

Winter 2024 UPDATE



MC Sask 2024 Annual Delegate Sessions

March 8 & 9, 2024

North Star Mennonite Church

Drake, SK

**Co-Hosted by North Star
and Pleasant Point**

Mennonite Churches

Details & Registration at

<https://mcsask.ca/event/11596>



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RELATIONSHIP**

AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY

- 1:30-4:00pm Pastors and leaders gathering
- 7:00pm Session & Worship

SATURDAY

- Business Sessions
- Worship
- Singing
- Break out rooms
- Fellowship

Camp Subcommittee Update

Following meetings with representatives of each MCSask camp, the camp subcommittee has discerned next steps for each of the camps and brought questions and recommendations to MCSask Council. At the Fall Leadership Assembly (FLA) in November, the camp subcommittee made a short presentation to attendees and provided them with an opportunity to provide feedback on four draft proposals:

1. MC SK will require some or all camps to incorporate
2. MC SK representation on the newly formed board of directors may or may not change
3. MC SK will lease land to camps that are newly incorporated
4. MC SK will support each camp financially through the above processes

Camps were given the opportunity to make short presentations and all participants were provided with the opportunity to discuss the proposals and provide feedback. With the feedback provided at the FLA and ongoing conversations with camp representatives, the camp subcommittee and MCSask Council have discussed next steps and will be proposing a resolution at the upcoming Annual Delegate Sessions in March. Should you have any questions or feedback, please do not hesitate to contact the members of the camp subcommittee:

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MC Sask Finance Update

Hello everyone - the sermon I heard on Sunday was about supporting the work of the church financially. MC Sask has many faithful congregations and individuals who donate. Without this financial support your organization would not be able to provide encouragement and training for pastors and congregations. MC Sask has a vibrant youth ministry striving to encourage and develop the leaders of our churches in the future. MC Sask also directly supports numerous organizations which do the work of the church in various settings. My Sunday sermon concluded with the invitation to faithfully respond to support the work of the church. We ask that you consider supporting the work we do on your behalf with donations from your congregations and you as individuals. *Tim Wiens, Finance Chair*

Church Engagement Update

I get to hear a lot of good stories as MC Sask's Church Engagement Minister. Some of my favorites come from Witness Support Network conversations with partners in Korea, China, the Philippines, Ethiopia, and, especially, Thailand.

From **April 16-21**, IW workers **Tom and Christine Poovong and co-workers Pastors Khampan and Thippawan**, will be *here in Saskatchewan*. So you can hear some of these incredible stories *first-hand!* You can listen in on:

April 17 - Pastors Chat with the Poovongs

April 19 - Sharing with YFBC 3E Interns & afternoon coffee with Rosthern MC

April 20 - Stories, Snacks, and Songs (and maybe dancing!) hosted by First Mennonite Church

April 21 - Sunday Morning Worship at Eyebrow MC

If you'd like more info OR if you'd like to invite the Poovongs to visit your group, contact me at churchengagement@mcsask.ca *josh wallace*

Transitions & Staff Updates

Pastor transitions: Zachary Stefaniuk began at Zion Mennonite, November 2023; Garth and Claire Ewert Fisher began as interim pastors at Rosthern Mennonite Church, January 2024; Susanne Guenther Loewen resigned from NPMC, February 2024; Don Froese concludes at MRMC, March 2024.

Ordinations: Rodney Hennessey at Grace Mennonite Church, Regina, October 2023; Curtis Wiens at Aberdeen Mennonite Church, October 2023.

Licensing towards ordination: Luke Bushman with Osler Mennonite and Nutana Park Mennonite Church, February 2024.

Youth Ministry

February 19 - Winter Fun Day at Shekinah Retreat Centre

March 8-10 - SMYO (Saskatchewan Mennonite Youth Organization) leadership event for gr. 10-12. Partnering with the ADS, as well as Sunday morning worship at North Star MC.

April 20 - Party with the Poovongs! Meet MC Canada Witness Workers Tom and Christine Poovongs, as well as their kids Joseph and Phim, and learn some Issan worship and dance moves.

May 17-19 - Retreat 2.0 @ Shekinah!



Contact Kirsten Hamm-Epp, Youth Minister, for more information: youthminister@mcsask.ca