

# **Called to Hear**

**MC Sask  
2021**

**Annual Delegate Sessions**

**via Zoom  
March 13, 2021**



**Mennonite  
Church**  
Saskatchewan

**Pre-registration is required at [www.mcsask.ca/](http://www.mcsask.ca/)**

**\*\*For voting purposes each delegate must be signed in on their own device  
as Zoom only allows one vote per device\*\***

**Each congregation may register  
one delegate for every 25 members or portion thereof.**

**Each congregation is invited to appoint a youth delegate**  
in addition to their regular delegates. Youth delegates have all the responsibilities,  
rights and privileges of regular delegates, except holding office in elected positions.

They are expected to prepare themselves in the same manner as other congregational delegates  
by attending any congregational delegates' meeting and reading the reports

**Youth delegates must register!**

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**Acronyms used at Mennonite Church Saskatchewan**

<b>AMBS</b>	<b>Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary</b>
<b>COSA SS</b>	<b>Circles of Support and Accountability South Saskatchewan</b>
<b>CMU</b>	<b>Canadian Mennonite University</b>
<b>MC Canada</b>	<b>Mennonite Church Canada</b>
<b>MCEC</b>	<b>Mennonite Church Eastern Canada</b>
<b>MCM</b>	<b>Mennonite Church Manitoba</b>
<b>MC Sask</b>	<b>Mennonite Church Saskatchewan</b>
<b>MCA</b>	<b>Mennonite Church Alberta</b>
<b>MCBC</b>	<b>Mennonite Church British Columbia</b>
<b>MCC Canada</b>	<b>Mennonite Central Committee Canada</b>
<b>MCC Sask</b>	<b>Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan</b>
<b>MHSS</b>	<b>Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan</b>
<b>MTL</b>	<b>Mennonite Trust Ltd</b>
<b>PLC</b>	<b>Pastoral Leadership Commission</b>
<b>RJC</b>	<b>Rosthern Junior College</b>
<b>PRJ</b>	<b>Parkland Restorative Justice</b>
<b>SMYO</b>	<b>Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Organization</b>
<b>TMM</b>	<b>The Micah Mission</b>
<b>YFBC</b>	<b>Youth Farm Bible Camp</b>
<b>YFCB</b>	<b>Youth Farm Complex Board</b>

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# **Mennonite Church Saskatchewan 2021 Annual Delegate Sessions Agenda**

**Saturday, March 13, 2021**

<b>10:00 – 10:15am</b>	<b>Morning Gathering Worship</b>
<b>10:15 – 10:45am</b>	<b>Morning Business Session 1</b>
<b>10:45 – 11:15am</b>	<b>Breakouts (sharing around intentional questions)</b>
<b>11:15 – 11:30am</b>	<b>Sharing – Superb Mennonite, Hanley Mennonite, Zoar Mennonite</b>
<b>11:30 – 11:45am</b>	<b>Morning Business Session 2</b>
<b>11:45am – 12:00pm</b>	<b>Worship (Time of Lament, incl. Memorial and baptisms [both years])</b>
<b>12:00 – 12:30pm</b>	<b>Break</b>
<b>12:30 – 12:35pm</b>	<b>Gathering Songs</b>
<b>12:35 – 1:05pm</b>	<b>Breakout Room 1 (Six options)</b>
	<b>Quick break to change rooms</b>
<b>1:10 – 1:40pm</b>	<b>Breakout Room 2 (Six options)</b>
<b>1:45 – 2:15pm</b>	<b>Afternoon Business 2</b>
<b>2:15 – 2:30pm</b>	<b>Closing Worship (Communion/Commissioning)</b>

**\*\*note – Each breakout room option will be available in both sessions\*\***

- you must register your choices of breakout rooms for the afternoon when registering**
- we cannot do last minute choices or changes.**

**Afternoon breakout room options:**

**Camps**

**Restorative Justice**

**Schools**

**MC Canada Programming**

**MC Sask Programming (PLC, Ministries, Youth Farm Complex)**

**Partners (Mennonite Historical Society, MCC, Canadian Mennonite)**



## Nominations 2021

	Position presently	Eligible for	Will accept	Nomination	Length of
	filled by	Re-election	Nomination	Accepted by	Term
<b><u>Executive</u></b>					
Deputy Moderator	Sharon Schultz (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
Secretary	Christine Epp (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
<b><u>Council Member</u></b>					
Member	Andrea Enns-Gooding (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
<b><u>Pastoral Leadership Commission</u></b>					
Member	Curtis Wiebe (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
Member	Lisa Martens-Bartel (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
<b><u>Ministries Commission</u></b>					
Member	Jeanette Hanson (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
<b><u>Camp Elim Board</u></b>					
Member	Lorna Wiens completing Term 2021	No	NO	X	(Term 1, 2024)
<b><u>Shekinah Retreat Centre Board</u></b>					
Member	Michael Neufeld (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
Member	Audrey Kampen (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
<b><u>Youth Farm Bible Camp Board</u></b>					
Member	Mel Siemens (Term 2, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 3, 2024
<b><u>Youth Farm Complex Board</u></b>					
Member	Diane Hooge (Term 3, 2021)	No	NO	Myrna Sawatzky	Term 1, 2024
Member	Armin Krahn (Term 3, 2021)	No	NO	Trevor Siemens	Term 1, 2024
Member	Ted Janzen (Term 1, 2021)	Yes	YES		Term 2, 2024
<b><u>MC Canada Joint Council</u></b>					
Member	Henry Funk (Term 1 2021)	Yes	NO	Alison Jantz	Term 1, 2024

## **Current Council, PLC and Ministries Members**

### **Executive**

Terry Stefaniuk, Moderator (2023)  
Sharon Schultz, Deputy Moderator (2021)  
Gordon Peters, Finance Chair (2023)  
Christine Epp, Secretary (2021)

### **Additional Council Members**

Andrea Enns-Gooding (2021)  
Pauline Steinmann (2023)  
Rod Suderman (2023)  
Zahara Alli (2023)

### **Pastoral Leadership Commission**

Garth Ewert Fisher, Chair (2023)  
Curtis Wiens (2021)  
Lisa Martens Bartel (2021)  
Carrol Epp (2022)  
Ric Driedger (2022)  
Patty Friesen (2023)

### **Ministries Commission**

Claire Ewert Fisher, Chair (2023)  
Jeanette Hanson (2021)  
Nancy Epp (2022)  
Ron Nickel (2022)  
Eric Olfert (2023)  
Mark Bigland-Pritchard (2023)

## **Nominations Bios**

### **Youth Farm Complex Board**

**Myrna (Friesen) Sawatzky (Term 1 – 2024) (306) 384-4113; (306) 221-1107 (c);**  
[mesawatzky@sasktel.net](mailto:mesawatzky@sasktel.net)

Myrna is the mother of two children and five grandchildren, and a member of Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon. She retired from nursing in the fall of 2018, and was honoured to work as a palliative care nurse for most of her career, which included five years of nursing at the Mennonite Nursing Home, Rosthern Youth Farm. Her parents both lived and died in the Mennonite Nursing Home, as did her mother's parents.

Some of her previous volunteer positions are: Board member of Saskatoon Mennonite Care Services Inc. (treasurer for several years) which oversees the Bethany Manor complex and Westridge low income housing and President of Sask Women in Mission and on the Canadian executive.

"It would be a privilege to serve on the Youth Farm Complex Board. Thank-you for considering me. I'll close with my favorite verse: 'Be still and know that I am God' Psalm 46:10"

**Trevor Siemens (Term 1 – 2024) (306) 665-1691; [trevor.siemens@sasktel.net](mailto:trevor.siemens@sasktel.net)**

Trevor is a member of Mount Royal Mennonite Church, where he has been actively involved. He has completed two term as Chair Person of the Spiritual Care Committee and is currently on the Pastor Congregation Relations Committee. Trevor served as a MC Sask representative on the MCC Saskatchewan Board for two terms ending in January 2020. As a Medical Social Worker, MSW, Trevor is interested in improving the lives of the vulnerable people. He looks forward to working on the Youth Farm Complex Board and meeting the needs of our seniors.

Trevor is an Alumni of Rosthern Junior College and the Swift Current Bible Institute. He served with Mennonite Voluntary Service, working with the Victim Offender Reconciliation Program in Fresno California. During his MVS term he was able to study Mediation at Fresno Pacific University and the Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary.

He studied both at the University of Saskatchewan and at the University of Regina.

## **MC Canada Joint Council**

Alison Jantz (term 1 – 2024) My home congregation is Nutana Park Mennonite Church in Saskatoon. I have a Master of Divinity from the Lutheran Theological Seminary and a Master of Library and Information Science from San Jose State. I currently work as an Operations Manager at the University of Saskatchewan and am responsible for the operational oversight of the 5 branch libraries.

I have been involved in the Mennonite Church since I was very young and look forward to engaging in conversations regarding the future strategic direction of the church and how it makes the most sense to move forward in 2021. This has been a very challenging year and we have all had to learn how to connect with one another and interact in new ways. As much of our world will likely not go backwards to the way it was before Covid-19, much of our work and interactions will continue on this remote/virtual/hybrid path. What does that mean for Mennonite Church Canada going forward and how we continue to connect with one another regionally and nationally? I'm looking forward to finding out.

### **2020 Events of Note from MC Sask Council**

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| <b>January</b>      | ○ Tim Wiens (bylaw work), Henry Funk (Representative to MC Canada Joint Council) attended Council  |
| <b>March</b>        | ○ Decision made to postpone ADS<br>○ Visit of MC Canada Executive Minister Doug Klassen to Council cancelled due to COVID  |
| <b>May</b>          | ○ Council sanctioned Personnel Committee to begin the review process for Executive Minister Ryan Siemens   |
| <b>June</b>         | ○ RJC Board Chair Tammy Forester and Principal Ryan Wood attended Council<br>○ Shekinah applied for support from a number of federal government programs<br>○ Sean East of MCEC signed an MOU to provide financial management support for the MC Sask office and Council |
| <b>August</b>       | ○ SMYO activities suspended<br>○ Betty Pries approved for a visioning day with Council, Ministries Commission and Pastoral Leadership Commission<br>○ Appointment of representatives to MCC: Peter Guenther, Rachel Wallace  |
| <b>September</b>    | ○ Shekinah Board Chair Phyllis Goertz attended Council   |
| <b>October</b>      | ○ Kirsten Hamm-Epp returned from maternity leave; at .5% time as Regional Minister focusing upon Youth and Donor Relations   |
| <b>November</b>     | ○ Executive Minister Ryan Siemens' review process, guided by Personnel Committee, was completed with strong affirmation for his work<br>○ Shekinah Board Chair Phyllis Goertz and Camp Co-Directors Sue and Ron Schellenberg reported on visioning and finances          |
| <b>January 2021</b> | ○ Director, International Witness for MC Canada Jeanette Hanson brought an update to Council   |

Of Note: Josh Wallace, former pastor of Warman Mennonite Church was hired at .3% as Church Engagement Minister

## **Moderator's Report**

As we gather together there is much for which to be thankful. And there is much which weighs on the hearts of our fellow members of MC Sask. There are leaders in the congregations that form MC Sask whose turn of phrase for prayer is much better than mine. As such, I leave the writing of prayer to them.

At this time we give thanks to those that continue to lead us and inspire us to follow God's word. The Lord walks with us and does not forsake us. It is valuable to remember that as we continue on our forward-looking paths.

It is important to give thanks to the leadership teams in the congregations. They have learned new skills on the fly and continually adapt to our changing world, trying to keep us connected with one another.

As moderator, I give thanks for the team at the MC Sask office: Josh, Kirsten, Marianne and Ryan. Together they pull on the yoke before them. They continue seek new ways in which to support our family of congregations. Without this family, there is no MC Sask. This supportive family of Anabaptists would no longer exist. We need each other. It is easier to pull on the yoke as a team following God's path.

To the members of MC Sask Council, I express my deep gratitude for their engagement and questions. They consider the work of the church very important and hold the church in their hearts and minds.

Council would like to thank Henry Funk for his service as one of two Saskatchewan representatives to MC Canada Joint Council. His wisdom and council were very much appreciated.

It was a year of maternity leave and the joy of new life. It was a time of re-imagining church engagement. It was a year of deep concern for the camps, and what would happen in a summer without campers and the life they bring. But the camps are still alive, albeit with new stressors. We remember RJC as they too looked at a new and uncertain world. But life moves on with faith and hope eternal. And through all of this there is love for who we are as MC Sask.

Over the course of the past year, I did visit with the leadership teams of Mennonite Nursing Home in Rosthern, Youth Farm Bible Camp, and Camp Elim. I continue to serve as a member of Joint Council Mennonite Church Canada, and on the boards of Rosthern Junior College and Anabaptist Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana.

We gather once again via Zoom, not our preferred method of communication. But the opportunity to share with one another is not stifled by technology.

I look forward to next year with the hope that we will gather in-person for fellowship, worship and song.

Respectfully,  
Terry Stefaniuk

## Mennonite Church Saskatchewan 2020 Executive Minister Report

As we were preparing to *Deepen Our Walk with Each Other & The World* at the 2020 MC Sask Delegate Sessions in March, everything came to a halt. “COVID”, “pivot”, and “Zoom” filled our everyday language as the year we were anticipating did not come to fruition. And yet, as a resilient people, the work and life of MC Sask adapted and continued as we found new ways to walk with each other and the world.

As challenging and uncertain 2020 was, your faithfulness to the work of Mennonite Church, here in Saskatchewan, and beyond our province in Mennonite Church Canada, not only allowed us to fulfil our commitments to our ministry partners, but we grew in our support and partnerships through International Witness. Thank you for your trust and support as we continue to be Christ Centred & Sent.

### Congregational Transitions

Throughout the year, transitions continued to take place in creative, ‘COVID-safe’ ways, with virtual or outdoor attendance making many of the following events possible.

- On May 31 2020, the life of **Superb Mennonite Church** was celebrated as the congregation held their final worship service and brought their ministry to a close.
- On August 23 2020, the MC Sask community gathered at **Zoar Mennonite Church** to celebrate the ordination of their pastor, **Andrea Enns-Gooding**. In October, **Zoar MC** also celebrated their 110<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. This event was bittersweet as Zoar MC has decided to close their doors on April 11, 2021.
- **Josh Wallace** completed his term as pastor of **Warman Mennonite Church** in January 2020 to enter into church planting with his wife, Cindy.
- **Grace Mennonite Church, Regina**, celebrated the ministry of **Rose Graber** as she retired at the end of June 2020 and welcomed **Rodney Hennessey** as their new pastor on October 1 2020.
- **Claire Ewert Fisher** concluded her interim ministry at Rosthern Mennonite Church and became co-pastor at Mount Royal Mennonite Church.
- **Ed Olfert** concluded his ministry at Grace Mennonite Church, Prince Albert, at the end of December 2020.
- **Pleasant Point Mennonite Church & Warman Mennonite Church** joined together to call **Len Rempel** to serve as their pastor. Len will serve each congregation at .5 FTE. He will begin in May, 2021 and will be moving to SK from Ontario. Harry Harder (pastor of Pleasant Point MC), will be retiring in the spring.
- After a period of discernment in the fall, **Hanley Mennonite Church** will close their doors on April 4, 2021.
- **Rosthern Mennonite Church** has called Andrea Enns-Gooding to serve as their pastor. She will begin July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021.

### The Work of the Church: Regionally, Nationwide, Internationally

As 2020 began, **Scott Feick** and **Sarah Unrau** served in interim roles in youth ministry, but when COVID restrictions arrived, all MC Sask youth programming ceased. Thank you, Scott and Sarah, for stepping in! Our camps (**Elim, Shekinah, Youth Farm**) were significantly impacted by the lack of programming and rentals, however building upgrades and outdoor activities (like the Fall Pastor’s Gathering in September, Corn Maze) were able to take place when guidelines allowed. During the initial COVID lockdown, we had the unique opportunity to gather with sisters and brothers across **MC Canada** on a weekly basis by participating in online worship services. Thank you to the congregations, pastors, and **Rosthern Junior College**, for leading

several of these services. And recognizing Sunday schools were now closed, **Josh & Cindy Wallace** began an MC Sask Zoom Sunday school for kids across the province. (You can still join)

In regards to the work of the MC Sask office, thank you **Marianne Siemens** for all the bases you cover, which include; Bookkeeping, Event Planning, Communications with MC Canada & Congregations, Hymnal Ordering and Website Development. To help give financial oversight, support for Marianne and to align financial reporting with the other Regional Churches of MC Canada, MC Sask contracted with Mennonite Church Eastern Canada to get the support of their financial manager **Sean East**. Sean brings tremendous experience as an accountant and provides support services to MC Canada, Mennonite Church Manitoba, MCEC and now MC Sask. We have already noticed a difference in our own accounting and this will lessen the costs around our annual review.

Just prior to the COVID lockdown in March, **Josh Wallace** was invited to fill in as interim Church Engagement Minister to engage with congregations on the work of MC Sask/MC Canada and the overall mission of the Mennonite Church. This role was extended to permanent (.3 FTE) when **Kirsten Hamm-Epp** asked to come back at .5 FTE to do youth ministry and connect with individual donors and supporters of Mennonite Church. I feel tremendously blessed to serve alongside this team as we look forward to one day actually meeting in person again as we serve the congregations of MC Sask.

As noted earlier, while 2020 brought up many surprises, one of those surprises was increased engagement in the work of **International Witness**. As we continue to experience significant changes in church life here in Canada, relationships through International Witness offers perspectives and glimpses into the global church which reminds us we are not alone in our walk of faith. Hopefully these relationships and new partnerships will encourage us to consider attending **Mennonite World Conference in 2022** and one of the three International Witness tours that will be connected with it.

In looking to 2021 we mostly look forward in hope. Our theme, ***Called to Hear***, invites us into the wilderness space we are all inhabiting to hear God's voice and call for us today. While 2020 was not the year imagined, God was and continues to be at work in our lives and in our world. Our ADS theme, the MC Sask Worship @ Home Series, and other events will focus on this theme, which will then lead us into 2022's theme, ***Called to Here!***

While we long to gather again and wait for vaccine distribution, we make tentative plans for the year ahead. We hope to hold several pastor focused events as 2021 unfolds:

- February 24: via Zoom a Mental Health Check-In with Timothy Nickel.
- An in-person event focusing on the Call to Lead in September.
- A week-long intensive course with Meghan Good called *21<sup>st</sup> Century Preaching*, Nov 15-19. This course will be available for credit through CMU or for audit through MC Sask.

Thank you again for this opportunity to serve you as executive minister. Even in a year like this, I have been blessed richly by engaging with many of you in meetings, on the phone, over zoom, Sunday morning and at times, even in person! It is my prayer and trust that God will continue to be with us as we seek together to be Christ Centred & Sent throughout 2021.

Yours in Christ,



Ryan Siemens

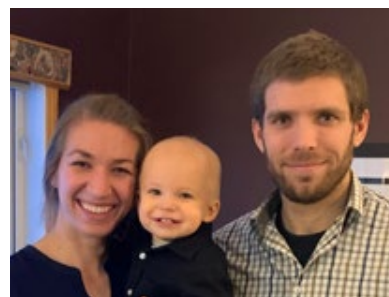
## Regional Church Minister, Report on 2020, Kirsten Hamm-Epp

This year's theme of 'Called to Hear' invites us to contemplate where we hear God speaking, and to take the time to stop and think about where/what/who that call might be leading us towards. It's both an invitation and a reminder that if we tune our hearts and ears we will hear that God is, and has been, all around us. And as I reflect back on 2020, and all the highs and lows the year contained, I have no doubt that God has in fact been present.

It might be hard to believe, but the 2020 Winter Youth Retreat took place as per usual Jan. 31 – Feb. 2 at Shekinah Retreat Centre. Heather Driedger and Dave Feick spoke to the group on the theme on '**Living out our Faith**' and both challenged and inspired the youth with their stories and experiences working in the field of restorative justice. Given what was just around the corner with Covid-19, this retreat, and the time that youth were able to spend to together became that much more valuable. **Thank you to Sarah Unrau** for giving this event such fantastic leadership!

Mega Menno events did also take place throughout the winter of 2020, and those events, and all MC Sask youth programming from September of 2019 through March 2020, were overseen by **Scott Feick**, who stepped in as Interim Youth Worker during my maternity leave. While Scott's time in this role came to an abrupt halt due to Covid-19 in March, his time spent connecting with youth and leaders, students and staff at RJC, and keeping the heart of the youth ministry program beating was deeply appreciated. I hope you will join me in offering Scott a very heartfelt thank you for all of his work during this time!

I returned from maternity leave in October to a slightly different role, in more ways than one! After a year at home adjusting to our own version of 'life with PIE' (Peter Isaac Epp, born Oct. 26, 2019), I was grateful for the call to return to the work of the church and the MC Sask family, but also grateful that this work could shift down to 0.5 FTE and allow for more time spent at home. Much of my work still focuses on youth ministry and programming, as well as now including donor relations, or – as I have come to think of it – calling to check in with the family!



The Youth Ministry team within MC Sask has also shifted a few times over the past year or so, and currently includes: Zach Dueck (Mount Royal MC), Sarah Unrau (Nutana Park MC), Nora Pederberg (Osler MC), Sarah Rinholm (Wildwood MC), Alex Tiessen (Rosthern Junior College), Craig Friesen (Shekinah Retreat Centre), and myself. Recently, this team has been busy planning the first ever MC Sask **Online Youth Retreat**, which will be held **March 27** – save the date!

As we look to the year ahead and contemplate this calling to hear, may we foster a deeper awareness of God's Presence, already among and within us, inviting us to answer the call.

Blessings,  
*Kirsten*



## 2020 Church Engagement Minister Report

### Submitted by Josh Wallace

In February 2020 I stepped into an interim role as Mennonite Church Saskatchewan's Church Engagement Minister. This work was to have three areas of focus: (1) visiting and connecting with MC Sask congregations, (2) participating on MC Sask Ministries Commission, and (3) representing MC Sask on the University of Saskatchewan Faith Leaders Council (FLC). For about six weeks, this is what I did.

Then pandemic landed in Saskatchewan.

As we've learned, God's work in and through our congregations didn't stop because of COVID-19. But it did certainly take on new and surprising forms. This has been true of my work as Church Engagement Minister. Pandemic has brought obstacles and gifts, hidden hurts and unexpected possibilities. God is still on the move!

Prior to March 13, 2020, I visited Langham Mennonite Fellowship and Hanley MC in person, speaking and listening to how our congregations feel called into what God is doing in their communities. I was also serving weekly at the USask Good Breakfast hosted by the FLC, refilling coffee and chatting with the crowd of students who dropped in.

Since COVID-19, both these activities have taken on a new shape. I spoke in all sorts of virtual ways at six congregations in the following months, as well as in-person at Fields of Hope MC in the mid-autumn. The Good Breakfast program had to be discontinued, but the FLC created a social media stream of encouraging messages and publicized a Faith Support hotline to students.

My attention shifted to supporting congregations and facilitating their discernment within pandemic. In the spring I organized MC Sask Shorts, a series of short encouraging videos from our ministerial leaders. With Ministries Commission, I organized a June Dreaming Church beyond Pandemic webinar discussing the variety of ways our congregations were joining God's work in the midst of COVID-19. In September, I joined MC Sask staff in holding a follow-up Navigating Reopening webinar.

During this same time I organized a Deepening Our Walk with our Neighbours worship series resource (which launched just this last month). I also took part in New Leaf Network's ten-week (virtual) Design Shop. These training sessions opened conversation about what it might mean to reimagine or replant congregations in the midst of shifting societal dynamics. Alongside taking part in Witness Support Network Zoom calls with International Witness partners around the globe, these projects kept my heart tuned in to how God is already working healing and hope among our neighbors—even in pandemic. I've also benefited from ongoing meetings with my pastor peer group(s) and an MC Sask pastors' book group discussing Andy Root's *Faith Formation in a Secular Age*.

Even in the midst of unexpected and often challenging times, I've been heartened by stories of how folks continue to discover and join with what God is doing just around the corner from where they live, in their neighborhoods and community. Thank you for sharing your stories and your lives with me.

## **Finance Report**

First, thank you for all your faithful giving in such a tumultuous year. The work of MC Sask, and by extension, MC Canada, matters to you and we are grateful for that. We were able to fulfil all our commitments and ended the year with a surplus.

Second, thank you Marianne for all her work as our bookkeeper.

Third, this year we contracted Sean East from MCEC to give accounting oversight to the finances of MC Sask. Sean is assisting other area churches and MC Canada in much the same way. He has been a big help to help council understand more of the accounting issues we face and provides suggestions on how to move forward.

Fourth, in conversation with Tom McKenzie and ISC, MC Sask falls under special legislation. There are no guidelines or commitments as part of that legislation, and so we are free to ask our accountants, Tom McKenzie of McKenzie and Co, to provide us with the kind of financial review of our choosing. We have done that review and so the financial report this year will be a Review Engagement.

Fifth, we are changing our reporting "style". Following the example provided to us by Sean, we are putting together reports that don't look the same as they have in the past. The arrangement is meant to provide Council with an easier understanding of what is happening in the program areas.

We thank God for providing us with so much, people, support and money to carry out the programming in Saskatchewan. We are so blessed.

Yours in Christ,

Gordon Peters

Chair of Finance

**MENNONITE CHURCH SASKATCHEWAN  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**

	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>BUDGET 2020</b>	<b>ACTUALS 2020</b>
<b>REVENUE</b>			
Revenue - Congregational Donations	\$410,000	\$399,000	\$405,864.97
Revenue - Individual Donations	\$55,000	\$70,200	\$54,914.14
Revenue - Donations Directly to MC Canada	\$4,500		\$11,089.66
Revenue - Interest Income	\$2,500	\$1,956	\$2,361.21
Revenue - Relational Witness Giving	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$52,237.00
Revenue - Youth Farm Rental	\$30,000	\$30,000	\$29,500.00
Revenue - Other (Canadian Mennonite, Coffee Sales)	\$19,000	\$65,448	\$33,743.67
Revenue - Government Subsidies	\$0		\$31,608.92
<b>TOTAL OPERATING FUND REVENUE</b>	<b>\$571,000</b>	<b>\$591,604</b>	<b>\$621,319.57</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>PARTNER MINISTRY SUPPORT</b>			
Mennonite Church Canada - Operating	\$110,000	\$127,000	\$127,000.00
Mennonite Church Canada - Relational Witness	\$50,000	\$25,000	\$52,237.00
Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary			\$1,300.00
Camp Elim	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$3,544.66
Canadian Mennonite Magazine	\$19,000	\$19,260	\$18,384.40
Canadian Mennonite University	\$50,000	\$50,000	\$50,000.00
MennoMedia			\$1,000.00
Restorative Justice Ministries Sask	\$35,500	\$35,500	\$35,499.96
Rosthern Junior College	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,092.00
Sask Women in Mission			\$2,000.00
Shekinah Retreat Centre	\$2,736	\$2,736	\$12,909.37
Youth Farm Bible Camp	\$6,792	\$6,792	\$8,653.98
	<b>\$336,428</b>	<b>\$328,688</b>	<b>\$372,621.37</b>
<b>OPERATING FUND EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>Partner Ministries</b>			
Executive (Schedule 1)	\$56,748	\$102,580	\$97,225.50
Pastoral Leadership Commission (Schedule 2)	\$47,083	\$1,800	\$2,546.02
Ministries Commission (Schedule 3)	\$6,920	\$9,000	\$2,475.90
Congregational Resourcing (Schedule 4)	\$75,258	\$75,500	\$37,326.97
Operations (Schedule 5)	\$66,402	\$66,520	\$68,206.88
Occupancy (Schedule 6)	\$10,503	\$9,884	\$10,081.36
Transfer to Internally Restricted Funds (Schedule 7)	\$0	\$0	
<b>Total Operating Fund Expe</b>	<b>\$262,914</b>	<b>\$265,284</b>	<b>\$217,862.63</b>
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit) from Operations</b>	<b>-\$28,342</b>	<b>-\$2,368</b>	<b>\$30,835.57</b>
<b>Transfer (to)/From General Reserve Fund</b>	<b>\$26,500</b>	<b>\$0</b>	
<b>Net Operating Fund revenue (expenditures)</b>	<b>-\$1,842</b>	<b>-\$2,368</b>	<b>30,835.57</b>

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	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>BUDGET 2020</b>	<b>ACTUALS 2020</b>
<b>Executive Office (Schedule 1)</b>			
Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	\$0	\$0	
Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses	\$44,633	\$90,600	\$86,533.10
Staff Travel and Expenses	\$7,000	\$8,700	\$6,054.23
Staff Professional Development	\$2,500	\$0	\$825.64
Council & Committee Travel & Expenses	\$2,614	\$3,280	\$2,172.53
Program Expenses	\$0	\$0	\$1,640.00
	<b>\$56,748</b>	<b>\$102,580</b>	<b>\$97,225.50</b>
<b>Pastoral Leadership Commission (Schedule 2)</b>			
Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	-\$4,500	-\$4,800	-\$4,721.27
Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses	\$44,633		
Council & Committee Travel & Expenses	\$750	\$600	\$574.29
Pastor and Congregational Support	\$2,000	\$1,200	\$224.00
Pastor's Events (Conintuing Education, Pastor Days, Etc)	\$4,200	\$4,800	\$6,469.00
	<b>\$47,083</b>	<b>\$1,800</b>	<b>\$2,546.02</b>
<b>Ministries Commission (Schedule 3)</b>			
Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	\$0	\$0	
Education, Promotion & Outreach		\$9,000	\$2,000.00
Walking the Path	\$2,500		\$58.50
Creation Care	\$1,000		
Chaplain's Cell Phone	\$420		\$417.40
Church Planting Conference	\$1,000		
Church Grant Program	\$1,000		
Committee Travel & Expense	\$1,000		\$0.00
Events	\$0		\$0.00
	<b>\$6,920</b>	<b>\$9,000</b>	<b>\$2,475.90</b>

**MENNONITE CHURCH SASKATCHEWAN  
STATEMENT OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES**

	<b>BUDGET 2021</b>	<b>BUDGET 2020</b>	<b>ACTUALS 2020</b>
<b>Congregational Resourcing (Schedule 4)</b>			
Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	-\$5,000	-\$5,500	-\$5,520.00
Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses	\$62,973	\$54,000	\$31,840.88
Staff Travel and Expenses	\$2,400	\$1,800	\$489.00
Staff Professional Development	\$2,500	\$1,200	\$450.00
Church Engagement Program Expenses	\$2,000	\$18,000	\$736.71
Youth & Young Adult Program Expenses	\$10,385	\$6,000	\$9,330.38
	<b>\$75,258</b>	<b>\$75,500</b>	<b>\$37,326.97</b>
<b>Operations (Schedule 5)</b>			
Revenue - Dues, Fees, Donations, Recoveries	-\$11,150	-\$10,000	-\$2,931.17
Staff Salary & Payroll Expenses	\$51,411	\$48,000	\$46,151.60
Staff Travel and Expenses	\$200	\$0	\$94.44
Staff Professional Development	\$0	\$2,400	\$25.00
Office and Admin Expenses	\$9,441	\$7,800	\$10,358.84
Legal & Professional Expenses	\$7,500	\$9,600	\$10,704.39
Program Expenses	\$9,000	\$8,720	\$3,803.78
	<b>\$66,402</b>	<b>\$66,520</b>	<b>\$68,206.88</b>
<b>Occupancy Costs (Schedule 6)</b>			
Rent & Common Area Maintenance	\$10,018	\$9,384	\$9,595.88
Office & Building Maintenance	\$0	\$0	
Insurance	\$485	\$500	\$485.48
	<b>\$10,503</b>	<b>\$9,884</b>	<b>\$10,081.36</b>
<b>Transfers to Internally Restricted Funds (Schedule 7)</b>			
	\$0	\$0	
		\$0	
	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	

## **Pastoral Leadership Commission**

This year the Pastoral Leadership Commission was invited to reflect on ‘listening to how we are being called by God’ to faithful ministry. To unpack that a little I want to share some ‘sound-bites’ from some of our commission members shared in the past twelve months.

### **PLANNED CONTINUATION BIAS**

Lisa introduced that term to us last January. PCB is defined as “the unconscious cognitive bias to continue with the original plan in spite of changing conditions.” In our many interviews and conversations with church leaders, we have heard clearly that going forward will be different; some of the old wineskins will not be able to contain the new forms of worship and ministry we have adopted.

### **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT**

Carrol reminded us that our lives, both personal and communal, must give public witness to the Spirit’s empowering presence among us. She identified patience as one of the keys to our lives together. We recognize that the past twelve months have demanded much patience in the form of stamina and steadiness for the long haul (the unpredictability and uncertainty of when the pandemic restrictions will end) and patience in the form of vital spiritual practices. Pastors and other leaders can model this.

### **BE NOT AFRAID**

Curtis reminded us that ‘*be not afraid*,’ a common phrase in the Gospels, is most often accompanied by the comforting word, ‘*I am with you*.’ Pastors are leading by allowing congregations to lament and feel pain in these days of separation and loss, but also by reminding them that fear (the pandemic and its effects) is not the last word. The last word is always hope.

### **BLOWN OFF COURSE**

At our last meeting, Garth highlighted the ministry of Jesus and the disciples. When they are ‘blown off course’, in a storm they end up in Gentile territory where new and significant opportunities for ministry arise (see Mark 6-8). At our meeting with Betty Pries in November we were reminded that it is sometimes difficult to ‘remember’ how it was pre-pandemic. We are in a very different place than we were 12-14 months ago. God has led us, through stormy times, on a more complicated and sometimes painful path than we could have imagined. But new opportunities arise. And the stories continue...!

In closing, I want to thank Ryan for his excellent work as Executive Minister. Read his report for a full accounting of pastoral and congregational transitions, work in which PLC participates with him.

PLC: Lisa Martens Bartel, Ric Driediger, Carrol Epp, Garth Ewert Fisher (chair), Patty Friesen, Curtis Wiens

## **Mennonite Volunteer Chaplain Report**

Certainly, the pandemic and hospital shutdowns limited our chaplain calls and visits. But we did get a few visits that we did in person and by phone, including Covid deaths. Thanks to the Ministries Commission for the phone that volunteer chaplains rotate between each other.

Volunteer chaplains: Dion Martens (Wildwood), Lois Siemens (Bethany Manor), Garth Ewert-Fisher (Mount Royal), Patrick Preheim Nutana Park), Patty Friesen (Osler).

Submitted by Patty Friesen

## **MC Sask Ministries Commission Report**

### **Walking the Path**

Identifying and protecting indigenous sacred sites is on Walking the Path's agenda. As Aboriginal peoples worshiped, they frequently marked these holy places with rock formations. Over time, they lost touch with these sites. Farmers/ranchers became custodians of these holy locations, often destroyed as the land was broken.

How can we settlers honour and preserve these sites? Can we start with Mennonite Church people?

We connect with this agenda through Ancient Echoes at Herschel. We dream of creating a documentary video in the spirit of Reserve 107 using Ancient Echoes story as the vehicle to raise awareness and re-think the story of indigenous sacred sites and history.

We seek a respectful path forward with patience and sensitivity.

Eric Olfert and Nancy Epp

### **Church Planting**



In June 2020 a small group began to meet each week via Zoom. We share and pray and discuss scripture and dream. Pandemic has been a season for building core relationships for this experiment in church planting and for clarifying the particular shape of God's invitation to the group. Alongside the budding house church, 2020 has also brought training through the New Leaf Design Shop and dreams for extending this conversation (via a portable workshop) as other MC Sask congregation dream and wonder about God's future.

Josh and Cindy Wallace

### **Creation Care**

2020 saw the national launch of *For the Love of Creation*, a faith-based initiative to mobilise for climate responsibility. Materials to enable conversation were developed. Ministries Commission plus a few others have worked through the material. We are learning how cultural assumptions and expectations impact peoples' responses to the climate crisis as we address the hard emotions connected to the crisis – especially hard in this high-emitting fossil-dependent province. New initiatives have arisen – a collection of global stories, a tree-planting event, youth materials, a church energy audit. Seeds are being sown and fruit is on its way.

Mark Bigland-Pritchard





# Camp Elim

2020 marked Camp Elim's 75th anniversary, but it was a challenging year for us. Our plans for running camp as normal were quickly thwarted with the looming pandemic. By mid May, it became apparent that we would not be able to operate our camper program due to government restrictions forcing the closure of overnight summer camp programs across Saskatchewan. Government reopening plans and sanitizing protocols also made it difficult to operate as a rental facility, other than that of our RV Park.

Instead of preparing for campers, we seized the opportunity of a "maintenance summer" to repair, refresh and restore our facilities. Although we would not be hiring our regular staffing numbers, the board mandate became to provide three students with summer jobs, as we had received funding through the Canada Summer Jobs federal government grant program. Together with our facility managers, Herman & Esther Wiebe, the students (Vanessa Stefaniuk, Griffin Lehnert and Mackenzie Mair) worked at a variety of tasks such as painting, cleaning, organizing, grounds maintenance, sanitizing for COVID-19, demolition and replacement of our expired refrigeration units, and improvements to our craft shack. They also made good progress at increasing our online presence on Facebook and Instagram.

Our 75th anniversary was celebrated virtually this year. Subscribers to our social media channels were taken down memory lane through the last 75 days of 2020, with daily posts highlighting Camp Elim's growth and change throughout our history.

This year, we are hopeful that we will be able to increase our rental availability throughout the peak season in order to increase our income. Rentals provide a great opportunity for groups to enjoy our space, and they supplement our costs substantially. In addition to this, we are in the process of hiring an executive director to help us manage the overall umbrella of our operations.

With the 2021 season upon us, there continues to be uncertainty surrounding the ability for camps to operate as we normally would. At the time of writing this article, the Saskatchewan government has provided guidelines for day camps, but overnight camping is not permissible with current health restrictions. This season, Camp Elim is planning to run Day Camps for the month of July that will cater to a variety of age groups. In this way, we still hope to be able to provide a valuable service to our community, increase our visibility in Southwest Saskatchewan, and keep the excitement of camp alive!

*Submitted by Gilbert Braun, Wynn Bueckert, Laura Grassing, Carla Phoenix, Lorna Wiens (Interim Board Chair), John Woelk, Brayden Zacharias and Colin Zacharias.*

<b>Camp Elim 2021 operating Budget</b>		
<b>Category</b>	<b>2020 actual</b>	<b>2021 Budget</b>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>		
Leases/2021 fees	109,454.85	110,000.00
Leases/property tax reimbursements	67,781.35	68,000.00
Leases/transfer & development fees	11,752.50	1,500.00
Land/rights of way	100.00	-
Camp fees	-	-
Donations/church,business & individual	34,860.46	15,000.00
Rentals	5,510.00	15,000.00
Fundraising income	659.54	-
Fundraising costs	554.29	
Sale of Small Tools	100.00	
MC Sask subsidy	2,808.66	2,800.00
Government grant - summer students	5,547.00	-
Patronage/Pioneer Co-op	81.82	
interest	60.77	50.00
	<b>238,162.66</b>	<b><u>212,350.00</u></b>
<b><u>Expenses</u></b>		
Administration	-	700.00
Advertising & promotion	597.90	500.00
Bad debt	72.39	
Insurance	10,855.79	12,000.00
Interest/bank charges/loan	149.61	5,200.00
Linens & supplies	534.99	500.00
Memberships,fees & dues	310.00	
Postage & office supplies	2,105.14	2,000.00
Professional fees (auditor )	9,201.19	5,000.00
Professional fees (treasurer )	9,435.00	10,000.00
Professional fees ( lawyer)	325.50	-
Programs	596.34	12,000.00
Property tax	72,939.35	73,000.00
Repairs & maintenance/yard	5,497.85	4,000.00
Repair & maintenance/buildings	11,188.38	8,000.00
Repair & maintenance/equipment	1,946.04	1,500.00
Utilities/telephone/internet/power/water	10,686.93	25,000.00
Vehicle/fuel & mileage	535.11	600.00
Vehicle/Licenses & maintenance	861.38	900.00
Wages,benefits & workers compensation	36,970.12	21,000.00
Executive Director - Salary ( 8 months )	-	28,000.00
Moving allowance - director	-	2,000.00
	<b>174,809.01</b>	<b>211,900.00</b>
<b><u>Operating Profit ( -loss)</u></b>	<b>63,353.65</b>	<b>450.00</b>

## Shekinah Retreat Centre Report



Shekinah's WaterBloc dam in action, shortly after the flood waters had receded. Water rose to within an inch of flooding the chalet.

### 2020 Recap

Every year, Shekinah prepares for a flood. We put up our WaterBloc dam around the Chalet, get our pumps and hoses ready, and watch the Sask Water site like hawks. We are prepared, yet the floodwaters' speedy rise always catches us by surprise.

2020 was no different. In the space of a night, the floodwaters rose over 8' (2.5m), and we were scrambling to fill the WaterBloc before the waters engulfed the Chalet. The water came—literally—to within an inch of flooding.

The Covid-19 *flood* had us scrambling. We laid off our staff in mid-March. Restrictions meant that we shut down our rental and food business, which entailed many phone calls, emails, and upset brides. We spoke with teachers about rescheduling school groups. And, most painfully, we cancelled Summer Camp—the cornerstone of our reason for existing.

**As time went on, it became clear that we had to change our thinking from “temporary setback” to “Shekinah survival”.**

We applied for every grant, subsidy, and loan available. We cut costs and hired our people back as we could afford them.

But we needed income. So we came to our people—you—and asked for help. And you did not disappoint. In spite of our goofy, low budget videos, you gave. In response to our emails and letters, you gave. And, knowing that we were in desperate need, you gave just because you wanted to and could. And perhaps with a gentle nudge from the Spirit.

We are incredibly grateful. Because of your generosity and a tight belt, we ended 2020 by financially breaking even.

### 2021 and Beyond

Covid-19 has shown us just how important our physical, mental and spiritual health is. More than ever, we feel that Shekinah is called to be a place where everyone feels accepted, cared for, and loved. We will continue to do that in whatever ways we can. Whether that is allowing people to be in our beautiful outdoors at a safe distance, sending a message of hope, or creating more goofy videos, we hope to stay in touch with you as this year unfolds.

Financially, we expect the road to be difficult, with perhaps more flooding than waters receding. To the extent we can control things, we are working hard to see what options might be available for students. We have been working hard on figuring out summer camp and believe / hope that we will be able to operate it—in some capacity—this summer.

We are grateful to all of you for your support, whether financially, with an email or call, or with your prayers. We are also grateful for our Shekinah board, who have given us support in these difficult times.

And we are truly grateful to have Craig and Hamilton working with us. Their competence, creativity, and love for Shekinah makes it a joy to go to work.

**Ron & Sue Schellenberg, Co-Executive Directors**



Your Shekinah crew: L-R Ron Schellenberg, Sue Schellenberg, Craig Friesen(program director), Hamilton Fast(maintenance).

## **Potential Shekinah Financial Situations in 2021**

The Board has developed 2 potential scenarios and made best efforts to calculate income and expenses given the assumptions under those scenarios. Essentially if we are able to be fully open starting July, Shekinah should manage. If we are unable to be fully open until after October, Shekinah will find it difficult to remain in operation. In either case we are highly dependent on the federal government paying 75% of wages until the end of June. We were able to defer mortgage payments in 2020 from April to September and have only been paying interest since then. This ends in March.

### **Assumptions Scenario A**

TL rental remains restricted up to and including June, normal rentals allowed after then

Rentals as booked on Nov. 12, 2020 go ahead for 2021 with non material changes, school bookings possible in September and October (income for school bookings not included)

Camp runs at 50% capacity, 6 weeks of camp, 7 weeks for counsellors

Directors FT whole year, CEWS covers 75% until end of June

Program Director FT, CEWS covers 75% until end of June

Maintenance person hired FT Jan. to October, then .5 Nov and Dec. CEWS covers 75% to end of June

Cook hired 8 hr for each day TL booked

Helper booked 8 hr for each day TL booked

Book keeper works 10 hr/week to May, 20 hr/week after

Utilities Jan -June 1/2 of 2020, July to Dec. 1/2 of 2019

### **Assumptions Scenario B**

TL rental remains restricted up to and including October, normal rentals allowed after then  
5 days/month of TL rentals whole year

Camp runs at 50% capacity, 6 weeks of camp, 7 weeks for counsellors

Director FT whole year, CEWS covers 75% until end of June

Program manager FT until camp over, CEWS covers 75% until end of June, position laid off after camp finishes

Maintenance person hired FT for Jan.-March then for .5 April to end of October CEWS covers 75% to June. Maintenance position laid off at end of October.

Cook hired 8 hr for each day TL booked

Helper booked 8 hr for each day TL booked

Book keeper works 10 hr/week

Utilities same as 2020

Category	2020 Actual Covid year	2021 Scenario A	2021 Scenario B	2019 Actual Usual year
<b>Revenue</b>				
Campership Donations	\$10,756	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$17,849
Fundraisers (all in operating donations)				\$25,157
Canada Summer Job subsidy	\$9,509	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,387
Operating Donations	\$121,302	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$71,063
Cabin Rentals	\$1,558	\$3,500	\$2,000	\$5,065
Wifi		\$300		\$641
Chalet Rentals	\$3,945	\$8,000	\$3,000	\$11,561
School Rentals	\$3,515	\$15,000		\$39,060
Timber Lodge rentals	\$21,033	\$94,000	\$21,000	\$188,334
Food service income	\$25,547	\$84,000	\$25,200	\$168,421
Activities Fee				\$1,687
Summer camp	\$3,239	\$49,700	\$49,700	\$35,826
Other	\$1,795			\$1,193
House Rent	\$10,250	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$12,000
MC Sask camp subsidy	\$3,076	\$3,000	\$3,000	
Canada Employment Wage Subsidy (CEWS)	\$40,100	\$46,973	\$43,143	
Government grants	\$30,030			
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$285,655</b>	<b>\$389,473</b>	<b>\$232,043</b>	<b>\$590,244</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Administration	\$5,217	\$5,420	\$2,845	\$8,763
Accounting Fees	\$9,489	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$15,516
Auto expenses	\$6,537	\$8,000	\$4,770	\$13,389
Repair/maintenance under \$500	\$12,538	\$17,521	\$13,630	\$17,521
Fundraising expenses	\$84	\$2,000	\$100	\$7,566
Summer camp food		\$7,200	\$7,200	\$8,724
Year round food	\$11,756	\$32,000	\$11,200	\$52,751

Supplies/equipment including water system	\$1,303	\$4,000	\$1,000	\$6,907
Salaries and benefits	\$147,922	\$210,348	\$163,385	\$325,513
Property Tax	\$15,491	\$15,500	\$15,500	\$15,128
Insurance	\$32,608	\$32,000	\$32,000	\$31,125
Summer camp	\$987	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$6,708
Utilities	\$26,372	\$29,180	\$26,710	\$31,658
Bank charges	\$3,082	\$3,521	\$2,775	\$3,521
Mortgage payment	\$9,000	\$20,000	\$20,00	\$19,855
Line of credit payments	\$1,200	\$2,400	\$2,400	\$2,400
Renovations to house				\$7,000
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$283,586</b>	<b>\$389,550</b>	<b>\$312,015</b>	<b>\$567,283</b>
<b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,069</b>	<b>\$117</b>	<b>(\$79,972)</b>	<b>\$22,961</b>

## **Youth Farm Bible Camp - 2020 Report**

One of the highlights of 2020 was our Adult Special Need Respite camps that were able to be held for two weeks in July. We had around 16 campers each week and had a lot of fun with them. Camp looked a lot different. We ate outside, were careful to keep cabin groups separate from one another, did not do some activities and made many changes. But this camp was needed and we were still able to connect and provide respite for both the campers and the caregivers at home.

One of our campers made a special donation to the Youth Farm Bible Camp. They had received a portion of an inheritance from their father and donated it to the camp towards a special project. We have been wanting to build a new kitchen and residence for a few years and now feel ready to take on the challenge. The donation will pay for the development of plans for this new building. We are excited about the possibilities that come with this project. The plans will also include year round living suites for people with intellectual disabilities. We are wanting to bring our friends with exceptional needs into our community all year long. We are excited to share the plans and vision for this once we have a little more information.

The **Valley Equestrian Centre** was very active in 2020. Cheralyne Gibson directs the centre and is one of our four coaches that we had working this year. We started lessons when Saskatchewan was opened in May and did not look back. The lesson program was always at capacity with many people turned away. We also started a partnership with Redberry Bible Camp caring for three of their horses here so they can be trained and used in our lesson program. It becomes a great benefit for both camps! We were also able to build a new horse shelter, install four new gates and build additional corrals this year for the program.

It was another amazing year at the Youth Farm Corn Maze! It was so good seeing families come enjoy the day outside. We also were able to add a new exhibit - THE TABERNACLE EXPERIENCE. Corn Maze guests were able to have a tour of a life size, museum quality, Old Testament Tabernacle. Eleanor Funk gave over 2000 tours of the Tabernacle experience this fall. Its a remarkable experience for anyone who took it in.

The Youth Farm Corn Maze is a special place that gives families the opportunity to have fun together. There is so much laughter, joy, and togetherness that is experienced while in the maze and our extensive activity centre. In October, pumpkins were available for purchase and pictures. The petting zoo with baby donkeys and active goats was also greatly appreciated. We are looking forward to 2021.

Thanks so much for your support and prayers in 2020. Please use the QR Code to download a brochure that shows pictures and more stories from this past year! Just point your camera at the code and your phone should take you to the brochure. Or go to [https://www.yfbc.com/downloads/sb\\_youthfarm/YFBC2020Brochure.pdf](https://www.yfbc.com/downloads/sb_youthfarm/YFBC2020Brochure.pdf)





<b>Youth Farm Bible Camp</b>		
<b>2021 Working Budget</b>		
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>
	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>
<b>INCOME</b>		
Donations	\$ 171,909	\$ 170,000
Grants and Sponsorships	38,770	40,000
Program Income (Corn Maze, Camps, Food Market)	357,688	300,000
Rentals	43,230	40,000
Valley Equestrian Centre	86,912	80,000
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 700,529</b>	<b>\$ 632,021</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Animal Program	\$ 37,893	\$ 35,000
Maintenance	57,292	30,000
Property Taxes	4,458	7,000
Loan Interest	16,113	15,000
Mexico Trip	15,899	-
Office	38,765	35,000
Payroll	360,023	300,000
Program Expenses	122,622	80,000
Gifts in Kind	21,263	15,000
Insurance	29,319	35,000
Utilities	51,730	55,000
Vehicles	18,275	18,000
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 773,652</b>	<b>\$ 625,000</b>
<b>Other Income</b>		
Temporary Wage Subsidy	105,501	
Capital Project Donations	119,471	
Capital Project Expenses	119,141	
<b>Adjustment to Retained Earnings</b>	<b>\$ 32,708</b>	<b>\$ 7,021</b>

Though 2020 presented RJC High School with challenges, we thank God for the many blessings we have received this past year: student health and safety, a growing student enrolment, refined academic programs, student engagement, and a supportive constituency.

Like other schools, we had to unexpectedly close the RJC campus for in-person learning in March 2020. We continued with remote learning, and thanks to the hard work, patience, and imagination of staff, we continued to deliver our academic, BELONG, and Alternative Learning & Service Opportunities (A.L.S.O.) programs. It was a year of learning for staff, as we began to explore re-working our regularly scheduled public events, such as Choirs & Cakes, our Spring Showcase, and Grad into an online format.

We found great success with our virtual events, and were able to meet our regularly planned fundraising goals. We had launched our RJC 115 Turnaround Strategy for Renewal & Growth earlier in 2020 to address our declining enrolment trend and to help finance our recruitment plans. Our strategy for raising these additional fundraising dollars was delayed once the COVID-19 pandemic hit, and re-evaluated later in the fall of 2020. Recruitment efforts continued throughout the year, and on September 8, 2020 RJC re-opened its doors for in-person learning with 85 students. This was the highest enrolment the school has seen in the last 4 years.

During this time, RJC continues to lean into God's call of being invitational to students and families beyond our traditional demographic. We see this in RJC's growing relationships with First Nation communities, students from Catholic, Lutheran, Baptist, & Evangelical backgrounds, and students without church or religious connections. With this changing demographic among our student body, RJC has had the opportunity to think critically about what it means to be an Anabaptist/Mennonite school in the 21st century.

RJC is indebted to the support of its Mennonite Church Saskatchewan and Mennonite Church Alberta constituents. We continue to partner with the church in creative ways to encourage RJC students to look for ways to develop their faith and apply it to a life of service and peacemaking, and invite your support as we continue in this mission together.

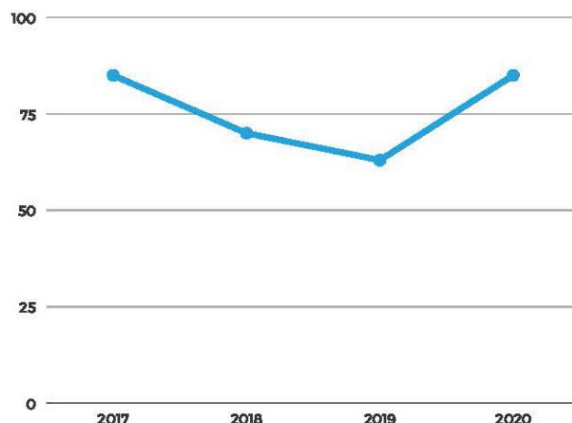


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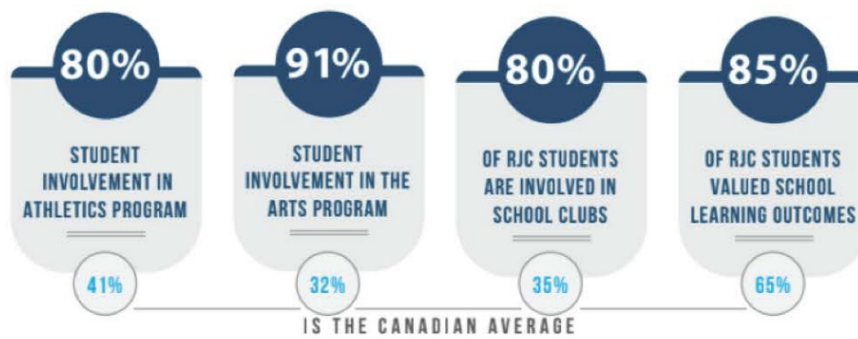


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## ENROLMENT NUMBERS



**25% INCREASE IN STUDENT  
ENROLMENT IN FALL 2020**



(2019 Report on Student Outcomes and School Climate Saskatchewan Project Secondary Survey (7533))

### CMU Mission

Canadian Mennonite University is an innovative Christian university, rooted in the Anabaptist faith tradition, moved and transformed by the life and teachings of Jesus Christ. Through teaching, research, and service CMU inspires and equips women and men for lives of service, leadership, and reconciliation in church and society.

### 2020-21 Enrolment

**902 Full-time equivalent**

**690 Shaftesbury campus (628 FTE)**

611 Undergraduate

79 Graduate

**76% Manitoba; 24% other provinces and international**

**83 International students, 28 countries**

**274 FTE Menno Simons College**

(CMU programming in Conflict Resolution and International Development at UW)

### Church-Rooted University

#### Undergraduate degree programs

in Arts, Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, Biblical and Theological Studies (BA majors in BTS and Christian Ministry), Music, Business, Communications & Media.

**Graduate degrees** feature MBA, Peacebuilding and Development, and Seminary programs.

#### Biblical and Theological Studies (BTS)

Eighteen credit hours of BTS in all undergraduate degrees.

**Graduate School of Theology and Ministry (GSTM)** Anabaptist-Ecumenical Seminary learning in a Canadian university context.

Three degree streams:

**MA Christian Ministry**

**MA Theological Studies**

**Master of Divinity**

**Chapels** centred on Hebrews 11:1-3  
"By Faith we Understand"

**Live-Streaming:** Access Xplore courses, Face2Face conversations, ReNew pastors resourcing ... wherever you are!



## Greetings from Canadian Mennonite University

The challenges of a global pandemic have highlighted the quality of education offered by CMU. Visit [media.cmu.ca/cmu-faculty-reflections](https://media.cmu.ca/cmu-faculty-reflections) to watch videos of faculty reflecting on courses described below.

#### Sundar John Boopalan, Assistant Professor of Biblical and Theological Studies, *Reading the Bible as a Witness to Liberation*:

In exploring the Biblical witness, we discovered how God's liberation encompasses all of who we are, including our personal, spiritual selves and our social-structural lives.

#### Rachel Krause, Assistant Professor of Biology, *Introduction to Global Health*:

Studying global health, immunity, ethics, human rights and vaccines became highly relevant for students in the midst of our global pandemic.

#### Anna Nekola, Assistant Professor of Music, *History of Gospel*:

While encountering the struggle and faith embodied in gospel music, several students composed new gospel hymns expressing their longing to connect with God's deliverance.

#### David Balzer, Assistant Professor of Communications and Media, *Introduction to Communications and Media*:

Expanding an audio interview to include family members about 'why studying communications is so important to their job?' led to fascinating insights.

#### Jobb Arnold, Assistant Professor Conflict Resolution Studies, *MSC*

**Introduction to Conflict Resolution Studies:** Exploring personal and community trauma and conflict related to the use of methamphetamines and opioids impacted students deeply. CMU's spiritual commitments were among the values and practices that resourced our study.

#### James Magnus-Johnston, Director, Centre for Resilience, Lecturer in Business, *Social Innovation Lab*:

Integrating theory, research, and practice, students partnered and proposed solutions for particular problems being encountered by different community organizations and businesses.

#### Irma Fast Dueck, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, *Introduction to Christianity*:

Understanding Christian faith 'from the bottom up' involved students listening to people from diverse backgrounds share how experiences of 'interruption' shaped their faith.

#### The words of Jaden Krahn (Environmental Studies Major, Outtatown graduate), 4th year, Calgary, AB:

I continue to attend a Mennonite university because of the broader church and community that it connects me to. CMU is an academic community, a social community, and a community of faith—all commitments that are dearly important to me during these formative years of my life. CMU is a university where I have the chance to be who I am in a place of academic rigour, where weekly chapels, forums, fellowship groups, and professors help me to understand more of myself and who God is.

**cmu.ca**





## Resources for faith formation and leadership development

### Academic programs

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 — whether in person or at a distance — and deepen your understanding of Scripture, faith and Anabaptist theology!

- **Study at a distance**
  - **Master of Divinity Connect** (online and hybrid courses)
  - **Master of Arts: Theology and Global Anabaptism** (fully online)
  - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies** (fully or partially online; customizable)
- **Study on campus**
  - **Master of Divinity Campus**
  - **Master of Arts in Christian Formation**
  - **Master of Arts: Theology and Peace Studies**
  - **Graduate Certificate in Theological Studies**  
[ambs.ca/academics](https://ambs.ca/academics)
- **Financial aid:** AMBS offers generous need-based financial aid, matching grants and scholarships to help make your education affordable. [ambs.ca/financialaid](https://ambs.ca/financialaid)
- **Want to explore seminary study?** Take an online, campus or hybrid class, even if you're not yet admitted to AMBS, and your first class is 50 percent off! Check out our upcoming offerings: [ambs.ca/onecourse](https://ambs.ca/onecourse)
- **Experience AMBS:** Talk with students, faculty and staff and learn what AMBS has to offer! [ambs.ca/visit](https://ambs.ca/visit)

### Center for Faith Formation and Culture

- **!Explore: A Theological Program for High School Youth:** Students in grades 10–12 can explore ministry and theology, grow in spiritual practices and listen for God's call through a summer congregational internship and a Group Experience. Participants receive a \$1,000 stipend. Tap a shoulder! [ambs.ca/explore](https://ambs.ca/explore)

### Regional church connections

#### AMBS Board member from MC Saskatchewan:

Terry Stefaniuk (Osler)

### AMBS statistics

- In the fall of 2020, 128 graduate students were enrolled at AMBS — 92 as admitted students and 36 as guest students or auditors. Eighty-two were from the U.S., nine were Canadian, and 37 were international students.
- The nondegree Journey Missional Leadership Development Program has 24 students in Canada, the U.S. and Southeast Asia.
- The 2020 graduating class comprised nine women and six men from five countries on three continents.

*We thank God for your support and ask for your prayers as we prepare leaders for ministry!*

### Lifelong learning

AMBS's Church Leadership Center offers various nondegree options for you to continue your education and strengthen your leadership skills:

- **Online short courses:** Join the forum discussions in these six-week online courses:
  - Exploring Anabaptist History and Theology
  - Exploring Peace and Justice in the Bible
  - Understanding Anabaptist Approaches to Scripture: What's Different and Why?
  - Transforming Congregational Conflict and Communication
  - A Worship Leader's Intro to *Voices Together*  
[ambs.ca/shortcourses](https://ambs.ca/shortcourses)
- **Pastors and Leaders 2021** (March 1–4, online!)  
[ambs.ca/pastorsandleaders](https://ambs.ca/pastorsandleaders)
- **Journey: A Missional Leadership Development Program:** This two-and-a-half-year nondegree program offers mentor-mentee partnerships, distance-learning opportunities and community support. [ambs.ca/journey](https://ambs.ca/journey)
- **Spiritual Direction Seminars:** Cultivate your ministry of spiritual direction. [ambs.ca/seminars](https://ambs.ca/seminars)
- **Invite AMBS!** Faculty and staff are available to interact with you via videoconference on topics such as trauma-informed caregiving, intercultural competence, undoing racism, leadership for God's reconciling mission, and more. [ambs.ca/invite](https://ambs.ca/invite)

## **CoSA South Saskatchewan**

### **Report to Mennonite Church Saskatchewan for Calendar Year 2020**

This is not a formal report by CoSA South Saskatchewan, but comments by Otto Driedger. I am an adjunct person on the Board, so am reporting from that point of view and also part of the Mennonite involvement with CoSA SS.

The theme Micah Mission of Saskatoon uses from Micah is also very appropriate for CoSA South Saskatchewan - "Do Justice, Love Mercy and Walk humbly with your God".

Two thousand and twenty was again an important journey for both CoSA SS, including the Board, volunteers and core members as well as for the persons in the FCRP (Faith Community Reintegration program). Niki Shuba who took full time responsibility for CoSA SS for the latter part of 2018, has continued to be the coordinator through 2020.

COVID 19 has had a major impact on CoSA SS as it has on so many other aspects of life. Most circles are meeting by zoom or phone. Board meetings are by zoom. In the Faith Community Reconciliation Project (FCRP) has the same complications related to COVID 19. The annual meeting and meeting of volunteers are not possible on a face to face basis.

The number of core members has reduced by about 5 to around 13 at any given time. Visits to institutions is not possible which has a major impact on new referrals and on communication with core members who have been returned to prison because of a breach of conditions. It should be noted core members who no longer are being served directly through the CoSA SS program, in this time of isolation, are either continuing to meet with the volunteers who became friends during their time in CoSA, or others who have gone on with their lives, reaching out, back to their former volunteers for support and counsel.

The five year financial contract with the Federal Department of Public Safety is completing its fourth year March 31, 2021. CoSA Canada is actively pursuing ongoing funding support which is difficult with the many demands on Federal funding during this COVID time. The requirements for information by the sites to CoSA Canada to meet the evaluation requirements of the Federal Government have meant a lot of work for Niki.

The small contract we have with the chaplaincy division of Correctional Service of Canada for the FCRP (Faith/Community Reintegration Project) is being extended until March 31 2022. Charles Kooger is continuing to take leadership in this project.

We appreciate collaboration with Mennonite Church Saskatchewan in this important service to integrate persons who have offended and spent time in prison and assist them to connect with a faith community if they so desire.

Otto Driedger, Adjunct member of CoSA SS  
February 2021



**MICAH  
MISSION**

*Tough on crime, one friendship at a time.*

## Micah Report to the 2021 MC Sask ADS

At the Micah Mission we hear the cries of injustice. We hear the statements of governments cutting funding to important social services. We hear Restorative Justice organizations who are doing important work, longing to do even more to help those who need a hand up. We hear our Indigenous sisters and brothers calling for Reconciliation and changes to the justice system. In the midst of this we also hear offers from churches, individuals and Foundations wanting to make a difference.

With the restrictions of COVID we hear, through the media the fears and frustrations of incarcerated populations and their families. We hear incarcerated persons calling for people to care. We hear volunteers wishing they could participate once again in visits. We hear CoSA Core members who need support, volunteers to journey with them and ways to meet safely with those volunteers.

We hear God calling us to respond, by gathering information and making applications together with our Saskatchewan Restorative Justice Network friends, to Foundations offering the opportunity to potentially win \$10 million, \$20 million, or even \$100 million. If successful, our organizations could make a significant difference in assisting people who are homeless, struggling with mental illness, incarcerated, seeking to gain their place in society.

God calls us to respond by using COVID relief Federal grants to purchase supplies for patients at the Regional Psychiatric Center to encourage letter writing to their P2P volunteers as well as family and friends. We respond by making phone calls when possible, to those whom we support inside. And we arrange for virtual contact between our circle members to decrease the isolation that they feel and when the weather is suitable to meet outside in person.

We respond by using the gifts that are given by our denomination, other denominations, individuals; through government contracts and grants from foundations to do the work of responding to the needs in our community.

We are also grateful for those who pray and who volunteer with us. It means so much to have the support. "No one does it alone."

Dave Feick  
Executive Director





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## To Mennonite Church of Saskatchewan; Annual Delegate Report 2021

Parkland Restorative Justice is gifted to be founded in faith and directed by passion mixed with wisdom. As we reflect on the past year, and the possibilities for the future, we do it positively. We believe our organization and the institutions it is linked to, will rebound, and thrive from the lessons learned during this time.

The pandemic has affected our programming, especially the backbone of PRJ, which is Person to Person prison visitation. We are dependent on the Saskatchewan Penitentiary to allow our staff and volunteers to enter during this time. Due to the pandemic, that has been limited. In response to these difficulties, we continue to be creative in our efforts to reach out to inmates through ongoing letter writing campaigns, phone, and video visits. We also have moved some of our focus to reintegration programs (Dad Hero) for inmates and the support of children and families of the incarcerated.

It is our desire to facilitate the development of innovation and research of new opportunities to facilitate our mission of "Building Safer Communities." Partnering with other organizations, nationally, provincially, and locally to connect our ideas, passion, and finances for the work we are committed to, no matter what the challenges. CFCN(Canadian Families and Corrections Network) is one such national non-profit that we share a reciprocal relationship with, that brings increased value to the ones we serve.

In the coming year and beyond, Parkland Restorative Justice will experience a financial challenge with the loss of Public Safety funding for the CoSA (Circles of Support and Accountability). The program is remarkably successful and PRJ is committed to fund development through innovated partnerships and through seeing with new eyes the opportunities that exist or will exist as we knock on doors previously untouched.

We will be further diversifying outside our faith community by movement into relationships in the business sector, with local and provincial governments and the development of Indigenous partnerships based on the TRC Calls to Action. PRJ began these steps in 2014 when we incorporated as an independent non-profit, no longer being under the direct leadership of MC Saskatchewan.

We are committed as a board and staff to educating ourselves and to ramp up this diversification. These actions must be aware of how inclusive and diversified our own organizational leadership is and to use the gifts and relationships that we all bring to successfully grow the sustainability and impacts of the mission.

Executive Director:

Kerry Reimer

February 8, 2021

## Foundations of Restorative Justice



Respect



Accountability



Healing



Empathy



## **Mennonite Nursing Home**

### **Called to Hear**

The MC Sask. Sessions will center around “Called to Hear”. The instructions are that our reports also use that as our guide as we write the report for the year.

To better prepare for this, I read parts of “Grace Upon Grace” by Kelly Harms. The book contains the history of the Mennonite Youth Farm.

The Youth in the area of Rosthern used the grounds for various functions in the late thirties and early forties. They held Youth retreats, taught DVBS, held Prayer meetings and more. The site lent itself to those kind of activities. The gov’t let it be known that the purpose of the experimental farm had changed and when approached by some of the locals, they would sell the land and all buildings to this Youth organization. Those first conversations by the local leadership would be my first example of “Called to Hear”. They wanted a location to teach the youth about the love of God.

Over the next years, leadership of the day recognized the opportunity for operation of the farm, an Invalid home, The Children’s Home, Home for Mentally Handicapped, Men’s and Women’s homes and the Youth Farm Bible Camp. Each group of leaders “heard the call” and responded by providing for the various needs. The need that seemed to prevail was to provide a residence for the elderly.

The original structure of the Mennonite Nursing Home was built with funding from gov’t, personal donations and a mortgage was constructed in 1968. The board was “called to hear”! Only two years later the board was again challenged to “Hear the Call”! They would add Country Gardens, two 4-plex homes to provide more of a continuum of care.

Over the next 10 years, there were more changes and additions. Nursing Home West side, more additions to Pineview Manor and the reconstruction of East side to individual rooms. In 2014-15 the board, “heard the call” and opened, Sunrise Place, a 20 bed Personal Care Home. Every decision was made to fulfill our motto: “Serving God by Serving Others”

On behalf of MNH Board

Armin Krahn



**Mennonite  
Church  
Canada**

## Looking back on 2020

Greetings! In a year of great change, I witnessed our nationwide family of faith come together to support one another even when church didn't feel or look the same:

- We shared weekly services offered by congregations across the country from March until September.
- Our first, virtual study conference, Table Talk: Does the Church still have legs?, was a success with over 200 registrants. Faculty from our Mennonite universities and colleges and plenary speaker, Sara Wenger Shenk, spoke on themes of church identity and worship.
- I am also pleased with the work of Joint Council and our regional executive ministers to create three new committees providing direction to our nationwide family in 2021: the Community of Spiritual Leaders, the Sustainability Leadership Group and the Intercultural Church Steering Committee.

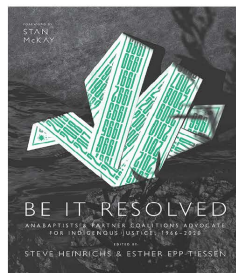


Here are highlights from our programs:

- CommonWord** • CommonWord Bookstore and Resource Centre helped launch several new websites, in addition to its own ([commonword.ca](http://commonword.ca)): [abuseresponseandprevention.ca](http://abuseresponseandprevention.ca) with MCC and [togetherinworship.net](http://togetherinworship.net) with Together in Worship. We invite congregations to access these resources!
- In November, CommonWord received the new *Voices Together* hymnals. Individual or small orders of the pew, accompaniment and large-print editions, and CDs, can be placed with [CommonWord](http://CommonWord). Bulk copies and digital recordings can be purchased directly through [MennoMedia](http://MennoMedia).

### Indigenous Settler-Relations

- *Be It Resolved: Anabaptists & Partner Coalitions Advocate for Indigenous Justice* is an anthology co-published in 2020 by Mennonite Church Canada and MCC. It brings together over 90 documents tracing the history of Anabaptist commitments to Indigenous justice and decolonization since the mid-1960s. With an eight-session study guide, our prayer is that congregations, small groups and regional ISR working groups will find *Be It Resolved* an empowering resource that nurtures joy and courage. Read an [interview](#) and



- [article](#) about this resource. Order through [CommonWord](#).
- ISR director Steve Heinrichs is part of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada's (EFC) Indigenous Settler-Relations group, along with reps from other denominations. In June, the EFC released [a set of seven commitments](#) it has made to pursue right relations with Indigenous peoples.
- For the past five years, ISR has worked tirelessly alongside Indigenous organizations and faith communities advocating for federal legislation to implement the *UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples* in Canada. On Dec. 3, the federal government tabled Bill C-15, An Act Respecting the UN Declaration. If Bill C-15 reaches Royal Assent, it will affirm the *Declaration's* application in Canadian law and provide a framework to align law and policy with the minimum standards and rights affirmed in the Declaration.



EFC ISR Working Group.

### International Witness

- Groups of congregational reps met online with Witness workers and international partners forming five Witness Support Networks. Networks support one specific ministry, and receive updates and information from Witness workers. Visit [mennonitechurch.ca/witness-support-networks](http://mennonitechurch.ca/witness-support-networks).
- Congregations took part in International Witness Sunday in October. This annual event celebrates the work of IW and invites participation and mutual learning. Visit [mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday](http://mennonitechurch.ca/IW-Sunday).
- We prayed for brothers and sisters who experienced typhoons in the Philippines and Vietnam. We learned from Mennonite Church Colombia's [strong, public call for peace](#) amid violence and displacement in rural communities. We learned from the Palestinian Christian community through an online conversation with Bethlehem Bible College staff. We [contacted leaders and prayed for peace](#) in the war-torn Tigray region of Ethiopia.



You can find our full report at [CommonWord](#).

Blessings in 2021,

Doug Klassen  
Executive Minister



A Word From Leah Reesor-Keller, Executive Minister  
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## COURAGEOUS IMAGINATION

Hello Mennonite Church Canada! Greetings from your siblings in Christ in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. This past year was a year like no other. A highlight of this difficult time was taking part in the Mennonite Church Canada series of nationwide services that brought us into each other's church sanctuaries and living rooms across the country.

This has been a year of significant changes at MCEC, marking David Martin's retirement after 15 years of faithful service as Executive Minister. MCEC also welcomed Fanosie Legesse into a new staff role as Intercultural Mission Minister. I began my role with MCEC in September 2020. I am seeking to listen deeply, ask reflective questions, foster relationships of mutuality between congregations, and hold space for new dreams and visions of what it means to be an Anabaptist Christian. We're on a journey together that requires courageous imagination to open us to seeing where the Spirit is at work among us, across Canada and in the world.

I am excited to walk this journey together as an MCEC community of faith, and as part of our nationwide church body. May God guide our feet and illuminate our path as we walk together!



Warden Underground  
Prepared for Deliveries



Grace New Life Mennonite  
Baptism and Worship

## MCEC Community of Congregations

- 97 Congregations
  - 82 Full Membership
  - 14 Provisional Membership
  - 1 Long-Term Church Plant
- Worship in 16 Languages

## Congregational Stories of Hope

- [www.mcec.ca/news](http://www.mcec.ca/news)

## Supporting Pastors & Congregational Leaders

- *Pastoral Conversations* - ministering in a pandemic
- *Learning Commons* - a flexible learning space
- *Administrators Day* - on-line Communications 101 and networking day for administrative assistants across Mennonite Church Canada

## Supporting Congregations

- *Nationwide Website Hub* launched in February with 21 Pilot Congregations / Camps
- *Innovate* - providing discipleship resourcing to congregations including Relearning Community
- Jr. Youth Creation Care Online Retreat Resources
- Treaty as Sacred Covenant Story-telling Series

## Congregational Transitions in 2020

- Full Membership
  - Grace New Life Mennonite Church
- Provisional Membership
  - Mennonite Disciples Mission Joliette
  - Soul House
  - Warden Underground
- Closed
  - Église évangélique mennonite de Joliette
  - Jane Finch Faith Community
- 6 Withdrawn & Released Congregations



## ***Mennonite Church Manitoba 2020 in Review***



***Mennonite Church Manitoba*** is 8,000 people in 39 congregations that covenant together to follow Jesus and live out the call of Christ within an Anabaptist perspective. Together with our regional partners of British Columbia, Alberta, Saskatchewan and Eastern Canada, we are part of a nationwide community of faith that is extending God's love to our neighbours locally, nationally and globally.

How does one measure the past year where familiar patterns and routines have had to give way to new and creative practices and where virtual gatherings through online "ZOOM" has replaced the familiar in-person meetings. How do we give account for the 525,600 minutes in 2020? I highlight a few of the more memorable of this past year.

### ***Leadership Transition***

We said farewell to Ken Warkentin after 10 years of serving as Executive Minister. We welcome ***Michael Pahl*** as Executive Minister beginning in January 2021. Michael's theological astuteness and pastoral experience will serve the Mennonite Church well into the future.

Rick Neufeld (Director of Leadership Ministries) served as Interim Executive Minister. Peter Rempel served in the role of Interim Administrative Assistant.

### ***Worship Gatherings***

What a gift to worship together virtually with the Nationwide Church. Through the medium of video technology, a weekly online worship service gave opportunity for gathering altogether. Many comments received suggested that this way technology provided a renewed sense of belonging to the larger community of faith. With the partnership of the Regional Churches, worship reflected a wide scope of diversity across the Mennonite Church. Thanks to Douglas Mennonite, Morden Mennonite, Charleswood Mennonite, Springstein Mennonite and the MCM Staff who provided worship on behalf of the MCM Regional Church.

### ***"Camps with Meaning" Ministry***

The pandemic of 2020 left the Camping Ministry with only a few options. Pop up camp days in Winnipeg, Steinbach, Morden, Camp Koinonia and Assiniboia provided a welcome relief to the many summer fun cancellations. Two weeks of day camp at Camp Assiniboia presented both camper and staff opportunity to experience the beauty of God's creation in a safe outdoor environment.

Due to pandemic restrictions and public health protocols, overnight camp and potential revenue generated from Camp Assiniboia rentals diminished drastically. As a result and most disappointing was the lay-off of seven camp staff personnel in September. The impact of these decreases in staff and revenue has been extremely difficult. Thanks to all the staff for their huge contributions that they have made as well as many sacrifices because of the prevailing circumstances.

### ***Pastors are connecting***

Online pastoral conversations have provided MCM Pastors to connect with one another across the region. These times of meeting provide support to pastors with helpful insights in responding to the immediate challenges that Covid-19 presented. These meetings provided new and creative ways to navigate ways to offer care to the congregation in the midst of Covid limitations that restrict and hindered our gatherings together.

MCM pastors and leadership teams have maintained connections with their congregants virtually; regular email updates and via personal phone calls. Congregational Search committees have used ZOOM virtual technology for continued pastoral discernment and placement. Webinars and online seminars for professional development have been encouraged for pastors to learn and grow.

### ***Mennonite Church Ministries***

***International Witness global ministries and Indigenous/Settler Relations is the work of the five regional partners of the Mennonite Nation-wide church.*** Regional funding for these ministries works to assist local congregations in their mission initiatives.

MCM serves as the conduit for the funding of these ministries from the regional Church. Furthermore, MCM supports the work of Canadian Mennonite University and the Canadian Mennonite publication. More than 50% of all money received from congregations and individual donors that come to MCM support these areas of ministry.

### ***Moving forward***

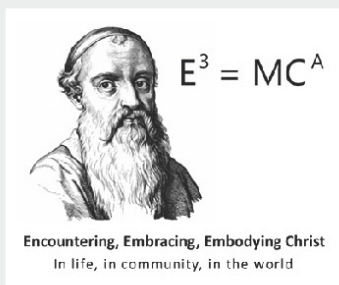
There is little doubt that 2020 will be remembered for many things, perhaps not the least, will be the impact that a pandemic has had on our lives and the world. We have needed to adapt to a new reality and we will need to continue to draw on this strength as we move forward. Together we seek to follow the path made by Jesus.

Submitted by Rick Neufeld, Interim Executive Minister



## ANNUAL REPORT 2020

*MCA consists of 12 congregations with 1100 participants worshipping in 5 languages.*



Year 1 of E3, a 3-year action plan, focused on “in life.” The E3 Reference Group prepared a bucket list of ideas to deepen our faith and encourage new spiritual practices.

Click [here](#) for all things E3.

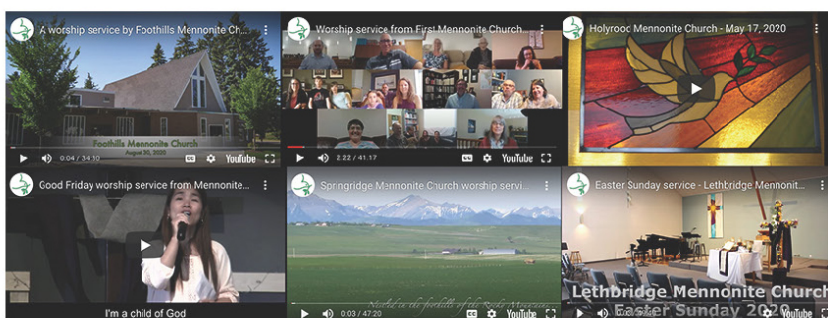
*Other E3 resources include:*

- Weekly prayers shared with congregations
- Reflections on encounters with Christ can be found in the Communiqué, in Canadian Mennonite and on the MCA website
- Pandemic-friendly resources guided congregations in worship on September 27
- The online **Advent Calendar** encouraged the practices of Lectio Divina and Visio Divina
- **CommonWord** curated a list of [E3 resources](#)

In 2021 we will move to Year 2, “in community.”

## The Church: People not Buildings

A popular saying circulated in March, as church doors closed to in-person worship. We were reminded that the church has not “closed” due to the pandemic, because the church is *people*, and not *buildings*. In 2020 we saw people across our nationwide family give life to this truth.



MCA churches provided 6 worship services for our MC Canada family

**Flexibility** - Our MCA delegate sessions were cancelled one week before they were to take place and MCA Executive requested a one-week delay to prepare for online sessions. At the tip of the iceberg of uncertainty, congregations and delegates were supportive and adapted. Over the weeks, as one upcoming event after another was cancelled, staff, committees and volunteers took up the challenge to explore what *could* happen, instead of what couldn't.

**Celebration & Connection** - Perhaps ironically, 2020 was a year of connection. **Tim Wiebe-Neufeld** (Executive Minister) was more frequently and deeply involved in congregational and pastoral support. **Pastors Council** met more often, encouraging one another, updating resources and adjusting to changing needs. In a small window of opportunity, pastors were able to meet in person for a retreat. During the November **congregational check-in**, we listened as each congregation shared challenges and celebrations in their COVID journey.

**New Initiatives** - Virtual connections flourished in 2020. **Donna Entz** (North Edmonton Ministries) and **Jon Olfert** (Camp Valaqua) hosted two series exploring how to **Engage** in relationships that transcend culture,





## Staff Transition



**Staff transition:** In July we said "goodbye" to **June Miller** and "hello" to **Ruth Bergen Braun** in the position of *Communications Coordinator*. Together with the Community Building and Program Committee, June and Ruth have added lighter moments to church life, encouraging sharing and stories of engagement on social media, on the website and in the Communiqué.

**[www.mcab.ca](http://www.mcab.ca)** launched in February, providing a new home for our growing content. An important addition to the website is a page with information and resources on reporting misconduct in our church community.

## Important dates:

**March 20-21** - MCA Annual Delegate Sessions and worship



**July 2022** - Mennonite World Conference, Indonesia;  
**Rebecca Janzen** is our *MCA Global*

*Youth Summit* delegate

**July 2022** - MC Canada Gathering, Edmonton

race and faith. NEM Book clubs, dialogues and scriptural reasoning classes moved online, creating opportunities for people across the province to become involved. Online **Weekly Prayers** grew out of Pastors Council as a way to deepen our prayer lives and to uphold one another.

**Generosity** - Early uncertainty about how giving might be affected by the pandemic proved unfounded, as congregants demonstrated that their commitment to giving ran deeper than the passing of an offering plate. **Camp Valaqua** families donated children's registrations when summer programming was cancelled. The **Hike-a-Thon** far exceeded its previous donation record. Seven young adults received **student bursaries**, encouraging exploration of faith, education, career and life. Financial gifts to the **Calgary Chin Church** will enable them to move into their new church home soon. Witnessing this outpouring of support first-hand is one of the privileges of being involved in MCA.



## Hope for the future

- We march on!

**Faith Studies** will take place this year, either online or in person, and we are confident that there will be a summer Camp program even if creative juices are tapped deep. Ongoing congregational support continues to be a priority, as congregations explore how to provide activities beyond worship with children, families, young adults and seniors. We pray that in 2021 the doors may be opened to respond to the invitation for teaching and fellowship with South Sudanese churches in Ethiopia.

I look to the year ahead with confidence. I see the significant things we are able to do as MCA and as part of our nationwide faith family, and celebrate being church together!

Brenda Tiessen-Wiens  
*Moderator*



## **The MENNONITE CHURCH BRITISH COLUMBIA (MCBC) Story to the Nationwide Regional Churches for 2020, Submitted by Garry Janzen, Executive Minister**

*Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. Hebrews 12:2*

A popular song that many of us have sung in our churches over the past number of years is, “Jesus, Be the Centre.” Over the past decade we have become familiar with the clear understanding of what it means to be an Anabaptist Christian from Palmer Becker’s writings: *Jesus is the Centre of our Faith, Community is the Centre of our Lives, and Reconciliation is the Centre of our Work*. We have come to embrace centredness as an image of our relationship to Jesus. MCBC has had a Restructuring Task Group that has been working over a period of two years to find a way to live into MCBC’s key themes. After a year of much theological discussion, the Task Group has moved to a centred model, and is suggesting Hebrews 12:2 as our MCBC theme verse, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.” Our ministry themes are: Cultivating Anabaptist Vision, Engaging God’s World, and Growing Community. The MCBC Leadership Board is proposing the outcomes of this restructuring process to our 2021 Annual Gathering in February for discernment and approval.

A task group was formed this year to figure out the sale of the property of the former Clearbrook Mennonite Church. The progress of this work will be presented to the 2021 MCBC Annual Gathering.

Ever since March of 2020, our congregations have been trying to figure out what they can and cannot do according to the COVID-19 government restrictions, and according to what we understand to be safe practices. The amazing piece about these restrictions is that they are like the Gospel – they ask us to stay six feet away from others and to wear masks in order to keep the other person safe. This is the Gospel in that we are being called to think of others first before thinking of ourselves.

We had the privilege of conducting our 2020 Annual Gathering in person at Cedar Valley Church in Mission on February 29<sup>th</sup>. It was one of the last things we did safely in person without masks on. We have converted our monthly pastors’ lunch gatherings into virtual gatherings on Zoom. We started weekly in the spring and have now gone to bi-weekly and monthly. Our congregations have learned so much about how to meet virtually. While most of us long for the day when we can meet in person, without masks, and give each other hugs, we have found meaningful ways to be the church in a pandemic. Even our Nationwide gatherings of the Executive Staff Group and the MC Canada Joint Council have managed as fully virtual meetings, but with a deep longing for the day when we will be in person again.

As we are now in a stage of extensive transmission of the COVID-19 virus, we will not be meeting in person until probably Easter 2021. This means that our MCBC Annual Gathering will be virtual on February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2021. We plan to keep it to three hours on Saturday morning. All the verbal presentations will be pre-recorded, and delegates will be expected to watch these ahead of time, as well as read the written reports. Our meeting will primarily be discussion in response to these reports and related decision making.

In the midst of all the pandemic restrictions, we have had an ordination, with a small group gathered in person and the rest of the participants gathered on Zoom, including family members from other parts of BC and the USA. We have also done pastoral searches, candidated and welcomed new pastors. We have not yet done an installation service, due to the latest restrictions on in person gatherings.

2020 will certainly be a year to remember – with God at work, and the church trying to figure out what engaging in God’s work looks like in the midst of a pandemic on a daily basis. Many good plans were just not able to happen. We have also learned some things that will serve us well into the future which we will keep.





Throughout the pandemic, *Canadian Mennonite* heeded God's call to help build the church community. When congregations can't worship in-person and neighbours can't visit over coffee, *CM* helps people connect with the church and strengthens a sense of common purpose. By sharing news, columns, letters, and photos, we get to know one another better. Reading together with our church family across the country helps us care for one another and work together.



**Donna Schulz**

Saskatchewan writers play an important role as *CM* works to build up the church community. In 2020, Josh Wallace's feature, "Love in the time of COVID-19" began *CM*'s coverage of the pandemic. Ryan Siemens, Andrea Enns-Gooding and Lisa Martens Bartel contributed to the From Our Leaders column. Columnist Ed Olfert wrote once a month on people he encounters who represent the image of God in his life. Correspondent Donna Schulz published 48 articles and photos, such as a tribute to Bill Krueger, recognition of Leonard Doell and congregational stories such as "Superb helped me continue to have faith" and the peace club at Nutana Park. Numerous individuals sent in letters to the editor or contributed other articles and photos.

Through the Every Home Plan, people from Mennonite Church Canada congregations may subscribe to the magazine at half the cost of a regular subscription. Fees are paid collectively through the church. Talk to your administrator for details.

Whether you read the magazine on paper or on your mobile device; whether you visit our website or follow us on social media; whether you write letters, post comments, or discuss the articles at church; we at *Canadian Mennonite* are grateful that you connect with our national church family through the magazine.

#### **In 2020 *Canadian Mennonite* had:**

- 26 issues
- 84 stories and photos from Saskatchewan
- 963 other articles about the church in Canada and beyond
- 5,000 followers on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram
- 9,500 subscribers
- 200,000 website visitors

#### **Print and digital delivery**

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*“All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation ...” 2 Corinthians 5:18 (NIV)*

As Mennonite Central Committee enters its second century of ministry in the name of Christ, we see you, the beautiful congregations of Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, seeking to faithfully minister to the pain and divisions in our communities and in our world. In the 1920s, Anabaptist churches in North America extended a generous embrace to families and communities in south Russia (now Ukraine) experiencing famine and conflict. One hundred years later, we’ve been given our own big basket of uncertainties – a global health pandemic with accompanying economic pressures and community tensions. And again, we see families and church communities choosing to keep our circles of care as large and generous as possible, choosing a generous and reconciling embrace, locally and globally.

As MCC enters its second century of ministry, we seek to renew our identity and mission and deepen MCC’s spiritual grounding by carrying out our work as a public witness to God’s love for all people. In the next five years, our priorities will be:

- Increase the capacity of the church and other partners as they support and equip vulnerable people, especially people who have been uprooted and displaced.
- Increase responsive engagement across the full range of Anabaptist churches and beyond, with an increased focus on audience-based communications, fundraising and recruitment efforts with a new generation.
- Increase peacebuilding as a key component in all of our relief and development work and expand our efforts for justice and peace.
- Design and assess MCC’s program and operations in light of our commitment to care for God’s creation and accompany marginalized communities harmed by climate change.

In these days, may God continue to lead us, strengthen us, and give us courage and creativity to faithfully respond to human need in the name of Christ.

MCC seeks to grow closer to all our constituent churches in meaningful ways. MCC staff ([mccsk.ca/speakers-bureau](https://mccsk.ca/speakers-bureau)) are available to visit your church for education, presentations, sermons, and conversation in a range of topics that matter to you.

Our full annual report is available here: <https://mcccanada.ca/learn/about/annual-reports/annual-impact-report-20192020>

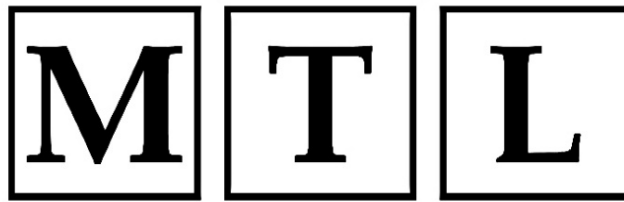
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2020! What a year!

We started the year with the paint just barely dry on our newly expanded head office in Waldheim, looking forward to welcoming in more clients than ever. Then, just a few months into the year we locked the doors of all of our offices and didn't open them for a couple months. Our staff and our clients quickly adapted to doing more over the phone and in online meetings than we would have previously thought possible.

Despite the challenges of limited face to face meetings, 2020 was still a year of growth for MTL as more clients than ever before trusted us with their estate planning, their investments, their mortgages and their tax returns. We're honored by the opportunity to work with clients in these complex and sometimes difficult areas.

**OUR VISION:**  
Financial peace for everyone  
in Saskatchewan

**OUR MISSION:**  
Help people save wisely,  
borrow sensibly,  
give readily, and  
make and execute sound estate plans.

As we look to the future, we are challenged by Jesus' words in Luke 12:48 *"To him who has been given much, much will be demanded."* At MTL we've been given much – A deep history of caring for Widows and Orphans, a strong tie to the Mennonite denominations that founded our company and still provide governance, strong support from our clients in every corner of this province, and for these and many other blessings we are extremely grateful. But, there are so many who we believe we've been called to help, and many of them are not connected to one of our controlling-conference church bodies. What do we have to do to help those outside our primary circle? What are the barriers to us helping them? As we look to grow the number of people we are able to help in 2021 and beyond, we are focused on these questions.



## Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan (MHSS)

### 2020 Report to MC Sask

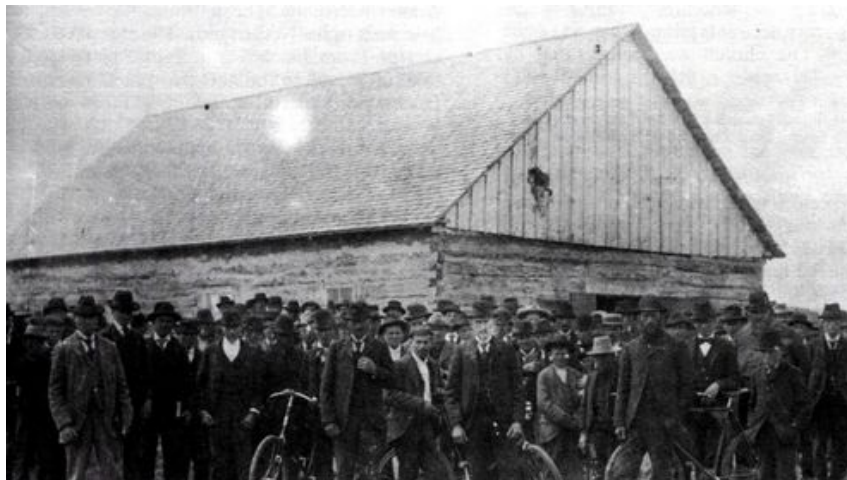
**Who are we:** We are a hard-to-define collection of Mennonites from more than a dozen conferences who are conservative and liberal with different traditions of worship practices, community profiles and mission. We are a non-profit group organized under the Corporate Branch in Regina registered under ISC. We have CRA status that issues tax deductible receipts. We have a 9 person board that reports annually to its 275 members. We depend on our dozen volunteers to do our work.

**What God is calling us to:** God is calling us to collect and archive the stories of Mennonites and those they come into contact with.

**How we carry out our calling:** To make those stories come alive, MHSS has a three-time-a-year periodical, *The Saskatchewan Historian*. A quality website is a second way to communicate with inquirers. A third way is to call people together for presentations by master story tellers, both academic and traditional teller of stories. Fourthly, we archive the records in our archives located at Bethany Manor in Saskatoon.

#### **Key areas of our work:**

- We sent out 30 book orders this year
- Abram Janzen gave two lectures on Low German speaking Mennonites
- Dick Braun described his trip to Brazil where Rev Johann Wall was honored
- We published 3 editions of our publication, *The Historian*.
- We have an archive of several tens of thousands of documents
- We have contributed 3,000 photos to MAID
- We have a website at <http://mhss.sk.ca>
- We have interviewed 25 key Mennonites over the past 3 years
- We archive the records of MC Sask
- We archive Mennonite papers and collect obituaries
- We have an extensive description of Mennonite Cemeteries
- We have dozens of donated collections from Mennonite people
- We are the keepers of old, and sometimes rare books



First Mennonite Church built in Saskatchewan at Eigenheim in 1896

## 2020 ADS MINUTES

Location: Everywhere (Zoom)

April 25, 2020; 10:00 AM

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**Host:** Ryan Siemens

**Moderator:** Terry Stefaniuk

**Secretary:** Christine Epp

**Parliamentarian:** Heather Driedger

78 participants

50 delegates

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Opening & Welcome: Terry Stefaniuk, Moderator

Opening Prayer: Ryan Siemens, Executive Minister

- 1) Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Business
  - a. Adopt 2019 ADS Minutes

**Motion:** Peter Peters moved to adopt the 2019 ADS minutes.

**Seconded:** Gordon Peters

**Carried.**

- b. 2019 Reports

- i. Moderator – (page 10 in report) Terry Stefaniuk shared highlights. No questions.
    - ii. Executive Minister – MC Saskatchewan, (pages 11 & 12 in report) Ryan Siemens shared highlights. Additional items:
      - Worship and Mission Event is being planned for October 2020.
      - Meghan Good (Phoenix, AZ) will be here Nov 16-20 to lead a full-credit course, in cooperation with CMU. More details to be shared as it becomes available.
      - Video of SMYO highlights featuring Kate HansonNo questions.

**Motion:** Gordon Peters moved to accept the Moderator and Executive Minister (MC Sask) reports as written and presented.

**Seconded:** Tammy Forrester

**Carried.**

iii. Financial Statements

Gordon Peters, Treasurer, walked us through the various financial reports and statements as distributed. Email Gordon if you have questions.

**Motion:** Gordon Peters moved to approve the Audited Financial Statements for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan for the year ended December 31, 2019.

**Seconded:** Dolores Logan

**Carried**

c. Presentation of 2020 Budget – (page 16) Gordon Peters

Gordon highlighted the changes to the layout of the budget for the future.

**Motion:** Gordon Peters moved to approve to accept the 2020 Budget as presented.

**Seconded:** Dion Martens

**Carried.**

Audit: Gordon shared that the Audit papers were just received 24 hours prior to this ADM.

**Motion:** Gordon Peters moved to appoint McKenzie and Co as auditors for the 2021 fiscal year.

**Seconded:** Tim Wiens

**Denied**

**Motion:** Gordon Peters moved that MC Sask delegates allow MC Council to work with the camps to review our auditor situation and then make the decision for the 2020 audit.

**Seconded:** Kevin Koop

**Carried**

i. Executive Minister – MC Canada, (page 59) Doug Klassen

Highlights:

- Common Word – resource centre and book store
- Indigenous Relations
- Witness work
- Online study conference – October 24 (some will be available in advance)

d. Motion for Bylaws: (page 20-35) Terry Stefaniuk shared highlights of the process that was led by Tim Wiens.

No questions.

**Motion:** Mennonite Church Saskatchewan Council moved the adoption of the updated By-Laws as presented in the Annual Delegate Report Book.

**Seconded:** Tim Wiens

**Carried**

- e. Approval of Nominations (pages 6-9) noted by Terry Stefaniuk

**Motion:** Ric Drediger moves to approve the slate of nominees as presented.

**Seconded:** Pauline Steinmann

**Carried**

- f. Adjournment:

**Motion:** Gordon Peters moved to adjourn business meeting.

Business meeting adjourned by 11:20 AM

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2) Congregational Sharing:

- a. Each congregation was given 2-3 minutes to share what has been either challenging, or life giving, or both about the times we find ourselves in.

- ✓ Aberdeen
- ✓ Zoar, Waldheim
- ✓ Carrot River
- ✓ Eigenheim, Rosthern
- ✓ Eyebrow
- ✓ Fields of Hope, Rabbit Lake/Glenbush
- ✓ First Mennonite, Saskatoon
- ✓ Fiske
- ✓ Hanley
- ✓ Grace Mennonite, Prince Albert
- ✓ Grace Mennonite, Regina

*Break*

- ✓ Hershel
- ✓ Laird
- ✓ Langham
- ✓ Mount Royal, Saskatoon
- ✓ Rosthern
- ✓ North Star, Drake
- ✓ Nutana Park, Saskatoon
- ✓ Osler
- ✓ Peace, Saskatoon
- ✓ Pleasant Point, Clavet
- ✓ Superb
- ✓ Teifengrund, Laird
- ✓ Warman
- ✓ Wildwood

3) What we do together:

- a. Each program/ministry partner was be given 3 minutes to share how their organization/commission is adapting to current challenges.
  - i. Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (page 54)
  - ii. Camp Elim (page 45)
  - iii. Pastoral Leadership Commission (page 41)
  - iv. Ministries Commission (pages 42-44)
  - v. CoSA South Saskatchewan (page 55)
  - vi. Canadian Mennonite University (page 53)
  - vii. Mennonite Central Committee Saskatchewan (page 66)
  - viii. Micah Mission (page 56)
  - ix. Parkland Restorative Justice (page 57)
  - x. Rosthern Junior College (page 52)
  - xi. Shekinah Retreat Centre (pages 47-49)
  - xii. Mennonite Disaster Service (verbal from Ike Epp)
  - xiii. Youth Farm Bible Camp (pages 50 & 51)
  - xiv. Youth Nursing Home & Mennonite Youth Farm Complex (page 58)
  - xv. Canadian Mennonite (verbal from Tobi Thiessen)
  - xvi. Witness (verbal from Jeanette Hanson)

4) Closing comments – Terry Stefaniuk

5) Closing Prayer: Ryan Siemens

Session Adjourned at 1:35 PM