

How the SK Conference comes alongside SKMB Churches and Camps...

1. We assist churches and camps in **finding pastors*** by providing resumes or suggesting possible candidates. The church or camp still makes the final choice, but this provides a measure of hope, and helps launch the search process.

2. Before a church or camp calls someone to candidate from outside the denomination, the SKMB Faith and Life Team examines their **theology and ministry**. This process provides a significant security for the church or camp.

3. When called, pastors* sign a **conduct covenant** administered by the SKMB office, providing solid moral protection for both the church and the pastor*.

4. The Conference serves as the **ecclesiastical authority** so that pastors* may be registered with Saskatchewan Justice so that they are able to officiate weddings. Pastors* must be credentialed with the SKMB to be registered permanently.

5. Provision of a **ministry support base** through:

- Pastor Clusters
- Pastoral Retreats
- Resourcing events
- Support, encouragement and resources through the ministry of the SKMB office.
- a network of prayer support from fellow pastors* and sister churches
- SKMB Assemblies

6. A **provincial salary grid** is reviewed annually which congregations are encouraged to follow in paying their ministry staff.

7. **Assessment tools** and support are available for churches and camps to conduct effective pastoral* assessments.

8. **Connectedness & communication:** through the semi-monthly Communique, monthly Praise & Prayer Bulletin, website, and regular email information pieces.

For regular updates on the life and ministry of SKMB churches and camps, let Director of Ministry Philip Gunther know and you'll be added to the circulation list!

9. **Camp Ministry Development Fund:** A fund set aside for SKMB camps to promote new initiatives.

10. **Church Help Fund:** A resource available to assist pastors* to attend the Pastors Credentialing Orientation (PCO).

11. Denominational personnel are available for **speaking in churches and camps**.

12. When **times of transition** occur we are available to offer counsel and support for churches and camps.

13. **Inspiration Saskatchewan** is a resource providing churches and camps with speakers sharing their story of raising up healthy disciples.

14 **Discipleship Coaching Tools** are resources which help churches examine their discipleship pathways.

You can do it, we can help!

We seek to foster community, to inspire, empower, and support the Churches and Camps of the SKMB in multiplying missional disciples, leaders, and churches.

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Advantages of Belonging

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"Supporting SKMB churches and camps in making disciples."

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CCMBC (National) Supports

NOTE: the following benefits are available from the Canadian Conference of MB Churches as a result of being a part of the SK Conference of MB Churches.

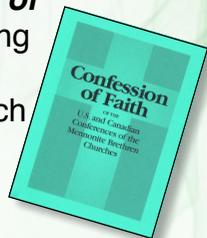


1. Pastors* are eligible to enrol in an **excellent medical, dental and retirement savings plan**. The basic plan includes life insurance, accidental death and dismemberment, dependent life and long term disability. Rates are reasonable due to it being a Group Plan.

2. The Group Plan also includes **access to a confidential counselling service** through the Employee Assistance Program which is covered through the health care portion of the plan. Pastors* have access to 24-hour-a-day toll free counselling dealing with a wide variety of concerns.

3. Pastors* have quick access to **housing loans**, and churches for **building projects**... all at fair interest rates.

4. Through the Board of Faith & Life, an up-to-date **Confession of Faith** is provided, serving as the essential statement of faith in each local church constitution.



5. Provision of **excellent resources** for teaching, preaching and personal enrichment through:

- **Kindred Productions**
www.kindredproductions.com
- **MB Herald**
http://mbherald.com
- a **pamphlet series** dealing with the relevant issues and topics around:
 - identity/doctrine/witness
 - marriage & family
 - social/lifestyle

6. **Financial assistance for smaller churches** to afford attendance at national events.

7. Very reasonably priced **payroll and bookkeeping services**.

8. The Legacy Fund provides pastors and churches new and **improved investment vehicles**.

9. Denominational personnel are available for **preaching in churches and camps**.

10. Denominationally operated educational centres provide **solid biblical and leadership training**.



CCMBC/SKMB Collaboration

1. Material and personnel are available to assist churches in doing regular and systematic **assessments, board training** & assistance, and during times of pastoral* change.



2. During **times of conflict**, churches and pastors* can call on denominational personnel and/or the SKMB Faith & Life Team for help and guidance.

3. The denomination helps churches fulfill their mandate to **“go into all the world”** through opportunities to participate (through praying, giving and going) in provincial and national church planting efforts and international mission endeavours through **MB Mission** and the **C2C Network**.



4. Information and support is available to help camps and churches with **constitutions, bylaws, CRA issues, and policies** pertaining to ministry and operational issues.

5. **Bursaries and matching grants** are available for students seeking ministry leadership training.

Your Camps



We have a great ministry opportunity right in our own back yard with our two SKMB camps. Loads of opportunities for children, youth and families to be discipled and fellowship together. Camping or volunteering... it's a WIN!

Relief & Development

Relationships with relief & development agencies such as Mennonite Central Committee and Mennonite Disaster Service are fostered, giving a meaningful outlet for churches to fulfill the mandate of Christ to provide for the **Mennonite Central Committee** disadvantaged and disregarded in society.



Your Extended MB Family



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