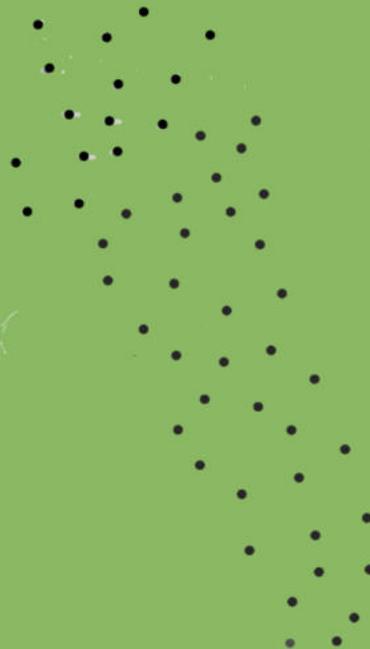


**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan
Annual Delegate Sessions
March 13 & 14, 2026
Shekinah Retreat Centre**

**Yeast and Mustard Seeds:
Stories of God's Kingdom Power**

*He said therefore, "What is the kingdom of of God like? And to what shall I compare it?"
-Luke 13:18*

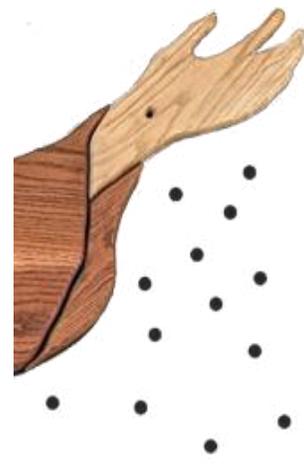


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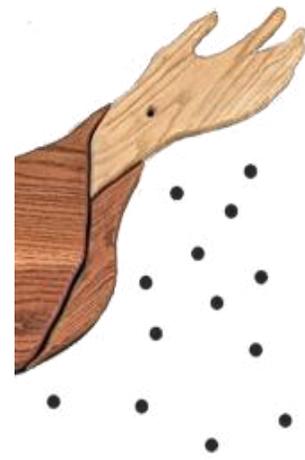
Agenda

FRIDAY

- 12:00 – 1:00 p.m. 'bring your own' lunch – pastors & leaders
- 12:30 p.m. Pastors and Leaders registration
- 1:00 - 4:30 p.m. Pastors and Leaders Gathering
- 5:30 p.m. Supper
- 6:30 p.m. Registration & gathering
- 7:00 p.m. **Opening Session, Worship**
(includes memorial, baptism & birth recognition; offering, Communion)
**Worship recorded for congregational use **
- 9:00 p.m. **Chocolate, Chips & Crokinole**

SATURDAY

- 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast for those staying overnight**
- 8:30–9:00 a.m. **Registration**
- 9:00 a.m. **Welcome & Morning Worship**
- 9:45—10:20 a.m. **Business Session One**
- 10:30—11:25 a.m. **Breakout Rooms** (coffee in breakout rooms)
Finance & Budget
Pastoral Leadership & Ministries Commissions contemplative time
Camps (Elim & Shekinah annual meetings)
Youth
- 11:30 a.m. **Business Session Two**
- 12:15 p.m. **Lunch** – lunch information meetings – everyone welcome
Mennonite Central Committee
Rosthern Junior College High School
- 1:15 p.m. **Afternoon Worship**
(includes offering)
- 2:00 p.m. **Breakout Rooms**
CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team)
Restorative Justice
MC Canada International Witness
- 3:00 pm **Coffee break**
- 3:15 p.m. **Business Session Three**
- 4:00 p.m. **Closing Worship**
Official Closure & Benediction



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Logistics

Offering



MC Sask thanks you for your generosity. Four ways you can give:

1. E-transfer to mcsask@mcsask.ca
2. Debit or credit donations – see Cynthia or Marianne at the registration table
3. Offering envelopes will be provided for cheques or cash
4. Scan QR code on table for credit card donations
5. Mail offering to MC Sask, 600 45th Street W., Saskatoon, SK S7L 5W9



Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available at Shekinah, however we ***strongly*** recommend you download the report book prior to the event.



Environmental Kindness

- * Please bring your own mug or water bottle
- * Consider carpooling to the ADS
- * Download the report book to your device instead of printing



Parliamentarian

Terry Stefaniuk is our parliamentarian and advises us on procedural process when necessary. Thank you, Terry for your wisdom and direction.



Resolutions & Listening Committee

Emily Summach



Name Tags & Lanyards

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Evaluations

An evaluation form will arrive by email. We would appreciate if you would take a few minutes to complete the evaluation.



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**Moderator's Report
Brent Guenther**



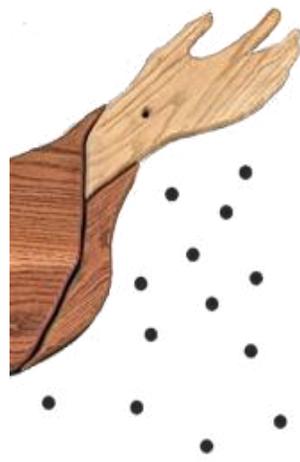
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I am delighted that we can gather once again as Mennonite Church Saskatchewan at Shekinah Retreat Centre for our Annual Delegate Sessions. Our theme for this year's ADS is "Yeast and Mustard Seeds: Stories of God's Kingdom Power" and I am looking forward to hearing and reading the stories of God at work in our congregations and communities. When I think of Jesus comparing a mustard seed to the Kingdom of God, I first and foremost think about the life and hope that God creates in small and humble beginnings. And as that seed grows into a tree, it does not simply grow above the ground, but it also must grow beneath the ground to nourish itself with water and nutrients and anchor itself in the ground. When I think about some of the work that Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Council has done over the last year, it makes me think about extending our roots beyond our Council's meeting walls and into the church basements and choir lofts of our congregations.

We completed our town hall meetings about a year ago and were able to compile what was shared with us as we met with congregants from every single MC Saskatchewan congregation. We extended our work with the members of our greater MC Saskatchewan community by creating two additional subcommittees: the Youth Ministry Review Committee and the Finance Advisory Group. Members of the Youth Ministry Review Committee included Lisa Martens-Bartel, Alex Tiessen, Sarah Unrau, Bob Neufeldt, and Len Rempel. This committee was tasked with thinking about what is needed in youth ministry in MC Saskatchewan and how best to provide what is needed. Through discussion and discernment, this group recommended to Council that we create the Faith Development Minister position. Council is very excited about the potential of this position and the ministry it will provide to our congregations and communities. I want to thank the Youth Ministry Review Committee and the work it continues to do to support youth ministry in our province.

I also want to thank the members of our Finance Review Committee and our Council treasurer, Tim Wiens, who provided Council with some questions regarding our priorities and how our finances need to reflect those priorities. It was some of the work of that committee that helped Council update MC Saskatchewan's financial policies. Please see Tim's finance report for more details.





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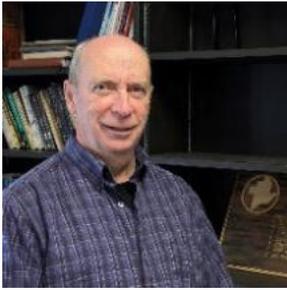
We continue to take steps with the Youth Farm Bible Camp in working towards a lease agreement that provides enough flexibility and independence for YFBC and provides the accountability required for MC Saskatchewan. Meetings between members of Council and members of YFBC have been positive and productive and we look forward to finalizing this agreement in the months ahead. Following that, we will be drafting a memorandum of understanding between Mennonite Nursing Home and YFBC so that there is greater clarity and understanding between two organizations that share the same land.

MC Saskatchewan Council has also spent a significant amount of time discerning God's calling to us as MC Saskatchewan. We have discussed Mennonite Church Canada's four Key Initiatives that began with discussions at the Gathering last summer. We have also been asking and discussing our own three questions:

1. Who is God calling us (MC Saskatchewan) to be?
2. What is God calling us (MS Saskatchewan) to do?
3. How can Council lead and support in this calling?

We continue visiting congregations, and we have plans on extending our roots by meeting with our various committees and commissions, rather than asking them to come and meet with at the Council table. We are excited about meeting with you, hearing about the work that God is doing in your organizations, and hearing what you think God is calling MC Saskatchewan to be.

Finally, I would like to thank our MC Saskatchewan staff members. I want to thank Evan Bueckert who completed his term as Youth Minister last summer. Evan was pivotal in the planning of our youth delegation to the Gathering this past summer and I am appreciative of how he supported our youth and the relationships he made. I want to thank Len Rempel, our Executive Minister, who not only represents us well in our MC Saskatchewan congregations, but also beyond our denomination and beyond our faith in the ecumenical and multi-faith gatherings that he attends. Len is adept in finance, theology, and working with people, and that combination is not easy to come by. And speaking of someone who must juggle many different types of tasks and skills, I want to thank Marianne Siemens, our office administrator, for her 12 ½ years of service in our MC Saskatchewan office. Marianne has made so many great connections with our congregations and organizations and I appreciate her institutional knowledge that she uses to support Len and to support Council. May God bless you in your retirement, Marianne.



Executive Minister's Report Len Rempel

The next day John was standing again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus walking along he said, "Look! The Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard what he said, and they followed Jesus.

When Jesus turned and saw them following, he asked, "What are you looking for?" They said, "Rabbi (which is translated Teacher), where are you staying?" He replied, "Come and see." ~John 1:35-39a

Jesus' call to the disciples is significant. It is an invitation to "come and see" what God is doing in our midst. Over this past year, I spent many Sundays visiting the congregations of MC Sask, in addition to the Sunday mornings when I had the opportunity to just sit in the pews at Mount Royal. I also spoke at RJC on a couple of occasions. All of these visits have allowed me to see (and hear) what God is doing across MC Sask. It excites and inspires me to hear these stories. I look forward to giving space for some of these stories at this year's ADS.

Ordinations, licensing, installations, pastoral transitions

One of the blessings of my role as Executive Minister is the opportunity to participate in and walk with pastors through various significant steps in their ministries. In the past 12 months I have participated in the ordinations of **Lisa Martens Bartel** (North Star MC) and **Luke Bushman** (Osler & Nutana Park MC), as well as the licensing for specific ministry of **Peter Lippmann** (Wildwood MC). I also had the privilege of officiating at the installations of **Calvary deJong** (First Mennonite), **Don Froese** (Nutana Park MC), and **Brad Schroeder** (Osler MC).



Luke Bushman



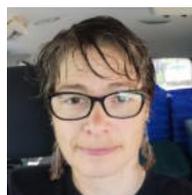
Don Froese



Calvary deJong



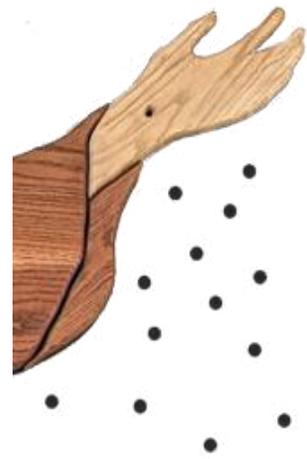
Peter Lippmann



Lisa Martens Bartel



Brad Schroeder



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Youth Ministry review

At the end of March 2025 we held the first meeting of the Youth Ministry Review group. It was a pleasure to work with Alex Tiessen, Sara Unrau, Lisa Martens Bartel, and Bob Neufeldt. Thanks to their efforts over the past several months, we developed the position of Faith Development Minister and a way of developing youth and young adult ministry across MC Sask. We are looking forward to having someone in this position and witnessing how God will use that person to further God's kingdom in Saskatchewan, especially with youth and young adults.

Special events and services

During the year there were a number of special events that took place in MC Sask. In July we celebrated the 500th anniversary of Anabaptism with a time of music, sharing, and storytelling at the Youth Farm Complex in Rosthern.

In September, 12 of us gathered in Missinipe for the Pastors' Retreat hosted by Ric Driediger. We hiked, canoed, studied scripture, prayed together, and generally shared a good time of rest, reflection, and rejuvenation.

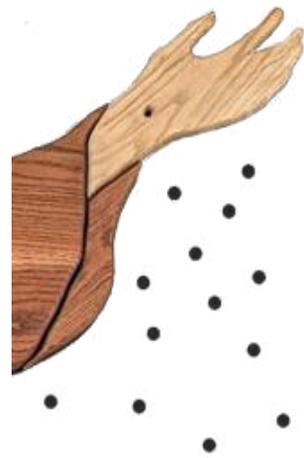
Later in the fall we offered a CMU course at the MCC Centre, taught by Troy Osborne, professor at Conrad Grebel University College. We learned about Anabaptist history and the global church. It was a valuable time to learn and talk about what it means to be an Anabaptist today.

MC Canada and the broader church

The Mennonite Church Canada family gathered last summer in Kitchener, Ontario for Gathering 2025. These gatherings happen every three years. It is a good chance to hear what is happening in the church across the country and be challenged to discern where God is calling and leading us. More than 400 people attended the event.

MC Sask also sent an excellent delegation to the Youth Gathering and we heard many good reports back.

In my role as Executive Minister, I also participate in monthly meetings with the Executive Ministers and Congregational Leadership Ministers from the other regions. These meetings give the opportunity to work together on MC Canada's agenda as well as share and learn from each other.



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Ecumenical & Multi-Faith events

Over the course of the year there have been several ecumenical and multi-faith events in which I have been involved. The Prairie Centre for Ecumenism organizes services during Lent as well as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January) that bring together Christians from various traditions. These are wonderful opportunities to worship and pray along side these siblings in faith.

I am also involved with MultiFaith Saskatoon and in January we held our first official event with “*An Interfaith Symposium on Peaceful Coexistence*”. The board members of Multi-Faith Saskatoon have also participated in other events informally throughout the year. In a world that is often divided it is important to find opportunities to work together, especially as faith leaders.

2025 by the numbers

- 33 visits to congregations for preaching or other special services
- 77 in-person meetings
- 76 online or phone meetings
- 53 meetings with pastors and others
- 22 church potlucks and after-church meals
- 15 ecumenical or multi-faith events

These are not just numbers, but each one represents a God-connection in some way. I thank God for all these moments, each an opportunity to connect with folks and in those connections, to meet God. I am also thankful for your prayers and all the support I receive as I serve as your Executive Minister.

respectfully submitted

Len Rempel, Executive Minister, MC Sask



Pastors retreat



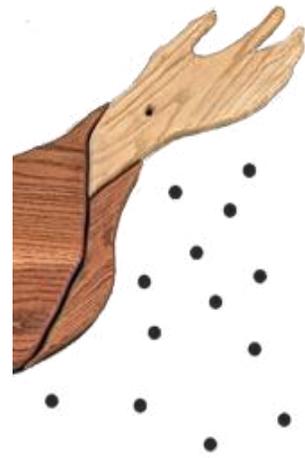
MultiFaith Saskatoon



Anabaptism at 500 Celebration



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity



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Brent Gunther
Moderator
Nutana Park Mennonite
(T1, 2026)



Bob Neufeldt
Vice Moderator
Nutana Park Mennonite
(T1, 2027)



Tim Wiens
Finance Chair
Herschel Mennonite
(T1, 2026)



Claire Ewert Fisher
Secretary
Rosthern Mennonite
(T1, 2028)



Peter Lippmann
Member at Large
Wildwood Mennonite
(T1, 2027)



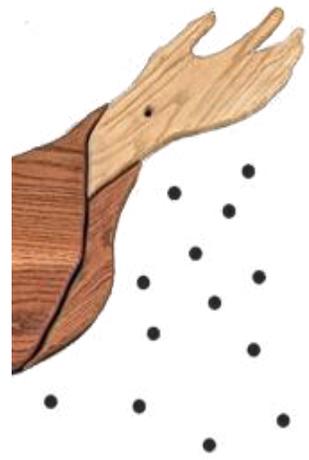
Heather Peters
Member at Large
Wildwood Mennonite
(T1, 2027)



Patrick Preheim
Member at Large
Nutana Park Mennonite
& Tiefengrund Rosenort
Mennonite
(T1, 2028)



Vacant
Member at Large



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Motions 2026

#1 Approval of Minutes of 2025 Annual Delegate Sessions

MOTION: “That we accept the minutes of the 2025 Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegate Sessions held on March 7 & 8, 2025.”

#2 Adoption of Annual Delegate Session Agenda for 2026

MOTION: “That we adopt the agenda of the 2026 Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Annual Delegate Sessions.”

#3 Approval of MC Sask Council Actions for 2025

MOTION: “That we approve all actions taken the MC Sask Council for the year 2025.”

#4 Adoption of the Unaudited Financial Statements FYE December 31, 2025

MOTION: “That we accept the unaudited financial statements for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025 as printed.”

#5 Approval of MC Sask Budget for 2026

MOTION: “That we approve the 2026 budget as presented.”

#6 Appointment of Financial Accountants

MOTION: “That we appoint Davies & Drury Chartered Professional Accountants for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026.

#7 Approval of change to Youth Farm Complex board

MOTION: “That we approve a change to the by-law pertaining to the Youth Farm Complex board to read: *The board of the Youth Farm Complex shall consist of six to nine persons including*

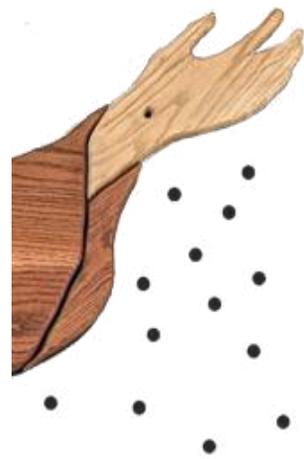
- i. *at least 2/3 elected at an ADS*
- ii. *the remaining people appointed by the Youth Farm Complex board; and*
- iii. *the Chair and Vice Chair to be selected from members elected at a delegate session.”*

#8 Approval of Slate of Nominations

MOTION: “That we approve the 2026 slate as presented.”

#9 Acceptance of Reports

MOTION: “That we accept the 2025 reports as printed in the 2026 Report Book.”



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**Minutes of MC Sask Annual Delegate Sessions
March 13 & 14, 2025
Rosthern Junior College High School**

Friday, March 7, 2025

- Pastors & Leaders joined the RJC students for Chapel and lunch
- Pastors & Leaders had an afternoon of reflection, prayer, and worship Based on Henri Nouwen's "In the Name of Jesus: Reflections on Christian Leadership" at Rosthern Mennonite Church led by Rachel and James Wallace

Opening session and worship with Memorial and offering (offerings going toward the Global Youth Summit and Youth Travel to MC Canada Gathering) 7:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 8, 2025

Welcome & Morning Worship 9:15 a.m.

Business Session I 10:00 - 10:45 a.m.

Welcome/Opening Sharon Schultz, Moderator

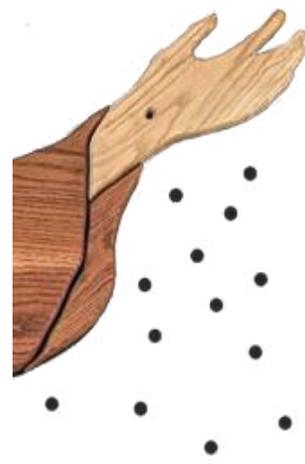
Introduction of Guests:

- Jeanette Hanson, Director of International Witness, MC Canada;
- Doug Klassen, Executive Minister, MC Canada;
- Aryln Friesen Epp, Director of CommonWord Bookstore, MC Canada;
- Jonathan Neufeld, Indigenous Relations Coordinator, MC Canada
- Shelby Boese, Executive Minister, MCBC
- Donna Schulz, Canadian Mennonite Publishing Service
- Reynold Friesen, Director of Alumni, Church/Donor Relations, CMU
- Eileen Klassen Hamm, Executive Director, MCC, Saskatchewan
- Erika Thogersen, Constituency Relations/Education Coordinator, MCC SK
- Chrissy Halliday, Parkland Restorative Justice
- Brad Taylor, Parkland Restorative Justice
- Rick Block, Canadian Food Grains Bank
- Wynn Bueckert, Camp Elim
- Saralyn Andres, Shekinah Retreat Centre
- Sharon Murugiah, Shekinah Retreat Centre
- Gustavo Araujo, Youth Farm Bible Camp
- Ike Epp – Mennonite Disaster Service
- Diane Enns, Amity Trust (Friday)
- Darryl Balzer, Amity Trust (Saturday)

Declaration of Quorum:

56 Delegates; 30 non-delegates; 14 guests; 4 volunteers;
102 people registered representing 19 congregations

Adoption of Agenda - Sharon Schultz



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MOTION: to adopt agenda for 2025 ADS

Moved: Ric Driediger, Rosthern Mennonite

Seconded: Luke Bushman, Osler Mennonite

CARRIED

Approval of minutes of 2024 Annual Delegate Sessions - Sharon Schultz

MOTION: to approve minutes of 2024 Annual Delegate Sessions

Moved: Alan Laughlin - Hoffnungsfelder/Fields of Hope Mennonite

Seconded: Peter Peters, Peace Mennonite, Regina

CARRIED

MOTION: to affirm 2024 Council motions & resolutions

Moved: Patrick Preheim, Nutana Park Mennonite

Seconded: Christine Epp, Wildwood Mennonite

CARRIED

Introduction and Call for Resolutions - Sharon Schultz

-none from the floor

Introduction and Presentation of Nominations Slate - Denise Epp

Moderator report - Sharon Schultz

-recognition that the church needs to change

-congregations are connected internally and there is a desire to connect with MC Sask in some way

-there is a feeling of hope

-difficult to find volunteers willing to serve on council, committees and commissions

-as congregations shrink and reduce, what do we need to be what it means to be church now and in the future?

-celebration of 500th year of Anabaptism this year!

Finance presentation - Tim Wiens

-Congregation and Individual donations \$420,000

-Special Projects Fund: 15 this year ~\$140,000 went out from Reserve funds

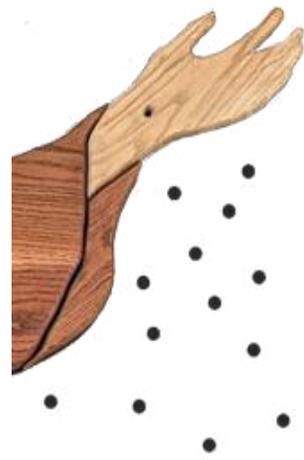
-net loss \$32,000

-Abundance Canada money was moved into savings and into the Special Projects Fund

-hoping to ramp up donor relations this year with having a full time Executive Minister

-MC Sask contributions to internal and external organizations is reduced

-MC Sask Council wants to create a Finance Advisory sub-committee



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Breakout rooms

Business Session II 11:45 a.m.– 12:15 p.m.

Introduction of Speakers - Sharon Schultz

Ryan Wood –RJC presentation

Greetings from MC Canada - Doug Klassen

Arlyn Friesen Epp – Common Word

Jonathan Neufeld (Indigenous Relations)

Camps Subcommittee Update - Brent Guenther

Final Call for Nominations - Sharon Schultz

-none

Announcements - Sharon Schultz

Lunch

Afternoon Worship

Breakout Rooms

Business Session III 3:15 pm

Nominations Closed - Sharon Schultz

Approval of Slate of Nominations - Sharon Schultz

MOTION: to accept slate of nominations for 2025

Moved: Gordon Peters, Nutana Park Mennonite

Seconded: Gwen Dynes, Mount Royal Mennonite

CARRIED

Youth Minister Report – Evan Bueckert

Greetings from MCBC – Shel Boese

Finance – Tim Wiens

2024 Finance Report

MOTION: to accept unaudited financial statements for 2024

Moved: Geraldine Balzer, Nutana Park Mennonite

Seconded: Charlene Krahn, Herschel Mennonite

CARRIED



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2025 Budget

MOTION: to approve budget for 2025

Moved: Bob Neufeldt, Nutana Park Mennonite

Seconded: Devin Wiens, Herschel Mennonite

CARRIED

Approval of Accounting Firm

MOTION: to appoint Davies & Drury as Accountants

for 2025

Moved: Alan Laughlin, Hoffnungsfelder/Fields of Hope

Mennonite

Seconded: Audrey Mierau Bechtel, Wildwood

Mennonite

CARRIED

Approval of Reports as printed - Sharon Schultz

MOTION: to accept reports as printed in 2025 Report

Book

Moved: Rachel Wallace, Eigenheim Mennonite

Seconded: Audrey Kampen, Nutana Park Mennonite

CARRIED

Resolutions - Sharon Schultz & Resolutions Committee

Presented by Motions and Resolutions Committee member, Emily Summach:

***NEW RESOLUTION:* Be it resolved that upon the**

review of the meeting minutes from the closure of Sask

Women in Mission meeting, council directs the remaining SWM funds to be allocated to the Global Youth Summit/SMYO Reserve accounts.

Moved: Emily Summach, Mount Royal Mennonite

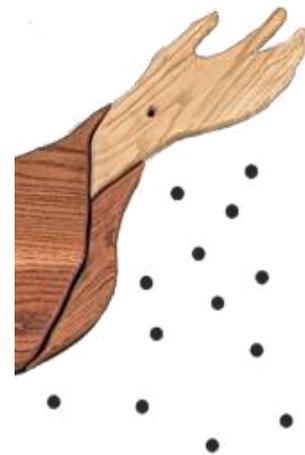
Seconded: Claire Ewert Fisher, Rosthern Mennonite

Question: Jake Buhler, Osler Mennonite – can this money go to RJC instead?

Geraldine Balzer, Nutana Park Mennonite – called for

the question

Vote is TIED 25/25. Motion DEFEATED.



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Audrey Kampen, Nutana Park Mennonite – *amendment to the motion*: If SWM are wanting to support youth, can we give council the prerogative to think about how else the funds could be used; naming RJC

Carrol Epp, Langham Mennonite Fellowship – was part of SWM, the intention was to be family-oriented; for the group, any of what has been proposed would be welcome as recipients of the money. Total faith in the council to make the decision.

Alan Laughlin Hoffnungsfelder/Fields of Hope Mennonite – any resolution that is a tie is a considered a lost vote

Original Motion **DEFEATED**

NEW Motion: That council is empowered to discern the use of the remaining Sask Women in Mission funds in light of consultation with SWM closure meeting minutes.

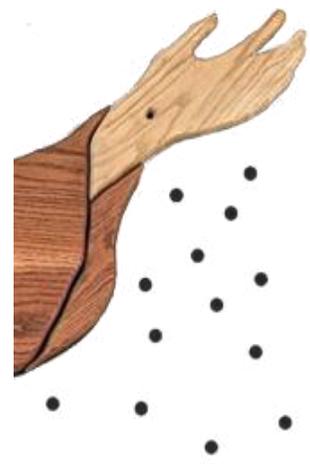
Moved: Jake Buhler, Osler Mennonite
Seconded: Peter Peters, Peace Mennonite
CARRIED

Final announcements - Sharon Schultz

Adjournment: 3:55 PM by Sharon Schultz

Final comment from the floor: concern that MC Sask support of partner organizations is decreasing

Recorded by Alison Jantz, Council Secretary



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**Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Council
2025 Motions & Resolutions**

January 2025

ACTION: Len to look into sending the weekly MC Sask email to congregations and their members

February 2025

MOTION: To approve 2024 financial statements for the ADS. Motion carried

ACTION: Tim will pursue the organization of the Finance Advisory Group

MOTION: To accept the 2025 MC Sask budget. Motion carried

April 2025

MOTION: To accept the division of payments to Parkland Restorative Justice, Micah Mission and Circles of Support and Accountability: Parkland \$16,710; Micah \$11,000; CoSA \$2,290. Motion carried

MOTION: To allocate necessary funds to GYS for expenses and the remainder to SMYO. Motion carried

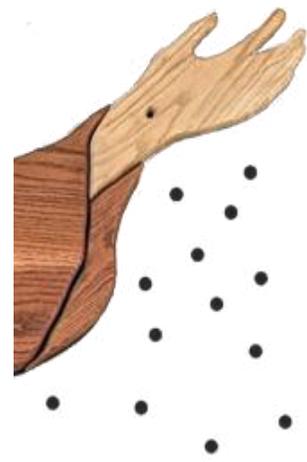
DECISION: Secretary – Claire Ewert Fisher volunteered to serve as MCSask Council secretary. Affirmed by consensus.

DECISION: Deputy Moderator – Bob Neufeld volunteered to serve as MCSask Council deputy moderator. Affirmed by consensus

ACTION: It was agreed by the current Council to continue using the priorities articulated by the previous Council.

ACTION: Len and Brent will initiate a conversation with Warman Mennonite Church to understand how they came to this decision and to express concerns about their future intentions as a church community.

ACTION: Brent will present the draft MCSask Lease Agreement to the YFBC for their consideration. He will also forward copies to the council members.



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May 2025

ACTION: Brent and Len will meet with Bruce Jantzen (Youth Farm Bible Camp), Terry Stefaniuk (Rosthern Mennonite Nursing Home) and Mark Wurtz (YFBC) to walk grounds at YFBC on Wednesday (May 7) in the afternoon. The initial draft of the Lease Agreement prepared by MCSask will be presented to YFBC for their review and feedback.

June 2025

MOTION: All remaining travel expenses, not covered by fund raising and personal donations related to the MC Canada National Youth Gathering and youth registration will be paid from funds remaining in the Saskatchewan Women in Mission account. The remainder will be deposited in the general operating funds account. Motion carried

MOTION: That Heather Peters serve as proxy for the MCSK Moderator at the MC Canada Gathering and Joint Council Meeting from July 2-5, 2025 in Kitchener. Motion carried

August 2025

ACTION: Personnel Committee members will interview Len (for his annual review) on August 26 and then report back to the Council a summary of conversation. The board approved this process.

October 2025

MOTION: To provide \$2,000 for the production of Randy Klassen's book of sermons and encourage him to seek additional funds from other target agencies or groups whom he wishes to impact. Motion carried

ACTION: Agreed upon process: Len and Brent will reach out to Wildwood MC (about Article 19) to listen to them and bring feedback to Council.

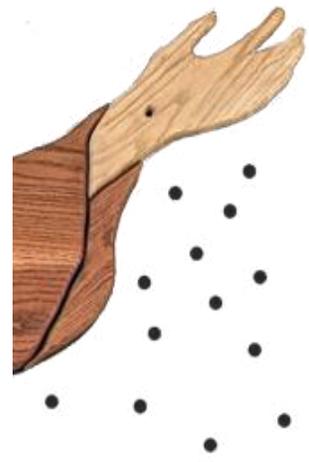
November 2025

MOTION: To create a full-time Faith Development Minister position for a period of no less than three years. Motion carried

MOTION: To approve the Finance Policy as circulated. Motion carried

December 2025

MOTION: To accept the 2026 MC Sask budget as presented. Motion carried

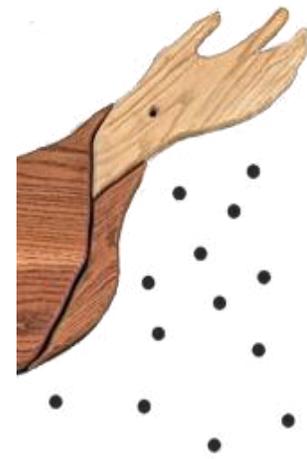


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Nominations

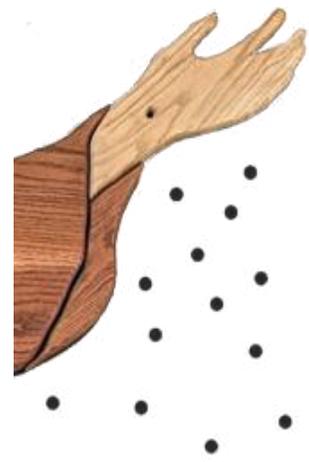
Executive:	Nominee
(T1, 2026) Moderator: Brent Guenther	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T1, 2027) Deputy Moderator: Bob Neufeldt	
(T1, 2026) Finance Chair: Tim Wiens	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T1, 2028) Secretary: Claire Ewert Fisher	
Council Members At Large:	
(T1, 2027) Peter Lippmann	
(T1, 2027) Bob Neufeldt	
(T1, 2027) Heather Peters	
(T1, 2028) Patrick Preheim	
(T1, 2029) Vacant	
Exofficio Council Members:	
Executive Minister	
Pastoral Leadership Commission: (P- Pastor)	
(T1, 2026) Ric Driediger	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T2, 2026) Patty Friesen	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T3, 2027) Curtis Wiens (chair) (P)	
(T3, 2027) Lisa Martens Bartel (P)	
(T1, 2028) Rachel Wallace (P)	
(T1, 2028) Christy Krahn	
Ministries Commission: (Rotating Chair)	
(T2, 2026) Mark Bigland-Pritchard	will continue (T3, 2027)
(T1, 2026) Katherine Penner-Bretcher	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T1, 2027) Harry Harder	
(T1, 2027) Vacant	Josh Wallace (T1, 2029)
(T1, 2028) Lisi Schröttner	
(T2, 2028) Amy Peters	
Camp Elim Board: *MC Sask Elected	
(T3, 2026) John Woelk*	Calra Phoenix (T1, 2029)
(T1, 2027) Vacant	
(T1, 2028) Katelyn Green	
Local rep Laura Grassing	
Local rep Carla Phoenix	John Woelk
Local rep Gilbert Braun	



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Shekinah Retreat Centre Board: *MC Sask Elected	
(T1, 2026) Julie Bergen*	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T3, 2027) Mike Neufeld*	
(T3, 2027) Audrey Kampen*	
(T2, 2028) Lori Wieler-Thiessen*	
Local rep Paul Olfert	
Local rep Mark Hildebrandt (chair)	
Local rep Ric Driedger	
Youth Farm Complex Board	
(T1, 2026) George P. Epp	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T2, 2026) Gwen Laughlin	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T2, 2026) Edith Regehr	will continue (T2, 2029)
(T1, 2027) Joy Kroeger	
(T2, 2027) Trevor Siemens	
(T1, 2027) Terry Stefaniuk (chair)	
(T1, 2028) Dick Braun	
(T1, 2028) Jim Epp	
(T2, 2028) Linda Swab	



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Nomination Bios (first term)

Josh Wallace helps lead Backyard Church, a house church in Saskatoon especially open to folks hanging around the edges of faith. He's husband to Cindy and dad to two creative kids. Josh also teaches sessionally at St Thomas More College in the Religion & Culture



Department, where he talks with students about the history of Christianity, the Bible, Jesus, and more. He also helps nurture a nationwide Mennonite Church Canada conversation about starting new congregations and finding church renewal. From 2020 to 2024, he served as Church Engagement Minister for MC Sask. Josh loves a

good cup of coffee (he's even learning to roast his own coffee beans!); he'd be really happy to talk with you over a cup.

Carla Phoenix: My name is Carla Phoenix and I currently attend Zion Mennonite



Church in Swift Current with my husband. I was very fortunate to grow up spending summers out at Camp Elim as a camper and as a staff member. I have had the privilege of being a part of the Camp Elim Board for 10+ years. I work as a physical therapist in a private practice.

I enjoy spending my free time ballroom dancing, making music, flying airplanes, exercising, and being outdoors at our acreage with our critters.

2025 Financial Report

Tim Wiens Treasurer

The Finance Chair and the Finance Committee are tasked with monitoring the Finances of MC Sask.

The last two ADS gatherings have featured a specific Q+A session about financial topics. After the last ADS, Council decided to create an ad hoc committee to meet over the summer and provide advice on policies that will guide spending for the future. We had four persons volunteer for this process. In depth conversations led to creation of a new policy. Many thanks to my volunteer experts!

We had four meetings, each one had a specific topic. The goals were to maximize revenue, minimize expenses, create and implement a donor relations policy, and make best use of our assets. The advisory group challenged Council to be precise in our budgeting. Council should determine what we want to accomplish and provide budget to fund the objective. As a result, we have reduced the reserve funds to the contingency fund, Scholarships, SMYO and Special Projects.

A new Finance Policy can be found on our website in the *Resources-Bylaws and Policies* section. This policy will guide us in reserve funds, bequests, investments, capital assets, and borrowing money.

The **2025 Financial Statements** are very strong. The previous two years we had revenue shortfalls to the budget and ended up with deficits. 2025 has been completely different. A large bequest early in the year ensured positive cash flow for the whole year. Thank you to your family members that remember the work of MC Sask. in their wills. These extra funds allow for new programs and staff members to be added to the work of MC Sask.

Donations by congregations and individuals was \$28,000 over budget. Expenses for fiscal 2025 were \$3,000 over budget. Without the bequest we were able to meet the 2025 budget.

We project revenues for the **2026 Budget** to be similar to the past years and other expenses to remain close to past levels. All of the expenses will now be funded from budget with no top ups from reserve funds. Two exceptions are the Scholarship Fund and SMYO. These reserve funds will be depleted over time and then fully represented as expenses in the budget.

Council is embarking on a new journey. A new Faith Development minister position has been created. Staff salaries reflect a projected level for the new hires of administrator and Faith Development minister. We feel that these staff positions are vital to MC Sask. Normal revenues will not cover these expenses. We are using some of our undesignated reserves to balance our budget.

Long time staff person, Marianne Siemens, has spent countless hours maintaining our financial records, dealing with auditors, and ensuring our events run smoothly. I would like to wish her well after many years of faithful service.

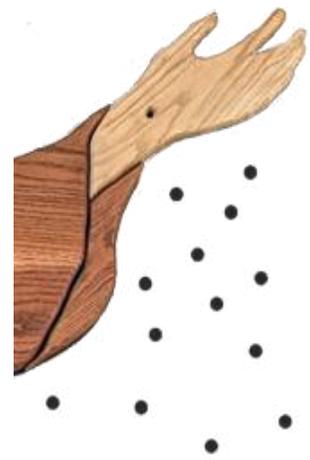
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BUDGET 2026**

REVENUE

Revenue - Congregational Donations	\$375,000
Revenue - Individual Donations	50,000
	425,000
Less: Transfer to MC Canada (Shared Revenue Agreement)	-106,250
	318,750
Bequests	-
Net donations to MC Sask	318,750
Designated donations	
Revenue - Relational Witness Giving Individual	-
Revenue - Relational Witness Giving Congregational	25,000
Revenue - Other Canadian Mennonite	14,070
Other Revenue	
Revenue - Interest Income	5,000
Revenue - Youth Farm Rental	51,250
TOTAL OPERATING FUND REVENUE	\$414,070

EXPENDITURES

Executive Office	\$11,500
Pastoral Leadership Commission	7,900
Ministries Commission	5,750
Congregational Resourcing	6,000
Operations	23,300
Occupancy	19,100
Salaries & Payroll Expenses	232,606
	306,156
Companion Ministry Support	
Mennonite Church Canada - Relational Witness	25,000
Canadian Mennonite	14,070
Camps	6,000
Schools	70,000
Restorative Justice Ministries Sask	30,000
Special projects	
	145,070
Total Operating Fund Expenditures	\$451,226
Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations	-\$37,156
Transfer (to)/from Special Projects Fund	0
Transfer (to)/from General Reserve Fund	37,156
Net Operating Fund surplus (deficit)	\$0



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Ministries Commission Report

Members: Lisi Schröttner, Amy Peters, Harry Harder, Katherine Bretecher, Mark Bigland-Pritchard, (ex officio) Len Rempel.

Ministries Commission's role may be seen as developing the wider vision and outreach of the church. The remit includes (but is not necessarily limited to) Indigenous-settler reconciliation, international witness, climate and environmental responsibility, Palestine and Israel, supporting CPT, new models of church, and spirituality. It's a broad range, and in any given year not every concern is represented on the Commission. We welcome input from those concerns which cannot be represented by the current Commission membership.

In response to the humanitarian crisis in Gaza, the Palestine-Israel Network has held vigils, encouraged those who are able to join the weekly demonstration in Saskatoon, and worked with United Church and MCC colleagues to develop and roll out the Palestine land exercise. This takes participants through the history of the land in a practical and visual way and is offered to congregations. Harry Harder presented to a breakout room at the 2025 ADS.

CERT (Climate Emergency Response Team) reconstituted itself at the beginning of the year, to be more a network than a committee. It remains closely connected to the MC Canada climate office, and to counterparts in other provinces. CERT's agenda for 2025-2027 has crystallised around tree planting plans, vision building, exploring what it means to support the international Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty proposal, and planning for congregational education.

Ministries Commission continues, through Amy Peters' involvement, to support the work of CPT, particularly this year accompaniment of the Apache nation in Arizona in protecting Oak Flats against mining, and the continuing support for Grassy Narrows.

While International Witness is not currently represented on the Commission, we support Jeannette Hanson's work, and encourage churches to take advantage of all opportunities for connection with our international partners.

Over the last year, Walking the Path has been mostly working in planning mode. The group has been looking at ways to better connect with congregations, potential initiatives to connect with the 150th anniversary of Treaty 6 (late August 2026), and what it means to collaborate across Canada with the MC Canada Indigenous neighbours and climate networks.

Towards the end of the year, a major part of the Commission's discussion focussed on prayer and spirituality. We noted that gatherings to pray for peace have led to physical progress in the world – for example, the Berlin wall coming down in 1989. We have felt a need to be spiritually empowered as a church to be able to address the increasingly difficult situations facing the world – but also to share our grief and frustration and seek for ourselves the hope which Jesus offers. We will increasingly be looking at different options for broadly contemplative modes of prayer together.

Mark Bigland-Pritchard 2026:Feb



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Pastoral Leadership Commission Report

This was the first full year under the framework of the GMLC (Guiding Ministerial Leadership in Mennonite Church Canada). The major changes are regular compulsory boundaries training and an annual commitment for all ministers to a code of conduct along with a fee to retain their credential. PLC has been using the code of conduct to guide our work as well. To this end, we pushed for changes to the MC Canada benefits plan to include more resources for counselling and mental health of our pastors.

We organized two major events. A September retreat at Missinipe provided an opportunity for spiritual renewal and rest in the peaceful setting of the Canadian shield. In November, we arranged for a week-long course on Anabaptist history taught by Troy Osborne of Conrad Grebel College. Some students earned credit towards graduate programs at CMU and others audited the course for personal enrichment.

PLC continues to conduct entrance interviews for all incoming pastors and exit interviews for those concluding a ministry. Among our greatest joys this year were the ordination processes for Luke Bushman and Lisa Martens-Bartel. It was uplifting to take a deep dive into their experience and theology of ministry and constituents of MC SK can feel good about the present and future of pastoral leadership.

Two representatives of PLC make up half of the personnel committee of MC SK and have been hard at work creating a vision for youth ministry that will serve us well going forward.

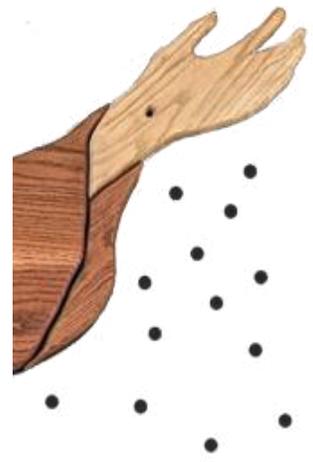
As we look to the future, we are wrestling with themes such as calling new folks into pastoral ministry, broadening our imagination for what is included in the scope of "pastoral ministry" (recognizing the work being done by lay leaders across MC SK), and reviewing best practices for how pastors interact with a congregation after leaving.

A hearty thanks to the members of PLC who volunteer their time and talents in service of the broader church! I respect their wisdom and their heart for the leaders and congregations that make up MC SK. Thank you also to Len, to whom we delegate many tasks of communication and organization. Your work does not go unnoticed.

May all our efforts be to the glory of God whose grace enables us to serve.

Prayerfully submitted,

Curtis Wiens, chair



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Camp Elim

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Camp Elim had an excellent season in 2025! We had a full roster of exceptional staff that allowed the summer camp program to thrive this year. Although the weather wasn't always cooperative (heavy forest fire smoke), campers who attended Elim this summer experienced a well-rounded camping program. Our theme this summer was "Transformed by God". The days and nights were filled with a wide array of activities, friendship, and fellowship, which contributed to a summer of creating core memories at Lac Pelletier!

We reached 114 campers this year, which was a 24% increase over last year! Our Teen Camp continues to be a great success, with many campers returning after their years of children's camp, and others seeking out a new camp experience! Day Camps have also continued to draw strong numbers from our lake neighbours and surrounding southwest SK communities. Our Children's Camps remain attractive, as we offer unique activities that set us apart from other area camps. Witnessing the impact of the time spent at Elim on these children's lives was inspiring and served as a good reminder of why we exist.

In 2025, Wynn Bueckert, along with Ayomikun Gbode – an international Briercrest Bible College student – served as our Directors. Despite this being Ayo's first year at Elim, and Wynn rejoining the staff after a long time away, together they were able to plan, prepare, and lead staff throughout the summer. They hired a full roster of enthusiastic staff, cabin-leaders, and CITs who worked tirelessly to realize camp's mission and vision!

Wynn Bueckert will be entering his 2nd year as a year-round Executive Director in charge of several administrative tasks, camp promotion, rentals, staffing, and programming. Wynn can be reached at elimdirector@sasktel.net if you have any questions or suggestions for him! Wynn continues to work remotely from Moose Jaw, but you will see him around camp with his wife, Maddie, and 11 month old son, Oliver.

During the year, Colin Zacharias has stepped down off the board. His time on the board has been extremely valuable, and we are thankful for all the effort and work he gave wholeheartedly to serve the camp. Fortunately, we have added Katelyn Green from Eyebrow Mennonite Church to our board. Katelyn has served as a Director in past years, and her wealth of knowledge will be very beneficial to our camp operations.

This year, we have expanded our rental capabilities. Camp Elim is now open year-round to rent out the Lodge, as well as our main point of gathering – The Tabernacle. Our rental revenue has increased by 26% from 2024, which allows us to put more funds into capital improvements, as well as our summer camp program.

We continue to promote our Saskatchewan Camps Association accredited program as a one-of-a-kind camp in the southwest. We offer a wide range of activities, including: bible time and worship, watersports, canoeing, kayaking, paddle-boarding, paddle-boating, windsurfing, sailing, swimming, archery, nature and survival, crafts, wide games, beach volleyball, gaga ball, Frisbee golf and trampoline, mini zip-line, slackline, hiking, orienteering, campfires, and the always anticipated "overnighter".

Camp Elim is a place where we are able to provide opportunities to form positive mentoring relationships among campers and staff. These relationships provide the foundation for youth to step out of their comfort zone, take risks and try something new, ask important questions, and gain experiences that they might not encounter anywhere else. Often, life-long friendships are created in only one week, and our repeat campers and staff look forward to coming back year after year because of the great fun and fond memories they have made at Camp Elim! We can't wait to see what 2026 has in store!

Future Plans for Camp Elim

A Board Chair is required as soon as possible, and additional board members would be welcomed. Please speak with a current member of the board if you are interested in helping to keep Camp Elim's mission and vision alive! We cannot do it without you! Spread the word!

Our future plans include washroom renovations, beach restoration, and tabernacle lighting. We will continue to promote rentals in the off-season and our RV park as additional sources of revenue to support our program.

Camper Statistics and Staffing for 2025:

Staff:

Executive Director:

Wynn Bueckert

Camp Pastors:

Marion Bueckert

Zach Stephaniuk

Chris Williams

Kelly Peters

Summer Director:

Ayomikun Gbode

Lifeguard/Cabin Leader:

Dakota Mulhall

Cabin Leaders:

Shay-Lee Arno

Seth Hannouch

Matthew Hughes

Madison Rawson

John Albrecht

Zander Rawson

Damisi Kale

Cook:

Danna Mulhall

CITs:

Zienna Zanidean

Alex Fraser

Tomass Vilde-Jarett

Johanique Erasmus

Elisa Richardson

Kitchen Help:

Aemelia Burley

Manager/Maintenance:

Herman & Esther Wiebe (Seasonal)

Camper Statistics:

Children's 1 - 25

Children's 2 - 26

Day Camp 1 - 12

Day Camp 2 - 28

Teen - 23

Total: 114



Some members of Camp Elim Staff, 2025

We are grateful to all of the people who continue to generously support Camp Elim through prayer, service, and/or finances.

Camp Elim Dates for Summer 2026:

Staff Orientation - June 30th – July 3rd

Children's 1 (ages 7-12) - July 5th - July 10th

Day Camp 1 (ages 5-10) - July 13th - July 17th

Children's 2 (ages 7-12) - July 19th - July 24th

Teen Camp (ages 13-18) - July 26th – July 31st

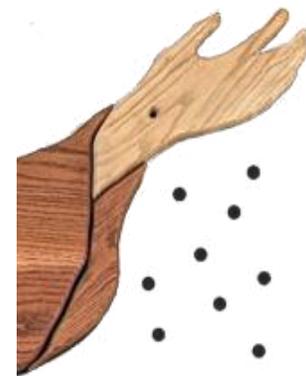
Day Camp 2 (ages 5-10) - August 4th - August 7th

Campers and staff can apply online! Visit our website at www.campelim.ca!

Or, call: (306) 631-8463

Submitted by: Gilbert Braun, Laura Grassing (Interim Board Chair), Carla Phoenix, John Woelk, Brayden Zacharias, Colin Zacharias, Katelyn Green, and Wynn Bueckert (Executive Director).

Camp Elim Budget Year Ended December 31st	Budget 2026 <i>Board approved</i> January 7/2026
Revenue	
Leases /Lease fees	109,154.09
Leases /Dock & parking fees	3,152.21
Leases /Property tax reimbursements	60,000.00
Leases /Transfer & development fees	3,000.00
Camp fees	32,000.00
Donations	15,000.00
Rentals	40,000.00
Fundraising (net)	500.00
MCSK grant /camp subsidy	4,000.00
Government grant /summer student	3,600.00
Patronage	100.00
Interest /bank	100.00
Interest /overdue lease accounts	1,000.00
	271,606.30
Expenses	
Administration /memberships & fees	1,500.00
Advertising & promotion	900.00
Computer, postage & office supplies	1,000.00
Insurance	16,000.00
Interest (bank charges & LOC)	5,500.00
Linens & supplies (lodge & kitchen)	2,000.00
Professional fees (auditor)	4,500.00
Professional fees (treasurer)	16,275.00
Professional fees (lease administration)	3,725.00
Programs /summer camps	20,000.00
Programs /camperships	2,500.00
Programs /CIT credits	2,000.00
Property tax /camp	8,000.00
Property tax /leases	60,000.00
Repairs & maintenance /buildings	5,000.00
Repairs & maintenance /equipment	2,000.00
Repairs & maintenance /boat	1,000.00
Repairs & maintenance /grounds & yard	1,000.00
Utilities, septic, telephone & internet	18,000.00
Vehicle /fuel & mileage	2,000.00
Vehicle /licenses & maintenance	1,500.00
Wages, benefits & workers compensation	
- Executive Director (\$2500/mo)	34,144.59
- Summer Director (12 weeks @ \$19.00/hr)	10,375.18
- Cook (8 weeks @ \$21.00/hr)	7,663.00
- Lifeguard (6 weeks @ \$19.00/hr)	5,197.60
- Counsellors (6 weeks @ \$15.35/hr x 5 staff)	21,068.61
- Facilities & Maintenance (5 mos @ \$3600/mo)	19,478.58
- Workers compensation	1,200.00
	273,527.56
Operating Profit (Loss)	(1,921.26)
Capital Fund & Reserves	
Repayment of revolving loan principal (\$1000/mo P+I)	6,500.00
Projects & purchases of capital assets (current):	
Replace Pressure Tank in Pump House	2,500.00
Excess (Deficiency) of Revenue over Expenses	(10,921.26)



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SHEKINAH RETREAT CENTRE

ANNUAL REPORT 2025

“And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of Faith.” – Hebrews 12:1



Picture 1: The Northern Lights illuminating the skies over Shekinah.

2025: A Year of Joy, Growth, and New Beginnings

Twenty-twenty-five was a year filled with great joy and meaningful adventure for Shekinah. It was also a significant year of transition, as many of our team members were new to their roles and experienced a full ministry cycle for the first time.

This marked the first summer at Shekinah for our Program Director, as well as the first summer with Jonah Ginther serving as Camp Director. Several counsellors and CITs (Counsellors in Training) joined us for their first season, and we also welcomed a new Booking Coordinator to our office team. These fresh beginnings brought renewed energy, enthusiasm, and creativity to our ministry. Throughout the year, we were deeply encouraged as we witnessed God’s guiding hand in all that we undertook.

The Shekinah Summer Camp program was shaped by a powerful Bible curriculum from *Camps With Meaning* titled “**We Can Be Heroes.**” This theme invited campers to explore what it truly means to be a hero through lenses such as Faith, Love, Peace, Hope, Healing, and Creation Care. Our gifted Bible leaders facilitated thoughtful and engaging conversations, helping campers discover that true heroism is rooted in Christ like character. Campers also reflected on real-life Anabaptist heroes of faith, connecting biblical truths to lived examples of courage and conviction.

One particularly meaningful highlight during Bible time was our focus on Creation Care. Campers participated in planting saplings across the Shekinah grounds, each taking responsibility for placing and watering a young tree. This hands-on experience was not only a favorite activity but also a tangible expression of stewardship and hope for the future. It was a powerful and memorable moment for both campers and staff alike.

Below is a summary of key information and highlights from the Shekinah Summer Camp 2025 season:

Total Number of Campers attended	112
Program Director	Saralyn Andres
Summer Camp Director	Jonah Ginther
Kitchen Coordinator	Kaylee Rosenfeldt
CIT's	10 Jacob Martens-Bartel Linus Neufeldt Jack Neufeldt Nora Bergen-Braun Clara Ross Aspen Viau Rachel Clark Sophie Garden Stringer Sophie Hand Tanielle Neufeld
Counsellors	7 Tyreese Hilderbrandt Nohl Gustafson Rachel Box Jessie Wood Eliza Rinholm Piper McCallion Ellie Bosman
Bible Leaders	Luke Bushman (Osler Mennonite) Curtis and Jill Wiens Alex Thiessen (RJC) Rachel Reiger) Abigail Hill (CMU) Jonah Ginther (Camp Director)
Kitchen Volunteers	Volunteers from Osler MC, Nutana Park MC, Wildwood MC and Mount Royal MC helped the camp weeks in the Kitchen.

Although overall camper registrations declined slightly compared to 2024, the season remained deeply meaningful for all who attended. One of the most significant highlights was our Senior Teens Camp, which reached almost the full capacity with 39 campers in a single week.

While we experienced a modest decrease in total registrations, we were encouraged to see continued growth in the quality of our programming. Campers were highly engaged, formed meaningful connections, and clearly enjoyed their time at Shekinah. The depth of participation and enthusiasm throughout the summer was evident and affirming, reminding us that impact is measured not only in numbers but in the experiences and transformation of those who attend.



Picture 2: Summer staff 2025



Picture 3: A camper enjoying the climbing wall activity, building confidence and having fun.



Picture 4: Campers participating in Creation Care activities, learning to care for the environment while having fun.

Spring School Programming

Spring School Programming was another major highlight of the year. Due to the teachers' job action in 2024, many school groups had postponed their visits. In 2025, we were grateful to welcome the majority of those groups back to Shekinah for their outdoor educational experiences.

A total of 22 schools brought their students for programming, resulting in a full calendar throughout May and June. It was encouraging to see the grounds once again filled with students engaging in outdoor learning, team-building activities, and creation-centered experiences. To support this busy season, we hired three Spring Recreational Program Staff who played a key role in delivering high-quality programming. Their leadership and energy helped ensure that each visiting group received a meaningful and well-organized experience.

Key highlights from 2025:

- **Summer Jobs Grant Program:** After being declined for the Summer Jobs Grant in 2024, God provided in unexpected ways, including an Estate Fund donation that helped offset our summer staffing needs. In 2025, we were blessed to have our Summer Jobs Grant application approved. Even more remarkably, during the process, the Government of Canada’s GCOS increased our funding due to available resources, allowing us to cover the majority of summer staff wages—a true blessing that made a significant impact on our programming.
- **Winterizing the Cabins:** Thanks to a grant from Saskatchewan Tourism in 2024, we upgraded our Timber Frame Cabins by installing fireplaces and planning for solar panels. Although the fireplace installation was delayed in 2024, it was successfully completed in spring 2025, making the cabins fully operational. Early rentals received encouraging feedback, and with the upcoming solar panel project, these cabins



Picture 5: Newly installed fireplaces inside the Timber Frame Cabins, enhancing comfort and coziness for year-round stays.



Picture 6: The Timber Frame Cabins with their new chimneys, ready to welcome guests for a cozy stay year-round.

- **The Shanty Ball:** A creative addition to our camp activity grounds, originally inspired by ga-ga ball, was renamed **Shanty Ball** by our staff. The game is constructed using wood from old shanties and placed where one of the original shanties once stood. Campers quickly embraced the new activity, and it has already become a favorite among kids.



Picture 7: The Shanty Ball Pit.

- **A New Snow Blower:** Winter maintenance has always been a significant challenge at Shekinah. Our current tractor, while helpful, made snow removal difficult in harsh weather, especially without a heated cabin. In 2025, we purchased a snow blower which can be attached to the tractor, with raised funds, which significantly increased the efficiency of snow removal. While the cold remains a factor for staff, we are prayerfully seeking support to acquire a new machine with a heated cab for greater comfort and safety.
- **Staff Transitions:** In May 2025, Sterling Boehm joined as our full-time Booking Coordinator. Sterling, who resides in Waldheim with his wife Shirley, is a graduate of Briercrest College and holds a Master's in Music from the University of Regina. His arrival brought fresh energy and organization to our booking and operational processes.

Closing Reflection

God's blessings have been abundant at Shekinah. Truly, Shekinah continues to be a place where miracles happen, and we witness them year after year. His presence and glory are evident in every aspect of our work, guiding us through challenges and inspiring our efforts. Despite obstacles, we have remained steadfast in advancing our mission and vision, creating a welcoming environment where everyone can come and experience God's presence, love, and glory.

We are grateful for all the staff, board members, faithful donors and supporters, volunteers, campers, school groups, church congregations, and each and every visitor who journey alongside us. Each person plays a vital role in making Shekinah a vibrant, life-changing community. As we look ahead to 2026, we continue to trust in God's provision and guidance, excited for all that He will do through this ministry in the coming year.

Youth Farm Mission Centre Report

As of January 1, 2026, we began operating under a new umbrella name, **Youth Farm Mission Centre**, and received our own charitable number. At the same time, we continue to work with **Mennonite Church Saskatchewan** toward a land agreement. This step follows many years of prayer, discernment, and study around how camps can be governed and operated sustainably. In 2023, MC Sask commissioned an external governance consultant to examine future models for camp ministry, and that report helped clarify possible directions for long-term structure, capacity, and accountability.

The new name does not replace Youth Farm Bible Camp. Rather, it functions as an umbrella organization that brings together several interconnected ministries that have developed organically over time, including Youth Farm Bible Camp, the Youth Farm Corn Maze, Valley Equestrian Centre, AHA! Adventures, the Tabernacle of Moses experience, the 3E Internship Program, the Mexico Impact Trip, and Finca de Esperanza in Nicaragua. Each of these initiatives contributes to a shared mission while operating within a unified organizational framework.

The 2023 consultant's report outlined several possible futures for camps, including models where camps could be leased, sold, or gifted to a locally governed non-profit organization created for that purpose, with leasing identified as the most likely option. In such models, the charitable organization assumes responsibility for its own governance, revenue generation, staffing, and operations, while functioning as an autonomous entity that may choose to partner with other organizations as appropriate.

We are continuing to work with MC Sask Council to develop a land agreement that reflects this direction. It is important to emphasize that we are not stepping away from MC Sask. On the contrary, we desire to lean more deeply into our roots, our churches, and our people. Our motivation has been the need for stronger governance structures and greater organizational capacity to support the scope of ministry that now exists. To that end, we are partnering with One Hope Canada to provide oversight and practical tools that strengthen our operations while allowing us to remain focused on our mission.

Churches and individuals interested in partnering with Youth Farm Mission Centre can find more information at www.yfbc.ca/partner, and MC Sask constituents are invited to read our 2025 Report Book at www.yfbc.ca/report for a fuller picture of our ministry and direction.



Mennonite Nursing Home Complex: 2025 Report

Greetings and blessings upon you from MNH residents, staff and board members.

Thank you for continuing to support MNH. Much has taken place since the previous MC Sask ADS. We hope this report provides you with an overview of the past year. Should you have any questions please reach out to us.

Occupancy: Full, with waiting lists in all areas.

National Accreditation: Completed in 2025. Went very well with re-accreditation granted.

Anabaptism 500: Event hosted with MC SK at MNH. A good time was had by all.

Celebratory meals at Thanksgiving and Christmas: Residents and families were hosted to banquet style setting in the main auditorium and dining area. They were very well received and attended. Thank you to staff and volunteers for facilitating the events.

Entertainment: Outside groups continue to come in to entertain residents. The events are a highlight for residents.

Facility Upgrades: Roof insulation project completed on the nursing home. Upgrades in the interior continue with new blinds and door locksets. More on upgrades on the way.

Administrative System: MNH is transitioning to Staff Schedule Care. Thus, moving away from AIMS, which continues to have technical issues and uncertain costing in the future.

Union negotiations: These continue with SIEU West.

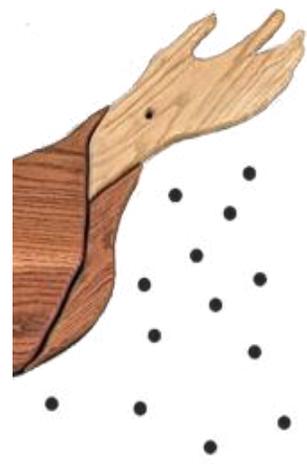
Fund Development: Work continues to raise funds for projects such as a gazebo for residents. To date half of the funds have been raised. Thank you to the generous donors. Please reach to MNH if you would like to learn more about this or other projects.

Board: Renewal of the board orientation manual nears completion. Development of a new CEO support/review document is underway.

Thank you, Staff: These dedicated individuals make MNH a home for residents. Their efforts are noted by residents and their families.

Respectfully,

Terry Stefaniuk, Board Chair



**Yeast
and
Mustard
Seeds:
Stories
of
God's
Kingdom
Power**



2025 ANNUAL REPORT FOR CHURCHES

RJC BY THE NUMBERS:

2025-2026

(as of Sept. 1/25)

- 120 Total Students
- 21 Grade 9
- 29 Grade 10
- 28 Grade 11
- 42 Grade 12
- 78 Day Students
(7 Shuttle Students)
- 42 Dormitory Students
- 106 Saskatchewan Students
- 3 Out-of-province
- 11 International

Percentage of total students:

- 21% Students of Alumni
- 48% Indicated a Church Affiliation
- 18% Mennonite Affiliation



2025-2026 STUDENT BODY

Thank you for praying for us!

We are happy to celebrate another exciting year at Rosthern Junior College High School. We cannot fulfill our mission without support from our churches and alumni. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

In the fall of 2025 we successfully launched a new grade 9 program with 21 students. This is the first time we have offered grade 9 at RJC since 1969, and we hope to continue for many years to come.

We started the school year with 120 students, which was a twenty-year high for us in terms of enrollment. Our classrooms and hallways are full, and that feels good and brings lots of energy and adventure to each and every day. Each student represents an opportunity to change the world and to have an impact in our community. We hope that students' time with us encourages them to continue in a life of love, community and learning.

To prepare for our school's future and to respond to some immediate needs, work continues on our RENEW capital upgrade campaign. We are hoping to raise \$10M to retrofit and renovate the critical infrastructure of our school and dormitory. Work in the summer of 2025 included asbestos abatement in our dormitory buildings, which has allowed us to continue with our dorm room upgrades. This safety measure was important for students and staff alike. Thank you to all the churches and individuals who have contributed to the RJC RENEW project, or are considering supporting in the future. This support means so much to us, and helps us move these much needed projects forward. Thank you!

Some highlights from 2025 in terms of faith formation and Mennonite Church connections included visiting churches with our choirs and hosting the MC Sask ADS (March 7/8) at RJC. We also hosted our annual Pastors Day this fall with 15 different pastors present. This was a helpful time to discuss and resource ideas about youth engagement in our churches and communities. Our service week continues to be a highlight of the school year and saw our students return to Appalachia and many different prairie locations to engage in acts of service. The Faith and Life Committee also hosted our 2nd annual Dine and Donate event for Christmas hampers for the Good Neighbours Food Centre, raising over \$5,700. These programs, along with our Christian Ethics classes, faith exploration sessions and chapel times help students develop a faith foundation to help them for their lives.

Thank you again for partnering with us as we continue to encourage students to engage with their faith as we prepare a new generation of leaders for our church and world.

Peace,

Ryan Wood
President, RJC High School

**GROW. IMAGINE. THRIVE. EXPLORE.
BELONG.**

2026 Report to MCCanada Churches



Undergraduate Degrees:

CMU offered six undergraduate degrees— Bachelor of Arts, Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Social Work, Bachelor of Business Administration, Bachelor of Music, and the only Bachelor of Music Therapy program in the prairies.

20 Bachelor Majors:

Including Biblical and theological studies, psychology, environmental studies, communications and media, peace and conflict transformation, arts and science, English, history, and more.



Fall 2025 Enrolment:

697 students on main campus, undergraduate and graduate (**632** full-time equivalent)

Of first-year students, **17%** are Indigenous and **26%** are first generation university students in their families

106 full-time equivalent students in Menno Simons College programs (CMU courses in UofW degree programs)



Faith Representation:

30% from Mennonite/Anabaptist traditions
40% from other Christian traditions
5% from other faith traditions
25% no faith disclosed

Geographical Representation:

75% from Manitoba
25% International (30 countries) and from other Canadian provinces



Exciting News from CMU:

- Celebrated 25 years of CMU (cmu.ca/25)
- Announced an Education Degree program beginning in Fall 2026
- Launched CMU's new brand and visual identity
- Offering Free Dorm for first year students beginning in Fall 2026
- Renewed our primary dormitory, Poettcker Hall
- Created a new Mennonite High School Student Award (\$1,000 award for graduates of Mennonite high schools)

NEW!



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Expect more. **CMU**

Report to Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

AMBS serves the church as a learning community with an Anabaptist vision, educating followers of Jesus Christ to be leaders for God's reconciling mission in the world.

Our programs integrate academics, spiritual formation and practice. Join us — in person or at a distance, full time or part time — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

Degrees and programs (* = distance-friendly program)

- Master of Divinity*
- Master of Arts in Christian Formation
- Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism*
- Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies
- Doctor of Ministry in Leadership*
- Graduate Certificate in Ecotheology*
- Graduate Certificate in Spiritual Direction*
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies* (choose your own courses)
- Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Spanish)*
- Journey Missional Leadership Development Program* (undergraduate-level certificate)

ambs.ca/degrees-and-programs

We offer generous need-based financial aid, scholarships and matching grants for both full- and part-time graduate students. See also benefits for Canadian students!

ambs.ca/canadian-students

Leadership and enrichment

Grow your ministry skills and gain Anabaptist approaches to today's leadership challenges through our nondegree offerings. (* = distance-friendly program)

Short-term options

- Practical Leadership Training modules*
- Online Short Courses*: four to six weeks, discussion-based, noncredit (no grades, no papers!)
- Invite AMBS*: request a speaker (in person or online)
- Pastors & Leaders conference*: Feb. 22–25, 2027

Offerings of one to two years

- Transition to Leadership*: program for new pastors
- Ministry Reflection Circles*: reflect on current ministry challenges with the support of a group
- Spiritual Direction Seminars*

ambs.ca/leadership-and-enrichment



AMBS statistics

- In May 2025, 15 women and 18 men from eight countries — Canada, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ghana, Indonesia, Kenya, Thailand and the U.S. — graduated from AMBS (see above). Nineteen of the graduates completed part or all of their studies at a distance.
- In 2025–26, 162 graduate students are enrolled at AMBS: 86 from the U.S., seven from Canada and 69 international students (10 on campus). Fifteen students are pursuing the Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies (Spanish).
- The undergraduate-level Journey program has 38 participants in Canada, Nigeria, the Philippines, Southeast Asia, Uganda and the U.S.
- In 2024–25, 624 people participated in lifelong learning offerings of the Church Leadership Center.
- In 2024–25, no degree-seeking students borrowed to pay for their AMBS studies.

Want to try out seminary?

- Sign up for an Online Short Course:
 - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
 - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
 - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture
 - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
 - Challenging Christian Nationalism

ambs.ca/online-short-courses

- Take a graduate-level course — online or on campus. Nonadmitted students get 50% off tuition for their first two courses! ambs.ca/upcoming-courses
- Schedule a virtual or in-person visit and learn about what AMBS has to offer! ambs.ca/visit
- Stay connected: ambs.ca/subscribe • Facebook: followAMBS • Instagram: ambs_seminary • YouTube: ambsedu • TikTok: @anabaptistseminary

Mennonite Church Canada: Moving Forward Together



Year in Review 2025

Every three years, our nationwide church gathers to celebrate, worship, and discern where God is calling us. This past summer, we met in Kitchener-Waterloo, Ontario, and from that gathering, **four Key Initiatives emerged:**

- **Centring on Jesus Through Theological Renewal**
- **Becoming a Vibrant Intercultural Church**
- **Discovering, Calling, and Equipping Leaders**
- **Embodying Peace as a Witness and a Bridge**

To deepen this discernment, we invited further input through a survey sent to congregations and registrants. With 102 responses, we heard strong calls for embodied spiritual practices rooted in Anabaptist identity, deeper intercultural inclusion, and shared leadership models. Respondents highlighted priorities such as empowering youth, fostering peace witness tied to justice and creation care, and equipping congregations to resist division and violence. Together, these insights point to a church seeking clarity, depth, and connection as we take faithful next steps. For more reflection, see Doug Klassen's article in Canadian Mennonite. (<https://canadianmennonite.org/confessing-christ-in-the-face-of-apocalypse/>)

CommonWord

Bookstore and Resource Centre

Celebrating 10 Years of CommonWord

In 2024, CommonWord marked its tenth anniversary and over 50 years of ministry as a trusted source for books, worship resources, and digital materials. In its first decade, CommonWord circulated 30,000 loan items, served nearly 93,000 retail customers, and partnered with initiatives like Together in Worship and MennoMedia to provide high-quality resources. Despite challenges such as declining textbook sales and the pandemic, retail sales have rebounded, Indigenous-authored books and crafts have grown significantly, and public events like book launches continue to expand CommonWord's reach. We invite you to explore our resources and join us in shaping Christian formation for the next generation.

Our Shared Work

Strengthening Partnerships Leadership Ministries

The Church Leadership Ministers (CLM) team meets monthly to support congregations and credentialed leaders in a changing ministry landscape. With fewer candidates entering traditional pastoral training and many positions now part-time, CLM is responding through resource development, partnerships with educational institutions, and the Leadership Day at Gathering 2025. Recent initiatives include a revised Transition into Ministry (TiM) program with AMBS and the new Guiding Ministerial Leadership in Mennonite Church Canada (GMLC) policy, which strengthens ethical standards and ongoing training.

Walking the Path of Reconciliation Indigenous Relations

Our relationship with Indigenous communities encompasses generations of history and continues to be shaped by God's call to be reconciling neighbours on the land. The Regional Indigenous Relations working groups of MC Canada through their congregations, are building kinship through collaboration with Indigenous-led movements, acknowledging Indigenous concerns in our worship and preaching, and making financial commitments to Indigenous-led projects. Together, we seek to grow beyond barriers that divide and live more into Jesus' call to healing, restoration and justice.



Building Global Relationships International Witness

International Witness cultivates partnerships that allow the global church to share God's gifts with one another. From Myanmar's courageous witness amid civil war to China's commitment to resourcing pastors, and from South Africa's call for solidarity to Burkina Faso's leadership in peacebuilding, we see God's fingerprints in diverse contexts. Through scholarships, leadership training, and collaborative networks, these relationships nurture hope and equip future leaders to embody Christ's peace. Congregations are invited to join Witness Support Networks, by sharing resources, prayer, and presence as we respond to God's call for justice and reconciliation.

Caring for Creation Climate Action

Since 2022, Climate Action Ministry has supported Regional Working Groups to engage with the climate crisis through education, reflection and action. Initiatives include workshops, book studies, youth engagement, and partnerships with organizations like Mennonite World Conference and A Rocha. Over \$60,000 in Emissions Reduction Grants have supported 23 congregations. Gathering 2025 included a Resource Day co-led with Indigenous Relations, focussing on Scripture's call to "love mercy, do justice, and walk humbly with our God," grounding this peace-building work in community, centered on Jesus. We invite congregations and individuals to join us in shaping faithful, hope-filled responses to the climate crisis.

Resources

International Witness

IW Reflection by Janet Plenert: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/4306>.

Palestine and Israel Network: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/pin>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/1910>

Climate Action

Highlight of work being done across the regions:

<https://www.commonword.ca/go/4256>

Emissions Reductions Grant: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45818-emissions-reduction-grants-2025>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/3427>

Indigenous Relations

Opening of Clan Mothers Healing Village and Knowledge Centre:

<https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45649-opening-of-clan-mothers-healing-village-and-knowledge-centre>

Land, Identity, and Faith online conversations:

<https://www.commonword.ca/go/4179>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/1561>

Leadership Ministries:

Reflection on Youth Gatherings: <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/article/45426-reflections-on-youth-gatherings-paul-peters>

Additional Resources: <https://www.commonword.ca/go/1900>



Pastor Thing Sai and Kitchener Emmanuel Church celebrated his ordination this past year.

GROWING INTO THE FUTURE

2025 YEAR IN REVIEW

Nurturing Vibrant Communities

MCEC comes alongside pastors and congregations to help them nurture spiritually alive, mission-engaged Anabaptist congregations. Through leadership development, practical resourcing, intercultural learning and church-revitalization conversations, we strengthen leaders for faithful ministry. As we grow into the future together we trust God's Spirit to guide and sustain our shared ministry.

Identity & Purpose

Identity Statement

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada is a diverse community
Transformed by the love of God
Inspired by the hope we find in Jesus
Called to action by the power of the Holy Spirit

Purpose Statement

We come together as a regional church to:
Energize congregations in worship, discipleship and mission
Encourage leaders of hope, vision and transformation
Embody God's reconciling ministry for all creation.

“I am grateful for MCEC's ongoing support of congregational leaders, including the financial assistance to congregations supporting sabbatical leaves, through the Leadership Formation Fund.”

- Brandon Leis
Stirling Avenue Mennonite Church

At A Glance...

106

Across MCEC's 106 congregations, more than 100 worship services happen every week!

166

MCEC gives thanks for 166 pastors who have answered God's call to serve in ministry.

142

Congregational Ministries Team personally met with 142 pastors to encourage and support their ministry leadership.

128

MCEC staff engaged congregations through 128 worship services, trainings, consultations and events.

73

Nearly three-quarters of our congregations, 73%, took part in MCEC events held across the year.

Ministry Highlights

1

Strengthened Safe Church Practices

MCEC resourced congregations with workshops, equipping them to create safer faith communities.

2

Fostered Intercultural Friendships

Worship, workshops and volleyball tournaments celebrated the beloved-ness of our community.

3

Celebrated Congregational Growth

Embraced growth in five congregations in transition: three provisional and two full member congregations.

4

Campanioned Congregations and Leaders

MCEC walked with congregations and pastors through discernment processes and meaningful conversations.

5

Welcomed Nationwide Family of Faith

Hosted MC Canada Gathering, welcoming participants from across the country to worship together.



Communion in community - Anthony Siegrist, MCEC Executive Minister, serves the gathered church at the MC Canada Gathering in Kitchener, ON, July 2025.

Priorities

NAVIGATING CHANGE - fostering a culture of learning, innovation and adaptability.

DEVELOPING LEADERS - equipping individuals to pursue their ministerial and leadership calling

INTERGENERATIONAL DISCIPLESHIP - collaborating in support of discipleship and faith formation

EMBRACING DIVERSITY - inviting the church to explore the variety and richness of God's people

SEEKING PEACE AND JUSTICE - supporting and resourcing congregations in peace and justice issues, grounded in Anabaptist-Mennonite theology.

Gifts To MCEC In Action



Mennonite Church Manitoba Annual Report for 2025



Delegates from the 40 congregations of Mennonite Church Manitoba gathered at Grace Mennonite Church in Steinbach for our **2025 Gathering** February 28-March 1. Together we explored what it means to be a “Jesus-centred church,” based on Hebrews 12:1-2: “looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” John D. Roth, professor emeritus of history at Goshen College and project director of MennoMedia’s Anabaptism at 500 initiative, was the plenary speaker.

Our regional **church visioning process**, Hope and Courage, continued through this year. Members of MCM’s board and staff met with focus groups from across our community of congregations, sifted through responses from online surveys, and examined leadership reports from congregational report books, all to address this question: what is God calling us to as a church at this time? The board has produced a report on the process and has offered a draft of a new Vision and Mission Statement for MCM for feedback this fall. A revised draft will come to congregational delegates for consideration at our 2026 Gathering, March 6-7, at Bethel Mennonite Church in Winnipeg.

Light the Fire, our **Camps with Meaning capital campaign**, continued in 2025 after a good start last year. Phase One of the campaign is complete, and we have nearly reached our goal in donations and pledges for Phase Two. Some facilities upgrades in this phase are anticipated to be completed in the coming year. We continue to invite people to invest in the faith formation, community outreach, leadership development, and hospitality Camps with Meaning provides, as we look ahead to the final two phases.

Our **summer camps** this year saw 533 children, youth, and adults with disabilities attend as campers. These camps were led by 90 summer staff and supported by nearly 70 volunteers. In 2025, Camps Assiniboia and Koinonia hosted over 170 guest groups representing over 7500 people.

Karen Schellenberg retired as Co-Director of Leadership Ministries early in the year, and Jeff Friesen stepped fully into the **Leadership Ministries** role. This year saw one pastor ordained, while three pastors received other forms of credentialing. Nine new pastors were installed in congregational ministry, while three retired from ministry. There were two pastors new to MCM in 2025.

A significant aspect of our shared **Mission Ministries** as a regional church is the connection between our northern communities and our southern congregations, and Director of Mission Engagement Melanie Neufeld has made this a priority. While some planned activities could not happen in 2025 due to northern wildfires, connections continue with Matheson Island, Cross Lake, Pauingassi, and Manigotagan. Another significant aspect of our Mission Ministries is helping to create and sustain connections between MCM congregations and our MC Canada International Witness companions around the world. Seventeen MCM congregations relate to companions in eight countries.

We launched a new program in 2025 called **Companion Congregations**, encouraging relationships across congregations by pairing up two MCM congregations, or an MCM and MC USA congregation, for mutual encouragement, prayer, and sharing. Eleven MCM congregations have signed up for this program: eight participating in the MCM option, and three in the international option.

There’s much more going on in Mennonite Church Manitoba! See www.mennochurch.mb.ca for more info, and sign up for our weekly updates and monthly newsletter by emailing office@mennochurch.mb.ca.



MCA is....

- a community of 1,200 participants in 10 congregations, worshipping in 3 languages
- ministries that support congregations, nurture connections, and celebrate faith in action
- part of MC Canada, a nationwide faith community of 200 congregations in 5 regions

MCA Snapshot: A Summary Report, January 2026

2025 was a year of blessings

--**21 Pastors Council** members including pastors, chaplains, and other faith leaders served MCA congregations, ministries, and others beyond the MCA faith community

--over 100 members of the MCA family gathered at Foothills in March for Annual Delegate Sessions celebrating 500 years of Anabaptism and **"The Courage to Love"**



--Over 400 children, youth, staff, and volunteers experienced God in creation at **Camp Valaqua**. While campers are the core of summer camp, it is amazing to see faith and leadership grow in young people as they learn and experience God through this significant ministry!

--more than 20 people from MCA congregations joined over 400 others for MC Canada's Gathering in Kitchener, Ontario, where the theme, **"Each Gift,"** encouraged intercultural connection as we recognize being the body of Christ together.

--MCA ministries continued to support congregations by assisting in **pastoral searches** at Bergthal, First Calgary, and Trinity; encouraging intercultural connections and relationships through Bridge Building; and financially supporting the Edmonton South Sudanese and Bethel congregations.

2025 was a year of transitions

--In April MCA leadership was saddened to receive a letter from the Calgary Chin Christian Church in Calgary requesting that their membership in MCA be withdrawn. A follow-up meeting with their church leadership allowed for greater understanding and a departure with words of blessing.

--After 5 years, as Communications Coordinator, **Ruth Bergen Braun retired** in November. In her place, Linda Dickinson from Foothills was hired as Interim Communication Coordinator. In the coming months, further discernment will take place to decide how to meet MCA's communication needs.

--In November MCA received the request to begin conversations about **membership** with a fledgling Mennonite Chin church in Lethbridge. This young congregation is connected with Chin who are part of the Mennonite church in Ontario and are looking for new connections through their Alberta Mennonite family. We look forward to exploring our relationship with this **new congregation**.



2025 was a challenging year financially. Inflationary pressures led to significantly higher costs for the ministry at Camp Valaqua, while donations from individuals did not meet the budgeted goals. This led to a significant deficit for 2025 and the need for program and support adjustments in 2026. While these results were disappointing, the MCA faith family continues to have a tremendous impact through the ministries we share. The financial support of the MCA community strengthens our ministry as congregations, as a regional church, and as a nationwide community of faith. **Thank you to congregations** for your faithful giving and meeting the commitments made in 2025, and for the **many individuals** who helped supplement that support.

As we look to 2026

Over the last year and a half MCA leadership led an engagement process that identified **3 key priorities** for MCA's ministry focus. The following will guide MCA ministries in the coming years:

- 1. Witnessing to Jesus' healing and hope.** Some ways to do this include loving our neighbours, sharing our hope, and living the "Jesus way". Our witness includes both actions and telling stories of encounters with Jesus.
- 2. Building mutual relationships between congregations.** Aspects include seeking ways to connect as congregational members and leaders, becoming stronger as an MCA community, and building our Christ-centred identity as part of the Mennonite church.
- 3. Calling, developing, and nurturing leaders.** This includes encouraging all to use their gifts and skills in Christ's service, providing opportunities for training and mentoring, and "cultivating a culture of call"

*We are grateful for the ongoing commitment we share
as congregations, pastors, and leaders
walking with each other in our service to Jesus Christ!*



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MCBC Annual Report 2025

Greetings MCBC and MC Canada brothers, sisters, kin in Christ!

A reminder: I have two jobs for MCBC: Executive Minister/Director (EM) and Church Leadership Minister (CLM).

This past year had a bit of a slower pace as I leaned into: (1) Centring on Jesus as our Lord and source of unity (Centre-Set), (2) Encouraging churches to work at renewal/revitalization, (3) Continuing to support and develop our leaders (pastoral and otherwise), and (4) Planning for financial stability, sustainability, and alignment around shared vision.

One of the major works of my role has been developing more clarity around our regional staff team, as a team. I have instituted regular staff meetings, annual reviews for feedback, growth, and adjustment. I, with help from the moderator, am in the process of updating role descriptions (building on the existing ones). We also reduced our staffing by one position (~0.25 FTE). If you are unaware of how we work and resource our churches, there is a summary of roles and responsibilities in the extended report.

In 2025, Valley Road Church, a developing congregation, continues to impact Kelowna. We also became aware of some potential new opportunities to explore, one being an Ethiopian plant in the Surrey/New West/Burnaby area. Your church received a letter from me regarding this. Also, possibilities in Vancouver are percolating.

As I am becoming increasingly acquainted with MCBC at the ground level/grassroots, my sense is that our structure could use more simplification around support and shared leadership for those items that impact all our churches. A leaner, more focused regional office around these areas and to support new congregations/fresh expressions together is vital for a better future.

Finally, a huge thank you to our ministry and task group leaders and staff team.

And of course, to Gerry Grunau for his years of service as our MCBC moderator. I am personally thankful for his work onboarding me into my role. He has served MCBC above and beyond what should be required of a volunteer. His love for our congregations and his desire to help hold a big-tent Anabaptist network together are commendable. I am sure we will still be seeing him around in various capacities. Wisely, he also recognizes there is a time to step down and to ensure good hand-offs.

In Christ who holds it all together,

Shelby Boese



PS: I am available to meet with your church governance board to share more deeply and conversationally about vision and shared ministries.

2025 was Amity Trust’s first full year in our new Warman office, and the additional office provided much opportunity for growth in the number of clients we were able to serve. As a government-regulated Financial Institution, we must always be cognizant of the numbers on our financial statements, but the numbers of clients we’re able to serve actually mean even more to us. Those numbers highlight the fulfillment of our mission of helping people find peace in their finances, and so we celebrate those numbers for 2025.

350 new Wills which represent people who were worried about their estate plan and to whom we were able to give some peace of mind.

125 families guided through the estate administration process.



1,800 people who received our help with tax returns.

200+ families for whom our loans provided shelter.

600 Investment clients whom we were able to guide in their investment decisions.

In 2025, we also spent time bringing clarity to our values. By seeking input from staff, board members, and clients about the values they consistently experienced, we identified three core principles that guide our work: integrity, compassion, and professionalism.

Often, value statements are more internally focused and not something a company would put in front of its clients. However, we believe our values say a lot about who we are, and we don’t mind being measured against them. If we’re coming up short in any area, we want to hear about it. We celebrate seeing our fantastic staff live out these values on a daily basis, and the time we’ve spent, and continue to spend, talking about them internally has sharpened us in each of these areas.



Integrity
We do what is right, even when no one is watching.



Compassion
We choose to care with kindness, understanding and respect.



Professionalism
We show respect through excellence and follow-through.

As we look ahead to 2026, we recognize that there is much work ahead of us. As we continue to work towards serving even more clients, we have a continuing need to find even more great people to join our ministry work. Seeking individuals who embody Integrity, Compassion, and Professionalism sets a high bar, so we must be diligent in our search.

In 2026 we will also begin the work of transitioning to a new banking software system, which is a pretty daunting project, but we’re convinced that the work involved, along with the dollars invested will equip us to help even more people in the years ahead.

We’re extremely grateful for the support of our controlling church conferences and their churches. If you know people that need some financial guidance, we’d love to help them save wisely, borrow sensibly, and execute sound estate plans!

Canadian Foodgrains Bank Report

Generosity and gratitude are two words that come to mind as we reflect on the past nine years working as Regional Reps in SK for Canadian Foodgrains Bank. These words also appear in 2 Corinthians 9:6-11. The passage speaks of a generous farmer and the goodness of trusting in God's generous provision. The result is a harvest of generosity, and the needs of others being met who give their gratitude to God.

In the past year, our members provided assistance to more than 1.1 million people in 37 countries. The year 2025 started with the Government of Canada granting \$100 million over four years to the Foodgrains Bank and its member agencies for the provision of emergency food assistance in places experiencing humanitarian crises. It was recently reported that over the last four years the Foodgrains Bank has provided essential food assistance to people all over the world at the average cost of \$17.37 per person per month. This is a testament to the diligent work and care of our members' locally-based, trusted partners who remain committed to helping people get the urgent assistance they need – even in situations that are very challenging.



We ask you to continue to **pray** for peace on earth; pray for peace in places like Afghanistan, Gaza, Haiti, Sudan, Ukraine, Venezuela, and Yemen.

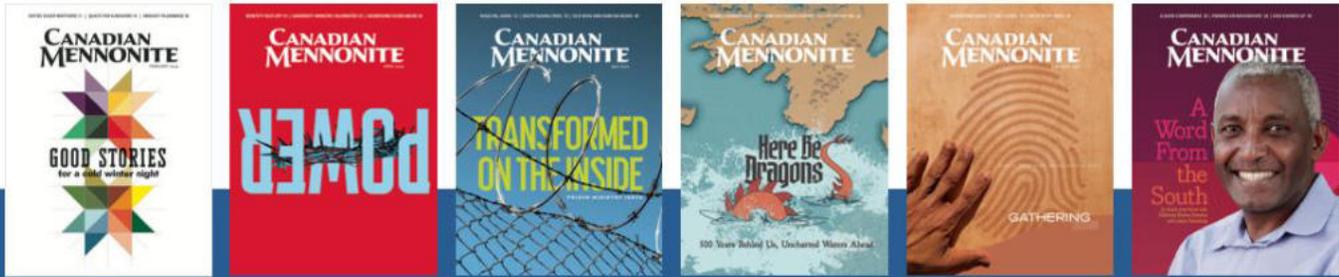
[Grow Hope SK](#), a Foodgrains Bank member-owned initiative, continues to grow in connecting urban and rural supporters in a joint effort to raise awareness and resources to help alleviate hunger. In the 2025 season, numerous donors, six agencies (incl MCC), and seven farmers grew a crop on 508 acres, and raised a record of \$326,671. Since its inception in 2018 the project has forwarded \$1.675M to the Foodgrains Bank!

Together we engaged MCC's constituency (and the general public) through various events, raising both awareness and funds for MCC's international food security projects. There was an [afternoon of food systems learning at Janzen Farms](#) (Rosthern for RJC's Grade 10 class. More than 200 people came out to the Doerksen Threshing Bee (Carrot River) to witness the work and ingenuity of a farmer's harvest early 20th Century style. And we connected with customers, volunteers, and staff of MCC Thrift Stores across SK on World Food Day (Oct 16), highlighting the vision of our collective work – in short, that restoring our relationship with God also means caring for one another and creation.



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CANADIAN MENNONITE

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In 2025, *Canadian Mennonite* continued the refreshed format introduced last year. Now a monthly publication with expanded feature sections, the magazine offers thoughtful reporting on complex issues facing the church today, while continuing to carry news from across the regional churches through correspondents in western and eastern Canada.

With more than a full year of monthly publishing behind us, Faith Story, Deeper Communion and Life in the '80s columns have contributed deeper reflection, broader perspectives and a wider range of voices.

We've heard from diaspora leaders, looked back on 500 years of denominational history, envisioned what the future could hold for our churches, considered how our faith determines our relationship to power and technology and highlighted the diverse ways we express our faith in local congregations.

MennoCreative, our residency program for emerging creative communicators, entered its second active year. Three projects wrapped up in 2025. Melody Steinman wrote profiles of people with disabilities, Nolan Kehler produced a five-part podcast about a Brooklyn opera company's production of an opera set in a Mennonite colony (launched October 1)

and Elizabeth Millar wrote 10 stories based on interviews with newcomer/diaspora church leaders within Mennonite Church Canada (*CM* February 2026). Five new MennoCreative projects have begun.

Our work continues to be guided by a desire to strengthen our Anabaptist community, to represent the breadth of the church and to encourage gracious listening—especially when we differ. In the spirit of Hebrews 10:24, we hope to spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Through it all, we are grateful to donors for their support in 2025, sustaining this ministry of connection and conversation across the church.

We invite you to stay connected: visit our website, sign up for *CM* This Week and subscribe to the monthly magazine. Through the Every Home Plan, members of Mennonite Church Canada congregations receive the magazine at half the regular subscription cost, with fees paid collectively; contact your congregation for more information.

Whether you read on paper or a device, browse the website, follow on social media or discuss articles in your congregation, thank you for participating in this national conversation.



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Circles of Support and Accountability South Saskatchewan (CoSA SSk) 2025 Annual Report for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

No More Victims means community safety.

No One is Disposable means every single person has value.

The principal difference between our report for MCSask 2025, and the report for the years prior, is that CoSA SSk was successful in 2025 in our grant application to the City of Regina. This resulted in additional income of \$21,100 for this past year, which allowed us to hire a ½ time assistant from August through this March. Having Trent Walker on board with us has empowered us to increase from 2 new circles in previous years to 5 new circles this year. We've also tripled the number of community presentations made and doubled the number of new volunteers recruited.

CoSA SSk has received funding from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan for many years in support of our two-fold mission. "No more victims" means safer communities, where no person suffers harm from others. "No one is disposable" reflects Jesus' example of love especially towards the outcasts of society, including those who have caused harm.

CoSA SSk has again had zero instances of core members causing harm in their communities in 2025. We are proud of our core members for maintaining this good standard. Typically, without CoSA support, about 40% of those who offended sexually will do so again. Sexual offences are traumatically harmful to the victims and gravely debilitating to the offender as well.

Our CoSA work involves volunteer recruitment and training; circle establishment and core member participation; networking with prisons, chaplains, parole and probation services; fundraising and finances; community engagement and awareness; administration and record-keeping; and board leadership and development.

CoSA SSk has 2 staff, currently together fulfilling one fulltime job, as well as an excellent active board and volunteer base, in order to manage the 19 circles that we host. We are extremely cost effective and mission effective, and although not all of the functions listed above can be fully staffed, we are committed to serving our core members and advancing community safety.

We begin our work with inmates by building relationships with them during their incarceration. When they are granted parole, we create a covenantal circle of 3-5 volunteers that meets with them weekly to give support and provide for accountability, or we may work one-on-one with an offender.

Our regular major funders in 2025 have been the City of Regina, Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, MCC, the United Church - Living Skies region, and the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Regina. All your donations together came to about \$42,000 in 2024. On this limited budget we have been able to maintain good and effective partnering with the men we support. All of our core members are enthusiastic in describing how important CoSA SSK has been for their healthy reintegration into the community. Your continuing support is effective, necessary, and appreciated. Thank you very much, and may God bless your service through Christ Jesus.

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Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of the others. (Philippians 2:3-4 NIV)

Mennonite Central Committee celebrates this year’s ADS theme *Yeast and Mustard Seeds: Stories of God’s Kingdom Power!* There’s a good reason Jesus told stories about these simple yet transformative food items. Yeast provides nutritious bread for family meals and community feasts. The seeds offer spicy flavor and a useful crop for farming. These modest, everyday ingredients from Jesus’ “Gospel Treasury Cookbook” feature prominently as signs of God’s reign. MCC’s work of **relief, development, and peace** is rooted in the same realities: unassuming ingredients and humble service, transformed by God’s Spirit into tangible, life-giving expressions of compassion, hope, dignity and love.

Last June’s **Relief Sale Festival** focused on *Food for the soul, hope for the world*. Through the hard work of dedicated volunteers, the good appetites and generous goodwill of many guests, about \$108,000 was raised for MCC’s food-related and other projects around the world. One noteworthy part of this sum was raised by the **My Coins Count** campaign in several MC Sask congregations (and often raised by the kids)—a total of \$3,863.25. Thank-you, all! Your coins (and other generous gifts) *do* count! We also hosted our first **Gardens for Good** garden party, connecting with supporters and donors in the beautiful Buhler backyard. There were showers of blessings all around—and over \$6000 raised!

MCC’s **international program** continues to respond to conflicts and vulnerable communities in **46 countries** around the world. Here are a few snapshots: We are supporting local partners after earthquakes devastated communities last year in Myanmar (March) and Afghanistan (August). MCC-sourced canned meat continues to feed many in Ukraine and elsewhere. Relief food supplies helped communities in Zimbabwe through a difficult drought. Agricultural projects are helping farmers in Nepal and Bangladesh feed their families while adapting to a changing climate. These, and other projects focusing on education and peace-building, are all made possible because of the faithful generosity of churches and individuals like yourselves.

One of the most popular ways you and many others support MCC’s international work is through locally sourced **humanitarian assistance** like comforters and relief kits. In January 2026 our **Material Resources Centre** sent out a major shipment of 15 pallets, containing over 1100 comforters, 490 relief buckets, and many more infant care, hygiene, school, and girls’ dignity kits. Much of this shipment is destined for emergency needs in Zambia.

MCC Saskatchewan’s **local program** continues to work at peace-building in our province in diverse ways. Recently, several MC Sask churches hosted MCC’s **Palestine Land Exercise** workshop, partnering with Harry & Kathe Harder of the Palestine/Israel Network. Heather Peters’ **You Are Not Alone** support circle continues to provide a healing space for women who have experienced intimate partner violence. This year our annual **Peace Conference** built on the foundation of **Anabaptism at 500** to explore a long view of sustainable peacebuilding. And our strong partnership with **RJC** is important to us for this reason, as we share the vision of MCC with the next generation.

Saskatchewan’s **MCC Thrift shops** are a vibrant and vital part of our work. Not only are they blessings to the environment (keeping useful items out of landfills) and household budgets, they are building good relationships with neighbours (schools, reserves, foodbanks and more) and regularly providing supplies for vulnerable people in our local communities.

To learn more about MCC’s work, check out our **2025 Annual Impact Report** here:

< mcc.org/media/document/149927 >. We look forward to seeing you at our June **Relief Sale Festival**, our November **Peace Conference**, any time you drop into your local **Thrift shop**, the **MCC Centre** in Saskatoon, or invite us for a (church or personal) visit!



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.

Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan Inc.

(MHSS) Summary Report for 2025

Who are we? We are Mennonites from a half dozen conferences with various worship practices, community profiles, and missions. We are a non-profit organization under the Corporate Branch in Regina and are registered under the Information Services Corporation. We have Canadian Revenue Agency status and are able to issue tax-deductible receipts. We have a 9-person board that reports to its 233 members.

What do we do? **One:** we publish a three-times-a-year periodical, *Saskatchewan Mennonite Historian*. **Two:** we engage with inquirers. **Three:** we call people together for presentations by storytellers and lecturers. **Four:** we archive extensive collections of families, churches, books, newspapers, photographs, and electronic records. Our archives are located at Bethany Manor, #900 - 110 La Ronge Road, Saskatoon. **Five:** we provide space for inquirers and researchers to read and do research. Our resources include a library of books and collections, and many other electronic and physical holdings. **Six,** we conduct research through interviews. **Seven,** we have begun the process of digitizing maps, documents, newspapers, photographs, and other records.

Our work in 2025

We sold new and used books, including numerous sets of the Mennonite Encyclopedia to Mennonite homeschoolers in the area.

We have a representative on the *Walking the Path* committee, an MC Sask group that promotes relationships between Mennonites and First Nations.

We sent two representatives to the Annual General Meeting of Mennonite Historical Society of Canada held in Waterloo, Ontario from January 16-18.

In preparation for our annual general meeting on March 29, we sent the annual reports and ballots to members by surface mail. On the day Bill Wiebe talked about his work with “Find a Grave” cemetery listings. We showed *Where the Cottonwoods Grow*, the story of Mennonites’ arrival in Manitoba in the late 1800s.

We published three issues of *Saskatchewan Mennonite Historian*, all of which included focus articles on “Anabaptism at 500.” Ken Bechtel is our editor and the Youth Farm Bible Camp is our printer.

We participated in an “Anabaptism at 500” event at the Youth Farm Bible Camp on July 26 and prepared a roll-up banner showing present-day Mennonite and Hutterite communities in the Saskatchewan for that celebration.

From Oct 1 to Nov 4 we hosted a weekly Xplore class via Zoom offered by Canadian Mennonite University with Dr Royden Loewen. The series was “The Anabaptists at 500.”

We are backing Bob Wahl’s proposal to the Corman Park Municipality for a heritage mini-park at Clark’s Crossing on the South Saskatchewan River.

We printed two Occasional Papers: The story of Osler Mission Chapel, & David Toews, Chairperson of Mennonite Colonization Board.

We held an appreciation banquet for all our volunteers on November 20.

We hosted a GRanDMA training workshop with instructor Rueben Friesen.

We continue the work of processing and archiving donated items, adding to our library, and digitizing the Saskatchewan Valley News, thanks to dedicated volunteers.

We maintain a website at <www.mhss.sk.ca> and welcome donations at <mhsofsasktreasurer@gmail.com>.



MHSS Board members are:

Standing: Ike Epp, Dick Braun, Susan Braun (Treasurer), Naomi Unger (Secretary), Bill Wiebe, Dillion Neufeld.

Seated: John Reddekopp (President), Jake Buhler. Leonard Doell (Vice-president)

The Micah Mission - 2025 Annual Report

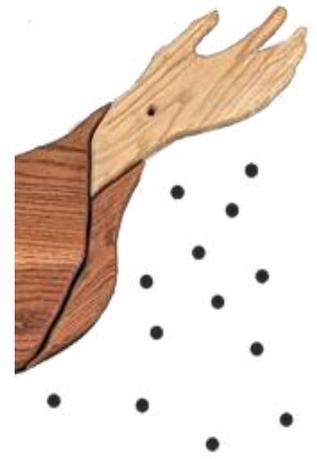
Dear Friends,

This past year was a busy and meaningful one for Micah Mission (Micah). We were pleased to welcome Aysha Aziz to our team, who played a key role in expanding our volunteer base and strengthening program delivery.

2025 Year in Review:

- Micah facilitated more than 220 Person-to-Person visits at the Regional Psychiatric Centre, offering consistent, meaningful human connection to patients.
- Our circles programs supported eight individuals living in the community. While one individual chose to withdraw and one breached release conditions, two individuals successfully graduated after three years of participation in CoSA. Across the program, core members achieved 100% access to stable housing, with six individuals securing employment, two enjoying retirement, and 75% re-establishing relationships with family members.
- Our Faith Community Reintegration Program contract with the Government of Canada concluded in spring 2025. Prior to its completion, Micah was actively visiting and supporting 27 individuals at the Saskatchewan Penitentiary.
- We participated in numerous speaking engagements including presentations at the University of Saskatchewan, churches in Saskatoon and surrounding communities, and visits with residents at Bethany Manor. We also valued participating in the MC Sask outdoor service in August and connecting with new volunteers at the Open Door Society Volunteer Fair.
- This year, we piloted *In Good Company*, a dinner-based learning series that brings together individuals affected by the justice system, those who work within it, and community members seeking to learn more. These gatherings created space for meaningful conversation, relationship-building, and shared understanding.
- Over the course of the year, staff and volunteers travelled more than 3,500 kilometres to visit correctional centres, transport core members and volunteers to circles, and maintain strong connections with community partners.

We are deeply grateful to MC Sask for your ongoing support, trust, and shared commitment to restorative justice. As we look ahead to 2026, we remain dedicated to support, accountability, and belonging for individuals impacted by the justice system. To learn more about our restorative justice work and volunteer opportunities please visit: themicahmission.org.



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Parkland Restorative Justice

Parkland Restorative Justice is committed to building safer, stronger communities through restorative approaches that emphasize accountability, healing, and connection. In 2025, despite funding challenges, our programs continued to serve individuals and families across Saskatchewan.

Programs & Community Impact

This year, the Dad Hero program concluded due to the loss of external funding. Dad Hero had been a cornerstone of our work, reaching 385 participants locally. Its success demonstrates the ongoing need for preventative restorative programming and the positive impact it has on families and communities.

Our ongoing programs — P2P, Out of the Gate, and CoSA — continue to support individuals navigating reintegration and accountability. CoSA work, in particular, provides structured support to participants while enhancing community safety.

Additionally, Seth Michael and Chrissy Halliday are developing a new program for offenders at Saskatchewan Penitentiary focused on cultivating empathy, aiming to further strengthen restorative practices and personal accountability within the correctional system.

Education & Engagement

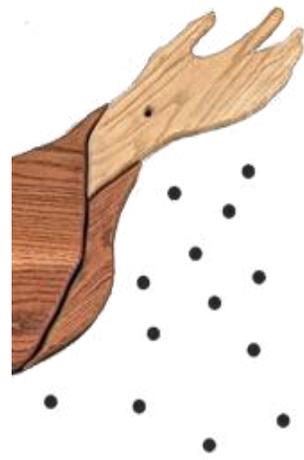
Education and outreach remain central to our mission:

- Delivered interactive presentations to the Saskatchewan Polytechnic Corrections Program
- Hosted Rosthern Junior College students for immersive restorative justice learning, including lived-experience sharing and penitentiary tours
- Participated in community and sector events, including:
 - Community Networking Coalition Showcase
 - Ride for Refuge
 - MCC Peacebuilders Conference
 - First Nations University's Education & Justice event

These opportunities increase awareness, foster collaboration, and promote restorative justice across Saskatchewan.

Partnerships & Provincial Collaboration

PRJ continues to strengthen partnerships through networks such as the Saskatchewan Restorative Justice Network and Community Networking Coalition. Looking ahead, Saskatchewan will host the 2026 National Restorative Justice Conference, providing a platform to showcase provincial leadership in restorative approaches.



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Funding & Sustainability

Sustaining impactful programs requires stable funding. Many grant applications are submitted each year, but fewer funding options are currently available, resulting in higher competition and increasing pressure on organizations like PRJ. The conclusion of Dad Hero highlights the importance of consistent investment in programs that demonstrate clear benefits to individuals, families, and the broader community.

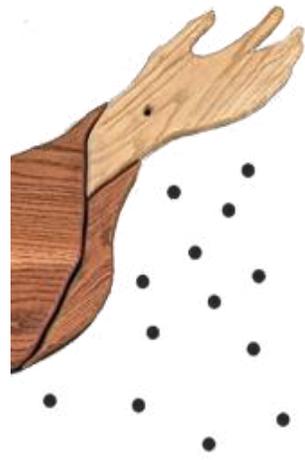
Looking Forward

As we move into 2026, Parkland Restorative Justice is committed to:

- Strengthening and sustaining existing programs
- Expanding outreach and educational efforts
- Implementing a new empathy-based program developed by PRJ at Saskatchewan Penitentiary
- Pursuing new partnerships and funding opportunities to meet growing community demand

We are grateful for MC Saskatchewan's support, which helps make this work possible. Together, we continue building safer, more restorative communities.

Yours in Faith,
Chrissy Halliday
Executive Director
Parkland Restorative Justice



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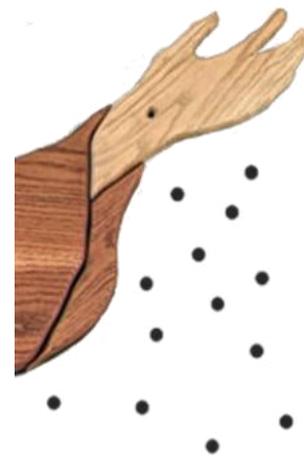


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