

## Mennonite Church Saskatchewan 2025 Annual Report

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan (MC Sask) is a family of 20 congregations, united in our commitment to being Christ-centered and sent into the world. Together, we prayerfully support one another, collaborating in ministry with Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite World Conference, trusting that God's healing and hope flow through us to all the world.

The year 2025 marked the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Anabaptism and we commemorated this in several ways throughout the year.

- On January 21, Wildwood hosting a showing of the movie "The Radicals" which told the story of Michael & Margaretha Sattler.
- In July, MC Sask and the Mennonite Historical Society of Saskatchewan sponsored a celebration of 500 years of Anabaptism. The afternoon included music and storytelling.
- The Pastoral Leadership Commission welcomed Troy Osborne, professor at Conrad Grebel University College to teach an intensive one-week course on **Anabaptist-Mennonite History and Identity: From Reformation to Global Movement**
- Throughout the year there were also various other events hosted by our congregations.



Our Annual Delegate Session was held in March at RJC High School and was jointly hosted by RJC and Rosthern Mennonite Church. The theme "Differences for the Common Good" focused on how we build up the church and God's kingdom together even when we have differences.

The guest speaker was Fanosie Legesse, MCEC Intercultural Minister. We were challenged and inspired as he spoke from his experience and passion for the church and God's people.

We also worshiped together, shared conversation, and worked at the business of MC Sask.

***"Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good."** – 1 Corinthians 12:4-7*



**Youth:** The youth, under the leadership of Evan Bueckert, had many opportunities to get together over the year but a highlight was their trip to Waterloo, Ontario for the MC Canada Gathering 2025! MC Sask was well represented by the 24 youth and sponsors who attended. We are grateful for all of Evan's work in the planning of this trip and in his role as Interim Youth Minister. He ended his time in this role at the end of July.

**Transitions:** Looking back at 2025, we reflect on the transitions within our congregations. We thank God for all who have served and those who are called to new ministries, using their various gifts for God's kingdom through MC Sask.

- Pastoral changes included departures, new beginnings, and retirements across several congregations. Highlights include:
  - First Mennonite, Saskatoon said farewell to **Paul Matheson** as he retired. They also welcomed **Calvary deJong** as their new pastor.
  - **Patty Friesen** retired from Osler Mennonite Church in February.
  - **Peter Lippmann** was licensed for specific ministry at Wildwood Mennonite Church.
  - **Don Froese** began his time at Nutana Park Mennonite in August.
  - **Brad Schroeder** began his time at Osler Mennonite Church in September.
  - **Lisa Martens Bartel** was ordained at North Star Mennonite in November.

In the early part of 2025, we continued the MC Sask Council led **Town Hall meetings** across the province to engage congregations in discussions on Youth Ministry, finances, volunteer positions, and connectedness. These were valuable times to hear from all our congregations and understand better who we are as MC Sask. These learnings continue to guide Council in discernment and decision making.

Throughout the year, we have been witnesses to God's work among us. We are thankful to be participants in this kingdom work. We also look forward to where God is inviting us in the new year. May we all continue to seek God's guidance and the leading of God's spirit as we live out our mission that God's healing and hope may flow through us to the world.



Brad Schroeder installation



Lisa Martens Bartel ordination



Peter Lippmann licensing for specific ministry



500 years of Anabaptism Celebration

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