



## SKMB Talking & Prayer Circle

July 20/17 from 6 - 9 p.m.

@ Hope Fellowship Church, Saskatoon

### **Discerning God's call to Indigenous Peoples ministry in Saskatchewan**

**Listening – Sharing – Praying**

**Speaker - Paul Winter**

Director of First Nations Ministry, MB Church of Manitoba

**Welcome all those seeking to hear about  
the possibilities of ministry to the  
Indigenous Peoples of Saskatchewan.**

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### **From the Director of Ministry**

The signs of Spring are truly all about us – warmer temperatures, farmers seeding, budding trees, singing birds, green grass and, of course, fired up BBQs! Thanks be to God who blesses us with seasons and new life.

At the time of this writing, Janine and I are into month seven of our first year. We continue to be filled with joy and hope as we establish new relationships with our SKMB churches and camps. We have visited 23 churches for the first time and 30 church visits in total. We want to thank all those churches that blessed us with fellowship meals – you are all great hosts! This summer I will be an on-site pastor for both Redberry and West Bank for a week each. Janine and I have had the privilege of commissioning 8 new pastors with at least one more in August.

We continue to be on target for annually connecting with each church through a personal Sunday visit. As well, the target we set for connecting with each church once every two months through a pastor – pastor visit, email or phone call is also being met.

Some things our office is presently working on include membership of Wynyard Gospel Church and Mission Pentecostal Church (Regina), helping West Bank Bible Camp with Director Jerry Dennill's sabbatical and camp constitution, some personal mentoring of pastors and rolling out new resources for the SKMB community. These resources include *Discovery: A Church Spiritual Discernment Process*, a new on-line discipleship discernment tool for churches (SKMB website), a new digital church and camp directory, and new MB Mission/SKMB promotional piece for Trek, Soar and Discipleship On Mission. Also, the Developmental Leadership Team is producing a promotion piece on our student and internship bursaries and the discipleship discernment tool.

Our Church Multiplication Team is working on a Saskatoon event featuring Hugh Halter (author of "And" and "Tangible Kingdom") as a means to promote discipleship multiplication in Saskatchewan. We are also supporting Riverhurst Community Church as they seek to plant a church in Central Butte and The Compass (Regina) as they are in process of planting a third church; this one in the Harbour Landing area of Regina. In addition, we are supporting a SK small town church thinking about a 're-plant'. Finally, we are discerning a next step on the role of the SKMB in ministry to Indigenous Peoples in the province.

We continue to ask that you support the work of our office in supporting SKMB churches and camps in the mission. If you are not already, sign up for our semi-monthly communique by sending an email to [pat@skmb.ca](mailto:pat@skmb.ca).



### **Look for them...**

By the end of this week, leaders in the SKMB community will be sent two brochures. One highlighting the **Advantages of Belonging** to the SKMB, and the other describing a unique partnership we have with MB Mission... **Discipleship Saskatchewan.**

*Additional copies on request.*



### **CONTACT US...**

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## What's next?

### May

16-18 - Pastor Clusters  
28 - Phil & Janine Gunther & Ralph & Grace Gliege will be visiting Pierceland Community Church

### June

3-4 - 75th Anniversary Celebration @ Parliament Community Church  
9-10 - MCC SK Relief Sale and Auction in Saskatoon  
13-15 - Pastor Credentialing Orientation in Winnipeg

### July

16 - Dedication service of Gospel Mission Church in Carrot River

### September

19-21 - Pastor Clusters  
22 - Hugh Halter Event in Saskatoon

### October 1-3, 2017

Pastoral Retreat @ Dallas Valley Ranch Camp

### November 1-3, 2017

CCMBC Study Conference in Abbotsford, BC

## MCC Relief Sale

### & Auction

June 9-10, 2017  
Prairieland Park, Saskatoon

**DON'T MISS OUT!**

SO... what do you think of the **semi-monthly SKMB Communique?**

**Have you seen them?**

If you haven't, **you're missing out** on a regular diet of some very encouraging news from your SKMB Family!

Here are a few of the stories...

**You'll find these & more @ [skmb.ca](http://skmb.ca)**

\*Chaplaincy With the Christian Motorcyclists Association\*  
\*First Service in Their New Building!\* \*Music Give-Away\*  
\*The Workshop Is Open!\* \*Assembly 2017 Highlights\*  
\*Parliament Community Church's 75th Anniversary Homecoming\*  
\*The Coaching Workshop\* \*Compass' Call to Harbour Landing\*  
\*FGCC's North Site "Tempus"\* \*Grace Fellowship Renovates!\*

## SKMB Office Ministry Service Targets

**We will strive to...**

- Pray for churches, camps and their staff daily.
- Respond to phone calls, emails and written correspondence within twenty-four hours.
- Actively listen to your inquiries or concerns.
- Ensure that Conference resources are offered and explained.
- Devote the time needed to ensure you have the support required for your church or camp.
- Follow-up on your initial inquiry or concern within one week asking if you need further help.
- Contact your church or camp once every two months.
- Personally visit your church or camp once a year.
- Provide timely and relevant updates from the provincial and Canadian MB offices.
- Once a year ask you how we did in meeting these ministry targets.

*"We see a Church passionately in love with God, led by His Spirit on mission, bringing Jesus' Gospel of redemption and restoration to the four corners of Saskatchewan."*

## The Times, They Are A-Change'n...

### NEW...

#### James (Rosanna) Wittenberg

- Associate Pastor @ West Portal Church, Saskatoon  
(starting in August/17)

#### Nick (Elaine) Kimpinski

- Lead Pastor @ Bridgeway Community Church, Swift Current

#### Erica (Jason) Hoare

- Pastor of Discipleship and Prayer  
@ Dalmeny Community Church

#### Les (Edith) Unruh

- Interim Director at West Bank Bible Camp during  
Director Jerry Dennill's sabbatical (June - September)

### ON TO NEW THINGS...

#### Nathan (Nicki) McCorkindale

- (as of July/17) formerly @ Philadelphia MB Church  
in the Watrous area

#### Ken (Dawn) Sperling

- formerly @ Christian Fellowship Church, Lucky Lake

### SABBATICALS...

#### Jerry (Liz) Dennill

- (June - September/17) Director at West Bank Bible Camp

#### Greg (Daniella) Klassen

- (back mid-June/17) Associate Pastor of Youth Ministries  
@ Hepburn MB Church