

April 2017 UPDATE

Extending the Table: Enough for All

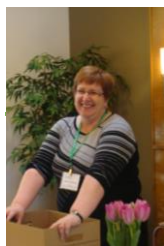
This was our theme for the 2017 Annual Delegate Sessions, where all who were hungry, all who were thirsty, all were invited to come and feast at the table of our Lord. All 28 MC Sask congregations were represented, with 84 delegates and one youth delegate.

Thank you to our host congregations, Nutana Park and Pleasant Point Mennonite Church, and the many volunteers for your hard work.

Thank you to speaker Susanne Guenther Loewen, and all who participated in the Friday-evening play, *The Gospel According to Food*.



Finally, a *special thank you to Marianne Siemens*, our Office Admin, who coordinates and orchestrates the ADS. We would be lost without you, Marianne!



Transitions and Updates

Welcome to all new committee/commission members, and board representatives! We appreciate your willingness to serve.

- **Josh Wallace** was Ordained at Warman Mennonite Church on April 9th
- **Allan Friesen**, pastor of Eigenheim Mennonite Church, is on sabbatical and has resigned as of October 1st 2017
- **Ken Bechtel** began work as Process Pastor at Eigenheim Mennonite Church for one year beginning April 1, 2017
- **Krista Loewen** resigned from her position at Wildwood Mennonite Church, as of March 5th
- **Julie Bergen** was Ordained for Chaplaincy at Osler Mennonite Church on March 5th
- **Zach Dueck** was installed as Associate Pastor at Mount Royal Mennonite Church on January 22nd



Refresh, Refocus, Renew: A year of prayer and re-imagining for MC Sask

Thank you to all those who completed the initial survey, and for sharing your hopes and fears regarding the future of MC Sask. Each congregation was represented, and the results were very heartening!

The first Mini-Retreat took place April 28-29 at Mount Royal Mennonite Church. This was a time of looking further at the survey results, and discerning the need for prayer moving into the next phase. Further information and prayer questions will be sent out later in Spring.

Coming Events & Deadlines:

May 6	Shekinah Fundraising Banquet, Mount Royal Mennonite
May 27	RJC Golf Tournament
June 9-10	MCC Relief Sale
June 18	Licensing for Terri Lynn Friesen at Osler Mennonite Church
June 22-24	RJC Musical, <i>Sister Act</i>
June 25	RJC Grad
Aug 12	Spruce River Folk Fest
Oct 13-14	Special MC Canada Assembly, Winnipeg

Upcoming Mega Menno/SMYO events (gr.6-12):

May 26-28	Jr. High Retreat at Shekinah Retreat Centre (gr. 6-9)
June 9	MCC Relief Sale, Kid's Corner run by SMYO!
June 22	RJC Musical Youth Night

Stay tuned for details of the mystery location summer camping trip!

Honouring the Earth took place April 18-19, in partnership with MCC Saskatchewan and hosted by RJC. The event started with workshops and discussion around what it might mean and feel like to be a refugee, and how to make choices when the cost is something more than money.



The fun continued all night, with a murder mystery, midnight bowling, and hot tub! Sleep was had by some, fun was had by all!



Jr. High Retreat is coming up next, at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Cost is \$140/person for youth and sponsors. This year's theme is *Life's an Adventure*, and we plan to make the weekend just that, so make sure to add your sense of adventure to the packing list!

An Invitation to Listen

The MC Sask Listening & Discernment Committee is inviting all congregations to participate in a workshop entitled '*Listening, Living Together, & Loving One Another Even When We Disagree*'. This is a valuable tool for both individuals and congregations as we learn what it means to be faithful Church family.

To learn more, email listen@mcsask.ca, or speak with one of the L&D Committee members (list can be found in the MC Sask Directory).

Full workshop will be available on the MC Sask website soon.

We are extremely pleased to announce that our *new website* is up and running. Thanks to Kirsten Hamm-Epp for all her time and hard work designing and creating the site. The web address has remained the same, www.mcsask.ca
We hope you enjoy the new MC Sask online experience!