



MCSASK SPEAKERS BUREAU

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Note: *The following persons from our various Mennonite Church Saskatchewan (MCSask) churches and organizations, are open to invitations to preach occasionally in our churches. Home areas are listed for your convenience in contacting them, not as their limitation of where they could speak. We welcome your further suggestions of potential speakers. Please submit suggestions to **Ryan Siemens (249-4844 or minister@mcsask.ca) so that we can check with potential speakers.***

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Area Church Ministers are also available and welcome opportunities to speak in your congregation. They can be reached at the office, 249-4844.

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Bios of New Speakers

Mark Bigland-Pritchard

Mark Bigland-Pritchard is a British transplant who has lived in the province since 2005. Involvement with London Mennonite Centre in the 1980s and 90s introduced him to anabaptist theology - a formative experience in his faith development. He is a member at Osler Mennonite Church, where he chairs the refugee committee, is on the piano rota, and occasionally preaches. He is by profession and energy consultant, with a background on the borders of physics and engineering and an active interest in public policy. He is a founder member of Climate Justice Saskatoon, motivated by concern for vulnerable nations worldwide, for the next generation, and for Indigenous peoples' land rights. He is married to Jan, and the father of Anna.

Rachel Bueckert

I grew up in the Mennonite church in small town SK, and currently live and work in Saskatoon. My passion is working with youth and young adults, and I've had the privilege of doing both through teaching and youth ministry. I first knew I wanted to get involved in ministry when I attended Steinbach Bible College in Manitoba after high school and experienced God's transformation in my own life, through His Word and through others. Since then I've continued to grow in my understanding of who God is through mission trips, life experiences, volunteering in ministry, and encounters with others whose stories have impacted me.

Stephanie Christianson

Stephanie Christianson and her husband Austin live in Saskatoon. Stephanie has completed a BA in Pastoral Ministry and a MA in Theological Studies. Her research interests include nonviolent discipleship and Anabaptism. She enjoys a deep conversation, reading, and being with friends."

Heather Driedger,

Heather grew up in Winnipeg and Saskatoon and attended RJC for high school. After graduating from RJC in 2004, Heather attended CMU and received a BA in Peace and Conflict Transformation Studies. She spent a year after CMU volunteering in the Netherlands as a nanny on the Intermento program from 2007-08. She returned to Winnipeg after Intermento and became involved with the MCC Manitoba project, Sam's Place - a used bookstore, coffee shop/music venue. Heather spent 4 years helping to book musicians, and train volunteers at Sam's Place, while obtaining a certificate of Arts and Cultural Management from University of Winnipeg. Her interest in arts management and conflict transformation led her to sign up for Mennonite Voluntary Service term in Colorado. For 2 years, Heather volunteered in Alamosa, Colorado, spending 2 days a week organizing concerts for the local music association, and 3 days a week with a youth based restorative justice organization.

Heather finished her MVS term in 2015 and returned to Saskatchewan to become director of Parkland Restorative Justice in Prince Albert, an organization that coordinates prison visitations at the Sask Pen and CoSA programming for offenders in the community. She currently resides in Prince Albert and is a member of Grace Mennonite Church.

Joel Kroeker

Joel Kroeker lives in Saskatoon with his partner, Heather Peters, & their daughter, Rehema. Joel has served as youth pastor at Zion Mennonite Church (Swift Current) & with Heather as MCC service workers coordinating the peace & justice programming of the Diocese of Rumbek, South Sudan. He now stays at home with Rehema, bakes sourdough bread & pizza obsessively, & carves wooden spoons. He is interested in reconciliation, vulnerability, uncertainty & finding God in the smallest parts of life.

Emily Summach

Emily Summach is an American Baptist who is surprised and blessed to have found a spiritual home amongst Canadian Mennonites. She holds a BA from Providence University College in Communications and Theatre. Her writings on faith have appeared in Geez and Mutuality Magazines. Presently, she spends her days as a stay-at-home parent to Junia and Ezra, spending time outdoors, baking and drinking good coffee. She is interested in women in scripture, the practicalities of life as a believer, and the relationship between faith and the arts. She believes in the power of a well-told story to bring good changes into this world. Emily, her husband, Taylor, and their two kiddos reside in Warman.