

# June 2023 UPDATE



## Transitions & Staff Updates

- **Al Rempel** was appointed as Associate Executive Minister of MC Canada on March 1, 2023
- **Gary Peters** began his role as MC Sask Interim Executive Minister (0.5 FTE) on March 15, 2023
- **Andrea Enns Gooding** concluded her time at Rosthern Menonite April 2023
- **Kirsten Hamm-Epp** transitioned to MC Sask Youth Minister (0.3 FTE) as of June 1, 2023
- **Dave Feick** concluded his time as Micah Mission Executive Director as of June 2023
  - Welcome to **Adriana Appleton**, former CoSA Administrator, Micah's new ED!
- **Luke Bushman** will be installed as Pastor of Youth and Children at Nutana Park June 25, 2023
- **Claire and Garth Ewert Fisher** are retiring from Mount Royal Menonite at the end of June 2023

*“May the warm winds of heaven blow softly upon you,  
And may the Great Spirit make Sunrise in your heart.”*

*Voices Together 1061*

## Camp Study Update

**Thank you** for your meaningful and heartfelt engagement throughout the first phase of the MC Sask Camp Study! Council is currently reviewing all of the feedback and comments gathered at this year's Annual Delegate Sessions, and will discern next steps together with study consultant Tim Nickel and the camps.

*Please keep **Camp Elim**, **Shekinah Summer Camp**, and **Youth Farm Bible Camp** in your prayers as they prepare to welcome campers, staff, and volunteers this summer!*



## Living Hope Climate Retreat



In April, MC Sask Ambassadors **Sarah Wood**, **Luke Bushman**, and **Becca Bushman** attended Living Hope: Centering Connection, a climate retreat hosted by MC Manitoba at Camp Assiniboia, MB.

Speaking at Forest Church at Shekinah on June 4, they shared their takeaways of justice, of looking to creation for wisdom and understanding, and living simply so that others may simply live.

**Thanks** was also expressed to MC Sask and MC Canada for providing the funding and opportunity to attend the retreat and connect with other youth and young adults from the wider Menonite church family.

## MC Canada Emissions Reduction Grant

*Does your church need a new furnace or better windows? Interested in solar panels??*

*The MC Canada Emissions Reduction Grant is for you!*

The harm caused by Green House Gases (GHG) to the atmosphere requires a rapid move toward more sustainable energy types and uses. The purpose of this grant is to inspire congregations to lead their communities toward reducing both direct and indirect emissions of GHGs. The ideal applicants will be working in multiple ways to reduce their building's carbon footprint, with the goal of being able to reduce energy usage or generate renewable energy equivalent to or greater than the energy they need for electricity, heating and cooling.

*Application deadline is **September 30**, visit <https://www.mennonitechurch.ca/mc-canada-emissions-reduction-grant> for full details.*

## Youth Ministry

On May 27, over 35 youth gathered at Osler Mennonite Church for **Mega Menno-Run** and had an absolute blast running around trying to avoid youth sponsors, and the silly things they would have to do when caught (like human pyramids!). The youth were much faster than anticipated, speedier sponsor



recruits are being sought for next year's event!



Youth also took part in the **MCC Relief Sale Festival** on June 17, painting faces, playing Relief Sale Bingo, making buttons, and more.



Serving as **RJC High School** Campus Pastor, Kirsten Hamm-Epp presented 2023 graduates a small tool kit with an inscribed scripture on behalf of MC Sask, equipping grads with all the 'tools' they need for the next chapter. For the final Mega Menno event of the school year, youth will enjoy this year's RJC High School musical, **'All Shook Up.'**

**MC Sask Scholarships are now available!** This year MC Sask is offering four, \$1,000 scholarships to those attending Mennonite schools or service programs. Visit [www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry](http://www.mcsask.ca/youth-ministry) for application forms and full details.

**Fall Save the Dates: Shekinah Voyageur Challenge Sept. 17, Mega Menno Kick-Off Sept. 30**

## Financial Update

As budgets continue to be stretched, MC Sask is grateful for your continued financial support of our regional church ministries, as well as those of the wider Church partners nationally and beyond. God is working in our communities and your donations make and encourage this work together! Budget projections to date are on target and we look forward to your continued support.

*- Tim Wiens, Finance Chair, MC Sask Council*