith, clarifying the CCMBC understanding and application of the resolution on Women in Ministry Leadership and the possibility of mandatory professional development requirements for credentialed leaders.
- A Confession of Faith Survey – conducted with ONMB leaders to discern how it is being used in our churches and thus how we can strengthen our engagement with this great resource.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our team at any point with comments or questions. And of course, your prayers are a gift! It's an honour and joy to serve the ONMB family in the realm of faith and life.

Sumbitted with love and hope,
Ryan Jantzi
ONMB Ministry Director



ASSOCIATE & MEMBER CHURCH Introductions

We're excited to introduce three churches being recommended by the Provincial Faith and Life Team and Board of Directors to join ONMB as Associate Member Churches. This is the status whereby churches and ONMB commit to becoming familiar to discern if God is leading toward full membership with this family of churches.

We're excited that these three Associate Church recommendations consist of a C2C Collective church plant from an ONMB church, a new immigrant church, and an initiative of second-generation Canadians. Two of these consist primarily of ethnicities different from the historic ethnic make-up of Mennonite Brethren in Ontario. We believe that God is forming our family of churches in important ways as we give and receive gifts with these new churches. Praise God!

Bytown Community Church

Planted in 2021, Bytown Community Church is a congregation in The Glebe neighbourhood of Ottawa. Dan Chook Reid is the planting pastor, following many years on staff with InterVarsity in Ottawa. His wife Melody serves alongside him and continues to work with InterVarsity. The Gathering – Ottawa serves as the planting church, with Bytown CC under their charitable status and Dan as their staff member. The church meets at 4 pm Sundays in a beautiful Presbyterian church building. Trevor Seath and C2C Collective have played a key role in supporting and coaching the church from its inception.

Beginning as a bible study meeting in parks during the covid-19 pandemic, the church is experiencing slow, steady growth toward becoming a sustainable, independent church. The church reaches many university students and is excellent at engaging seekers and believers with questions and uncertainty, pointing them toward faith.

Establishing Associate Church Member status formalizes a relationship that has already existed for several years.



Christ Like Church

In 2024, Yelshaday Baraki approached ONMB seeking support in planting a multi-ethnic church in Kitchener. What started in his home as a Bible Study to engage Ethiopian and Eritrean young adults who were drifting from their parents' churches had turned into a 70+ person gathering in a church basement. As this group grew, God gave them a desire to grow a church of many ethnic backgrounds, reflecting their schools and shopping centres.

This Sunday evening group began meeting at the WMB – Waterloo site and Yelshaday began a church planting apprenticeship. In June 2026 they shifted to 1 pm, worship gatherings at KMB. In October 2025, the official church launch was held. The charitable status from New Living Church (an ONMB church which closed in late 2024) is being transferred to Christ Like.

Christ Like is seeing growth, including young adults from Muslim background, as they engage people with the Gospel. A strong internal leadership team has been established as they receive counsel from an external advisory team. Yelshaday is shifting to a .8FTE employment role early in 2026. We're grateful for the support from Central West churches, particularly WMB, Maple View and K-ZMC for their generosity of space, people and finances.



Mission Pentecostal Rehoboth Church

Planted in March 2025, by Pastor Landware Simugabo, Mission Pentecostal Rehoboth Church is located in Hamilton. The church consists of African immigrants, primarily Congolese folks. There are approximately 40 people who gather for worship on Sunday afternoons in a church building.

Pastor Landware was introduced to ONMB by Pastor Athanase Chiruzza, an MB pastor he served under while living in Saskatchewan and whom he has been mentored by. Doug Hiebert, a Multiply Regional Leader from Cornerstone Community Church in Niagara-on-the-Lake, has also provided encouragement and support. Pastor Landware also joined the EQUIP Conference in October, sharing in a panel discussion with insight on how MBs can engage immigrant churches well.



Southeast City Church

Planted with C2C Collective and ONMB in 2019, Southeast City Church in Ottawa receives leadership from David and Diana Hood. With weekly gatherings starting only months before the covid-19 pandemic hit, it is a miracle that this church has survived and is growing. Praise God!

Southeast City Church has had significant presence in their neighbourhood, coming alongside the people of Russell Gardens, a low-income housing community. This included initiating and operating a foodbank there for four years before it was taken over by the community housing organization. Because of their presence over time and the trust built, they've had many opportunities for Gospel witness. They engage in weekly prayer outreach where they also watch and discuss The Chosen video series with residents and extend pastoral care. They've also begun Community meals in the neighbourhood. This has become a rich partnership between the church and Russel Gardens.



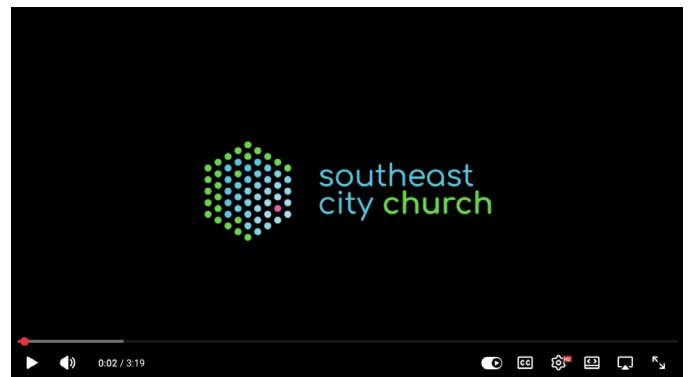
Southeast City Church has also become the church that men from Jericho Road, a Christian addictions recovery program, attend as part of their program. As a result, they baptized nine of these men in 2025. Sadly, not all the men have continued in recovery since and so Southeast is challenged to walk with grace, humility, and faith alongside folks facing huge challenges. The presence of these men adds a beautiful, raw and honest dynamic to the church family.



'Soul Care' is a significant ministry where people find deep spiritual healing. Vacation Bible School with over 40 kids has also been a draw. A collaborative youth group with a nearby church has also developed.

David reports, "Church is growing. Our Sunday attendance is growing, as well as our Children's Church and nursery. People are having babies and some families with older kids have been coming and leaning in. More people are serving and becoming members too. It has been slow at times, we have received a lot of people with serious church hurt and pain, but they seem to be finding healing with us."

What the 3-minute video, '[Who is Southeast City Church?](#)' for a window into their story.



We're excited to receive Southeast City Church as a significant next step in their steady development toward becoming a healthy, sustainable and multiplying church. God has been at work!



ORGANIZATIONAL HEALTH TEAM

Doug Valerio, Board Vice-Chair

2025 Started with a number of questions we asked ourselves about the team makeup and the role of the OHT going forward. Did we have any skills gaps on the team? Given the current scope of work covered by the OHT, we figured the team was well-rounded.

We discussed increasing the scope of the OHT to include the Finance Committee and the other Board Committees that generally fall under Organizational Health. There would be some benefits to cross communication between the currently separate committees, but the logistics of getting the whole team together would be a significant hurdle. This remains an ongoing discussion.

Part of our regular work is to review policies, ensuring they are up to date and relevant. We found the Sexual Misconduct Policy was still referencing the Leadership Council and needed a rewrite. We consulted a number of sources and decided that the Ministerial Misconduct Policy we passed in 2022, while not exclusively for sexual misconduct, is a robust policy and procedural document that adequately supersedes the older policy.

Last year, the Conference gave the Board the authority to complete the Valleyview bless and release process. Brent Kipfer has been doing an excellent job in liaising between the OHT and the Valleyview Board. As of now, we are expecting to have the ONMB Board approve their final bylaws and release them by this Conference.

On the 2025 OHT, we brought Natasha Baines from Manotick Community Church in Ottawa to the team. She has had a number of roles in the Ottawa Carleton District School Board as an Executive member, Chief negotiator and President for Student Support Professionals. The other members of the team were Trevor Seath, Brent Kipfer, Jeff Martens and me.

Sadly, Brent will be stepping down from the Committee and the Board to engage in research for a book he is co-writing. We pray for every success for this new endeavour. I, too, will be stepping down from the OHT and the Board this year as I have accepted a call to a new role in a Vineyard Church here in Ottawa. It is with deep sadness that I will not be able to stay within the ONMB. It has been a highlight of my ministerial career to have served alongside you. My wife Becky and I have made so many good friends.

With two places vacant on the OHT, we are looking for leaders to add to our team. If you're interested in policy development work and could give a few hours a month to serve, we'd love to talk with you.

Love in Christ, Doug Valerio

CCMBC ANNUAL REPORT

Gratitude and reflection

This year has been marked by both God's faithfulness and growing gospel opportunities within our CCMBC family. We can observe how God continues to sustain our churches, leaders and ministries in this very dynamic and changing environment we are in. We can see churches being innovative in how they are engaging their communities with the gospel. I watch and observe tremendous leadership, faithfulness and perseverance within our family of churches. I am grateful for the creative ministry initiatives, prayerfulness, and witness of our congregation across the denomination. I also have deep gratitude in my heart for our Executive Board, National Ministry Team and our CCMBC staff who serve our churches with integrity, energy, unity and competency.

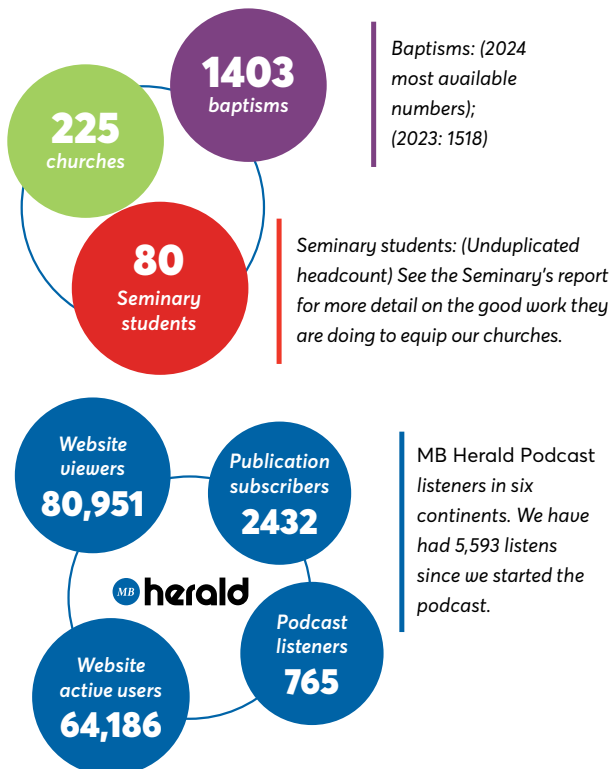
Shared Vision

God continues to lead us, stretch us and call us deeper into his wonderful vision encapsulated in the words, "Go make disciples of all nations". We have sensed a call

from God to be realigned to this vision for all disciples and all churches. I sense a growing awareness of our misalignment and our need to realign our fundamental calling around the Great Commission. The response is often, "Yes, we need to be better aligned, but how? How can we cultivate healthy, disciple-making churches where multiplication is the normal path of discipleship for all of Jesus' disciples?"

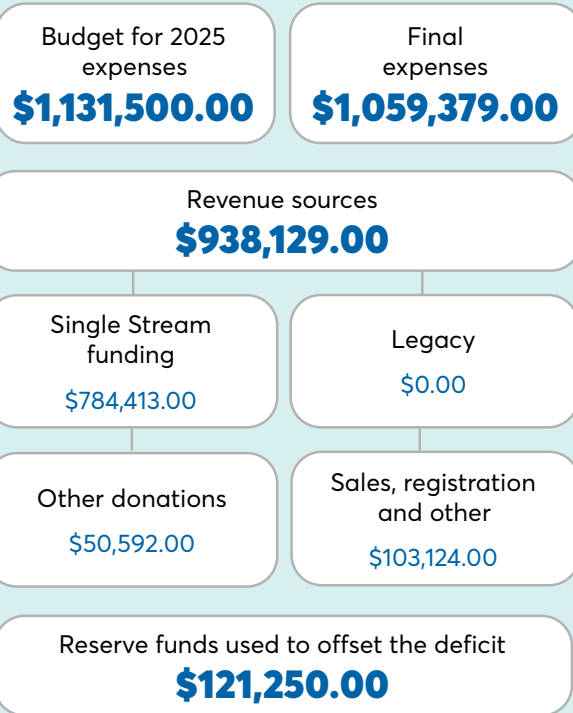
CCMBC 2025 Snapshot

I hope to give us a clear picture of the good work that is being done within our denomination. I do realize that in trying to give a snapshot of our denomination, I risk missing features that should be included. We are about to launch an assessment tool identifying the health of our churches which will provide greater clarity on how well we are doing in fulfilling our core priorities.



Faithful Stewardship

We continue to thank God for His provision and the support of our churches, provinces and individual donors. Debt remaining for CCMBC to pay Legacy: \$327,000.00. Praise God that we are so close to paying this debt off and hope to do so sooner than later.



(These are unaudited numbers; audited statements will be available in June 2026)

*A big goal for us in 2026 is to overcome our deficit budget. We have had a task force looking at all available options. We are in a very different financial environment than seven years ago when we moved to a collaborative governance model with single stream funding. Our current funding model is not covering an already lean budget. The Executive Board will be deciding a more sustainable way forward. Pray with us as we discern the right way to steward the resources entrusted to us.

Governance and Unity

Our Executive Board met regularly in 2025: Online we meet on February 6, May 8, and November 27. In-Person meetings were held April 3-5 and September 25-27.

We met to provide oversight, discernment and accountability of our vision (cultivating healthy disciple-making churches) and our four priority areas (spiritual health and theology, mission, leadership development and organizational health).

The key decisions this last year were:

1. CI Strategy and MOA's. This important work and affirmation by constituents, Exec. Board, NMT and National Council was a big step forward in defining how we collaborate.
2. Vision development: We continue working at developing an equipping tool that discipled leaders/pastors in cultivating healthy disciple-making churches/cultures.
3. Streamlining decision-making in our collaborative environment. One of the big challenges in the collaborative model is who makes decisions (authority) and how are decisions made (road map). We are working through these dynamics so we can be more effective.
4. Pray First/Pray Always posture continues to be a high value for us and we hope to continue to grow this within our family of churches.
5. Ongoing professional development for credentialed pastors/leaders. We have affirmed this direction and are looking to NFLT and the provinces to come up with a solid and compelling plan to grow our leaders through ongoing development expectations.
6. Overcoming our deficit budget. CCMBC has a very lean budget and yet we are still having a challenge to meet it. By God's grace and the generosity of our churches, provinces and individual donors, we have been able to make up our deficit budgets for the last few years. We recognize that we are going to have to create new income streams in the future.

Looking ahead

I feel a growing anticipation within our family towards greater alignment to the Great Commission. In the coming year, we will focus on the following priorities:

- Developing an equipping program that will disciple our churches/leaders in healthy disciple-making values that lead to effective disciple-making cultures.
- Overcoming our deficit budget.
- Assessing ministry effectiveness around our vision and four priority areas.
- Governance changes to streamline our decision-making process, enabling it to be more collaborative.
- Tuning up our CCMBC website to better serve and resource our constituency and leaders around our vision.

For God's glory and Jesus' kingdom vision,



Cam Stuart

National Director
Canadian Conference of
MB Churches



A CCMBC Governance Proposal for More Effective Missional Collaboration

February 2026 update for Provincial Gatherings

At Equip 2025 last October, the CCMBC Executive Board presented to attendees a governance proposal for discussion and initial feedback. Our November 2025 National Council engaged in further discussion, and the CCMBC Governance Committee has continued to develop the new model based on all the feedback received. We now bring this revised and updated proposal to the 2026 provincial gatherings for further input and feedback from our churches.

Proposal in Summary

The Executive Board is recommending that we, as a national family of churches, embrace the intended governance structure that was already accepted when the delegates approved the collaborative model in 2019 and the Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP) in 2021. The collaborative model and the CUSP made the member organizations full and voting members of CCMBC. In this new model, CCMBC is working increasingly behind the scenes like a logistics organization, facilitating and encouraging services, programs, and mission initiatives while the member organizations deliver these directly to local MB churches.

Our present governance structure already reflects the collaborative model in the Executive Board, National Ministry Team, and National Faith and Life Team composition; however, CCMBC's National Assemblies/AGMs do not, as they are a hybrid of church delegates and member organization delegates. In the Executive Board recommendation presented here, future National Assemblies/AGMs would be made up exclusively of member organization delegates. If this proposal is approved, local MB churches will still be full members of CCMBC, but they will be represented at CCMBC's National Assemblies/AGMs through their provincial conference delegates. This proposal recognizes that in recent years only 15 – 20% of member churches have been sending delegates to the National Assembly/AGM.

1) What things will change if the delegates approve the CCMBC Governance Structure Proposal?

All local MB churches in good standing with their provincial conference will continue to be members of CCMBC. That will not change. However, because of the 2019 decision that CCMBC is now a “conference of conferences” working primarily with its member organizations, when member church delegates affirm their provincial conference board members, they are also authorizing these board members to vote on their behalf regarding yearly CCMBC operations (e.g. reports, strategic plans, yearly budgets). These elected boards have representatives sitting on CCMBC's Executive Board, have delegates present at CCMBC's delegate assemblies (National Assembly/AGM), and have staff members present on both the National Ministry Team and the National Faith and Life Team. These member organization board members are the most well-informed to provide missional, financial, and program oversight and accountability for CCMBC.

If member churches have any concerns about CCMBC in any area (e.g., mission, finances, programs, etc.), church delegates can communicate those concerns to the duly elected board members of their provincial conference who have the responsibility of representing their member churches well in these accountability contexts. CCMBC has always existed – and will continue to exist – so that member churches (who make up the provincial conferences) can thrive and flourish as healthy disciple-making churches.

Some might be concerned that CCMBC is losing accountability to the member churches. However, the board members of each provincial conference (BCMB, ABMB, SKMB, MBCM, ONMB, AEFMQ) and from the member agencies (MB Seminary, Multiply, Legacy Fund) have the most at stake when it comes to ensuring that CCMBC functions faithfully to both its mission and its fiscal commitments. As a result, accountability should increase rather than decrease in this new model.

2) Will local MB churches lose their ability to influence and speak into changes to the MB Confession of Faith?

Because the MB Confession of Faith is essential in the covenant relationship of members in a member church—as well as in the covenant relationship of that member church to its provincial conference and to CCMBC—any revisions to the MB Confession of Faith are of great importance to the health and flourishing of these relationships.

The Executive Board is recommending that any CCMBC bylaw change ensures that each and every local MB church in good standing with its provincial conference can speak into and vote on any recommended revision to the MB Confession of Faith. This means that an “Extraordinary CCMBC Delegate Assembly” would be called to approve any MB Confession revision. This assembly would recognize duly appointed member church delegates (one pastor delegate per member church and one additional delegate per 25 members), as well as duly appointed member organization delegates, based on the composition for any regular CCMBC delegate assembly. In order to allow maximum Canada-wide participation, this extraordinary CCMBC delegate assembly would be held as either a hybrid (in-person and online) or online-only gathering. Any MB Confession of Faith amendment would need to be approved by a 2/3 majority of votes cast. The new bylaws would set a minimum quorum.

3) How will the number of voting members for delegate assemblies be divided up between CCMBC’s various member organizations?

For all CCMBC delegate assemblies, other than the extraordinary ones where a Confessional amendment is on the agenda, the voting members would be from the boards of the nine Member Organizations and from the Executive Board. The goal is to avoid political power dynamics while encouraging collaboration and the collective impact made possible when working together well. However, it is still important to recognize the differences between the two types of Member Organizations (provincial conferences and member agencies) and the significant variation in size between the provincial conferences. At the same time, CCMBC’s delegate assemblies must be a limited and manageable size (e.g., 30-40) so that they do not become such a burden on these boards that they are unable to find individuals willing to take on those roles.

The Executive Board’s recommended model recognizes differences between member organization types (provincial conferences versus member agencies) and recognizes differences in size between provincial conferences. This model begins with appointing two delegates to each of the nine member organizations but then gives the six provincial conferences additional delegates based on the number of member churches they oversee (e.g., 1-15 member churches plus 1; 16-23 plus 2; 24-40 plus 3; 41-50 plus 4; 51 and above plus 5). The Executive Board would be given four delegates to allow for participation by the four members of the Executive Committee (viz., Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer).

If this proposal were to be approved, here is a chart showing the makeup of delegates for a regular CCMBC delegate assembly:

Legacy	MB Seminary	Multiply	BCMB	ABMB	SKMB	MBCM	ONMB	AEFMQ	Executive Board	Total
2	2	2	7	4	5	6	5	3	4	40

The quorum for a regular delegate assembly would be 67% or 27 of the maximum number of delegates (40).

4) Will this change help produce stronger accountability for CCMBC so it doesn’t repeat some of the financial and budget mistakes made over the last decade?

As many in our MB family know, at our National Assembly during Equip 2019, CCMBC openly shared the “Telling Our Financial Story” document which offered an apology for various funding decisions, shortfalls, and depletions of CCMBC’s reserves from 2013-2018. (A short summary report of that meeting is available [here](#).) CCMBC pledged to increase its financial and organizational transparency going forward.

Having the voting delegates for CCMBC’s regular delegate assemblies coming from member organization boards – who exercise fiscal responsibility for their own budgets – should increase rather than decrease the level of questioning and financial accountability for CCMBC. These boards also have voting members on CCMBC’s Executive Board which receives financial updates multiple times through the fiscal year. Financial discrepancies or budget overspending cannot be hidden from these individuals.

One of CCMBC's core values (see [here](#)) is to “**steward resources on God's behalf**... As stewards we therefore serve the MB churches and ministries in Canada responsibly and competently, exercising care and integrity as we oversee the funds and all other assets entrusted to the church for its ministries. We expect all who oversee the church's resources to demonstrate accountability and transparency.” We believe that this present proposal represents an even greater commitment to this value.

Next Steps

- We encourage the open discussion of this proposal at each of our provincial gatherings.
- We will hold online National Town Halls this spring so that anyone from our churches and organizations can provide feedback to the Executive Board.
- While it will depend on the feedback received in the coming months, we hope to seek approval for the new bylaws at our CCMBC AGM on June 18, 2026. We are committed to an open and transparent process, and this timeline is flexible as we move forward on this important change.

You can send feedback to questions@mbchurches.ca. We invite you to pray for wisdom and discernment, and to bring feedback, encouragement and suggestions so that we can do this well as a national family.



NATIONAL FAITH AND LIFE TEAM AND NFL DIRECTOR REPORT FOR 2026 PROVINCIAL CONVENTIONS

MANDATE

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 2025

It feels a bit repetitive to say the same thing every year, but I am so thankful to be working with such excellent National Faith and Life Team members, CCMBC Staff, and those on the National Ministry Team and Executive Board. These teams are made up of deeply committed praying men and women of godly character. They are an inspiration and encouragement to me each and every day. Over the course of 2025, we said good-bye to Walter Fast (MBCM) and Rick Schellenberg (SKMB) and welcomed Victor Neufeld (MBCM) and Rick Bayer (BCMB). We are very thankful for Walter and Rick’s faithful service and are also glad to have such competent replacements in Victor and Rick.

Some of the NFLT highlights for 2025 include:

- We produced a monthly “**Pray First! Pray Always!**” resource that was focused on praying intentionally through each phrase in the Lord’s Prayer.
- We gave final approval to the Explanatory Notes for **Article 5: Salvation; Article 7: Mission of the Church; Article 9: Lord’s Supper; Article 10: Discipleship; and Article 11: Marriage, Singleness, and Family** as part of our Confession of Faith Resource Revision Project.
- We are in the near final approval stage for our **NFLT Women in Ministry Leadership Updated Resource** which we hope will be available very soon on our website. This resource is not intended

as a biblical-theological guide for churches to work through (as important as that is), but an explanation of how the NFLT understands our recent history on this question, our important resolutions from 1999 and 2006, and the *Gifted, Called, and Affirmed* publication from 2008.

- We partnered with MB Seminary, ONMB, and MBCM to oversee **PCO 2025: Getting to Know the Family!** May 6–8, 2025 at Behta Darya Church (Mississauga ON) with about 30 participants. It was a wonderful event with many highlights including a guided visit and prayer walk through a core Toronto neighbourhood facilitated by a Multiply worker serving there.

The biggest event of the year was hosting **Equip 2025: The Gospel, Peacemaking, and the Kingdom** at NKMB (Winnipeg, MB). About 270 registered guests participated in plenary sessions, breakout sessions, “An Important Family Conversation” (CCMBC), and several roundtable conversations about Article 12: Society and State and Article 13: Love and Nonresistance. Recordings of most of the presentations are still available here: mennonitebrethren.ca/equip/.

Besides all of these more formal NFLT involvements, I enjoyed having many opportunities to present at provincial gatherings, local churches, and Christian schools. I wrote some of the 2025 **Q&R Corner** columns in the *MB Herald Digest* addressing such topics as a Christian Response to Donald Trump’s Election (April), the Swearing of Oaths Prohibition in Article 12 (June). I have completed an adaptation of my Equip 2025 plenary presentation for **Direction** journal to be published later in Spring 2026. It will be called “Peace, Violence, and Article 13.”

While we celebrate all the highlights from 2025 (and thank God for so many answered prayers!), we continue to engage around the following items for 2026:

- Our 2026 “**Pray First! Pray Always!**” monthly prayer columns will focus on praying for peace in the four relationship areas of life—God, others, creation, and oneself—and interceding for peace

in our churches, communities, and world. We will be hearing from a variety of different contributors again this year.

- We are working with MB Seminary, BCMB, ABMB, and SKMB to host **PCO 2026: Getting to Know the Family!** (June 2-4, 2025) at Columbia Bible College (Abbotsford, BC). (For information and registration, visit the PCO website: mennonitebrethren.ca/pco/)
- We continue to give significant effort to our **Confession of Faith Resource Revision Project** and hope to process new explanatory notes this year for **Article 14: The Sanctity of Human Life; Article 15: Stewardship; Article 16: Work, Rest, and the Lord's Day; Article 17: Christianity and Other Faiths; and Article 18: Christ's Final Triumph.**
- A big decision this year will be whether the NFLT begins the process of review and possible revision to Article 12: Society and State and Article 13: Love and Nonresistance. We did receive some strong encouragement in that direction from registrants at Equip 2025. If we move forward with

that, the next two years will involve significant discernment, widespread feedback, and numerous rounds of approval to make that happen.

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 2026, may each church member and participant increasingly be transformed into the character of Jesus as peacemakers and disciple-makers who together model and witness to God's Kingdom! 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



Ken Esau

National Faith and Life Director

2026 National Faith and Life Team



Back Row: Ryan Jantzi (ONMB), Keith Reed (MB Seminary), Matt Unruh (ONMB), Rick Bayer (BCMB), Vic Neufeld (MBCM), Richard Lougheed (AEFMQ), Phil Gunther (SKMB), Reg Toews (BCMB), Kristal Toews (MAL—BCMB), Laurence Hiebert (ABMB), Ken Esau (NFL Director)

Front Row: Cam Stuart (CCMBC National Director), Connie Maier (MAL—ONMB), Jason Dyck (MBCM), Paul Loewen (ABMB)

Report to ONMB – Acts 6:4 Assembly – February 21-22, 2026

Thank you for your continued partnership with CCMBC Legacy and CCMBC Investments. Your trust allows us to support ministry, provide financing to MB churches, and steward resources for Kingdom purposes. We wish to share important information about recent financial developments and the steps we are taking.

CCMBC Investments receives investor funds that we use to lend to MB churches and ministries. When more funds come in than are needed for lending, the extra money is invested by an outside investment manager in several pooled funds. This investment manager also provides portfolio management services to some of the funds held by CCMBC Legacy.

In January 2026, our investment manager informed us certain underlying funds had lost significant value at year-end, affecting both CCMBC Investments and CCMBC Legacy. The value of our investments is now lower than the amount we owe to investors and church accounts. For CCMBC Investments, the write-downs totaled \$8.9 million. In total, CCMBC Investments' obligation to noteholders is \$114 million, which exceeds assets by 4.9%. For CCMBC Legacy, the write-downs totaled \$3.3 million. In total, Legacy's obligations to account holders is \$41 million, which exceeds assets by 12.7%.

What This Means and What We Are Doing

CCMBC Investments will not accept new investments until an updated offering memorandum is prepared in accordance with securities laws. CCMBC Legacy will not accept new funds from account holders until we develop a plan to restore the net asset position. We anticipate this occurring in a few months.

CCMBC Investments continues to accept repayment requests by holders of promissory notes in the normal course and intends to satisfy such requests within 45 days, in accordance with the terms outlined in our most recently filed offering memorandum and the terms and conditions of the notes. It is our expectation that regularly scheduled RRIF and recurring payments will continue as scheduled. CCMBC Legacy continues to accept withdrawal requests by church account holders in the normal course and intends to satisfy such requests within 45 days, as it always has done.

We are closely monitoring repayment and withdrawal requests and regularly updating our board of directors on liquidity. We currently hold more than enough readily available funds to pay these requests at normal levels. Provided repayment requests remain within normal ranges, operations will continue as usual - investors will continue to have access to their funds, and we will continue to fund Mennonite Brethren Churches and Church organizations. If repayment requests become unusually high, we may need to limit repayment requests on a pro-rata basis or another equitable basis.

We are working on a plan to restore our financial position, including selling surplus assets, reducing costs, and reviewing optional services. While the affected investment funds may recover value in future quarters, we are not basing our plan on that possibility. To be clear, while our goal is to restore our investments back to the levels prior to the write-downs, this may take time and it will require patience by stakeholders. Although periodic losses can occur within any investment portfolio, we recognize the significance of these developments and the importance of capital preservation. In 2025, we proactively initiated an asset allocation study with a third-party consultant and implemented a capital adequacy policy to support long-term financial stability. The study and the capital adequacy policy will help inform our strategic plan in connection with the write-downs described above.

It is our moral responsibility to communicate clearly with our stakeholders. CCMBC Legacy's values remind us to steward resources with integrity, accountability, and transparency. As we navigate the complexity of these interrelated matters, we ask for your prayers. We rely on the wisdom and guidance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and seek to honor God's name in all we do. To maintain consistency in communication, questions should be directed to Jason Krueger, CEO (jason.krueger@mbchurches.ca).

Jason Krueger, CFA
CEO, CCMBC Legacy Fund Inc. and CCMBC Investments Ltd.

CCMBC Legacy Fund exists to provide ministry-focused financial services to facilitate Kingdom Growth.

Whether you are an individual looking to invest while making a difference, or a church looking for financial administrative support to free you for ministry, CCMBC Legacy Fund can help.

Investing in Kingdom Growth Together



For Churches

Legacy Accounts

Save excess funds, fund building projects, or diversify investments. Enjoy faith-based investing with competitive rates, no fees, and no terms.



HR Advisory Services

Three HR advisory service options available within our Canadian MB family. Each provider brings experience supporting Christian organizations and offers practical assistance across the HR lifecycle.



Payroll Services

We'll take care of your CRA remittances, T4s, ROEs, direct deposit pay, and best of all, peace of mind that your payroll is being processed correctly and on time, each time.



Accounting Services

Free your staff from the burden of bookkeeping. We strive to provide our churches and conferences with high-quality financial information in a timely manner.



For Employees of CCMBC Churches



Pension

The CCMBC pension plan is a defined contribution plan held with Canada Life. You contribute 5% of your gross earnings, and your employer matches 100% of these required contributions.



Benefits

Held with Canada Life, the CCMBC group insurance benefits include extended health, dental, life, and disability coverage, along with offerings to support your and your family's physical, financial, and mental well-being.



Employee & Family Assistance

Through our national benefits plan, Homewood Health offers a wide range of resources and support, including short-term counselling for employees and their dependents. Assistance is available for a variety of challenges, from work and family issues to personal concerns, whenever it's needed.



Wills & Power of Attorney

As a CCMBC employee, you and your family have access to affordable will and power of attorney services through Canada Life, for as little as \$50!



For Everyone

Free, Confidential Estate Planning.

Professional estate advisors at Advisors with Purpose help you create a personal estate plan and will to reflect your life, faith, and values.



Donation of Securities.

With CCMBC Legacy, we make it easy for you to give publicly traded securities to your local MB church or ministry. This no-fee service lets you support ministry work and receive a charitable tax receipt for your gift.



Investing through CCMBC Investments.

Your investments help provide mortgages to MB churches and pastors, supporting ministry growth in practical ways. Enjoy faith-based investing with competitive interest rates, no fees, and no terms.



If you're interested in learning more about any of CCMBC Legacy's services, please contact our office by email at legacy@mbchurches.ca or by phone at 1-888-669-6575.



IMPACT REPORT

Two Thousand and Twenty Five

Partnering to **Change Lives** in Canada and Beyond

One of the most meaningful Bible verses for me could go on a tombstone.

Reflecting on the life and leadership of King Josiah, the author of 2 Kings 23:25 says, *"Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did - with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses."*

How would you like to be known as someone who followed the Lord with all of your heart, soul, and strength?

I am blessed to teach a number of courses through our Teaching Churches across the country. The best part is being able to come alongside students as they dive deep into the Bible, absorb its truths into their spiritual lives, and immediately apply them in their lives and leadership.

That is the value of the deep partnership between the seminary and the local church.

For those who have supported the seminary through praying, giving, sending, or partnering - thank you!

For those who have a longing to see more and more people across Canada follow the Lord with their heart, soul, and strength, would you consider praying, giving, sending, or partnering?

It is so exciting to be part of what God continues to do in and through MB Seminary as we educate men and women to serve the church in Canada and beyond!

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



FLEXIBLE

- Modular, online & hybrid classes
- Access some classes through our **Teaching Church Partners** across Canada
- Contextualized learning to impact your ministry in real time

RELEVANT

MA Transformational Leadership

Master of Divinity

MA Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care

Post Masters Certificate in Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care

Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE)

AFFORDABLE

- Competitive tuition rates
- Financial aid and awards including the Leadership Development Partnership Grant
- BOGO in 2026-27

Milestone Achieved

Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

One of the biggest milestones you made possible this past year was having our first six students graduate with their **Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership!** What makes this even more special, is that these students completed their entire degree through courses offered at **Willingdon Church in Burnaby, BC**. This model of remote course delivery, integrated with practical ministry, equips leaders in healthy and meaningful ways for the local church!



"I love how this program is all about practicality. There's not a single course that feels unnecessary – every subject is thoughtfully picked to genuinely help and equip us in our ministry. It's like they've thought of everything we need."

—Roman Bondartchouk, MATL '25

Your support is giving students the help they need to thrive in ministry so they can bring the hope of Jesus to those in their communities and beyond. Thank you for making it possible for students to learn in a way that helps them and their church change lives in Canada and beyond.



Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

L to R: Danny Lee, Sudianto Wijaya, Blair Staples, Roman Bondartchouk, Ruben Heyn, Ernie Kashima

Shaping Leaders, Changing Lives

Your support gives students the ability to grow in their faith, deepen their biblical understanding and become better leaders. This impact is being made across Canada as students engage in courses at Teaching Churches. Here are some of the ways you are helping to change lives:

—JN from the **Yukon Territory**



"I was consistently reminded that substantial leadership growth rarely happens in ideal conditions, and that God is continuing to form me, even when the season feels heavy."

—HG from **British Columbia**



"Ultimately, this project was not just an academic exercise, but it became a personal journey of growth and connection—one that I hope will continue to ripple outward in the lives of those around me."

—MB from **Manitoba**



"From a leadership perspective, this course helped me loosen my grip on outcome-driven validation and re-engage with obedience, humility, and attentiveness as primary metrics."

Becoming Known

With your support, the first year of **The Centre for Education and Advancement of Spiritual Care** has been a year of becoming known. Students in our inaugural CPE (Clinical Psychospiritual Education) unit are nearing completion, and a new cohort is set to begin. And there is a wait list of applicants for future offerings! You are making it possible for those gifted in spiritual care to be better equipped for ministry and for quality spiritual care to be available in a variety of contexts across the country.

Educating and advancing spiritual care is happening in both faith-based and public settings. Church-based training sessions are helping leaders care for their congregations and the community. Presentations on spiritual care and MAiD have been given to public sector associations. The Centre is also becoming known as a resource for pastors and ministry leaders so they can know how to best handle specific spiritual/pastoral care issues in their own context.

Thank you for making life-long learning possible through workshops, courses, resources and networking opportunities that enhance knowledge and spiritual care competencies. **You are changing lives all across Canada because of your support!**



The Centre's Inaugural CPE Class!

New Locations, New Opportunities

This past October marked the first teaching intensive at **Cariboo Bethel Church in Williams Lake, BC**. With 8 graduate students and 20 learners taking in the content as a workshop, this was a great kick-off for our newest Teaching Church location. **Your support makes it possible for students in rural areas to have access to theological education**—all while staying engaged in their current ministry.

This is a big win for churches as they identify emerging and second career leaders who need further training to serve their community well. Thank you for your commitment to the education and equipping of leaders who will serve churches in Canada and beyond.

In the coming year, we're excited to see what doors God might open for additional Teaching Church locations. Our goal is to continue to reach more areas of Canada with local access to quality graduate theological education.

CPE has been an incredible opportunity to grow personally. Although it is intended to help develop a good Spiritual Care Practitioner, it is growing me as a person and consequently a better husband and father. No doubt it is also helping me become a better Chaplain as well.

I wish CPE was included in my pastoral training as I pursued Master of Divinity studies many decades ago.

*So glad it is a part of the MB Seminary and spiritual care studies. **What a privilege to pursue this program at my Alma Mater.***

—DC from Alberta



"I've felt called to pursue seminary for almost ten years, but life circumstances always seemed to delay taking that next step. Beautifully, God brought the opportunity to me through the Teaching Church program.

*As a young mom, this pathway has **made it possible to pursue theological education while still being fully present with my family.** I've been blown away by how much I've learned already—every new insight reminds me of how much more there is to discover, and it's only increased my excitement for the journey ahead.*

*I'm incredibly grateful for the way **this program has opened the door** for me to walk into a calling I've carried for so long."*





EQUIPPED FOR IMPACT

Something for Everyone

GRADUATE HOURS TAUGHT

756

"This course had a profound impact on my life and ministry. It reshaped how I communicate, understand, and relate to people—especially those from diverse cultural backgrounds. It broadened my perspective, heightened my awareness, and taught me to stay open to interruptions and attentive to divine appointments. Most importantly, it deepened my love for God and people, strengthened my desire to keep growing, and fueled my passion to help others walk the same path."

—ND from British Columbia

MB STUDENTS TRAINED

106

"This course helped me to appreciate the humanity of Jesus, as well as the many other characters in the Gospel stories in a new and refreshing way. Gaining greater insight into the historical and cultural context surrounding the Gospels confronted many of the ways I read the text through modern, North American eyes. As a result, I feel better equipped and inspired to bring more context into teaching into our church's youth ministry."

—TH from British Columbia

ONLINE STUDENTS REACHED

126

"This is one of the best courses I have ever taken in my whole seminary training career. Love both of the instructors to design such a superb course and giving positive and constructive feedback. So practical and can't wait to share the content in my ministry settings."

LEARNERS EQUIPPED

281

"I appreciated the ability to integrate Theology into the life of a Christian and the accessibility of [the speaker's] teachings. It was a great style of teaching that was easy to listen to and grasp."

—Learner from Ontario

Your support is giving students and learners the help they need to thrive in ministry so they can bring the hope of Jesus to those in their communities and beyond. Thank you for partnering with the seminary to help educate and equip men and women to lead the church and share the good news of Jesus Christ to Canada and beyond.

DEVOTIONAL READERS ENCOURAGED

2500

"Today's reading captured the most beautiful description of Mary anointing Jesus. Thank you!"

—PP from Alberta

"Thank you for providing this wonderful resource with the daily Advent readings. For years now, I have enjoyed both the Christmas and Easter devotionals."

—HK from British Columbia

"Today was such a good devotional. I had never thought about it this way before. Thank you."

—EG from Manitoba

"As I read, make notes, and meditate, I feel God's presence, increasing my trust and faith! Thanks be to God for these thought-provoking reminders that God is with us during these trying times!"

—ED from British Columbia



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Romans 8:15

*"This resurrection life you received from God
is not a timid, grave-tending life.
It's adventurously expectant..." The Message*

What a privilege to testify to the resurrection life we have received from God! What a privilege to walk with Him in the discipling paths He planned for us this past year - paths of immersing ourselves in the study of Scripture (Acts 6:4 event), of practically engaging in training that empowers bold witness (Antioch Mission School, Disciple Making weekends, SOAR Kitchener), paths to deepening intercession for those not yet in His Kingdom (regional day of prayer, urban prayer walks, developing prayer teams), and paths of partnership and support for local and global workers bringing hope to the hidden.

It has been a year of risk-taking obedience through disciple making training that has born rich ongoing fruit from university students starting Discovery Bible Studies on campus; to lay leaders learning to listen for the Spirit's invitation to pray in person with a not yet-believing friend, text a note of encouragement, or reach out to a stranger. I recently watched the baptism testimony of a young man in one of our churches. A significant turning point in his life came on SOAR Kitchener where he encountered God's Spirit in a whole new way and stepped out in boldness. Hallelujah! One by one by one, God is equipping everyday disciples to make disciples, here in Ontario, and around the world.

May the seeds planted in 2025 **multiply** in 2026, as emboldened hearts and hands and voices testify to God's resurrection life given for all.

Together that the world may know Jesus,



Robyn Serez
Regional Mobilizer

Our Provincial Team

Derek Parenteau (Sudbury) - Derek is the **Regional Team Leader for Canada**, supporting our Canadian workers and serves on the Global Lead Team, also among First Nations communities and those exiting the correctional system.

Doug Hiebert (Niagara) - serves on the Global Lead Team as the **Regional Team Leader for Sub-Saharan Africa**, resourcing the church and deepening partnerships in Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Malawi and more among the African diaspora in North America.

Kyla Sinclair-Peters (Toronto) - continues to focus on youth as she serves among marginalized individuals and immigrants from a least-reached diaspora group.

Robyn Serez (Kitchener)- as **Regional Mobilizer and Team Leader** she walks alongside the team, serves our workers and helps discern planning of Mission Training Programs as she continues to provide care for Philip.

Erin Coffey (Kitchener) - as **Regional Administrator and Mobilization Assistant** she supports workers, staff and programs in the region, while also teaching piano and music theory lessons.



Partnering With ONMB

A significant highlight this year was supporting pathways to bold witness and invitations to encounter God's truth through studying Scripture together. Both the **Acts 6:4** event and the **Antioch Mission School** provided rich training and encouragement. It was also a blessing for Derek to partner with ONMB Board members on a vision trip to Brazil where they listened and learned from experienced pastors in our Brazilian MB family.

Partnering With Churches

Many opportunities with our ONMB family of churches including, speaking on Sunday mornings, sharing at special events (Missions Weekends), facilitating training (discipleship training), programs such as SOAR Kitchener in March of 2025.





John & Beth Thiessen serving in Uganda



Sarah Reed got married to Christian Smutny in August

Highlights & Milestones

- **SOAR KW 2025** March 11-14, 25 participants from WMB and Glencairn
- **MINA visits from global workers** - March Rebecca Hiebert, Summer A&R, June Sarah Reed, July Alex & Carla Suderman
- **Global Workers A&R** relocated/redeployed
- **Sudermans** new church plant
- **Focus interns 2025-2026** Aaron & Brittany (Antioch, SOAR), Asier from Winnipeg to Eritrean churches in Kitchener
- **Launch of Chains Will Fall** in Sudbury and Kings House in Parry Sound



Upcoming

- Brazilian pastors praying in and for Ontario right now!
- Emerson (and Franz) teaching at the February Acts 6:4
- Jeremy & Adrienne Penner MINA Spring 2026
- Jonathan & Joanna Gutierrez MINA Fall 2026
- Sarah & Christian Smutney mini-MINA Fall 2026

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.”

NATIONS WHERE REGIONAL TEAMS ARE SHARING *Jesus*



OUR FAMILY ON MISSION IN 2025

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.

**View our full 2025
Global Report Online**



multiply.net/report

1 HELPING DISCIPLES MULTIPLY

In 2025, **901 everyday disciples** participated in **17 mission training events and programs** in North America, and thousands more in our global network participated in similar training, worldwide.



2 SENDING OUT MISSIONARIES

In 2025, together we supported **71 long-term workers** serving outside of North America.



3 PARTNERING WITH NATIONALS

In 2025, we continued to encourage nationals in **69 nations**, walking closely with them and connecting them with those in North America who pray, give, and send missionaries where needed.

together that the world may know *Jesus*

Financial Overview

JUNE 2024 - MAY 2025, FULL FISCAL YEAR



Strategic Deployment of Reserves: For this fiscal year, we intended to use \$543K of our accumulated reserves (unrestricted and board restricted) to further our strategic initiatives. As you can see from the results below, we deployed \$509K this year. For our next fiscal year, we anticipate using a smaller amount of reserves.

Net Results (USD)

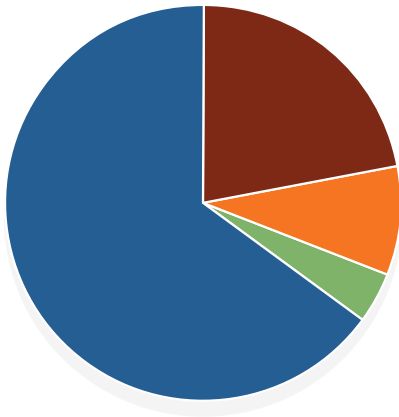
Full Year Ended	May 31, 2025	May 31, 2024
Revenue:	\$ 10,084,285	\$ 10,590,636
Expenses:	\$ 10,593,469	\$ 10,987,335
Net:	\$ (509,184)	\$ (396,699)

In addition to the net results shown here, our global workers and ministry projects have deployed \$423k from their restricted reserves which are held separately on our balance sheet. Combined, these projects have \$2.8M of reserves.

How Your Gifts Were Put to Work

Regional Teams Sharing *Jesus* / 65%

- Central & South America / 8%
- East Asia / 4%
- Europe & Central Asia / 13%
- Middle East & North Africa / 4%
- North America / 4%
(Indigenous & Immigrants)
- South Asia / 3%
- Southeast Asia / 15%
- Sub-Saharan Africa / 5%
- Worldwide Initiatives / 9%



North American Church Engagement / 22%

- Facilitating MB Church Partnerships / 16%
- Mission Training Programs / 6%
(includes Short-Term Mission programs)

Administration / 9%

Finance, IT, Legal & Governance

Human Resources / 4%

Wellness, Equipping & Long-Term 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

2025

**The Lord is righteous in all his ways and kind in all his works.
Psalm 145:17 (ESV)**

This past year we saw God's kindness and help come through so many people. From our prayer team faithfully lifting our needs to the Lord, to the many volunteers that served or to the donors who gave to help rebuild camp. We saw the Lord working through His body to share His love with everyone who came!

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



In 2025 we saw the Lord work in many ways. One story comes from the Day Camp program we ran during March Break. Throughout the week there were two campers in particular that became more and more interested in who Jesus was. Our staff pointed these campers to stories of Jesus in scripture and also shared from their own faith journey with the Lord. These two kids decided to follow Jesus and were excited to receive their first bible and to share their excitement with their parents who didn't know the Lord.

At the end of March we experienced an ice storm which caused significant damage to facilities and grounds. Our equipment storage building needed repair, a main hydro line came down and many tree limbs broke and were left laying all over camp. We are so grateful for those that came to help us clean up the grounds and donate money to help pay for the repairs!



Our summer program saw many kids and youth surrender their lives to Jesus for the first time or recommit themselves to the Lord. Several parents of campers gave us feedback regarding the life change they saw when their kids came home. The following are some quotes:

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“We're so appreciative of the care given to our daughter over the week. She clearly deepened her relationship with Jesus through the morning bible study sessions and chapel time.”

“When I picked our daughter up, it felt like I was bringing home a different kid. She had the absolute best week—made incredible friends, and absolutely adored her cabin leaders and took every chapel to heart, shared her notes and Bible verses with us so we could feel a part of her journey, and spoke with such excitement about everything she experienced.

“We are very excited for the spiritual growth our son experienced! He wants to be baptized! God Bless your staff and all of camp.

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Rebuilding Camp in 2025

- Oakridge Lodge
Occupancy has been approved for both floors
- Tabins 16 and 17
- Rebuilding Docks
- New Canoes and Paddle Boats

Ministry Outlook in 2025



Winter Retreats

This is an opportunity for us to partner with youth groups and provide all of their program, food service and chapel teaching so that leaders and pastors can have time to pour into the lives of their youth. We've run four weekend retreats so far and it's been exciting to see the Lord at work! We run a total of 6 youth retreats, one Family Camp weekend and then serve 2 other church rentals.

Summer Ministry

During the course of the summer we run 6 weeks of overnight kids/youth camps, 3 weeks of Family Camp and 6 weeks of day camp. Registration is now open and people are signing up. We have seen the Lord use the summer programs in significant ways and are expecting Him to do the same this year! We ask that you join us in praying and encouraging others to come.

New Retreat

We've been working on creating and running a retreat for people who are retired or semi-retired. This new retreat is going to take place this upcoming October.

Partnerships

We are very blessed to partner with ONMB, supporting churches and the following ministries as we work together to share the Good News and make disciples:

Eden High School
Rose City Kids
Move-in

Youth Unlimited
Coldwater Canada

2026/27 Projects

- Tabin rebuilds for 18 and 19
- New Playground
- Septic System replacement



We Need Your Help!

PRAY

If you are interested in praying for the ministry of Camp Crossroads and want to get Prayer Team updates please email Andrew Hiebert andrew@campcrossroads.com.

HELP

We rely on volunteers to help us in our mission. We are running a spring work week/weekend from April 25 - May1. Please contact Jay if you want to know more jay@campcrossroads.com.

GIVE

We are currently raising funds to support kids who can't afford camp. If you are interested in helping kids pay for camp visit the following website: <https://www.campcrossroads.com/give/>

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



CAMP CROSSROADS

60. 625. 84.

Numbers That Remind Us What We Do Together Matters

60 – REDUCING THE DRIFT

Research shows that nearly 60% of Christian high school students drift from their faith in their twenties. At Columbia Bible College, we are pushing back against that trend—helping students build Jesus-centered foundations that shape their faith, calling, and lives for the long term.

625 – EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS

Approximately 625 senior pastors retire in Canada each year, not including others who step away from ministry. The need for workers in the Church is urgent. CBC equips students to discern God's call and grow in faith, character, and skill to serve Christ and His Church.

84 – FOUNDATIONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

A successful octogenarian recently shared, "Looking back, I think the two years I spent 65 years ago at what's now CBC became the faith and life foundation that carried me through my life." Stories like this fuel our vision for lasting, generational impact.

OUR HEARTBEAT: HOW EVERY CBC STUDENT GROWS

- Spiritual vibrancy grounded in the unchanging Word of God
- Christlike character and resilience
- Deep rootedness in community, especially the local church
- Passion to serve wherever God calls them

PRAISING GOD FOR GROWING ENROLLMENT

Just under 300 students have chosen CBC to lean into their faith and launch their lives for God's glory. This marks our third consecutive year of new student growth, including a 50% increase in new Biblical Studies and Church Ministry students.



PASTORS ON CAMPUS: ENCOURAGING MORE WORKERS FOR THE CHURCH

The need for pastors and ministry leaders is urgent. One way we are responding is by welcoming respected pastors onto campus to connect with students and share a compelling, hopeful vision of faithful church-based ministry.

DUAL DEGREES: MORE PATHWAYS, ONE STRONG FOUNDATION

Through our partnership with Indiana Wesleyan University, students can graduate with two fully accredited degrees. Students build a strong biblical foundation while opening doors to career pathways in areas such as business, information technology, and communications—all while living, serving, and competing on campus at CBC.

PERMEATING PRAYER: EVERY STUDENT BY NAME

Prayer is foundational to all we do. We are grateful for a community of praying friends, and faithful rhythms of staff and community prayer—including praying regularly for every CBC student by name.

FOCUS THEME: PURSUING THE TRUTH WITH HUMILITY

Rooted in one of our core values, our 2025–26 theme calls students to pursue the One who is “the way, the truth, and the life,” anchoring their lives in Christ and His unchanging Word.



“There is no price tag I can put on my education at CBC that truly and wholly represents what I have been given. Thank you for believing in the mission of CBC and giving students like me the chance to flourish and become more of who God made us to be.”

Chloe Plett, Applied Leadership Student

WITH GRATITUDE

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, support, and partnership. It is a joy to see God at work in students’ lives as they grow in faith, character, and leadership. Thank you for your continued investment in Columbia Bible College—past, present, and future.

Together, we are shaping this next generation.



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EDEN HIGH SCHOOL SPIRITUAL LIFE CENTRE LEADING STUDENTS TO LEARN OF CHRIST AND LIVE IN CHRIST

God Is Breaking Through!

As an SLC team, we are truly blessed to serve in a ministry that allows us to live within youth culture in real time! Every day we get to be part of a unique story as God moves within a public high school and we've seen Him "break through" in significant ways! We have prayed faithfully for the Holy Spirit to anoint Christian teens with a passion for evangelism and there is no doubt that He is stirring hearts. We are meeting with many students who are searching for answers to life's troubling questions and many of these meetings are because students are inviting them to make these connections! Recently, I met with a student who described how God was burdening his heart to challenge his Christian friends to see the need to reach the lost. It was beautiful to get on our knees and pray for this clear burden for discipleship and evangelism. Students are confessing sin and seeking accountability and it's humbling to see such raw passion for Jesus! Meghan and Kezia can also attest to this move of God as they disciple students, and share the gospel with many who are showing up, looking for purpose and direction. Please continue to pray that more students will be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit for the harvest at Eden is ready!

Life Groups are happening almost every day and help inspire 100+ students with Biblical teaching on faith and life!



- Students are inviting unchurched friends into faith conversations about Jesus!
- The SLC space is regularly full of students! They are making this their hangout and it's leading to great connections!
- 265 students attended our Fall Grade Retreats, with many making significant commitments. 60+ Volunteers served in a variety of ways.
- Our Meet Jesus Life Group introduces students to Jesus and His Gospel! This was key in helping one student come to Christ, and they are now inviting friends!
- We continue to gather daily for The First 25 (chapel) and pray every Thursday as a community!

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



As we serve within a public high school, there have also been many challenges over recent years, with opposition hitting new levels. But God has been faithful in sustaining His work at Eden. We are currently in transition with a new administration and early connections have been positive. We are hopeful that we can continue to build bridges with our school leadership and the school board. Please pray for a meeting on February 12 at 1pm as we share why the SLC is so valuable for our students.

I referenced a student coming to Christ this year and her name is Carmen. God miraculously rescued her out of deep despair and has transformed her life, and now she is sharing Jesus with others. Here is a quote from her recent testimony given at our annual SLC Banquet: *"On January 10 I went to my first Outpour Friday, and I had a personal encounter with Jesus. I was pouring out my heart and I truly felt His presence. I saw God and was totally overwhelmed by His love and grace for me. That was the moment that fully pushed me off the fence. After experiencing a love like this, how could I not want him? I was also invited to be part of a new life group called Meet Jesus for people who were exploring Christianity, and we were able to have some good conversations about faith that were really helpful for me too. This year was also my first time going on a retreat, and it is one of the highlights of my life so far. I faced quite a few physical challenges while I was there, but I was still able to enjoy my time with friends and worshipping God. The theme was Breakthrough, and although I wasn't really looking for one, God gave me a breakthrough anyway. (Isn't that just like Jesus?) I felt a clear invitation to be baptized. So much so that I got baptized this past Sunday!"*

As I close, I want to thank our Partner Churches; Cornerstone, Scott Street and New Hope, for their financial generosity and additional resources! I also want to thank the Eden Advisory Board for their support and partnership as they allow us to wholeheartedly serve. Lastly, for Meghan and Kezia who so faithfully love and serve the students of Eden! It is a joy to labour together to fulfill our mission of "leading students to learn of Christ and live in Christ!" On behalf of the team, may God bless you!

"AND THIS IS MY PRAYER: THAT YOUR LOVE MAY ABOUND MORE AND MORE IN KNOWLEDGE AND DEPTH OF INSIGHT, SO THAT YOU MAY BE ABLE TO DISCERN WHAT IS BEST AND MAY BE PURE AND BLAMELESS FOR THE DAY OF CHRIST, FILLED WITH THE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS THAT COMES THROUGH JESUS CHRIST—TO THE GLORY AND PRAISE OF GOD."
(PHILIPPIANS 1:9-11)



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John Bryan
SLC Director



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Dear friends,

Reflecting on this past year, my heart is filled with deep gratitude—for your generosity, your prayers and unwavering commitment to MCC’s mission of sharing God’s compassion as we work for peace and justice.

Your support has brought hope to people across Ontario through programs like The Raw Carrot, where meaningful employment restores dignity, and Circle of Friends, where people transitioning from homelessness find belonging.

The Indigenous Neighbours team partnered with Indigenous artisans to host the Niska Noel Market and, for the first time, a fashion show. Thanks to your generosity, we built a new stationary meat cannery to feed countless hungry people around the world. These are not just programs—they are lifelines, made possible because of you.

I am reminded of Paul’s words to the church in Philippi,

“I thank my God every time I remember you. 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.”

– *Philippians 1:3-5, NIV*

May you be encouraged to keep going, keep giving and keep believing that your actions, done in the name of Christ, are building a better world.

With gratitude,



MICHELLE BRENNEMAN
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR,
MCC ONTARIO



Program Highlights

from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025

\$5 million

forwarded by the six MCC Thrift Shops in Ontario to support MCC’s work of relief, development and peace.

6,889

hours donated by MCC volunteers to support Ontario programs.



612

people attended Low German conferences and learned how to support Low German-speaking communities.



32%

increase in Niska Noel sales boosted supplemental income for 23 Indigenous artisans.



39

people received support through Circle of Friends as they transitioned from homelessness to housing.



349

newcomers were supported in their first year in Canada.



A Cannery Built on Faith

More than 700 people gathered in New Hamburg on January 18, 2025, to celebrate MCC's first stationary meat cannery. The project faced major hurdles, including nearly collapsing when key pressure cookers became unavailable—until volunteer Martin Rahn discovered four usable retorts behind his barn. “This is not MCC's cannery. This is God's cannery,” says coordinator Jon Lebold. The facility's first official canning day was Sept. 2, 2025, and it has already produced 20,000 cans of meat. In its first year, it is set to can nearly 41,000 kg for families facing conflict and disaster.



Bringing Comfort to Weary Ukrainians

MCC partner, the Association of Mennonite Brethren Churches in Ukraine (AMBCU), aims to provide access to hygiene supplies, blankets, canned meat and other items for vulnerable groups, including war-affected and internally displaced people. The humanitarian situation remains difficult due to the war. The assistance will cover the needs of about 24,000 people. The project is focused on Zakarpattia, Kherson, Zaporizhzhia, Dnipro and Lviv regions.

Pictured, a group of internally displaced people who found shelter in Uzhhorod. They received MCC relief kits and comforters distributed by AMBCU.

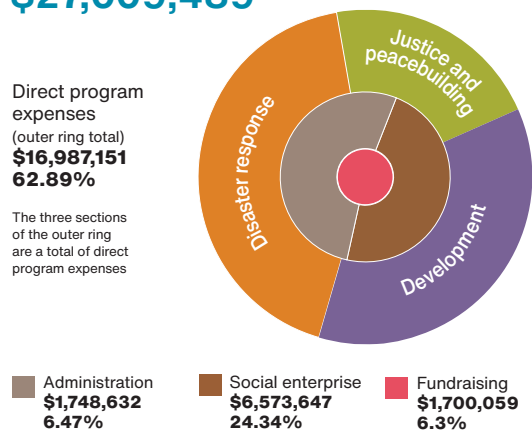
Financial Highlights

MCC ONTARIO DOLLARS AT WORK:

\$27,009,489

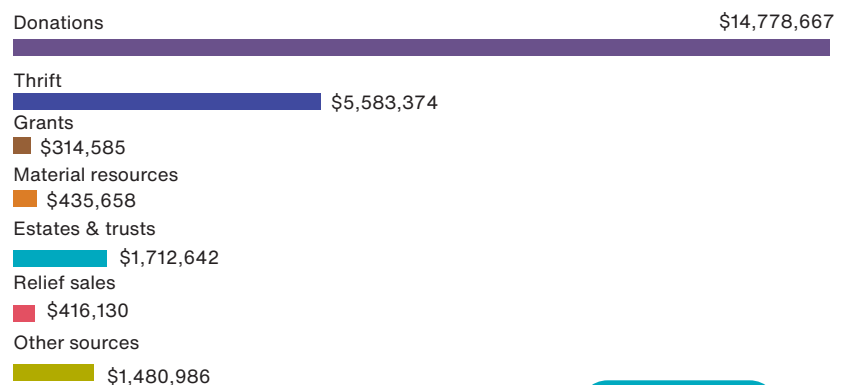
Direct program expenses
(outer ring total)
\$16,987,151
62.89%

The three sections of the outer ring are a total of direct program expenses



MCC ONTARIO FUNDING SOURCES:

\$24,722,042



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REPORT

2025

“I never thought there were so many kind people in the world”

That’s what retiree Sylvia Starr said after volunteers from the MDS Manitoba Unit built her, and her husband, Jeff, a new home in Libau, Man. They needed a new place to live after the roof of their previous home collapsed following a large snowfall in 2022.

After their former home was rendered unlivable, the Starrs received limited help from the provincial government. But it wasn’t enough to replace their home, which was uninsured. They didn’t know what to do.

That’s when MDS became involved. The Starrs were exactly the kind of people MDS wants to help—they were seniors, both have disabilities, the house was uninsured, and they had no means to replace their home.

“It didn’t take long to decide we would help,” said Denis Sabourin, chair of the MDS Manitoba Unit and project director for the Libau build.

“When we had to move out, we didn’t know what to do next,” said Jeff. “There are no words to explain what it means to us.” “We are so thankful,” said Sylvia.

The MDS project in Libau was one of eight in Canada in 2025. A total of 1,072 volunteers served in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. This included 748 in



The Starrs in front of their new home in Libau, Man.

Winnipeg, where volunteers helped at a reception centre set up to assist wildfire evacuees from the northern part of the province.

As well as serving in Canada, 316 Canadians served with MDS in the U.S. between November 2024 and October 2025.

In other news, 2025 saw the appointment of Reynold Friesen as the new Executive Director of MDS Canada. He will replace Ross Penner, who has been serving in that role since 2015. Reynold, the Director of Alumni, Church, and Donor Relations at Canadian Mennonite University, will begin his new role with MDS in February 2026.

Donations continued to be strong in 2025, with a total of \$1,282,000 donated in the 2024-25 fiscal year, compared to \$1,161,000 the previous year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of MDS as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus to disaster survivors together with you and your church. May God bless you this new year.

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Mississauga, ON L5L 1K6
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Severn, ON L3V 0W5
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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
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Office Email: admin@ccchurch.ca
Church Website: www.ccchurch.ca

Evergreen Heights Christian Fellowship

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Office Email: office@evergreenheights.org
Church Website: www.evergreenheights.org

Glencairn MB Church

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

Grantham MB Church

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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
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Office Email: admin@kzmc.ca
Church Website: www.kzmc.ca

Life Point Church

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Church Website: www.lifepointdurham.ca

Manotick Community Church

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Office Email: office@mvmchurch.ca
Church Website: www.mvmchurch.ca

Meadow Brook Church

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Church Website: www.meadowbrook.ca

Mountain Park Church

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Niagara Falls, ON L2E 6S4
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Office Email: andrew@mp.church
Church Website: www.mp.church

New Life Christian Church

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Office Email: info@newlifetoronto.com
Church Website: www.newlifetoronto.com

Northend Church

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Office Phone: 905-934-3398
Office Email: hello@northendchurch.ca
Church Website: www.northendchurch.ca

Restoration Place

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South Point Community Church

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Church Website: www.southpointcc.ca

St. Ann's Community Church

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St. Ann's, ON L0R 1Y0
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Office Email: stannschurchoffice@gmail.com
Church Website: www.stannscommunitychurch.ca

The Gathering Ottawa

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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

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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:

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Waterloo, ON N2K 2E1
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Office Email: office@wmbchurch.ca
Church Website: www.wmbchurch.ca

KMB Church:

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Church Website: www.wmbchurch.ca

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Church Website: www.belmontvillagechurch.com

***Malkutha**

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Church website: www.movein.to

***Rugged Tree Community Church**

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Church Website: www.ruggedtree.org

***Southeast City Church**

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Church Website: www.bytowncommunitychurch.ca

Mission Pentecostal Rehoboth Church

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Christ Like Church

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Church Website: www.christlikechurch.com

ONLINE AGM PROCEDURES

Online Rules of Order

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In the Zoom meeting, please rename your display/screen name to the following format, using “D” or “G” to indicate whether you are a Delegate (Convention Member/Voting Representative) or a Guest:

Delegates: D - Full Name, Church Name

example - D - Kristi Lee, Cornerstone Community Church

Guests: G - Full Name, Church Name

example - G - Kristi Lee, Cornerstone Community Church

Online Rules of Order:

We strive for unity and respect, seeking the participation of all assembled, as we discern decisions that shape the future of our conference. A spirit of love should prevail in all comments.

- Delegates are invited to respond to the reports and recommendations presented
- When wanting to make a comment, use the raise hand function in Zoom and use the following protocol:
 - Wait for the Moderator to call your name
 - State your name and Church you are representing
 - Address your comments directly to the moderator. Please keep your comments brief and focused on the motion
- In order to keep things flowing smoothly, each Member may speak up to three times on any specific issue. For further comments, he/she must await the Moderator’s approval, and that will be given only when no other Member wishes to speak
- Guests who would like to comment may request to do so with the Moderator, by raising your hand and waiting in the queue
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- The Moderator reserves the right to bring discussion to a close with proper notification
- Only Delegates are permitted to vote
- In general, Roberts Rules of Order may be used as guideline

How do Motions & Online Voting Work?

Requirements:

Each Convention Member will need to log in using their own device, to participate in voting. If multiple people are using devices for zoom in the same room, ensure that only one device is using sound and that all other devices are muted.



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Speaking to a Motion:

Any member wishing to comment on a motion on the floor will need to indicate so by using ZOOM's 'raise hand' function.

1. Click on the icon labelled "Participants" at the bottom center of your screen.
 2. At the bottom of the window that opens, click the button labelled "Raise Hand."
 3. Your digital hand is now raised. This puts you in a queue, which will signal the moderator that you want to speak. Please wait for the moderator to call on your name before you start talking.
 4. Unmute your microphone and state your name and church community before asking your question or making your comment.
 5. Once you are finished, lower your hand by clicking the button, "Lower Hand."
- The same method can be used to raise your hand on a mobile device. Tap "Raise Hand" at the bottom left corner of the screen. The hand icon will turn blue, and the text below it will switch to say "Lower Hand" while your hand is raised.

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When a motion is made on the floor, the moderator will call for the motion to be seconded. Any Convention Member wanting to second the motion should use the 'Raise Hand' function as mentioned above. The moderator will then acknowledge the first hand that goes up. Once the motion has been seconded, those with their hand raised should lower them.

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