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This endowment fund had its roots in a project begun by General Conference women's groups in the US and Canada in 1935. Women were invited to contribute "two Pennies and a prayer" which was directed to the needs of returning missionaries. In 1957 this Missionary Pension Fund officially became a Canadian Women in Mission (CWM) project and the fund continued to grow.

In 2003 when the General Conference separated into two national conferences, the respective women's organizations also separated into two separate entities – Mennonite Women USA and Canadian Women in Mission (renamed Mennonite Women Canada in 2010). At that time the Missionary Pension Fund was divided proportionately with the Canadian group receiving about 30% of the funds or \$70,000.

Each year up to \$5000 in interest and principal is used to support two programs of Mennonite Church Canada Witness that involve women. In 2017 we supported Darnell & Christina Barkman (Philippines) and Tom and Christine Poovong, (Thailand) (whom we also support through the decining International Ministry Fund). We are grateful for this gift – a remarkable legacy of caring and compassion from our mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers who had the vision of how small gifts could grow and make a difference. It is a legacy that calls us to dream again. Contributions to the Pennies and Prayer Legacy Fund help carry forward our commitment of caring and compassion for future generations.

### *Donations made in 2017 to PPLF by the following:*

- The Goodwill Club of Coaldale Mennonite Church, AB
- Helping Hands, Calgary, AB
- Stirling Ave. Mennonite Church, Kitchener, ON
- Springridge Mennonite Church, Springridge, AB
- Fiske Mennonite Church, Fiske, SK
- Rosthern Mennonite Church, Rosthern, SK
- Tiefengrund Mennonite Church, Tiefengrund, SK

We are thankful for all donations towards this fund. We encourage you to honour the life of a loved one by making a memorial donation or to recognize a milestone event in your family, congregation or community with a celebration donation.

You can send a cheque payable to **Mennonite Church Canada** (be sure to designate Mennonite Women Canada PPLF) to: Mennonite Church Canada, 600 Shaftesbury Blvd, Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4. Or you can make an online donation on our website at <https://donate.mennonitechurch.ca/project/mwcanada/pennies-prayer>

## DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS

*Connect with our PPLF and International Mission Fund recipients!*

### Christina and Darnell Barkman, Phillipines



Here is the update from the Barkman Family dated January 25, 2018. Please continue to pray for them as they transition from the Philippines back to living in Canada.

*Hello friends and family,  
Check out my latest blogpost about our upcoming move. Click on the link below.  
Thanks for the love and prayers,*

*Christina and Darnell*

<http://darnellandchristina.blogspot.com/2018/01/loss-of-their-world.html>

### Tom and Christine Poovong, Thailand

Support Christine and Tom Poovong, with their children Phimchanok and Joseph, as they provide holistic pastoral leadership to the Maliwan Mennonite Church, an emerging Christian community in Khon Kaen, Thailand. The Poovongs work at income generation initiatives to engage their neighborhood with a long term goal of establishing a sustainable congregation.

The Poovongs have initiated a restaurant and explored a children's nursery program as business opportunities and as ways of interacting with neighborhood families and inviting people to the way of Jesus and into the community of the church.

The Poovongs also connect with leaders of other Thai Mennonite communities to encourage relationships and fellowship among emerging Mennonites communities across Thailand and Laos.

You can also connect with them on Facebook or by email at [ctpovong@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:ctpovong@mennonitechurch.ca)



## ***New International Mission/PPLF Project for 2018!***

### **Bock-Ki Kim & Sook-Kyoung Park in Korea**



Following 17 years in Canada and serving the church in several capacities, Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung are serving in a ministry assignment in Korea. In partnership with the Korea Anabaptist Centre (KAC) Bock Ki and Sook Kyoung are working to strengthen the church in South Korea by networking among Korean Anabaptists and developing Anabaptist resources for Korean congregations. They have been instrumental in the recent formation of "Mennonite Church South Korea" and also relate closely to the Korea Anabaptist Fellowship (KAF), a community of individuals who seek to promote Anabaptist perspectives in Christian churches throughout Korea. Sook Young nurtures the mind and soul of Korean children who come to her after school homework classes.

Bock Ki Kim & Sook Kyoung Park

Long Term Workers in South Korea

**Home Congregation(s):** Shalom Adonai Church, London, ON

**email:** [bskimpark@mennonitechurch.ca](mailto:bskimpark@mennonitechurch.ca)

***Please remember all these Witness workers in your prayers!***

### **\* Short-Term Ministries and Changes in IM funding**

Since the Short Term Ministry program has been discontinued in its former state and donations toward international projects through our women's groups are declining, we are no longer promoting STM project on our opportunities for giving form. In 2017 we received \$442 for Short-Term Ministries, which we donated to the Witness program budget.

As funding for International Ministries shifts to a congregationally based relational funding model we encourage you to invest your passion and dedication to mission through those channels, even while we welcome your continued support of the projects MWC Canada has chosen; projects in which women play a significant role.

MENNONITE WOMEN CANADA  
**OPPORTUNITIES FOR GIVING**

**DESCRIPTION OF PROJECTS – February 1, 2018 to January 31, 2019**

PROJECTS	AMOUNT
<p><b><u>Support Ministries of Mennonite Women Canada</u></b>            Your gifts help support all the ministries of Mennonite Women Canada.</p>	<b>\$6,000.</b>
<p><b><u>Spiritual Growth Assistance Fund</u></b>            Mennonite Women Canada encourages women to consider using their gifts and talents in various ministries of the church. This scholarship fund is available to assist with costs of academic and applied study at a Masters degree level in church related ministries (such as seminary, theology, peace and conflict resolution) from an Anabaptist perspective. Funding may be granted for part of the tuition (payable to the institution) at the discretion of the executive of Mennonite Women Canada.</p>	<b>\$1,000.</b>
<p><b><u>Pennies and Prayer Legacy Fund</u></b>            This endowment fund supports the involvement of women in Mennonite Church Canada mission work. Each year \$5,000 is used to support two projects chosen in consultation with Mennonite Church Canada. We also encourage memorial donations to this fund made in honour of a loved one or to celebrate a milestone event in your family, church or community.</p>	<b>\$5,000.</b>
<p><b><u>Publications &amp; Communication</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Together with Mennonite Women USA and MennoMedia we publish a 70-page annual <b>Bible Study Guide</b> for use in women’s groups, Sunday School classes and for personal meditation.</li> <li>• “<b>Connections</b>” is Mennonite Women Canada’s semi-annual newsletter available to churches across Canada by email and also by hard copy.</li> <li>• Our <b>web site</b> and our new brochures and banner inform women and promote our projects.</li> <li>• Our <b>blog</b> is a place where women can connect with Mennonite Women Canada and with each other.</li> </ul>	<b>\$7,500.</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$24,500.</b>



**Mennonite Women Canada  
Opportunities for Giving Donation Form**

February 1, 2017 to January 31, 2018

**Date of donation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation from:** \_\_\_\_\_  
(Region or Local Group)

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Donation Details**

Ministry	Budget	Giving
Support Ministries of MW Canada(General Fund)	\$6,000	
Spiritual Growth Assistance Fund (Masters level)	\$1,000	
Pennies & Prayer Legacy Fund (Kim Park, Korea, MC Canada Witness)	\$5,000	
Publications & Communications (inc. Bible Study Guide)	\$7,500	
International Ministries (Living Water Church Ministries, Thailand, MC Canada Witness)	\$5,000	
Above budget designated donation: designation		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 24,500.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>

Fund ID(for office use)
3010 - General
3010 - SGAF
3010 - PPLF
3010 - Publications
3010 - IM

Please make cheque payable to "MC Canada", with "MW Canada" in the memo line.  
Mail cheques and Donation form to:  
**MC Canada**  
**600 Shaftesbury Blvd**  
**Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4**

**Mennonite Women Canada**  
**Receipts and Disbursements report (detailed)**  
**(February 1, 2017 - January 31, 2018)**

**Receipts:**

<b>International Ministries - Thailand</b>		\$ 1,910.08
<b>Short Term Ministry</b>		\$ 442.50
<b>Spiritual Growth Assistance Fund</b>	\$ 676.00	
Carry-over from FYE17	\$ 797.92	\$ 1,473.92
<b>Pennies and Prayer Legacy Fund</b>	\$ 715.95	
Abundance Canada Investment Interest - PPLF	\$ 1,574.66	\$ 2,290.61
<b>Abundance Canada Investment Interest - General</b>		\$ 229.84
<b>Publications &amp; Communications</b>		\$ 4,961.06
<b>Support Ministries of MW Canada</b>		\$ 8,891.00
<b>Above Budget Designated Donations</b>		\$ 3,380.00
<b>Total Receipts</b>		<b>\$ 23,579.01</b>

**Disbursements:**

<b>International Ministries - Thailand (paid out by MC Canada)</b>		\$ 1,910.08
<b>Short Term Ministry (paid out by MC Canada)</b>		\$ 442.50
<b>Spiritual Growth Assistance Fund</b>		
Marlene Wiebe	\$ 1,000.00	
Hyunhee Kim	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 2,000.00
<b>Pennies and Prayer Legacy Fund</b>		
MC Canada - Christine and Darnell Barkman	\$ 1,000.00	
MC Canada - Poovong Ministry	\$ 1,290.61	\$ 2,290.61
<b>Publications &amp; Communications</b>		
Bible study guide	\$ 7,496.35	
Printing Report books	\$ 497.44	\$ 7,993.79
<b>Support Ministries of MW Canada</b>		
October Leadership Assembly	\$ 1,141.90	
Spring Leadership Assembly	\$ 1,465.17	
Congo gift	\$ 100.00	
MC Canada admin fee	\$ 286.00	\$ 2,993.07
<b>Above Budget Designated Donations</b>		
MC Canada - Ukraine Ministry	\$ 2,000.00	
MC Canada - Witness	\$ 500.00	
MC Canada - Veith Ministry (China)	\$ 880.00	\$ 3,380.00
<b>Total Disbursements</b>		<b>\$ 21,010.05</b>
<b>Net balance (excluding draw from PPLF savings)</b>		<b>\$ 2,568.96</b>
<b>Draw from PPLF savings (held with MC Canada) for Poovong Ministry</b>		<b>\$ 4,299.31</b>
(Total FYE18 expense to Poovong Ministry - \$7500)		
<b>Total FYE18 Net balance</b>		<b>-\$ 1,730.35</b>



**Mennonite Women Canada Executive Meeting  
Minutes,  
March 10, 2018, 1:00 – 3:00 CST**

Locations: Google hangouts

**Participants:** Shirley Redekop (President), Elsie Rempel (Secretary and Manitoba Rep), Helen Kim (Treasurer), Tany Warkentin (Past Staff Liaison), Jason Martin (MCCanada staff rep), Waltrude Goertzen (Past BC rep and CC member), Kate Janzen (Alberta Rep), Liz Koop (Past- President and acting MCEC rep)

**Regrets:** Mel Harms (Sask Rep)

**1. Opening Devotional and Installation Service.**

Shirley led the opening devotional, connecting Lent and our theme of standing on shaky ground as we move toward Easter. She also introduced and welcomed Helen Kim to the executive and installed her as an officer (Treasurer) on our executive. Elsie (with whom she shared a computer connection), gave her a linking candle and led the installation prayer.

**2. There were some connection difficulties,** but we still enjoyed brief regional reports, and were grateful for the fine written ones we all received ahead of time.

**3. Finance Report and Adjustments to preliminary budget for FYE2019** (see Opportunities for Giving Form) It was accepted with a few questions of clarification. Moved by Helen, seconded by Waltrude, accepted.

**4. Bible Study Guide distribution decisions:** Elsie outlined the changes in service from MennoMedia and proposal we discussed possible responses. Liz made the following proposal:

*An initial order of 250 (at 40% off from MennoMedia) will be shipped to the BSG distributor (Liz Koop) who will provide 1 free copy per church upon request. She will also sell to individuals or groups who want to purchase copies. These will be sold at full price and include shipping cost. When the 250 are sold, more can be ordered through Common Word. The bill for the cost of shipping free copies will be sent to the Treasurer.*

We further agreed it was important to get word out in spring about having to now order their free copy. If groups need more BSGs, after our initial order of 250 is used up, we direct them to purchase from Common Word. Moved by Elsie, seconded by Kate, accepted.

\* Follow up: Elsie will communicate this to CommonWord and MennoMedia.

**5. Future planning for MWC Canada.** Coreena Stewart (*Master Planning Consultant*) is willing to help us with event planning.

Elsie suggested a plan for planning a retirement party or Celebration of Closure at Assembly 2019, in which we disburse our funds to area churches for women's ministries and refocus our energies for supporting mission projects at the regional and congregational levels. This would help vitalize womens ministries and mission projects through the new relational funding channels.

Discussion included the suggestion that we still need a bare bones national level group to continue the BSG, Connections Newsletter, and the Scholarships. Shirley suggest we have another video meeting to

discuss this further before we do the fall newsletter

**6. Spiritual Growth Assistance Fund:** How do we get word out about this continuing scholarship? Lets promote the scholarship In the Spring newsletter. Helen Kim can also keep her eyes open for a CMU female student as she works in finance and Shirley will be in touch with CGC.

**7. Changing relationship with MC Canada:** Even though Willard Metzger, Executive Minister is our liaison person our connection is mainly through Jason Martin, Director of Witness. Willard does sign the expense claims we submit.

**8. Communications Committee Report:**

**8.1 Liz shared her report** and recommends that we post any new material we have in a PDF form on the blog. A web presence will remain for MC Canada and we will still be able to link to it for archival materials. Liz and Waltrude will talk further about the logistics of doing this.

**8.2 A researcher,** Lisa, who approached Shirley for help with her research project on women. Shirley will be in touch with Lisa and explore ways of her doing her research through our blog site. Lisa wanted numbers of contacts from us: we have 167 on our email list, FB has 200 likes, average blog views are about 400 a month.

**8.3 Next newsletter** will be on the mug theme. Could each woman send in a picture of herself and her mug as well as what that mug means to her. Liz will send us what she has in an email and we can elaborate on it and send it to her by March 25.

**8.4 Canadian Mennonite writing record for 2018:**

Feb 12, 2018: Carmen Brubacher for WMCEC - done

April 16, 2018: Elsie Rempel for MWM – submitted

June 4, 2018 for May 4 issue: Waltrude Gortzen for MCBC

July 13, 2018 for Aug 13 issue: Kate will contact Ev Buhr about writing for MCA Alberta

September 8, 2018 for October 8 issue: Shirley (President)

November 17 for December 17 issue, 2018: Mel Harms for MCSask.

**9. 2017 Report Book.** Theme: Leaping Ahead from Shaky Ground. Elsie has the reports and will proceed. Book formatting will be done through Judith Rempel Smucker for a fee. She will send it out electronically to the mailing list and each region can print them out in the region, as needed. Perhaps regional church offices can help with this.

**10. Tanzania Tour.** We discussed and are continuing to encourage women to participate in the Tanzania Women's tour with Tourmagination.

**11. Next meeting:** Preferably through Zoom from MCEC office in the fall. Tentatively set for Saturday, September 15.

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