

# ALL OF US, ALL THE TIME, FOR JESUS

*“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.”*

COLOSSIANS 3:17

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SKMB Family,

We at West Portal are pleased to welcome members from across the breadth of our Mennonite Brethren family to join us for our provincial annual assembly. We look forward to hearing the various ministry and conference updates, engaging breakouts, thoughtful discussions, re-connecting with old friends, building new relationships, and taking part in the Lord's Supper together.

I hear this year's theme, "*All of us, all the time, for Jesus*" as a call for us to surrender. The extent to which we surrender is a witness to the degree we have beheld the beauty and worth of Christ. Believers are like that man who finds a treasure hidden in a field who, when he finds it, in his JOY sells all that he has and buys that field (Mt.13:44). It is no sacrifice then to surrender our selves, our families, and our communities for the surpassing value of knowing Christ, our Lord (Phil 3:8). In surrender we, with our Lord, lay hold of that which is truly life unto the Glory of God and for the sake of His Church.

*9 And they sang a new song:  
You are **worthy** to take the scroll  
and to open its seals,  
because you were slaughtered,  
and you purchased people  
for God by your blood  
from every tribe and language  
and people and nation.  
10 You made them a kingdom  
and priests to our God,  
and they will reign on the earth.*

Revelation 5:9–10

Let us join in with the heavenly creatures and elders who fall down in worship of the Lamb who was slain. The Lamb who, for the sake of our God, made us one with Christ and one with each other.

*Come, Lord Jesus!*

Ryan Peters

Moderator – West Portal Church



## Assembly Schedule

### Friday March 27<sup>th</sup>

Banquet – 6 pm

Program – 7 pm

### Saturday March 28<sup>th</sup>

Worship – 9 am

Connecting Breakouts – 10:15 am

Connecting Breakouts – 11:20 am

Lunch – 12:30 pm

Connecting Breakouts – 1:15 pm

AGM – 2:30

Worship & Communion – 3:00

Closing – 3:30

- Leaders Panel – *time permitting*

- David Simpson – *Equipping, Professional Development and Coaching.*
- Mike Engbers – *The Church in an AI World.*\*\*\*

### Connecting Breakouts – 1:15 pm

- Bruce Enns – *Rebooting Local-Global Missions In My Church.*\*\*\*
- Cam Stuart – *The M.B. Church of Canada.*
- David Simpson – *Equipping, Professional Development and Coaching.*
- *Finding Leaders For Tomorrow's Churches* - MB Seminary, Columbia College, Horizon College & Seminary

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### Connecting Breakouts – 10:15 am

- Ken Esau – *Peacemaking and the Confession of Faith.*
- Britten Banerjee – *Oh Canada! The Church and Politics in 2026.*
- Glen Madden – *Re-Think Giving*\*\*\*
- *Finding Leaders For Tomorrow's Churches* - MB Seminary, Columbia College, Horizon College & Seminary
- Cam Stuart – *The M.B. Church of Canada.*

### AGM Agenda

- 2025 Minutes
- 2025 Financial Statements
- 2026 Budget
- Bylaw Amendment
- Elections
- National Governance Proposal
- The Gathering Church

### Connecting Breakouts – 11:20 am

- Ken Esau – *Peacemaking and the Confession of Faith.*
- Britten Banerjee – *Oh Canada! The Church and Politics in 2026.*
- Rita Mae Braun – *Prayer Walk*\*\*\*  
(11:20 – 12:45)



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## Our family of churches, camps, and partner schools...

### Beechy

- Hillside Christian Fellowship

### Borden

- Riverbend Fellowship

### Canora

- Gateway Community Church

### Dalmeny

- Dalmeny Community church

### Foam Lake

- Gospel Fellowship Church

### Glenbush

- Glenbush M.B. church

### Hafford

- Hafford Gospel Fellowship

### Hepburn

- Hepburn M.B. Church

### Herbert

- Grace Community Church

### Kelstern

- Kelstern Community Church

### Lanigan

- Christian Fellowship Church

### Lucky Lake

- Christian Fellowship Church M.B.

### Meadow Lake

- Northwest Community Church

### Regina

- Anchor Church
- Mission Pentecostal Church
- Parliament Community Church
- The Compass

### Riverhurst

- Riverhurst Community Church

### Saskatoon

- Carmel Pentecostal Church
- Faith River Christian Fellowship
- Forest Grove Community Church
- Grace Fellowship
- Hope Fellowship Church
- The Gathering
- West Portal Church

### Swift Current

- Bridgeway Community Church

### Waldheim

- Waldheim M.B. Church

### Warman

- Grace Fellowship

### Watrous

- Philadelphia M.B. Church

### Woodrow

- Woodrow Gospel Chapel

### Wynyard

- Wynyard Gospel Church

### Redberry Bible Camp

### West Bank Bible Camp

### Horizon College & Seminary



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***“Supporting SKMB churches and camps in making disciples.”***

Mandate of the SKMB Executive Board, Teams and Staff

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations,  
baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.”*

Jesus – Matthew 28:19 NLT

### **What are the principles that guide us in supporting SKMB churches and camps?**

- We believe God works through SKMB churches and camps and we exist to support them
- We desire servant leadership to shape our supporting role
- We look to the Holy Bible, the Holy Spirit and our Confession of Faith guide us
- We seek God’s will in prayer
- We see our work as Gospel-centered
- We understand that our decisions are set within the framework of our Act, Constitution, Bylaws, Governance and Operations Manuals.

### ***On mission TOGETHER***

Prayer of the SKMB Executive Board, Teams and Staff

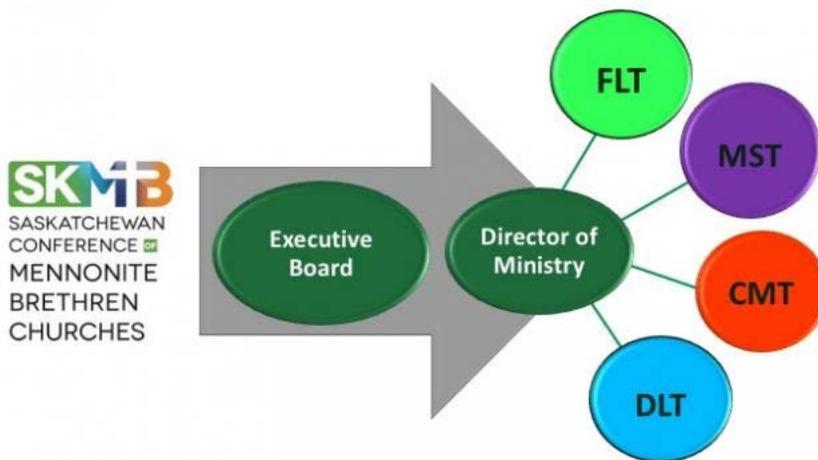
*“...that all of them may be one.”*

Jesus – John 17:21 NIV

*Our partner churches and camps, are a community of faith called the SKMB who worship ONE God. We serve ONE Lord. We are a community of faith who proclaim ONE gospel, a gospel that points to ONE cross, ONE means of forgiveness of sins, ONE empty tomb and ONE resurrection to eternal life. We are a community of faith who receive our gifting and power from ONE Holy Spirit. We are called to work with God in building ONE Kingdom.*

### **How do we support SKMB Churches and Camps?**

- We provide resources that better equip churches and camps to fulfill the mission.
- We provide a hub for relevant and timely communication to inform and inspire churches and camps in the mission.
- We provide pastors, church workers and camp directors with pastoral care and other tangible programs of support as they fulfill the mission.
- We provide theological and confessional watch care.
- We serve as a voice for unity and cooperation.
- We serve as a voice for Saskatchewan, Canadian and global mission opportunities.



## SKMB CONFERENCE STRUCTURE

- Executive Board
  - Dave Foth, Treasurer (2026)
  - Rita Mae Braun, Church Liaison (2027)
  - Gord Schroeder, Moderator (2027)
  - David Kline, Assistant Moderator (2027)
  - Peter Dueck (2028\*)
  - Harry Strauss (2028\*)
  
- ❖ Director Of Ministry
  - Rev. Philip A. Gunther
  
- ❖ Leadership Development Coach
  - Rev. Dr. David Simpson
  
- FLT - Faith & Life Team
- MST – Ministry Support Team
- CMT – Church Multiplication Team
- DLT – Developmental Leadership Team



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## Ministry Service Targets

SKMB Office

We recognize the SKMB's office success depends on ministry excellence and competent administration for the purpose of inspiring, empowering and supporting churches and ministries of the conference in multiplying missional disciples, leaders and churches.

To meet these goals we will strive to:

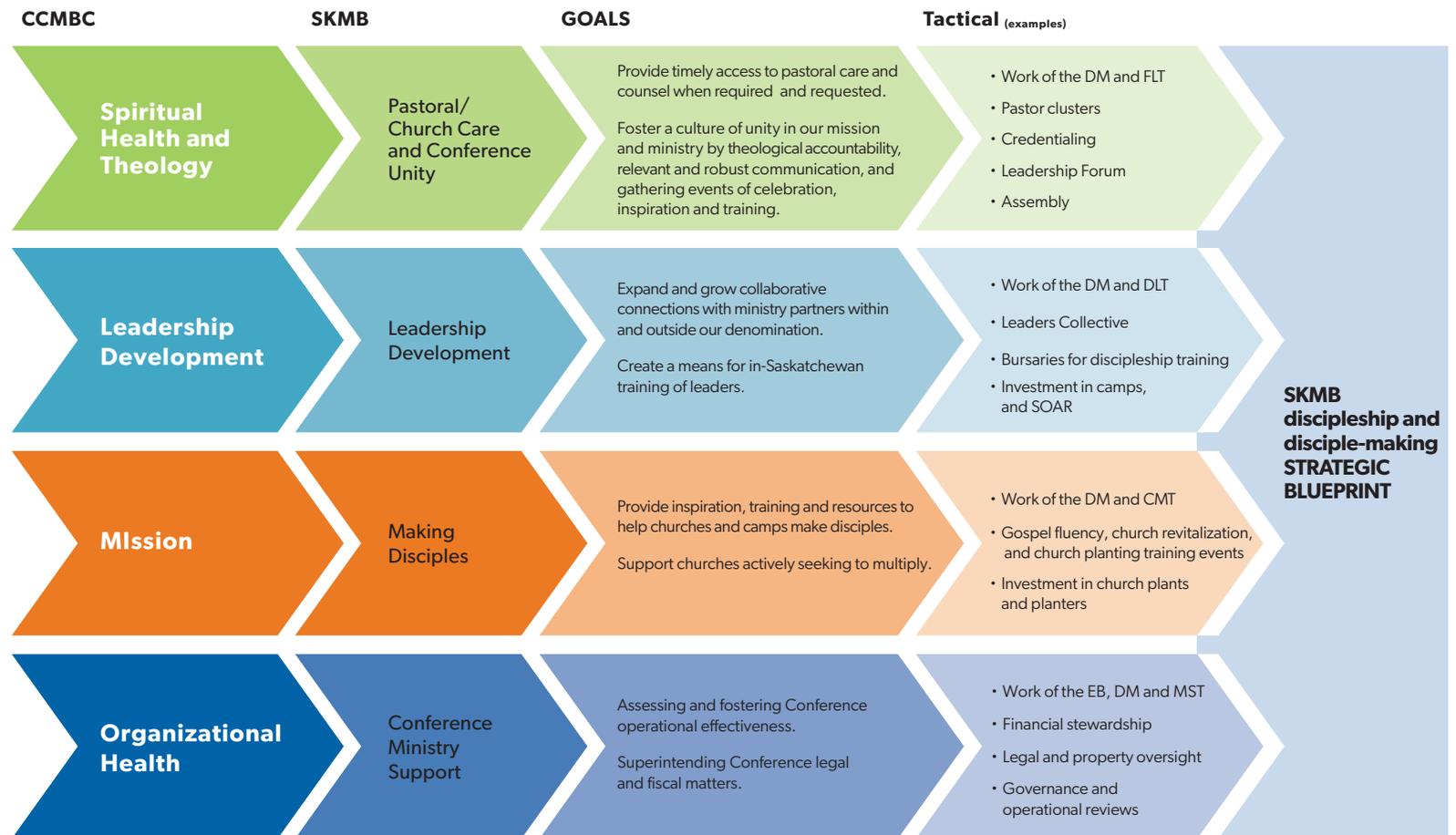
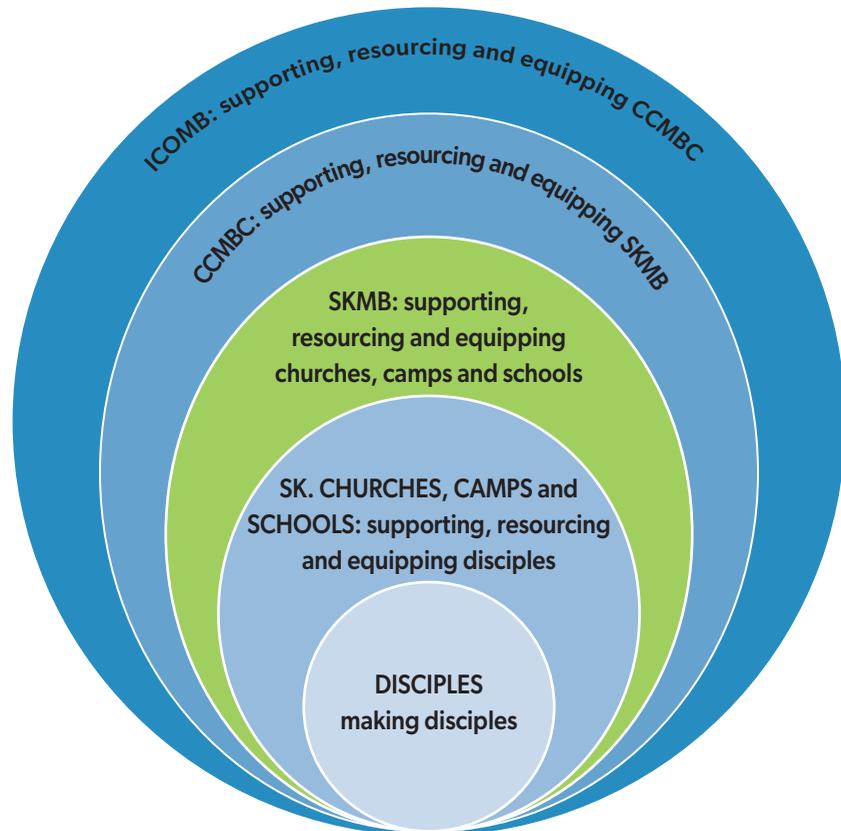
- Pray for churches, camps and their staff daily.
- Strive to respond to phone calls, emails and written correspondence within twenty-four hours.
- Actively listen to your inquiries or concerns.
- Ensure that Conference resources are offered and explained.
- Devote the time needed to ensure you have 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.
- Send communications to your church or camp at least three times a month.
- 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.

# Mennonite Brethren Discipleship and Disciple-Making Matrix: Canada



## Five-year Strategic Framework: 2025 - 2030

**MANDATE:**  
Supporting SKMB Churches  
and Camps in Making Disciples



# Our discipleship and disciple-making STRATEGIC BLUEPRINT

**Vision:** 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.

**Mission:** To cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission.

**Mandate:** Supporting SKMB Churches and Camps in Making Disciples

- ### Guiding Documents
- MB Confession of Faith
  - Strategic Framework (SF)
  - Common Understandings & Our Common Covenant
  - Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (National)

- ### Communications
- (to inspire, inform and build relationship)
- Newsletter • Website • Videos
  - Financial Updates • Special Notices
  - Prayer and Praise Posts

## SF Foundational Principles

- Prayer
- Collaboration
- Mutual Resourcing
- Sustainable Funding
- Strategic Investing

## Engagement Pathway

As a Saskatchewan MB CHURCH, CAMP or SCHOOL, God’s purpose for us is to equip, support and resource disciples in discipleship and disciple-making.

SKMB’s role is to support, equip and resource member churches, camps and schools in discipleship and disciple-making.

*SKMB seeks ways to connect member churches, camps and schools in collaborative efforts for the collective Conference vision.*

**Key values: Gospel Centered – disciples making disciples**

- ### Resources ■ Training ■ Support
- Saskatchewan and beyond
- Support and resources in leadership transitions & development, sabbaticals, conflict resolution, governance, bursaries, preaching, pastoral and staff care.
  - Special training events
  - Leaders Collective
  - Horizon College & Seminary
  - Leadership Forum
  - Multiply
  - MB Seminary
  - CCMBC
  - 2C Collective

## SF Desired Outcomes

SKMB churches and camps that are...

- Healthy & growing
- Making disciples
- Identifying, calling and developing leaders
- Equipped and resourced
- Led by sound pastors and directors
- Inspired & encouraged



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### Our Vision

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.

### SKMB Common Understandings

These statements describe the ethos and priorities that we as Mennonite Brethren churches in Saskatchewan share and to which we aspire.

They are intended to encourage, guide and inspire each of us to greater faithfulness and effectiveness and promote understanding for those who are new to our fellowship.

#### 1 Jesus at the Centre of Everything (COLOSSIANS 1:17)

#### 2 Preaching and Discipleship shaped by Scripture (PSALM 119:105, 2 TIMOTHY 3:16-17 4:2)

#### 3 Community formed by the Holy Spirit (JOHN 16, 1 CORINTHIANS 12, GALATIANS 5)

#### 4 A Church that Reflects Jesus' Transforming Life (1 PETER 2, JOHN 13:14)

#### 5 A Church that is on Mission (GENESIS 12:1-3, MATTHEW 28:18-20, ACTS 1:8)

#### 6 A Church that Serves in an atmosphere of Cooperation and Accountability (HEBREWS 10:25 PHILIPPIANS 2:2)

Our Mennonite Brethren Confession of Faith remains the authorized and comprehensive doctrinal foundation upon which these understandings are built.

### 1. Jesus at the Centre of Everything

We see ourselves first and foremost as followers of Jesus Christ. We are a people redeemed and justified by Christ's atoning death and victorious resurrection. We now seek to put His life and teaching at the centre of our lives as we:

- read the Bible illuminated by Jesus' life and work
- discern our ethics through the lens of Jesus' example
- worship God, radiantly revealed in Jesus Christ
- experience community created by Jesus' indwelling Spirit
- live out God's gospel mission with Jesus' authority and power

### 2. Preaching and Discipleship shaped by Scripture

God's Word, the Bible is our functional and final authority for faith and life. We read, understand and obey the Bible in the context of community. We value both the ministry of preaching and teaching the scripture, as well as the participation of each member of the community as we search the scriptures to discern God's will and leading together. Our churches place a high value on equipping people to think biblically about our world.

### 3. Community formed by the Holy Spirit

Our common experience of the living Spirit of Jesus filling our lives and our gatherings, generates the holy character of Jesus within us and motivates us to live lives of worship and mission. Our prayer life is an essential link by which the Lordship of Christ and leading of the Spirit is cultivated. The gifts and fruit of the Spirit at work in our lives, build up the church, empower us in mission, and allow us to live in gracious accountability.

### 4. A Church that Reflects Jesus' Transforming Life

Following Jesus means we practice biblical justice, generosity and peace-making in our relationships and in our community engagement. Our allegiance to the Kingdom of God commissions us to live selflessly, as visible reminders of God's love and goodness and to seek the peace and well-being of our society. We glorify God by being creative and careful stewards of culture, by speaking prophetically against idolatry, and by enduring the persecution and sacrifice to which Christ calls us.

### 5. A Church that is on Mission

God who came into this world to seek and to save the lost and to set the captives free is now sending His people out with the same mission. Through prayer we receive power and guidance to participate in God's redemptive mission. Both locally and globally, we empower and support one another to preach and live the gospel of Jesus Christ.

### 6. A Church that Serves in an atmosphere of Cooperation and Accountability

Our collective commitment is that each church will give expression to these common understandings in a culturally relevant manner and will seek to remain supportive and engaged with the wider Mennonite Brethren family and its ministries. Belonging to this family includes affirming our Confession of Faith, pastoral credentialing and engaging Mennonite Brethren agencies and ministries with financial support and participation.



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### OUR MANDATE

Supporting SKMB churches and camps in making disciples.

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# Our Common Covenant

## ***Community Covenant of the Saskatchewan MB Conference***

Saskatchewan Mennonite Brethren churches are created, called and gifted by God for his mission and purposes. The head, cornerstone and capstone of a Mennonite Brethren church is Christ. We are Christ's ambassadors, his living stones, spiritual house and holy priesthood. The Holy Spirit shapes and empowers the church as He desires. As a provincial family of churches, we exist to bring glory to God in our worship and service, through our actions and words.

Individual local churches best fulfill the mission and purposes of God in Saskatchewan, Canada, and the world through unity and community. We bring glory to God together. With this in mind, we invite each of our Saskatchewan Mennonite Brethren church members to embrace a fresh sense of belonging and commitment to our larger family of churches and to the collective impact we believe we are called to make, as expressed through our Common Understandings and Common Covenant.

(Ps. 147:1; Jn. 13:34-35; Rom. 12:3-8; 1Cor. 3:10-17; 2Cor 5:20; Eph. 2:6-7,20; 4:1-16; Col. 1:18; 1Peter 2:5-9)

We call each of our churches to:

### **Participation in Community**

#### ***Be counted as a visible and contributing church in the Saskatchewan MB Conference.***

1. Make every effort to involve leaders in your church in networking and decision making events organized by the provincial and national conference (eg. Pastor Clusters, Leadership Forum, Assembly and Equip).
2. Commit to intentional prayer for your sibling churches and the Conference.
3. Speak well of and seek opportunities to encourage and support sibling churches.
4. Actively share your expertise, experience, skill set and learning with sibling churches.
5. Be available for mentorship and support of church leaders in your area as God creates the opportunity or as the Conference facilitates the relationship.
6. Practice generous giving to SKMB's mission and ministry. In addition, consider our MB partners in ministry in your budgeted giving. (CCMBC, ICOMB, Multiply, MB Seminary, MCC, MDS, Thrive School of Discipleship and Horizon College & Seminary.)

### **Formation in Community**

#### ***Be intentionally shaped by and into the MB community and in turn offer your best to shape the community.***

1. Conduct the leadership, teaching and ministry of your church in line with the MB Confession of Faith and Common Understandings, maintaining your status as an MB church in good standing as defined by our bylaws (1.1).
2. Ensure that all pastoral staff complete the credentialing process no later than three months into their ministry (not including attending PCO).
3. Ensure that your leadership (elders, council, board, etc.), as a team, affirm the Confession of Faith.
4. As able, participate in the regional, provincial and national events for pastors and church leaders
5. Develop a discipleship and leadership plan for all ages and stages of faith, utilizing MB resources whenever possible
6. Relate with other leaders in a spirit of trust, assuming the best intentions and taking responsibility for conflict resolution or relational reconciliation as necessary.

**The SKMB Conference leadership and staff commits to:**

1. Active participation in the national collaborative structure, representing SKMB while holding forth a national vision
2. Collaboratively developing church resources in the area of spiritual health and theology, leadership and mission
3. Listening to the church leaders in our province and responding to the best of our ability
4. Being present to help our churches in times of need or crisis
5. Intentionally praying for each of our churches and the national Conference
6. Servant leadership, to the best of our ability, in humility and transparency, God being our Helper

*We believe we can do better together than alone. We appreciate that all our churches lead by example on some points, while having room to grow on others. Through this family covenant, we desire a commitment to direction more than perfection; to covenant more than contract. In that spirit, we invite you into a two year transition to growing into the full scope of each statement, inaugurating a rhythm of covenant review, renewal and re-affirmation anticipated every five years.*

The Executive Board of the Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches is inviting member churches, as represented by their leadership, to sign this covenant agreement as a renewed and renewable statement of their commitment to our denominational church family. We realize that each of our churches has a unique context. We, therefore, embrace and eagerly welcome heartfelt conversations to help us grow our family toward this deeper place of connection and commitment, for the sake of Christ.

Through signing this covenant, the leadership of [CHURCH NAME], desires to live and serve in partnership with the larger church family of Saskatchewan Mennonite Brethren Churches. We give thanks for our place in this larger family of faith and embrace the privilege of fellowship and ministry.

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Lead/Senior Pastor

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Board Chair/Lead Elder

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SKMB Moderator

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

## Executive Board Report

I want to start by saying thank you for your prayers and words of encouragement; they are very much appreciated. Thank you to our member churches for their generous financial support. You have again provided the funds needed to complete the mission and ministry of SKMB in 2025.

As a Conference we are so blessed to have Phil Gunther serve as our Director of Ministry. Phil continues to provide sound and stable leadership for our province and our Ministry Teams. His tireless efforts are truly to our benefit. I also know that Phil is well supported in his ministry by his wife Janine. Thank you, Phil and Janine for your faithful service to our family of churches and camps.

Joining our staff this past year was David Simpson. David serves part-time as the SKMB Leadership Development Coach. Thank you, David.

SKMB is blessed to have Ministry Teams that serve our Conference well. Thank you so much to SKMB Team members; you are very much appreciated. SKMB teams include the Ministry Support Team (MST), Faith and Life Team (FLT), and the Developmental Leadership Team (DLT). If you or someone you know would like to serve on a team, please let Phil know.

We were excited to appoint Peter Dueck to fill our vacancy on the Executive Board (EB). We are bringing the names of Peter Dueck and Harry Strauss to the Assembly for approval as members of the Executive Board. We want to say thank you to Dave Foth for serving on the board for the past 6 years and want to wish him well in whatever God has for him next.

A high priority for the EB is the care and prayer for our churches, camps, pastors, and leaders. We continue to pray for you and make ourselves available to our churches and camps. If you need assistance, please reach out to Phil or an Executive Board member.

This is the year for the ABMB and SKMB Leaders and Spouses Retreat in Banff. The retreat is scheduled for October 19-22. This is a great time of refreshment and encouragement for pastors, directors and their spouses. The SKMB has funds budgeted to assist churches with expenses where there is a need for such support.

Phil has been working with The Gathering Church leadership to complete the required processes to join the SKMB as a member church. We recommend that Assembly delegates welcome the Gathering Church as a member of our SKMB family of churches and camps.

In the past few years, we have experienced reduced attendance for our Leadership Forum in November. In 2025, we cancelled the event due to low registration. We are exploring options for a different connection time in the space the Leadership Forum once occupied.

SKMB had an Operations Manual and a Governance Manual to guide the activities of the Conference. There was considerable repetition in the two manuals, and keeping both manuals updated was cumbersome. We made the decision to combine the two manuals and call it the Operations Manual. In the review process, we determined there is one addition to the SKMB Bylaws that is required. We recommend approval of Bylaw 3.4.1 *"The Board moderator shall be elected by the membership at Assembly or appointed*

*as an interim moderator by the Executive Board between Assemblies. The Executive Board shall appoint from its own membership an assistant moderator and secretary."*

A segregated fund called the Bethany Legacy Fund was established in anticipation of a transfer of funds from the former Bethany College. The Bethany Legacy Fund will be used to provide student bursaries and internship support.

The Executive Board has been reviewing a CCMBC governance proposal. The current model has several challenges, creating difficulties in moving decisions forward. If implemented, this will change who make decisions at the national level. There will be further information presented at Assembly. Please engage and become informed on the proposed changes. The Executive Board is in support of the proposed changes.

Churches are encouraged to review the Common Understanding Common Covenant (CUCC) document as a reminder of what we hold in common, who we are together and our commitment to each other. This was not a document created to be signed and placed on the shelf; it is there to remind us of our relationship with the SKMB family of churches and camps.

The Executive Board continues to superintend all financial, legal and operational aspects of SKMB. We also monitor the advancement of our five-year strategic plan and look for ways to support the Director of Ministry in his tactical operationalization of that plan.

I want to close by asking you to continue to pray with us that we would all serve well and that we would 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.

Respectfully submitted on Behalf of the Executive Board

(Rita Mae Braun, Dave Foth, David Kline and Peter Dueck).

Gord Schroeder, Moderator

# Director of Ministry

Supporting SKMB churches and camps in making disciples

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## Assembly 2026

*All of us, all the time, for JESUS* is an amazing declaration for the church! This theme was chosen because it is both a point of rallying mission and a statement of personal conviction. I believe SKMB – its churches and camps – are committed to this bold conviction. We are in this together, for the glory of God.

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do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him.”  
Colossians 3:17*

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Assembly 2026 will mirror the radically new format introduced in 2025. The new format places worship, fellowship and training front and center and what we would normally define as “reporting” given a different place. Let me be clear...having agencies, ministry teams and organizations share what God is doing in their spheres is important. What we are changing is how this reporting is being done. As always, I welcome your feedback on Assembly 2026 from a format perspective.

## 2025 Ministry

I routinely describe my work as seeking to fulfill a single mandate – supporting SKMB churches and camps in making disciples. I then claim that accomplishing that mandate looks different among our great family of churches and camps. Sometimes it’s pastoral care and counsel, sometimes it is lay-leader support, sometimes it is helping folks gain missional clarity and application, sometimes it is assisting with governance and administration, and sadly, sometimes it is dealing with conflict resolution or dissolution. I thank God for your prayers for wisdom. Here are several 2025 examples of my work:

- Preaching support for various member churches. At times, this involved facilitating communion.
- Pastoral transition or sabbatical support for North West Community Church (Meadow Lake) and Hillside Christian Fellowship Church (Beechy).
- Leadership support for Redberry Bible Camp and West Bank Bible Camp.

- Liaison support for Horizon College & Seminary.
- Thirty-eight church visits; three pastor support cluster meetings.
- Meetings with church/camp/school leaders to pursue avenues of greater collaboration.
- Assisted several churches with their governance documents or staff MOU’s or pastoral assessments.
- Speaking at special events or meetings like Forest Grove’s seniors group.

## 2025 Financial Story

Thank you! Your faithful giving and other revenue allowed us to meet all our 2025 operational and strategic commitments. I want member churches to note that our overall church giving exceeded our ask by \$16,000 in 2025. Due to prudent stewardship, SKMB ended the fiscal year with a surplus of \$28,500. This amount will be transferred to our Strategic Investment Fund. I was truly pleased to note that giving and revenue helped us meet our \$47,452 strategic investment commitment. For 2026, our strategic investment portfolio will cost \$45,000. One item of note in our strategic investments portfolio is that the bursary and internship investment line is at zero; however, funds for such awards will come from a new Bethany Legacy Fund for the next two or three years. Also, the investment into the Global Gospel Advance ministry is suspended for one year until specific ministry targets can be met. Your giving is making an impact on multiple levels, and we continue to see the positive results of prudent stewardship. I am asking our SKMB family to at least maintain, if not increase, their support for our collective mission and ministry as they are able. For nine years, we have not had a budget deficit, and in at least ten years, SKMB has not made a formal request at the Assembly for a giving increase. Every dollar counts, especially in these turbulent times amid the current USA administration’s economic posturing. We will respond to our spending accordingly. I thank you in advance for your 2026 giving.

## Horizon College & Seminary

Horizon is Canada’s competency-based leadership college. It is a Bible college dedicated to advancing God’s kingdom by helping students develop their God-given gifts and talents to serve God competently for their entire life. President Jeromey Martini continues to provide excellent leadership, helping the school fulfil its mission. SKMB will continue to offer an Anabaptist History & Thought class at the school. SKMB covers the audit course cost for the first ten church leaders who sign up for this course. We should note that a larger student body attending the school has roots and connections in SK. MB

churches. Collectively, we are exploring ways of greater collaboration in order to best fulfill leadership needs in our SKMB family.

## Leadership Forum

The annual *Leadership Forum* was cancelled in 2025 due to low registrations. This event was geared toward reporting SKMB ministry, offering training and receiving feedback from the SKMB family of churches and camps. The Leadership forum has been a part of SKMB's calendar for over ten years. My sense from the latest demonstration of low registrations, this event has probably reached its 'shelf-life.' My thought is that we will need a new event to reignite interest and participation in SKMB's mission and ministry. In 2026, the bi-annual leader & spouse retreat will be our final gathering time. However, a virtual town hall meeting might be planned to receive input from our family of churches and camps on pertinent matters like our budget and potential bylaw amendments.

## Objectives & Targets Update

When I started as DM, I committed to several key strategic goals and ministry targets. Here is a quick update on how I am fulfilling these commitments:

- Enhance and expand SKMB communication: To date we have a website, bi-weekly newsletter, quarterly financial update, monthly information videos, and monthly praise & prayer bulletin notices.
- Articulate and achieve SKMB office ministry service targets – The service targets are listed on our website and at times noted in the newsletter. These ministry targets are currently being met.
- Assess SKMB operations – I continually monitor SKMB operations, looking for fresh ways to streamline administrative operations and reduce expenses.
- Connecting with pastors, camps and churches – My annual goal is to visit every church and camp at least once a year and, in some fashion, connect with every church or camp routinely (e.g. call, email, visit, etc.).
- Building the cluster ministry – The five clusters met three times in 2025.
- Fostering the work of the Ministry Teams – We have seen productive work from our FLT, FLT (LC), DLT and MST. Our greatest challenge is recruiting passionate volunteers for these teams.
- Operating with healthy & balanced stewardship – The 2025 budget revenue was met, and we experienced a modest surplus. The 2026 operational budget is based upon 2025 revenues and is realistic, responsible, strategic and sustainable. The 2026 budget strategic investments continue to be significant as we seek to invest in the future, today.
- Fostering CCMBC relationships to build upon the SKMB mandate – The relationship the SKMB has with the CCMBC is very positive and growing. I continue to work with our partner ministries (Multiply, MB

Seminary, etc.) on resources and events that see the SKMB mission fulfilled.

- Fostering relationship with our provincial partners – With the implementation of the national - provincial Collaborative Model a new National Ministry Team (NMT) is in operation. This team consists of all provincial senior staff who meet in some fashion monthly to discuss mission strategies for our provinces and Canada. In 2026, SKMB/ABMB will again join to host the leader & spouse retreat.
- Resourcing churches and camps – This continues to be a passion and priority for me. New resources are being introduced and previous ones evaluated for effectiveness.

## Leader & Spouse Retreat

October 19-22 – Banff, Alberta

### Jesus Is Enough

*The hope of the gospel and the daily grind.*

*"Christ gives me strength to face anything."*

Philippians 4:13 CEV

#### Sessional themes:

When there's no gas in the tank  
When contentment is a no-show  
When joy is just out of reach  
When failure looms large  
When faith is fragile

## National Collaboration

I continue to serve on the National Ministry Team (NMT) and the National Faith & Life Team. National and provincial leaders continue to operationalize the Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP). I also serve on the Canadian Conference (CCMBC) Executive Board as the Saskatchewan representative. This role is normally filled by the provincial moderator but due to the current moderator's personal capacity, the SKMB Executive Board requested that I serve in this role. Lastly, I continue to serve as a regular writer for the MB Herald.

## Leaders – Professional Dev.

In 2025, I invited our pastors and directors to meet with their church or camp leadership to assess the opportunities for professional ministry development. I am hoping to raise the level of such development within the SKMB family and offer support where requested.

*"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed,  
do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Colossians 3:17

## The DM Work in 2026

- Development of lay leader training regarding matters of governance, conflict resolution and leadership in collaboration with MST and DLT.
- Assisting our Leadership Development Coach in providing leadership development and coaching.
- On-going camp synergy meetings.
- On-going pastor clusters.
- On-going church, camp and partner ministry visits and support.

## Thank You

I want to thank God for His calling upon Janine and my life for the work of DM in SK. I thank Janine for her incredible support as we connected with churches and camps. Thank you, Gord, Dave, Rita Mae and David, who supported and counselled me in my role in 2025. Thank you, Scott Siemens, Rod Schellenberg, Heather Filazek and Aaron Hepting for your faithful labour in SKMB matters. Lastly, I thank you, SKMB churches and camps, for your support and prayers.

**ALL OF US,  
ALL THE TIME,  
ALL FOR JESUS**

MARCH 27-28  
**2026  
ASSEMBLY**  
WEST PORTAL CHURCH,  
SASKATOON

## FLT Report

Hello Assembly 2026!

It is a joy to serve our SKMB Family as the provincial Faith and Life Team (FLT). The role of FLT is to provide theological watch care, counsel, and accreditation. Our team—consisting of Phil Gunther (Director of Ministry), Andrew Klassen (West Portal), Tim Peters (Christian Fellowship Church), and Stephanie Christianson (Horizon College & Seminary)—accomplished this mission through the following avenues this year.

1) This year, FLT credentialed the following SKMB leaders: Damaris Rempel (Dalmeny), Nik Amodeo (Anchor Church), and Dave Berg (West Portal). The FLT currently has 5 candidates who will enter the credentialing process during this coming year.

2) In early 2025, FLT worked with Multiply leadership to develop greater program praxis alignment with SKMB values and principles.

3) The National Faith and Life Team (NFLT) is in the process of revising the Explanatory Notes accompanying each Article in the Confession of Faith. This year, we reviewed Articles 12-15 and submitted feedback to NFLT. FLT also provided feedback to the NFLT regarding their “Women in Ministry Leadership Updated Resource,” which traces CCMBC’s history on women in ministry leadership.

4) In October 2025, CCMBC hosted the biennial EQUIP conference in Winnipeg. The topic this year was “The Gospel, Peacemaking, and the Kingdom.” SKMB was well-represented at this event. At this event, NFLT posed the question to EQUIP participants if Articles 12 (Society and State) and 13 (Love and Nonresistance) in the Confession of Faith should be reopened. Overall, there was a strong indication from EQUIP participants that they should be re-examined (particularly Article 13). This discernment is still in process.

Looking forward, the Pastors Credentialing Orientation is taking place in Abbotsford on June 2-4, 2026. Phil and Tim will accompany newly credentialed SKMB leaders to this equipping and orientation event.

We are looking for one or two more members to join our team. Members must be credentialed by SKMB. If you feel God prompting you to serve in this way, please reach out to [flt@skmb.ca](mailto:flt@skmb.ca).

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the FLT,  
Stephanie Christianson

## Ministry Support Team (MST)

We want to start by thanking the individuals, congregations, and camps that make up the membership of SKMB for their incredible faithfulness in supporting our collective ministry. As the Ministry Support Team for the Conference, we are charged with superintending the finances, property, legal, and business aspects of our constituency. 2025 was another busy year for us, one which was only made possible by the extraordinary contributions of our full team (Jim Davidson, Neil Petkau, and Scott Siemens).

In 2025 our primary work centered around three themes: Finance, Property, and Risk Management.

**Finance:** we are reminded again and again of God's faithfulness in leading His people to give generously – resulting in SKMB meeting all our financial needs. We restructured our financial reported slightly (to make it more reader friendly) and received a fully satisfactory financial review. We continue to work closely with our accounting and bookkeeping team in Winnipeg (shout out to both Liz Torrens and Nathan Driedger for their excellent work). In reviewing our investment portfolio, we recommended to the Executive Board a small change to increasing our investments with Amity. Investing with our own constituency owned portfolios allows us to support their mission of growing God's kingdom as well.

**Property Management:** Though we grieve the closure of any congregations, 2025 saw the completion of the accounting and property sale of the Blaine Lake and Main Centre properties. The unique way in which Main Centre transitioned their property included provisions for ongoing care of their cemetery, a provision much appreciated (more to say about cemeteries under Risk Management). In both instances the congregations chose to bless their local communities and SKMB / Multiply with the proceeds of winding up their congregations. We worked alongside and supported a number of congregations and camps with regard to financing various building projects and celebrate with them a future of continued ministry and growth. We have also been walking alongside The Gathering to help them become legally established to take their final steps of independence in becoming a new SKMB congregation. Through a quirk of Manitoba and Saskatchewan property law back in the 90's, NorthWest Community Church finds their property still encumbered by a mortgage registered to the trustees of the Canadian Conference even though the debt was repaid in 1994. Our lawyer has determined the only way to clear this mortgage is via a petition to the courts to issue an uncontested order to have the mortgage removed. That work is ongoing by our legal counsel.

Though it didn't include the management of any properties, the MST helped to shepherd the final transition of Bethany-Thrive entity to a new Board appointed by

SKMB to manage the wind-down of finances (including the Peter & Mina Pauls endowment) and to secure for future use the provincial charter facilitating degree granting authority. Thanks to Jim Davidson and "the Schellenberg men" for taking up this task !

**Risk Management:** As you have heard from us in previous reports, the issue of risk management continues to be a weighty matter for conference camps and congregations to discern. In an increasingly litigious society, proper insurance on our property, buildings, and activities is crucial. We continue to encourage all camps and congregations to ensure all SKMB previous directives on insurance have been met - and are very desirous of working with any camp / congregation who might like some help sorting through their coverage. It is God's gift to us that Neil Petkau felt led to join the MST several years ago – with his lifetime of experience in the world of insurance (including within the SKMB family) we have a treasure of expertise available to us. We invite and encourage all camps and congregations to reach out to Neil for a review of your current insurance policy to ensure appropriate risk coverage is in place, as well as discussing any future ministry expansion plans you might to ensure ongoing appropriate coverage. A recent area of legal liability focus is with respect to the many cemeteries registered in the name of SKMB where provincial legislation directs that we are responsible for the care, maintenance and liability of those properties. We implore each congregation who operate or superintends a cemetery to be in touch with the Executive Board or our team to ensure we are meeting all provincial mandates and liability coverages.

Finally, I just want to say a huge thanks to Phil, the Executive Board, and to Jim & Neil for helping the MST achieve a productive year in supporting the ministry of the Conference.

Blessings,

Scott Siemens, (for the Ministry Support Team)

# Developmental Leadership Team

2025 Report

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*For this reason I remind you to **fan into flame the gift of God**, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline.*

*- 2 Timothy 1:6-7 -*

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Who of us Saskatchewan-dwellers doesn't love an evening sitting around a campfire? But before we get to the radiating warmth and light, and those mesmerizing glowing coals, someone has to start the fire. Now I've been responsible for kindling more than a few fires in my life; I might even say I'm rather good at it. And yet, almost every time there comes a moment when the initial blaze of the tinder dies down, and the kindling hasn't yet caught, and doubts flit through my mind: "Oh no! Is it gonna make it?" That might lead me to add a little more paper, or give a little blow, to help that little fire on its way.

We believe the Holy Spirit is alive and active in each follower of Jesus, gifting us in unique ways to play a part in God's disciple-making, kingdom mission. But, as Paul reminds Timothy, those gifts may need "fanning into flame" from time to time—reminiscent, perhaps, of those first stages of a campfire. Our SKMB Developmental Leadership Team exists to support and inspire local churches in our shared work of "fanning into flame" the gifts of disciples who will boldly lead and encourage others in the way of Jesus.

In 2025, the work of our team saw growth in one area, and the opening of new directions in another.

## Bursaries & Internship Support

It's a significant step for a younger disciple to take time and spend financial resources to engage in formal theological/ministry education, or to begin an internship. We as a conference love coming alongside by offering financial support. In 2025, we were able to do this more than ever before by **investing nearly \$20,000 in 26 individuals**. This included three internships at MB churches/ministries, and students attending eight different schools/programs. Many of these recipients had spent the summer working as staff at our SKMB camps. To hear how this small investment has impacted two recipients, check out their stories below.

We recently made some small adjustments to streamline our bursary process. For current guidelines and how to apply, see: <https://skmb.ca/education/investing-in-disciples/>

## Leaders Collective

In April 2025, our 2024-25 Leaders Collective cohort of 6 participants met in Saskatoon for their closing intensive weekend. Lay and pastoral leaders from our SKMB family and beyond engaged with these younger leaders on topics like vocational discernment and leading from our SKMB Confession of Faith. The cohort experience of learning together, receiving mentoring, and focusing

on personal and spiritual formation proved again to be a rich experience of growing together in community.

Entering the fall, we expected to run a 2025-26 cohort, but insufficient interest led us to prayerfully reevaluate. Discerning together with our operational team of Gail Mackenzie, Terri Epp and Jacqueline Block, the decision was made to wrap up Leaders Collective as an SKMB program. After roughly 6 years and 30 participants, we're sad to see this initiative go. At the same time, we're thankful for how God worked through this program and we trust something new will arise in its place.

We want to express our thanks to all those who played a role in Leaders Collective, whether as mentors, workshop speakers, intensive facilitators, etc. In particular, we acknowledge Jacqueline, Terri & Gail, as well as Tony Martens (past member), for their faithful work as our operational team. Your faithful labor of visioning, coordinating and facilitating made the program happen. And your deep commitment to prayer and to authentic engagement with each young leader inspired everyone involved. Thank you!

### Other activity and looking forward

We continue to oversee our SKMB partnership with Horizon College in their Anabaptist Studies concentration. This past spring, Randy Klassen once again taught *Anabaptist History & Thought* to an engaged group of students (one of two courses in this concentration).

In the year ahead, our team—currently Kevin Wiens (Forest Grove Community Church), Dave Carey (Redberry Bible Camp) and Rod Schellenberg (Hepburn MB)—is looking forward to working alongside David Simpson in his role as SKMB Leadership Development Coach, as well as Phil Gunther. It's our intent to take a careful look together at the needs of our churches and explore possible initiatives to support the development of Jesus-like leaders in our churches. We welcome your input, thoughts and ideas.

Serving alongside,

Rod Schellenberg  
*on behalf of*  
SKMB Leadership Development Team

## SUPPORTING YOUNG LEADERS

Rod recently caught up with two 2025 bursary recipients.

### **Carter Koehn**

(West Portal Church)



*1. What program and year are you enrolled in at CBC?*

I am in the Quest program, an outdoor oriented program with the goal of assisting you in laying a strong foundation for your future. As you learn, serve, and explore in the classroom and on outdoor expeditions, you will develop a Christ-centered identity and search for your God-given purpose.

*2. What's been a highlight of the year so far? What have you been learning about God and living as a disciple of Jesus?*

One (because there have been many) of the highlights of this year is when I learned that when God speaks to you, it will often be through your own voice in your head. Discerning whether it is His voice speaking through you, or if it's another voice, is a process that takes time to become proficient in. One example of a way to discern the origin of the voice is to look through scripture and see if the thought aligns with God's character in scripture. This practice has helped me in my faith journey, as it's given me confidence that I can hear what God is calling me to do.

*3. Through this year at CBC, how do you see God equipping you to serve Him in the future?*

I see God equipping me in awareness of both my strengths and my core values. Discovering this, I have learned what my decisions are primarily based on, and how I can use my personal, God-given strengths to represent him on earth and be more like Jesus. Another way God has been equipping me is in not feeling shame for not knowing the answers when I'm asked, especially by non-Christians. I used to have a sense of fear that they might judge me because of my faith, but now I am not ashamed but proud.

## SUPPORTING YOUNG LEADERS

### **Cora Bushman**

(Philadelphia MB Church (Watrous, SK) & Redberry Bible Camp Summer Staff)

*1. Share with us what you're doing at Millar College of the Bible.*

I am enrolled in my first year to get a Bachelor of Biblical Studies Degree.

*2. What's a highlight so far? What have you been learning about God and living as a disciple of Jesus?*

Studying for finals last semester was a highlight of the year. Together with a group of friends, we'd take over a classroom, filling up the whiteboard with notes and having papers strewn across the desks. Often, we'd take snack breaks and line dance to wake up our brains. In it all, I've been learning a lot about how I don't need to be someone I'm not for Jesus. He takes me as I am and will help me grow time and time again. I don't need to put on a mask for Him.

*3. Through this year at Millar, how do you see God equipping you to serve (e.g., at Redberry, as a volunteer in a local church, wherever...)?*

I feel that God's equipped me with a lot of self-discipline that helps me throughout the day. Working at Redberry Bible Camp, it sets a good example for the kids around me and allows me to be more productive in the tasks I've been assigned.

*4. I was told I should ask you a little about the Alpha course you started at your high school in Lanigan. What's the story there?*

My friend Jenevieve told me about what Alpha is one night on our way to youth group, and I felt a strong urge from the Holy Spirit to help her. Though she did most of the leading, I helped with finding people to come join either as leaders or as participants. Many seeds were planted, though most still have to be watered. However, there is one girl who's been searching for Christ because of those sessions, and I've had the privilege of mentoring her since then.





# WEST BANK BIBLE CAMP 2025 REPORT

By Kurt Robertson, Executive Director

## God's Provision in 2025

Entering 2025, West Bank Bible Camp faced significant uncertainty. Many experienced senior staff had moved on, leaving key leadership roles to fill. At the same time, after reviewing updated insurance requirements, we made the difficult decision to decommission our climbing wall and commit to building a new one to meet current safety standards. There were moments early in the year when we questioned how everything would come together. Yet once again, God was faithful to provide for every need.

## Camper Growth & Ministry Impact

Summer 2025 was marked by growth and renewed excitement: **450 campers** attended camp (up from 418 in 2024). Notably, 55 campers attended our Youth Retreat, creating an exciting and impactful weekend. We hosted **22 rentals**, doubling rental revenue from the previous year, with many church groups utilizing our facility. We continue to see growing opportunities to partner with churches and reach more families with the Gospel. We were also blessed to see all of our needed staffing positions filled. God put together an amazing team to lead the staff and campers. We had **20 DITs** participate in our three-week DIT program. These young leaders were equipped to strengthen their faith, practice it, and share it at camp and in their home communities.

## Capital Project: New Climbing Wall

We partnered with Challenges Unlimited to construct a new climbing wall in compliance with current ACCT safety standards. This project was a major step forward for camper safety and program quality, and we were so blessed by God's provision to pay it off by the end of 2025.

## Summary

Despite early challenges, 2025 became a powerful testimony of God's provision. We saw growth in campers, staff leadership, facilities, and church engagement. We are confident that the Lord is guiding West Bank Bible Camp into exciting years ahead.

Please continue to pray:

- Pray for wisdom as we plan for 2026
- Pray for our campers, staff, and board
- Pray for financial provision
- Pray that God's will would be done at West Bank Bible Camp

All Glory to God.

**For more information on how to support our ministry, visit [www.westbankbiblecamp.ca](http://www.westbankbiblecamp.ca)**

# REDBERRY

## BIBLE CAMP

### 2025 REPORT

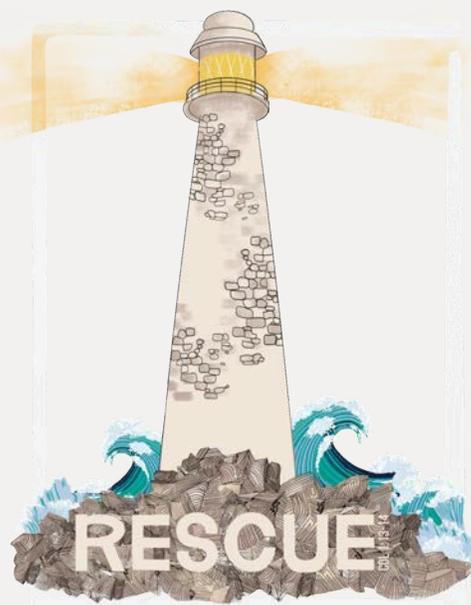
**For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins**

~ Colossians 1:13-14

This year at Redberry Bible Camp, our theme was **Rescue**. Our hope was to see campers introduced to the Rescuer, and to invite them to join in the rescue mission. Some met Jesus for the very first time, while others were reminded of the rescue mission they get to be a part of while growing closer to Jesus themselves.

As our year-round team shared this theme through church visits and our Redberry on the Road program, we witnessed many respond, joining Redberry in God's greater rescue mission.

We were blessed beyond measure by the support of churches, businesses, and individuals who gave time, resources, and encouragement throughout the year. From helping tin a roof in the spring to laying the groundwork for new mountain bike trails, clearing trees and bush, and bringing youth to retreats, this year was filled with acts of love and service.



# SUMMER HIGHLIGHTS

We have so much to celebrate:

- **Generous Giving:** Total donation revenue increased 30% from last year.
- **Leader Training:** 52 participants in this year's RISE and Foundations programs.
- **Facilities Upgrades:** New doors on the dining hall, walk-in cooler and freezer upgrades, new pool heater, and roof tinning on the Facility Director's house.
- **Skills Upgrades:** New downhill mountain bike trails and six new canoes purchased.
- **Camperships:** 80 Ukrainian campers sponsored and 40 more camperships provided to other campers in need.
- **Ukrainian Family Camp:** 26 families joined us for our 4th Annual Ukrainian Family Camp, and 3 adults were baptized in our pool!
- **Fundraising Highlights:** Record-breaking Redberry Run fundraiser raised \$99,000, and our Fall Fundraising Banquet raised \$40,000.
- **Surplus:** We proposed a balanced budget in the spring and ended the year with a healthy surplus!

**120 Campers Sponsored!**

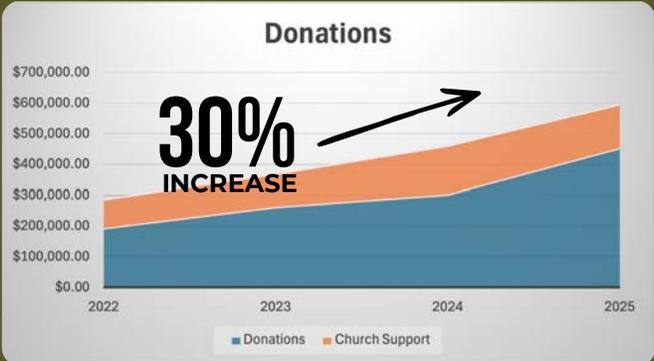
**3 Baptisms!**

**52 Leaders in Training**

**New Doors!**

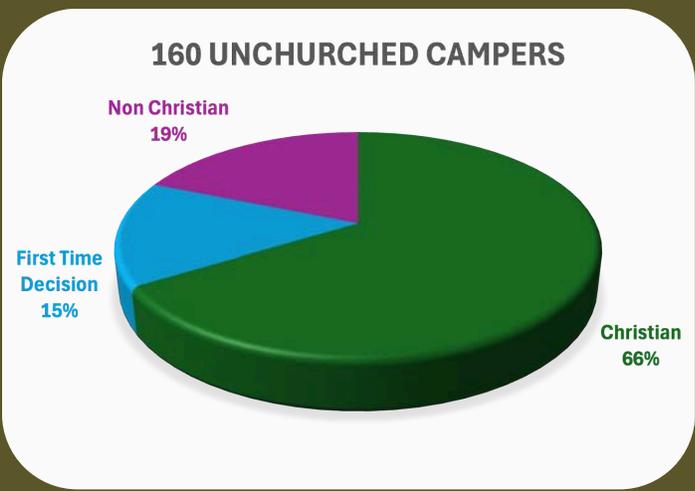
**\$99,000 Raised!**

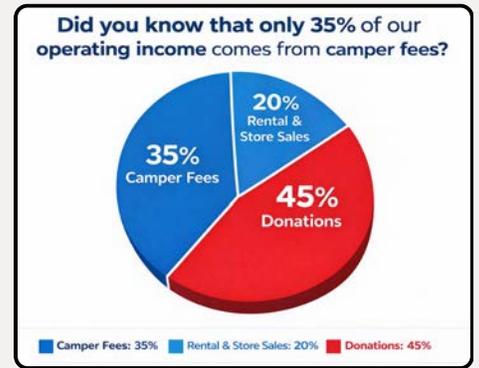
**6 New Canoes!**



We were blessed with **608 campers** this summer! We are truly grateful for the blessing of this amazing group of campers. 608 is about 16% increase from last year and nearly a 50% increase from 2023!

Approximately 30% of those 608 campers this came from unchurched homes which tells us that our campers from the secular community are returning, which is very exciting. Of those 160 campers from unchurched homes, 54 identified as non-believers, and 24 of these made first-time decisions to follow Jesus during camp!





Looking forward to 2026 there is already much to be thankful for. Our leadership training programs have once again filled up very fast! In just one month since opening up registrations we already have 61 RISE and Foundations participants registered and only a handful of RISE openings available. Our camper registrations have also been coming in at a good and steady pace pointing towards another increase in campers this summer. Our Spring rental bookings are filling up fast and our team is busy visiting colleges, youth groups and churches.

As we head into the summer please continue to pray for the camp. **Please pray** for the summer staff team that God is assembling. Pray that we would not only meet our goal of 700 campers this summer, but that we would exceed it and even more campers would have the opportunity to learn about and experience the love of Jesus. And please continue to pray for God’s protection over the camp and all its leaders as we look forward to another great summer at camp!

Thank you so much for all your love, support, and prayers.

The Redberry Team: *Dave George Myrd Emma*



**Our theme for 2026 is Rooted!** Our hope is that campers will establish their roots in Christ deepening their relationship with him and growing together in community.

Colossians 2:6-7 is our theme verse:

*“And now, just as you accepted Christ Jesus as your Lord, you must continue to follow him. Let your roots grow down into him and let your lives be built on him. Then your faith will grow strong in the truth you were taught, and you will overflow with thankfulness.”*

Within this theme we plan to focus on the following sub-themes:

- Where Are You Rooted? (Identity)
- Living in the Kingdom (Life in Jesus)
- Growing Towards Jesus (Discipleship)
- Bearing Fruit (Looking Like Jesus)
- Rooted in Community (Community)

# MCS–Horizon Snapshot 2025–26

Preparing Spirit-empowered leaders with the Church, for the Church.

## Sustained Enrolment Momentum

Over the past three years, enrolment has grown steadily and consistently.

### Fall Enrolments

Year	Headcount	FTE
Fall 2023	250	181
Fall 2024	263	197
Fall 2025	286	214

### Two-Year Growth (Fall 2023 → Fall 2025):

+14% in student headcount

+18% in FTE (course engagement)

This reflects sustained, year-over-year growth.

## Strengthening Our Leadership Pipeline

Fall first-time students:

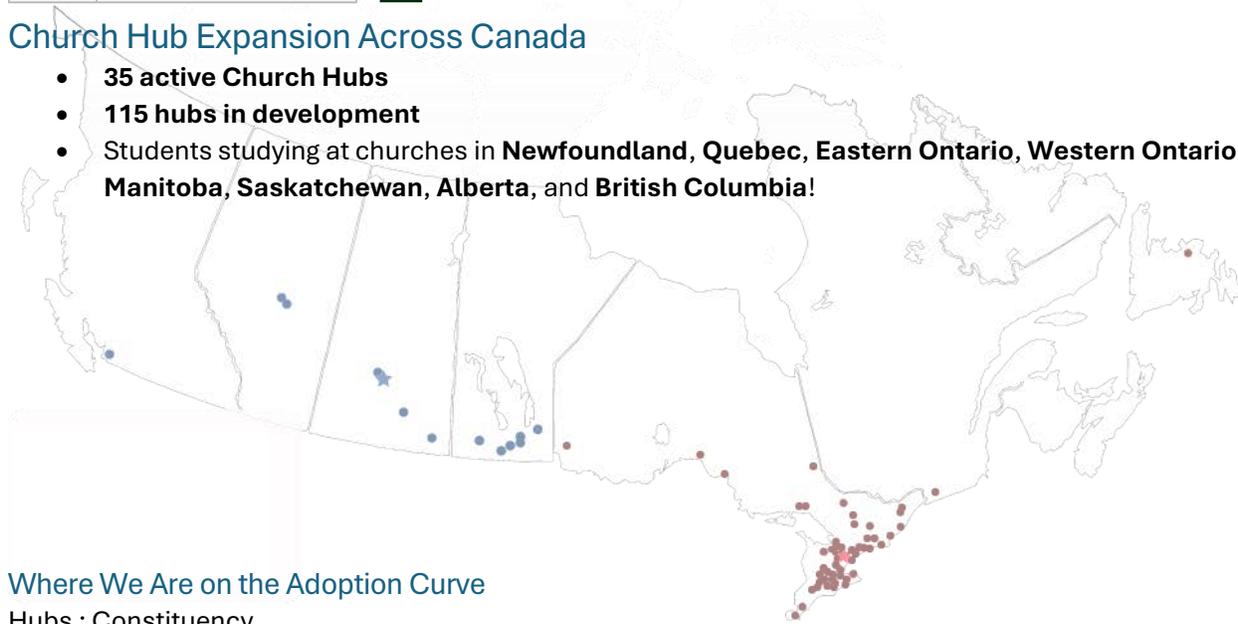
Year	Fall New Students
2023	74
2024	98
2025	91



32% increase from 2023 to 2024, with sustained strong intake in 2025.

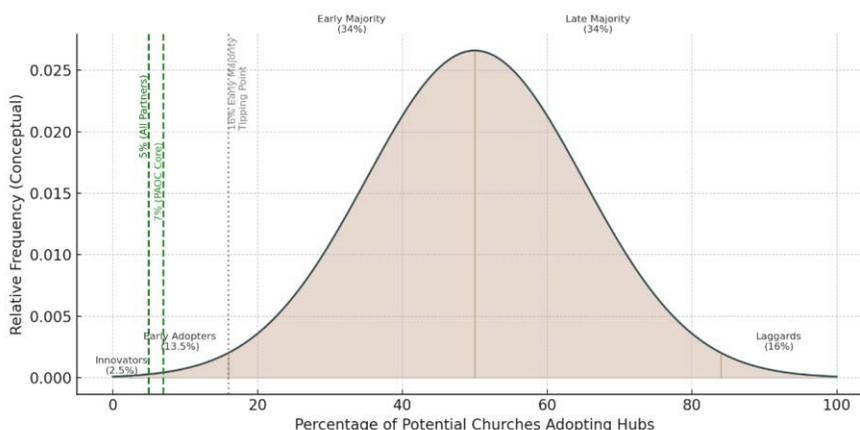
## Church Hub Expansion Across Canada

- **35 active Church Hubs**
- **115 hubs in development**
- Students studying at churches in **Newfoundland, Quebec, Eastern Ontario, Western Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia!**



## Where We Are on the Adoption Curve

Hubs : Constituency



Current hub uptake is between 5%-7% of our total constituency, placing us squarely in the **early-adopter phase**.

At this stage:

- Early churches validate the model.
- Trusted leaders influence peers.
- Growth spreads through relationship networks.

**Our goal is to reach the tipping point of ~16%.** When roughly **one in six** churches participate, our model normalizes and growth becomes **self-reinforcing**.

## New Programs Responding to Today's Ministry Needs



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## Matched Support to Grow Leaders

A generous donor has launched a special initiative to help us grow the number of leaders we can serve by expanding our community of supporters. **Up to \$200,000 in new or increased giving will be matched dollar-for-dollar.**

- Every new or increased gift will be matched.
- Designed to expand the number of churches and individuals investing in leadership formation.
- Focused on long-term sustainability and scale.

Thank you!

If your church doesn't yet support us **NOW** is a great time to start since your support will be **DOUBLED!**  
If you do support us, any **additional** support will be **DOUBLED!** Please include us in your annual budget!



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## In Summary

- ✓ Enrolment is growing steadily.
- ✓ The leadership pipeline is strong.
- ✓ The Church Hub model is gaining national traction.
- ✓ Programs are responding to real ministry needs.
- ✓ Partnership and support are expanding.

We remain committed to strengthening leaders for the mission ahead – *with the church, for the church.*



# CCMBC ANNUAL REPORT

## Gratitude and reflection

This year has been marked by both God’s faithfulness and growing gospel opportunities within our CCMBC family. We can observe how God continues to sustain our churches, leaders and ministries in this very dynamic and changing environment we are in. We can see churches being innovative in how they are engaging their communities with the gospel. I watch and observe tremendous leadership, faithfulness and perseverance within our family of churches. I am grateful for the creative ministry initiatives, prayerfulness, and witness of our congregation across the denomination. I also have deep gratitude in my heart for our Executive Board, National Ministry Team and our CCMBC staff who serve our churches with integrity, energy, unity and competency.

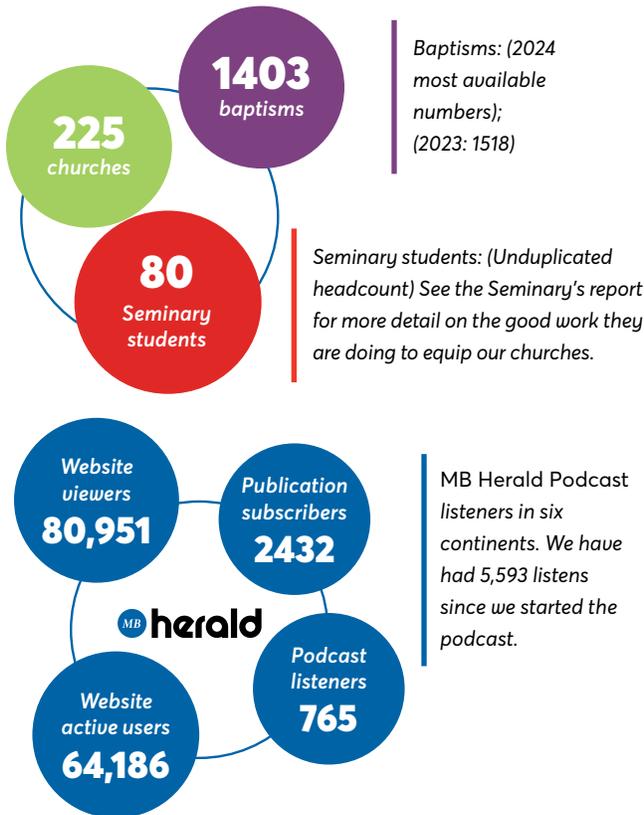
## Shared Vision

God continues to lead us, stretch us and call us deeper into his wonderful vision encapsulated in the words, “Go make disciples of all nations”. We have sensed a call

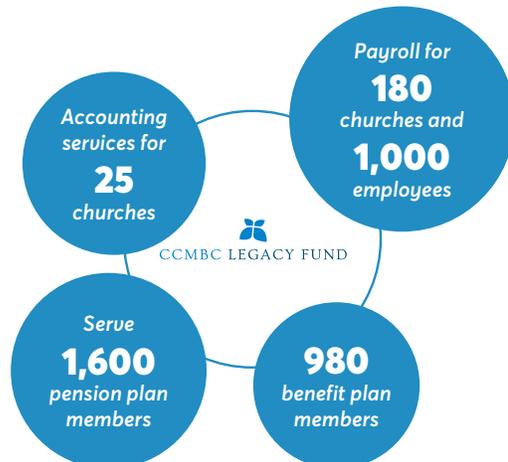
from God to be realigned to this vision for all disciples and all churches. I sense a growing awareness of our misalignment and our need to realign our fundamental calling around the Great Commission. The response is often, “Yes, we need to be better aligned, but how? How can we cultivate healthy, disciple-making churches where multiplication is the normal path of discipleship for all of Jesus’ disciples?”

## CCMBC 2025 Snapshot

I hope to give us a clear picture of the good work that is being done within our denomination. I do realize that in trying to give a snapshot of our denomination, I risk missing features that should be included. We are about to launch an assessment tool identifying the health of our churches which will provide greater clarity on how well we are doing in fulfilling our core priorities.



*Multiply: There is much more good work we are doing missionally; we just don’t have the data on that information. See Multiply’s report for more comprehensive and insightful information on the global influence they are engaged in.*



MB Herald Podcast listeners in six continents. We have had 5,593 listens since we started the podcast.

## Faithful Stewardship

We continue to thank God for His provision and the support of our churches, provinces and individual donors. Debt remaining for CCMBC to pay Legacy: \$327,000.00. Praise God that we are so close to paying this debt off and hope to do so sooner than later.



(These are unaudited numbers; audited statements will be available in June 2026)

\*A big goal for us in 2026 is to overcome our deficit budget. We have had a task force looking at all available options. We are in a very different financial environment than seven years ago when we moved to a collaborative governance model with single stream funding. Our current funding model is not covering an already lean budget. The Executive Board will be deciding a more sustainable way forward. Pray with us as we discern the right way to steward the resources entrusted to us.

## Governance and Unity

Our Executive Board met regularly in 2025: Online we meet on February 6, May 8, and November 27. In-Person meetings were held April 3-5 and September 25-27.

We met to provide oversight, discernment and accountability of our vision (cultivating healthy disciple-making churches) and our four priority areas (spiritual health and theology, mission, leadership development and organizational health).

The key decisions this last year were:

1. CI Strategy and MOA's. This important work and affirmation by constituents, Exec. Board, NMT and National Council was a big step forward in defining how we collaborate.
2. Vision development: We continue working at developing an equipping tool that discipled leaders/pastors in cultivating healthy disciple-making churches/cultures.
3. Streamlining decision-making in our collaborative environment. One of the big challenges in the collaborative model is who makes decisions (authority) and how are decisions made (road map). We are working through these dynamics so we can be more effective.
4. Pray First/Pray Always posture continues to be a high value for us and we hope to continue to grow this within our family of churches.
5. Ongoing professional development for credentialed pastors/leaders. We have affirmed this direction and are looking to NFLT and the provinces to come up with a solid and compelling plan to grow our leaders through ongoing development expectations.
6. Overcoming our deficit budget. CCMBC has a very lean budget and yet we are still having a challenge to meet it. By God's grace and the generosity of our churches, provinces and individual donors, we have been able to make up our deficit budgets for the last few years. We recognize that we are going to have to create new income streams in the future.

## Looking ahead

I feel a growing anticipation within our family towards greater alignment to the Great Commission. In the coming year, we will focus on the following priorities:

- Developing an equipping program that will disciple our churches/leaders in healthy disciple-making values that lead to effective disciple-making cultures.
- Overcoming our deficit budget.
- Assessing ministry effectiveness around our vision and four priority areas.
- Governance changes to streamline our decision-making process, enabling it to be more collaborative.
- Tuning up our CCMBC website to better serve and resource our constituency and leaders around our vision.

For God's glory and Jesus' kingdom vision,



*Cam Stuart*

National Director  
Canadian Conference of  
MB Churches



## A CCMBC Governance Proposal for More Effective Missional Collaboration

### February 2026 update for Provincial Gatherings

At Equip 2025 last October, the CCMBC Executive Board presented to attendees a governance proposal for discussion and initial feedback. Our November 2025 National Council engaged in further discussion, and the CCMBC Governance Committee has continued to develop the new model based on all the feedback received. We now bring this revised and updated proposal to the 2026 provincial gatherings for further input and feedback from our churches.

#### **Proposal in Summary**

The Executive Board is recommending that we, as a national family of churches, embrace the intended governance structure that was already accepted when the delegates approved the collaborative model in 2019 and the Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP) in 2021. The collaborative model and the CUSP made the member organizations full and voting members of CCMBC. In this new model, CCMBC is working increasingly behind the scenes like a logistics organization, facilitating and encouraging services, programs, and mission initiatives while the member organizations deliver these directly to local MB churches.

Our present governance structure already reflects the collaborative model in the Executive Board, National Ministry Team, and National Faith and Life Team composition; however, CCMBC's National Assemblies/AGMs do not, as they are a hybrid of church delegates and member organization delegates. In the Executive Board recommendation presented here, future National Assemblies/AGMs would be made up exclusively of member organization delegates. If this proposal is approved, local MB churches will still be full members of CCMBC, but they will be represented at CCMBC's National Assemblies/AGMs through their provincial conference delegates. This proposal recognizes that in recent years only 15 – 20% of member churches have been sending delegates to the National Assembly/AGM.

#### **1) What things will change if the delegates approve the CCMBC Governance Structure Proposal?**

All local MB churches in good standing with their provincial conference will continue to be members of CCMBC. *That will not change.* However, because of the 2019 decision that CCMBC is now a “conference of conferences” working primarily with its member organizations, when member church delegates affirm their provincial conference board members, they are also authorizing these board members to vote on their behalf regarding yearly CCMBC operations (e.g. reports, strategic plans, yearly budgets). These elected boards have representatives sitting on CCMBC's Executive Board, have delegates present at CCMBC's delegate assemblies (National Assembly/AGM), and have staff members present on both the National Ministry Team and the National Faith and Life Team. These member organization board members are the most well-informed to provide missional, financial, and program oversight and accountability for CCMBC.

If member churches have any concerns about CCMBC in any area (e.g., mission, finances, programs, etc.), church delegates can communicate those concerns to the duly elected board members of their provincial conference who have the responsibility of representing their member churches well in these accountability contexts. CCMBC has always existed – and will continue to exist – so that member churches (who make up the provincial conferences) can thrive and flourish as healthy disciple-making churches.

Some might be concerned that CCMBC is losing accountability to the member churches. However, the board members of each provincial conference (BCMB, ABMB, SKMB, MBCM, ONMB, AEFMQ) and from the member agencies (MB Seminary, Multiply, Legacy Fund) have the most at stake when it comes to ensuring that CCMBC functions faithfully to both its mission and its fiscal commitments. As a result, accountability should increase rather than decrease in this new model.

**2) Will local MB churches lose their ability to influence and speak into changes to the MB Confession of Faith?**

Because the MB Confession of Faith is essential in the covenant relationship of members in a member church—as well as in the covenant relationship of that member church to its provincial conference and to CCMBC—any revisions to the MB Confession of Faith are of great importance to the health and flourishing of these relationships.

**The Executive Board is recommending that any CCMBC bylaw change ensures that each and every local MB church in good standing with its provincial conference can speak into and vote on any recommended revision to the MB Confession of Faith.** This means that an “Extraordinary CCMBC Delegate Assembly” would be called to approve any MB Confession revision. This assembly would recognize duly appointed member church delegates (one pastor delegate per member church and one additional delegate per 25 members), as well as duly appointed member organization delegates, based on the composition for any regular CCMBC delegate assembly. In order to allow maximum Canada-wide participation, this extraordinary CCMBC delegate assembly would be held as either a hybrid (in-person and online) or online-only gathering. Any MB Confession of Faith amendment would need to be approved by a 2/3 majority of votes cast. The new bylaws would set a minimum quorum.

**3) How will the number of voting members for delegate assemblies be divided up between CCMBC’s various member organizations?**

For all CCMBC delegate assemblies, other than the extraordinary ones where a Confessional amendment is on the agenda, the voting members would be from the boards of the nine Member Organizations and from the Executive Board. The goal is to avoid political power dynamics while encouraging collaboration and the collective impact made possible when working together well. However, it is still important to recognize the differences between the two types of Member Organizations (provincial conferences and member agencies) and the significant variation in size between the provincial conferences. At the same time, CCMBC’s delegate assemblies must be a limited and manageable size (e.g., 30-40) so that they do not become such a burden on these boards that they are unable to find individuals willing to take on those roles.

**The Executive Board’s recommended model recognizes differences between member organization types (provincial conferences versus member agencies) and recognizes differences in size between provincial conferences.** This model begins with appointing two delegates to each of the nine member organizations but then gives the six provincial conferences additional delegates based on the number of member churches they oversee (e.g., 1-15 member churches plus 1; 16-23 plus 2; 24-40 plus 3; 41-50 plus 4; 51 and above plus 5). The Executive Board would be given four delegates to allow for participation by the four members of the Executive Committee (viz., Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer).

If this proposal were to be approved, here is a chart showing the makeup of delegates for a regular CCMBC delegate assembly:

Legacy	MB Seminary	Multiply	BCMB	ABMB	SKMB	MBCM	ONMB	AEFMQ	Executive Board	Total
2	2	2	7	4	5	6	5	3	4	40

The quorum for a regular delegate assembly would be 67% or 27 of the maximum number of delegates (40).

**4) Will this change help produce stronger accountability for CCMBC so it doesn’t repeat some of the financial and budget mistakes made over the last decade?**

As many in our MB family know, at our National Assembly during Equip 2019, CCMBC openly shared the “Telling Our Financial Story” document which offered an apology for various funding decisions, shortfalls, and depletions of CCMBC’s reserves from 2013-2018. (A short summary report of that meeting is available [here](#).) CCMBC pledged to increase its financial and organizational transparency going forward.

Having the voting delegates for CCMBC’s regular delegate assemblies coming from member organization boards – who exercise fiscal responsibility for their own budgets – should increase rather than decrease the level of questioning and financial accountability for CCMBC. These boards also have voting members on CCMBC’s Executive Board which receives financial updates multiple times through the fiscal year. Financial discrepancies or budget overspending cannot be hidden from these individuals.

One of CCMBC's core values (see [here](#)) is to "**steward resources on God's behalf**... As stewards we therefore serve the MB churches and ministries in Canada responsibly and competently, exercising care and integrity as we oversee the funds and all other assets entrusted to the church for its ministries. We expect all who oversee the church's resources to demonstrate accountability and transparency." We believe that this present proposal represents an even greater commitment to this value.

### **Next Steps**

- We encourage the open discussion of this proposal at each of our provincial gatherings.
- We will hold online National Town Halls this spring so that anyone from our churches and organizations can provide feedback to the Executive Board.
- While it will depend on the feedback received in the coming months, we hope to seek approval for the new bylaws at our CCMBC AGM on June 18, 2026. We are committed to an open and transparent process, and this timeline is flexible as we move forward on this important change.

You can send feedback to [questions@mbchurches.ca](mailto:questions@mbchurches.ca). We invite you to pray for wisdom and discernment, and to bring feedback, encouragement and suggestions so that we can do this well as a national family.

# NATIONAL FAITH AND LIFE TEAM AND NFL DIRECTOR REPORT FOR 2026 PROVINCIAL CONVENTIONS

## MANDATE

According to the Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP), we as a Conference exist “*to cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission.*” The National Faith and Life Team (NFLT) exists to articulate and safeguard Mennonite Brethren theological convictions, produce theological and pastoral resources, and provide discernment and guidance on current issues. The National Faith and Life Team stewards the Confession of Faith on behalf of the Conference.

## Activities in 2025

It feels a bit repetitive to say the same thing every year, but I am so thankful to be working with such excellent National Faith and Life Team members, CCMBC Staff, and those on the National Ministry Team and Executive Board. These teams are made up of deeply committed praying men and women of godly character. They are an inspiration and encouragement to me each and every day. Over the course of 2025, we said good-bye to Walter Fast (MBCM) and Rick Schellenberg (SKMB) and welcomed Victor Neufeld (MBCM) and Rick Bayer (BCMB). We are very thankful for Walter and Rick’s faithful service and are also glad to have such competent replacements in Victor and Rick.

Some of the NFLT highlights for 2025 include:

- We produced a monthly “**Pray First! Pray Always!**” resource that was focused on praying intentionally through each phrase in the Lord’s Prayer.
- We gave final approval to the Explanatory Notes for **Article 5: Salvation; Article 7: Mission of the Church; Article 9: Lord’s Supper; Article 10: Discipleship; and Article 11: Marriage, Singleness, and Family** as part of our Confession of Faith Resource Revision Project.
- We are in the near final approval stage for our **NFLT Women in Ministry Leadership Updated Resource** which we hope will be available very soon on our website. This resource is not intended

as a biblical-theological guide for churches to work through (as important as that is), but an explanation of how the NFLT understands our recent history on this question, our important resolutions from 1999 and 2006, and the *Gifted, Called, and Affirmed* publication from 2008.

- We partnered with MB Seminary, ONMB, and MBCM to oversee **PCO 2025: Getting to Know the Family!** May 6-8, 2025 at Behta Darya Church (Mississauga ON) with about 30 participants. It was a wonderful event with many highlights including a guided visit and prayer walk through a core Toronto neighbourhood facilitated by a Multiply worker serving there.

The biggest event of the year was hosting **Equip 2025: The Gospel, Peacemaking, and the Kingdom** at NKMB (Winnipeg, MB). About 270 registered guests participated in plenary sessions, breakout sessions, “An Important Family Conversation” (CCMBC), and several roundtable conversations about Article 12: Society and State and Article 13: Love and Nonresistance. Recordings of most of the presentations are still available here: [mennonitebrethren.ca/equip/](http://mennonitebrethren.ca/equip/).

Besides all of these more formal NFLT involvements, I enjoyed having many opportunities to present at provincial gatherings, local churches, and Christian schools. I wrote some of the 2025 **Q&R Corner** columns in the *MB Herald Digest* addressing such topics as a Christian Response to Donald Trump’s Election (April), the Swearing of Oaths Prohibition in Article 12 (June). I have completed an adaptation of my Equip 2025 plenary presentation for *Direction* journal to be published later in Spring 2026. It will be called “Peace, Violence, and Article 13.”

While we celebrate all the highlights from 2025 (and thank God for so many answered prayers!), we continue to engage around the following items for 2026:

- Our 2026 “**Pray First! Pray Always!**” monthly prayer columns will focus on praying for peace in the four relationship areas of life—God, others, creation, and oneself—and interceding for peace

in our churches, communities, and world. We will be hearing from a variety of different contributors again this year.

- We are working with MB Seminary, BCMB, ABMB, and SKMB to host **PCO 2026: Getting to Know the Family!** (June 2-4, 2025) at Columbia Bible College (Abbotsford, BC). (For information and registration, visit the PCO website: [mennonitebrethren.ca/pco/](http://mennonitebrethren.ca/pco/))
- We continue to give significant effort to our **Confession of Faith Resource Revision Project** and hope to process new explanatory notes this year for **Article 14: The Sanctity of Human Life; Article 15: Stewardship; Article 16: Work, Rest, and the Lord's Day; Article 17: Christianity and Other Faiths; and Article 18: Christ's Final Triumph.**
- A big decision this year will be whether the NFLT begins the process of review and possible revision to Article 12: Society and State and Article 13: Love and Nonresistance. We did receive some strong encouragement in that direction from registrants at Equip 2025. If we move forward with

that, the next two years will involve significant discernment, widespread feedback, and numerous rounds of approval to make that happen.

My prayer is always that everything that I do and that we do together as a family would reflect faithfully the character and mission of King Jesus and God's Kingdom. As we live into God's Kingdom story of 2026, may each church member and participant increasingly be transformed into the character of Jesus as peacemakers and disciple-makers who together model and witness to God's Kingdom! Blessings and Shalom in Jesus as you pray and serve in your family, church, and community!

If you have suggestions, encouragements, or thoughts, feel free to email them to us at [listeningwell@mbchurches.ca](mailto:listeningwell@mbchurches.ca)



*Ken Esau*

National Faith and Life Director

## 2026 National Faith and Life Team



**Back Row:** Ryan Jantzi (ONMB), Keith Reed (MB Seminary), Matt Unruh (ONMB), Rick Bayer (BCMB), Vic Neufeld (MBCM), Richard Lougheed (AEFMQ), Phil Gunther (SKMB), Reg Toews (BCMB), Kristal Toews (MAL—BCMB), Laurence Hiebert (ABMB), Ken Esau (NFL Director)

**Front Row:** Cam Stuart (CCMBC National Director), Connie Maier (MAL—ONMB), Jason Dyck (MBCM), Paul Loewen (ABMB)

## Report to SKMB Assembly – March 27-28, 2026

Thank you for your continued partnership with CCMBC Legacy and CCMBC Investments. Your trust allows us to support ministry, provide financing to MB churches, and steward resources for Kingdom purposes. We wish to share important information about recent financial developments and the steps we are taking.

CCMBC Investments receives investor funds that we use to lend to MB churches and ministries. When more funds come in than are needed for lending, the extra money is invested by an outside investment manager in several pooled funds. This investment manager also provides portfolio management services to some of the funds held by CCMBC Legacy.

In January 2026, our investment manager informed us certain underlying funds had lost significant value at year-end, affecting both CCMBC Investments and CCMBC Legacy. The value of our investments is now lower than the amount we owe to investors and church accounts. For CCMBC Investments, the write-downs totaled \$8.9 million. In total, CCMBC Investments' obligation to noteholders is \$114 million, which exceeds assets by 4.9%. For CCMBC Legacy, the write-downs totaled \$3.3 million. In total, Legacy's obligations to account holders is \$41 million, which exceeds assets by 12.7%.

### What This Means and What We Are Doing

CCMBC Investments will not accept new investments until an updated offering memorandum is prepared in accordance with securities laws. CCMBC Legacy will not accept new funds from account holders until we develop a plan to restore the net asset position. We anticipate this occurring in a few months.

CCMBC Investments continues to accept repayment requests by holders of promissory notes in the normal course and intends to satisfy such requests within 45 days, in accordance with the terms outlined in our most recently filed offering memorandum and the terms and conditions of the notes. It is our expectation that regularly scheduled RRIF and recurring payments will continue as scheduled. CCMBC Legacy continues to accept withdrawal requests by church account holders in the normal course and intends to satisfy such requests within 45 days, as it always has done.

We are closely monitoring repayment and withdrawal requests and regularly updating our board of directors on liquidity. We currently hold more than enough readily available funds to pay these requests at normal levels. Provided repayment requests remain within normal ranges, operations will continue as usual - investors will continue to have access to their funds, and we will continue to fund Mennonite Brethren Churches and Church organizations. If repayment requests become unusually high, we may need to limit repayment requests on a pro-rata basis or another equitable basis.

We are working on a plan to restore our financial position, including selling surplus assets, reducing costs, and reviewing optional services. While the affected investment funds may recover value in future quarters, we are not basing our plan on that possibility. To be clear, while our goal is to restore our investments back to the levels prior to the write-downs, this may take time and it will require patience by stakeholders. Although periodic losses can occur within any investment portfolio, we recognize the significance of these developments and the importance of capital preservation. In 2025, we proactively initiated an asset allocation study with a third-party consultant and implemented a capital adequacy policy to support long-term financial stability. The study and the capital adequacy policy will help inform our strategic plan in connection with the write-downs described above.

It is our moral responsibility to communicate clearly with our stakeholders. CCMBC Legacy's values remind us to steward resources with integrity, accountability, and transparency. As we navigate the complexity of these interrelated matters, we ask for your prayers. We rely on the wisdom and guidance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and seek to honor God's name in all we do.

Jason Krueger, CFA  
CEO, CCMBC Legacy Fund Inc. and CCMBC Investments Ltd.

**CCMBC Legacy Fund exists to provide ministry-focused financial services to facilitate Kingdom Growth.**

Whether you are an individual looking to invest while making a difference, or a church looking for financial administrative support to free you for ministry, CCMBC Legacy Fund can help.

## Investing in Kingdom Growth Together



### For Churches

#### Legacy Accounts

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#### HR Advisory Services

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We'll take care of your CRA remittances, T4s, ROEs, direct deposit pay, and best of all, peace of mind that your payroll is being processed correctly and on time, each time.



#### Accounting Services

Free your staff from the burden of bookkeeping. We strive to provide our churches and conferences with high-quality financial information in a timely manner.



### For Employees of CCMBC Churches



#### Pension

The CCMBC pension plan is a defined contribution plan held with Canada Life. You contribute 5% of your gross earnings, and your employer matches 100% of these required contributions.



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Held with Canada Life, the CCMBC group insurance benefits include extended health, dental, life, and disability coverage, along with offerings to support your and your family's physical, financial, and mental well-being.



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Through our national benefits plan, Homewood Health offers a wide range of resources and support, including short-term counselling for employees and their dependents. Assistance is available for a variety of challenges, from work and family issues to personal concerns, whenever it's needed.



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### For Everyone

#### Free, Confidential Estate Planning.



Professional estate advisors at Advisors with Purpose help you create a personal estate plan and will to reflect your life, faith, and values.

#### Donation of Securities.

With CCMBC Legacy, we make it easy for you to give publicly traded securities to your local MB church or ministry. This no-fee service lets you support ministry work and receive a charitable tax receipt for your gift.



#### Investing through CCMBC Investments.



Your investments help provide mortgages to MB churches and pastors, supporting ministry growth in practical ways. Enjoy faith-based investing with competitive interest rates, no fees, and no terms.



If you're interested in learning more about any of CCMBC Legacy's services, please contact our office by email at [legacy@mbchurches.ca](mailto:legacy@mbchurches.ca) or by phone at 1-888-669-6575.



February 2026

***“Wait for the Lord and keep his way, and He will exalt you to inherit the land.”***  
Psalm 37:34

To wait for the Lord is not to be idle, but to be present and attentive. After twenty-three years of fruitful Spring Break mission training, our team is intentionally pausing SOAR in 2026. This pause creates space to listen, discern, and attend to what Jesus is forming next. SOAR will return in 2027. In the meantime, we invite you to join us in prayer as we seek the new wine and new wineskins God is preparing for SOAR '27. As we wait attentively, we also continue to urgently make Jesus known in our province, our communities, and our neighbourhoods.

What might it mean to “inherit the land” today? Imagine a missional movement taking root on every street in Canada. As we wait on the Lord, could our obedience lead to neighbourhood Bible studies, shared meals, prayerful walks, block parties, and community gardens? Might lives shaped by good deeds cultivate goodwill and open doors for the Good News of Jesus?

As you read this report, our hope is that you will be encouraged to wait for the Lord’s leading and to faithfully steward the land he has entrusted to you and your church. Together, let us make disciples who make disciples, so that every heart may come to know the goodness of our Lord Jesus.



Lloyd Letkeman  
Multiply Mobilizer Central Canada

## Church Mission Resourcing: In-House Modules

### SOAR Central Canada

SOAR is a mission training program for church teams of all ages to engage the local community during their Spring or Summer Break. Teams come for a three to eight day encounter which includes an orientation, assignment, and debrief component. We see so much transformation that leads to them becoming missionaries on their own streets.

### SOAR SASK

In February 2025, we had six teams come together for SOAR SASK, including a team from the Wounaan Church in Panama. As a group of 150 people, we gathered at West Portal Church in Saskatoon for a week of learning, growing, and serving in various settings. Teams participated in service opportunities such as running a kids club program, helping run day-programming for adults and elders with physical and mental disabilities, as well as helping with prepping and serving food in the inner city of Saskatoon. Jesus is already at work in the people and spaces at these organizations, and it is a joy for our teams to come alongside and join in the work being done in and around Saskatoon.

[multiply.net/soar/sask](https://multiply.net/soar/sask) | Ryan & Terri Epp - [multiply.net/ryan-terri-epp](https://multiply.net/ryan-terri-epp)

### SOAR Heartland (Manitoba)

In March 2025, we had twenty-one teams join us at NKMB with almost 400 participants. The space was filled with eating together, worshipping together, and growing together. Teams served at ministries all around Winnipeg, hosting VBS programs serving around 1200 kids, serving at Senior care programs, and supporting low-income and newcomer communities. Many went home and continued sharing the love of Jesus in their schools and with their neighbours. A group of leaders from Germany also came to SOAR to experience and gain vision for what they can bring back to start a SOAR-like program.

[multiply.net/soar/heartland](https://multiply.net/soar/heartland) | [vimeo.com/showcase/11136618](https://vimeo.com/showcase/11136618)

### SOAR Alberta

SOAR Alberta took a creative pivot this year from mission programming to worship and prayer events. We look forward to sharing more next year.

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## ACTION

This is a flexible mission training program for individuals, families, and groups wanting to explore life on mission, whether overseas or in their neighbourhood. Over the past four years ACTION has been partnering with Horizon College's Global Discipleship Certificate. Three students from Horizon College together with a Focus Intern (Sid Desjarluis) and a young man from Strawberry Lake Mennonite Church in Minnesota (Logan Muff), started their training together in Saskatoon at the SOAR Saskatchewan program. Ten days later, they flew to Panama to join together with a much larger leadership team of Wounaan young adults. A highlight of the first ten days was that the ACTION team had a chance to begin relationships with Panamanians because there were seven Panamanians at SOAR Saskatchewan! This year's trip focus was a work project primarily of the United Evangelical Church's (I.E.U in Spanish) property named House of the Sower in Panama City. The project accomplished a thorough cleaning of the back corner of the property which had been treated like a household and construction dump for the past forty years. The project saw a group of volunteers from every urban church come to the House of the Sower's property to work side-by-side with the ACTION team over the course of four weeks. Each day of work consisted of the morning and sometimes early afternoon dedicated to manual labour, and every afternoon and evening dedicated to games, socializing, and cultural exchanges! The ACTION team loved their time with the Panamanians and there has never been better involvement and leadership from the Panamanian church conference than this year—something we would love to see grow in the coming years.

## The Impact Award

The Impact Award exists to partner with the local church to send students to university as faithful disciples who are making disciples. This unique award continues to help churches develop a mission-sending culture and disciple young people. This year we are partnering with thirteen churches, sending seventeen students to campuses all over North America, including seven students in Manitoba. Churches nominate students for \$2000 of direct funding intended to be used as a missionary stipend for university students. You can nominate a student from your church for 2026-2027! Applications are open until the end of June. For more information, please go to our website or contact your regional Multiply office. [multiply.net/impact-award](https://multiply.net/impact-award) | **Randy Krahn** - [multiply.net/randy-krahn](https://multiply.net/randy-krahn)

## TREK Central Canada/Global

Multiply's North America TREK program was not held this past year due to a low number of applicants. The TREK leadership team is now planning to launch the program in September 2026, but will need to dedicate more time and specific leadership delegation to make this happen. For more information, please check out the TREK website: [multiply.net/trek](https://multiply.net/trek)

## FOCUS Internship

This eight-month discernment bridge supports and equips you along a journey toward long-term ministry or marketplace mission. The program starts with two months of training and equipping in Winnipeg, followed by a seven-month internship in either an international or North American location. This year's interns came from Nova Scotia, Manitoba, British Columbia, Kansas, France, and Paraguay. Several of our Canadians are first generation newcomers from Eritrea and the Philippines.

[multiply.net/focus](https://multiply.net/focus)

## Missionaries from Central Canada

In 2025, there were twenty-two missionaries from Central Canada serving in eight different countries around the world. Supporting your international workers monthly allows them to focus on making Jesus known among the nations.

**Liam & Lindsay Bull** (Winnipeg, MB) Liam and Lindsay, through generous support from Fort Garry MB Church, are living next door to the church, helping with EAL programming, and leading several Discovery Bible groups among newcomers.

**Denis & Albina Nikitin** (Winnipeg, MB) The Nikitins, in partnership with Eastview Community Church, are reaching Ukrainian/Slavic newcomers, offering English classes and Sunday evening services. A burgeoning church plant is forming.

**Ferral & Cherie LaDelle** (Winnipeg, MB) The La Delle's are incarnationally impacting their neighbourhood in the North End of Winnipeg through community volunteerism and Discover Bible Studies.

**D and S** (Abbotsford, BC & Hepburn, SK) are serving the national church of South Asia by providing support and resources. D also serves on the Missional Leadership Training Team.

**Cory and Masami Giesbrecht** (Winnipeg, MB) serve in Osaka with the Ishibashi church and as liaisons for Multiply with the Japan MB Conference. They will be hosting an ACTION program this Spring.

**Sandra and Isra Plett-Chavez** (Steinbach, MB) and **Jen Schmidt** (Elm Creek) serve at the Matthew Training Centre in Guadalajara, Mexico. They provide cross-cultural training and discipleship for mission interns.

**Jeremy and Adrienne Penner** (Steinbach, MB) continue to serve in Thailand where they are focusing on making disciples among the Burmese church plants. Baby Caleb arrived in December!

**Dave and Louise Sinclair-Peters** (Williams Lake, BC) serve in Thailand on the Myanmar border providing Burmese leaders with mentoring, training, and support for business as mission.

**Liana Penner** (Saskatoon, SK) is presently working as an educational assistant, working in a twenty percent capacity with Multiply, along with Ryan and Terri in Saskatoon.

**Rebecca Hiebert** (Moose Jaw, SK) serves local leadership in Thailand, making disciples and planting Thai churches.

**A and R N** are in Asia and serve a church plant among Muslim believers.

**Lavern Pratt** (Saskatoon, SK) has been serving in Panama with the local conference since March 2022.

**Rick and Karen Sawatzky** (Winkler, MB) served in Lithuania in 2024 and are considering another term in Lithuania/Europe soon. Please pray for them as they discern their next steps.



# IMPACT REPORT

*Two Thousand and Twenty Five*

## Partnering to **Change Lives** in Canada and Beyond

One of the most meaningful Bible verses for me could go on a tombstone.

Reflecting on the life and leadership of King Josiah, the author of 2 Kings 23:25 says, *“Neither before nor after Josiah was there a king like him who turned to the LORD as he did - with all his heart and with all his soul and with all his strength, in accordance with all the Law of Moses.”*

**How would you like to be known as someone who followed the Lord with all of your heart, soul, and strength?**

I am blessed to teach a number of courses through our Teaching Churches across the country. The best part is being able to come alongside students as they dive deep into the Bible, absorb its truths into their spiritual lives, and immediately apply them in their lives and leadership.

**That is the value of the deep partnership between the seminary and the local church.**

For those who have supported the seminary through praying, giving, sending, or partnering - thank you!

For those who have a longing to see more and more people across Canada follow the Lord with their heart, soul, and strength, would you consider praying, giving, sending, or partnering?

It is so exciting to be part of what God continues to do in and through MB Seminary as we educate men and women to serve the church in Canada and beyond!

**Mark Wessner**, Ph.D. is President of MB Seminary and Associate Professor of Biblical Studies for Leadership



## FLEXIBLE

- o Modular, online & hybrid classes
- o Access some classes through our **Teaching Church Partners** across Canada
- o Contextualized learning to impact your ministry in real time

## RELEVANT

- MA Transformational Leadership  
Master of Divinity
- MA Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care  
Post Masters Certificate in Chaplaincy & Spiritual Care
- Clinical Psychospiritual Education (CPE)

## AFFORDABLE

- o Competitive tuition rates
- o Financial aid and awards including the Leadership Development Partnership Grant
- o BOGO in 2026-27

## Milestone Achieved

# *Congratulations to the Class of 2025!*

One of the biggest milestones you made possible this past year was having our first six students graduate with their **Master of Arts in Transformational Leadership!** What makes this even more special, is that these students completed their entire degree through courses offered at **Willingdon Church in Burnaby, BC.** This model of remote course delivery, integrated with practical ministry, equips leaders in healthy and meaningful ways for the local church!



*"I love how this program is all about practicality. There's not a single course that feels unnecessary - every subject is thoughtfully picked to genuinely help and equip us in our ministry. It's like they've thought of everything we need."*

—Roman Bondartchouk, MATL '25

**Your support is giving students the help they need to thrive in ministry** so they can bring the hope of Jesus to those in their communities and beyond. Thank you for making it possible for students to learn in a way that helps them and their church change lives in Canada and beyond.



Congratulations to the Class of 2025!

L to R: Danny Lee, Sudianto Wijaya, Blair Staples, Roman Bondartchouk, Ruben Heyn, Ernie Kashima

## Shaping Leaders, Changing Lives

**Your support** gives students the ability to grow in their faith, deepen their biblical understanding and become better leaders. This impact is being made across Canada as students engage in courses at Teaching Churches. Here are some of the ways you are helping to change lives:

—JN from the **Yukon Territory**



*"I was consistently reminded that substantial leadership growth rarely happens in ideal conditions, and that God is continuing to form me, even when the season feels heavy."*

—HG from **British Columbia**



*"Ultimately, this project was not just an academic exercise, but it became a personal journey of growth and connection—one that I hope will continue to ripple outward in the lives of those around me."*

—MB from **Manitoba**



*"From a leadership perspective, this course helped me loosen my grip on outcome-driven validation and re-engage with obedience, humility, and attentiveness as primary metrics."*

## Becoming Known

With your support, the first year of **The Centre for Education and Advancement of Spiritual Care** has been a year of becoming known. Students in our inaugural CPE (Clinical Psychospiritual Education) unit are nearing completion, and a new cohort is set to begin. And there is a wait list of applicants for future offerings! You are making it possible for those gifted in spiritual care to be better equipped for ministry and for quality spiritual care to be available in a variety of contexts across the country.

Educating and advancing spiritual care is happening in both faith-based and public settings. Church-based training sessions are helping leaders care for their congregations and the community. Presentations on spiritual care and MAiD have been given to public sector associations. The Centre is also becoming known as a resource for pastors and ministry leaders so they can know how to best handle specific spiritual/pastoral care issues in their own context.

Thank you for making life-long learning possible through workshops, courses, resources and networking opportunities that enhance knowledge and spiritual care competencies. *You are changing lives all across Canada because of your support!*



The Centre's Inaugural CPE Class!

## New Locations, New Opportunities

This past October marked the first teaching intensive at **Cariboo Bethel Church in Williams Lake, BC**. With 8 graduate students and 20 learners taking in the content as a workshop, this was a great kick-off for our newest Teaching Church location. *Your support makes it possible for students in rural areas to have access to theological education*—all while staying engaged in their current ministry.

This is a big win for churches as they identify emerging and second career leaders who need further training to serve their community well. Thank you for your commitment to the education and equipping of leaders who will serve churches in Canada and beyond.

In the coming year, we're excited to see what doors God might open for additional Teaching Church locations. Our goal is to continue to reach more areas of Canada with local access to quality graduate theological education.

*CPE has been an incredible opportunity to grow personally. Although it is intended to help develop a good Spiritual Care Practitioner, it is growing me as a person and consequently a better husband and father. No doubt it is also helping me become a better Chaplain as well.*

*I wish CPE was included in my pastoral training as I pursued Master of Divinity studies many decades ago.*

*So glad it is a part of the MB Seminary and spiritual care studies. What a privilege to pursue this program at my Alma Mater.*

—DC from Alberta

*"I've felt called to pursue seminary for almost ten years, but life circumstances always seemed to delay taking that next step. Beautifully, God brought the opportunity to me through the Teaching Church program.*

*As a young mom, this pathway has made it possible to pursue theological education while still being fully present with my family. I've been blown away by how much I've learned already—every new insight reminds me of how much more there is to discover, and it's only increased my excitement for the journey ahead.*

*I'm incredibly grateful for the way this program has opened the door for me to walk into a calling I've carried for so long."*





# EQUIPPED FOR IMPACT

*Something for Everyone*

## GRADUATE HOURS TAUGHT

# 756

*"This course had a profound impact on my life and ministry. It reshaped how I communicate, understand, and relate to people—especially those from diverse cultural backgrounds. It broadened my perspective, heightened my awareness, and taught me to stay open to interruptions and attentive to divine appointments. Most importantly, it deepened my love for God and people, strengthened my desire to keep growing, and fueled my passion to help others walk the same path."*

—ND from British Columbia

## MB STUDENTS TRAINED

# 106

*"This course helped me to appreciate the humanity of Jesus, as well as the many other characters in the Gospel stories in a new and refreshing way. Gaining greater insight into the historical and cultural context surrounding the Gospels confronted many of the ways I read the text through modern, North American eyes. As a result, I feel better equipped and inspired to bring more context into teaching into our church's youth ministry."*

—TH from British Columbia

## ONLINE STUDENTS REACHED

# 126

*"This is one of the best courses I have ever taken in my whole seminary training career. Love both of the instructors to design such a superb course and giving positive and constructive feedback. So practical and can't wait to share the content in my ministry settings."*

## LEARNERS EQUIPPED

# 281

*"I appreciated the ability to integrate Theology into the life of a Christian and the accessibility of [the speaker's] teachings. It was a great style of teaching that was easy to listen to and grasp."*

—Learner from Ontario

## DEVOTIONAL READERS ENCOURAGED

# 2500

*"Today's reading captured the most beautiful description of Mary anointing Jesus. Thank you!"*

—PP from Alberta

*"Thank you for providing this wonderful resource with the daily Advent readings. For years now, I have enjoyed both the Christmas and Easter devotionals."*

—HK from British Columbia

*"Today was such a good devotional. I had never thought about it this way before. Thank you."*

—EG from Manitoba

*"As I read, make notes, and meditate, I feel God's presence, increasing my trust and faith! Thanks be to God for these thought-provoking reminders that God is with us during these trying times!"*

—ED from British Columbia

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# A **RETHINK** GIVING SEMINAR

WHAT **LEADERS CHANGE**  
BEFORE **GIVING** STARTS TO **GROW**.



## The Reason Giving Doesn't Grow

Why generous people hesitate to give, & what moves them.



## Why People Decide to Give

Simple, doable on-ramps that remove hesitation.



## How to Invite People to Start Giving

A clear, confident invitation you can use in any service or email,



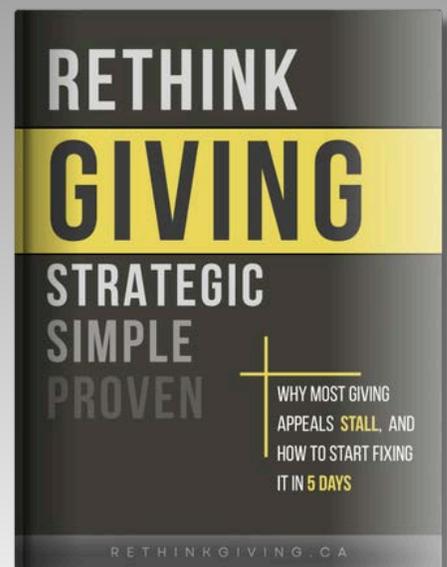
## How to Make Giving Contagious

Create visible first steps that inspire others to follow.

### WHAT LEADERS ARE SEEING:

- ✓ 10–20%+ increases in regular giving in 30 days.
- ✓ New givers engaging within a few days.
- ✓ 60%+ growth in monthly partnerships for non-profits.
- ✓ 6-figures raised in one-time gifts in 30 Days.
- ✓ 70%+ of congregation starting to give.

## Free Guide



Download The **Free** Guide  
[rethinkgiving.com](http://rethinkgiving.com)

# 10 FREE COURSES\*

A mini course that shows you how to diagnose financial pressure, craft short giving messages for gatherings and emails, and inspire new givers.



\* Available to those who attend the Seminar.

[RETHINKGIVING.CA/KICKSTART](https://RETHINKGIVING.CA/KICKSTART)

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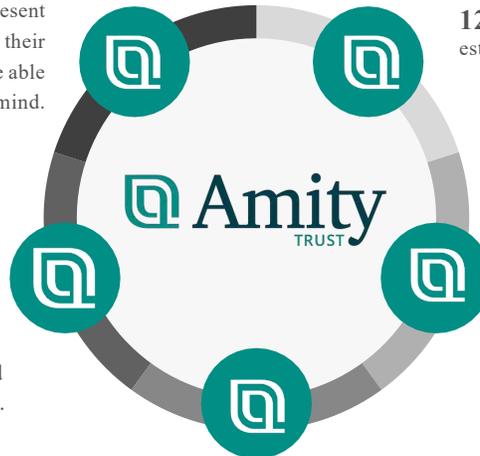
GIVING

KICKSTART

2025 was Amity Trust’s first full year in our new Warman office, and the additional office provided much opportunity for growth in the number of clients we were able to serve. As a government-regulated Financial Institution, we must always be cognizant of the numbers on our financial statements, but the numbers of clients we’re able to serve actually mean even more to us. Those numbers highlight the fulfillment of our mission of helping people find peace in their finances, and so we celebrate those numbers for 2025.

**350** new Wills which represent people who were worried about their estate plan and to whom we were able to give some peace of mind.

**125** families guided through the estate administration process.



**1,800** people who received our help with tax returns.

**200+** families for whom our loans provided shelter.

**600** Investment clients whom we were able to guide in their investment decisions.

In 2025, we also spent time bringing clarity to our values. By seeking input from staff, board members, and clients about the values they consistently experienced, we identified three core principles that guide our work: integrity, compassion, and professionalism.

Often, value statements are more internally focused and not something a company would put in front of its clients. However, we believe our values say a lot about who we are, and we don’t mind being measured against them. If we’re coming up short in any area, we want to hear about it. We celebrate seeing our fantastic staff live out these values on a daily basis, and the time we’ve spent, and continue to spend, talking about them internally has sharpened us in each of these areas.



**Integrity**  
We do what is right, even when no one is watching.



**Compassion**  
We choose to care with kindness, understanding and respect.



**Professionalism**  
We show respect through excellence and follow-through.

As we look ahead to 2026, we recognize that there is much work ahead of us. As we continue to work towards serving even more clients, we have a continuing need to find even more great people to join our ministry work. Seeking individuals who embody Integrity, Compassion, and Professionalism sets a high bar, so we must be diligent in our search.

In 2026 we will also begin the work of transitioning to a new banking software system, which is a pretty daunting project, but we’re convinced that the work involved, along with the dollars invested will equip us to help even more people in the years ahead.

We’re extremely grateful for the support of our controlling church conferences and their churches. If you know people that need some financial guidance, we’d love to help them save wisely, borrow sensibly, and execute sound estate plans!

## 60. 625. 84.

### Numbers That Remind Us What We Do Together Matters

#### 60 – REDUCING THE DRIFT

Research shows that nearly 60% of Christian high school students drift from their faith in their twenties. At Columbia Bible College, we are pushing back against that trend—helping students build Jesus-centered foundations that shape their faith, calling, and lives for the long term.

#### 625 – EQUIPPING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKERS

Approximately 625 senior pastors retire in Canada each year, not including others who step away from ministry. The need for workers in the Church is urgent. CBC equips students to discern God’s call and grow in faith, character, and skill to serve Christ and His Church.

#### 84 – FOUNDATIONS THAT LAST A LIFETIME

A successful octogenarian recently shared, “Looking back, I think the two years I spent 65 years ago at what’s now CBC became the faith and life foundation that carried me through my life.” Stories like this fuel our vision for lasting, generational impact.

#### OUR HEARTBEAT: HOW EVERY CBC STUDENT GROWS

- Spiritual vibrancy grounded in the unchanging Word of God
- Christlike character and resilience
- Deep rootedness in community, especially the local church
- Passion to serve wherever God calls them

### PRAISING GOD FOR GROWING ENROLLMENT

Just under 300 students have chosen CBC to lean into their faith and launch their lives for God’s glory. This marks our third consecutive year of new student growth, including a 50% increase in new Biblical Studies and Church Ministry students.



#### PASTORS ON CAMPUS: ENCOURAGING MORE WORKERS FOR THE CHURCH

The need for pastors and ministry leaders is urgent. One way we are responding is by welcoming respected pastors onto campus to connect with students and share a compelling, hopeful vision of faithful church-based ministry.

#### DUAL DEGREES: MORE PATHWAYS, ONE STRONG FOUNDATION

Through our partnership with Indiana Wesleyan University, students can graduate with two fully accredited degrees. Students build a strong biblical foundation while opening doors to career pathways in areas such as business, information technology, and communications—all while living, serving, and competing on campus at CBC.

## PERMEATING PRAYER: EVERY STUDENT BY NAME

Prayer is foundational to all we do. We are grateful for a community of praying friends, and faithful rhythms of staff and community prayer—including praying regularly for every CBC student by name.

## FOCUS THEME: PURSUING THE TRUTH WITH HUMILITY

Rooted in one of our core values, our 2025–26 theme calls students to pursue the One who is “the way, the truth, and the life,” anchoring their lives in Christ and His unchanging Word.



“There is no price tag I can put on my education at CBC that truly and wholly represents what I have been given. Thank you for believing in the mission of CBC and giving students like me the chance to flourish and become more of who God made us to be.”

*Chloe Plett, Applied Leadership Student*

## WITH GRATITUDE

We are deeply grateful for your prayers, support, and partnership. It is a joy to see God at work in students’ lives as they grow in faith, character, and leadership. Thank you for your continued investment in Columbia Bible College—past, present, and future.

**Together, we are shaping this next generation.**



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# THREE TRACKS FOR STUDENT PROGRAMS

## BIBLE & MINISTRY PROGRAMS

Preparing Students for Serving in Church & Ministry

### BIBLICAL STUDIES

DIPLOMA & DEGREE

Students develop the skills necessary to interpret, apply, and communicate the Bible for a life of service in the church and the marketplace.

### CHURCH MINISTRY

DEGREE

The Church Ministry degree program equips students with the skills to lead and care for the people of God in the local church, with optional concentrations in Worship Arts and Youth Work.

### PRACTICAL THEOLOGY

DIPLOMA

Designed for students to deepen their faith with foundational Bible and theology courses. Students will dive into their Christian faith and investigate the Scriptures, Christian theology, history, and mission.

### WORSHIP ARTS

DIPLOMA

Students are equipped with the theological, pastoral, and artistic skills to lead worship in the local church.

### YOUTH WORK

DIPLOMA

The Youth Work diploma program is for students interested in exploring the pastoral heart of youth ministry. It is designed to foster ministry competency, and organizational and communication skills for youth ministry in church and parachurch contexts.



## CAREER PROGRAMS

Equipping Students for Further Education and Entering the Workforce

### PSYCHOLOGY DIPLOMA & DEGREE

Students are equipped with the foundational knowledge and skills to integrate their faith with current psychological research, and prepare for graduate studies in counselling or psychology.

### APPLIED LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA & DEGREE

Students are equipped to be transformational servant leaders, by combining relational and administrative skills within a variety of contexts in the church and marketplace.

### DUAL DEGREE PROGRAM DEGREE

Students don't have to choose between deepening their faith or preparing for a career. They can earn two bachelor's degrees from two schools in four years: practical theology from CBC and a professional degree from IWU – at a comparable cost to other CBC degrees.

### EMERGENCY RESCUE TECHNICIAN CERTIFICATE

A one-year professional development program with Christian foundations in Bible and discipleship. Students will gain technical and leadership skills that will launch them into various outdoor and emergency service careers.

### OUTDOOR LEADERSHIP DIPLOMA

This program is designed to develop Christ-centered leaders as they gain technical qualifications to become emerging professionals in industries such as adventure tourism, camp ministry, and various emergency services.

### EDUCATIONAL ASSISTANT CERTIFICATE

A one-year program that prepares students for working as Educational Assistants, helping children and youth thrive in their learning environment.

## DISCIPLESHIP PROGRAMS

Providing Students with Opportunities for Growth and Mentorship

### QUEST CERTIFICATE

QUEST is a gap-year program designed to help students build a solid foundation for their life by establishing a Christ-centered identity and discovering their calling as they learn, serve, and adventure, in class and on outdoor trips.

### COLUMBIA ONE CERTIFICATE

A one-year foundations program where students can study the Bible and learn transformational habits for following and serving Jesus.

# Global Gospel Advance

Athanase Chiruza

The Lord continues to be faithful to my family. We crossed 2025 safely, and I thank God for his many blessings and for the help he provided to my family and me last year. All family members are doing well, son, daughters, grandchildren, all are fine. I am also thankful that God gave me strength, and my health continues to be good. Two weeks ago, after I arrived from Africa, I was not feeling well, but now I feel very good. I thank God for his protection here and on all the trips I did last year. I did two trips to Africa in May and November. As the ambassador of the Global Gospel Advance, the goal is to encourage diaspora churches in Africa, Canada, and beyond by offering seminars, opening new churches, and ordaining ministers. Sometimes I face challenges in this Lord's work, as others did in the Bible; it takes God's grace, wisdom, and perseverance to solve problems. Sometimes I couldn't sleep the whole night, because the devil still fights against the church, but I am thankful to Jesus, who has always been with me. This happened at the Zambia City Center Local church, but I thank God for what He did. Now there is peace in the church, and they continue to serve the Lord. I spent one month and two weeks in Lusaka and attended conferences, ministerial seminars, and the election of leaders. I preached in 6 local churches and one newly planted church. I led two overnight prayer sessions and visited some church members in their homes. On January 6th, I was escorted by pastors to the Lusaka Airport, heading to South Africa for a conference and to visit the church in Cape Town.

I was very well received at the Airport by Bishop Jonas and his wife Stella. I arrived on Tuesday, January 6th. Thursday, the bishop introduced me in the church. The last time I went to South Africa was in 2012, when I went there to ordain the pastors, and it was then that I met a young man, Jonas,

who was struggling with the call of God like Samuel. I remember how he came to where I was lodged and asked me many questions, with a broken heart, because he was discouraged with his leaders. I answered his question, and the Holy Spirit helped, and he was satisfied, and I prayed for him. After my departure he started the ministry. I was very excited to see how the church grew, and the Lord blessed him with 2 church buildings in that great City. I preached twice at God's Honour Ministry in Kensington, then at Chatsworth, Philadelphia church in Retreat, and the Pentecostal church in Salt River. I preached six times in two weeks and two overnight. On Monday, which was the last day, I met with all the leaders and had supper together. I advised them to keep love and unity as the Lord Jesus prayed for his disciples and the church. After that, we prayed together, and the next day I flew to Canada.

**MPC** The church continues to do well, and all departments work in unity: women, youth, choir, and children. The mission Pentecostal Church has a good relationship with other African communities. Last year, on November 1st, the MPC hosted a gospel concert, and people from across Saskatchewan were invited in and out, giving us the opportunity to preach to many about Jesus. On December 20th, the MPC leader and the choir were invited to Wellspring of All Nations Church in Regina for an overnight prayer session. We delegated an evangelist, Mediko, and the choir to sing, and some of our church members attended the event; people were blessed by the choir's songs.

I continue to work in very good harmony with pastor Innocent. In my absence, he maintained the unity of the church, and, with other leaders, he is a man of God who serves the Lord with his whole heart and his whole family. I'm very encouraged to work with him. The church members are 82. Although I celebrated the new year in Africa, the program we made in the last meeting before I left was well done. The year-end worship and prayer were done, and on January 1st, there was a thanksgiving service. It was a wonderful day, and people testified to the love and greatness of our God, who protected and blessed them in 2025. One of our church members passed away last week. Her name is UWITONZE CHARLOTTE, she was suffering from cancer from July last year and died last week on Tuesday

with age of 40. She was a single mother and left 4 kids. Her firstborn is a 20-year-old girl; the others are 9, 4, and 2. Remember those orphans in your prayers. The funeral service is on Friday, the 27th, at PCC.

**2026 plan.** We are planning to come together, MPC and CPC. MPC will all go to Saskatoon on Easter Sunday. Carmel Pentecostal Church will come to Regina on Pentecostal Sunday. This is for the guidance of our fellowship and unity.

The African Diaspora Leaders Conference, June 5-7 in Steinbach Manitoba.

Georgia, Alabama conference July 17-19,2026

Finland conference July 24-26,2026

Quebec conference Augustin 22-23,2026 Drummondville

Ontario conference 29-30,2026 Hamilton. These are the invitations I have so far. I hope to visit more SKMB churches and share the work of Global Gospel Advance. The MPC choir is ready to go with me where I'm invited.

Lastly, I want to thank the Parliament Community Church for their Support, SKMB and Multiply. As you supported the GGA with your prayers and finances, I hope you will continue to support this big global ministry and our home churches in Canada. This is my email. [athanasechiruza@gmail.com](mailto:athanasechiruza@gmail.com)

Athanase

# Mission Trip - 2025-2026

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Athanase Chiruza

# Zambia Lusaka

Arrival at Lusaka International Airport



# City Center Sunday Service.



## Gateway Youth is Up and Running in Blaine Lake!

Gateway Youth is a Saskatoon Youth for Christ ministry which operates in the town of Blaine Lake, which has not had an active church since the Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel (an SKMB church) closed in 2024. Gateway Youth has been running youth events at Blaine Lake Composite School since October of last year.



Brendan Schultz, the director of Gateway Youth, is a member of Waldheim MB Church and a student at Horizon College & Seminary. Before starting Gateway Youth, Brendan brought kids from Blaine Lake to Waldheim MB Church's youth program but realized that having something available in Blaine Lake could be more impactful in that community. Since Blaine Lake was home to an MB church for many years, SKMB has chosen to support this new ministry in prayer and financially as it works to bring the Good News to the young people in and around Blaine Lake. This support has been an incredible blessing!



Gateway Youth runs events on Thursday nights for grade 7 to 12 students, providing a variety of activities for the youth to choose from as well as a time for snacks and a short Bible study. Youth from Blaine Lake, Hafford, Leask, Muskeg Lake, and Parkside have come to Gateway Youth. Apart from Parkside, none of these communities currently have a Christian youth program. Some of the youth who come to Gateway Youth are actively serving in their church, while others have no previous experience of church or biblical teaching. Even though these young people come from a variety of communities and backgrounds, we have seen new friendships develop very quickly!

The school and the community of Blaine Lake have endorsed Gateway Youth and have encouraged Brendan to get involved in other events where he can connect with students who do not come on Thursday nights. This has allowed Brendan to build trust with students who are not comfortable going to a Christian youth program at this time, which will hopefully lead to opportunities to share about the full, eternal life that Jesus offers.

### HOW YOU CAN HELP

**Prayer** – For the youth and families we serve in the Blaine Lake area, as well as for the volunteers who give up so much time and energy to serve in this ministry.

**Giving** – Brendan's work with Gateway Youth is entirely funded through the generosity of people who believe this is an important ministry. Donations allow Brendan to focus on serving these young people and can help provide supplies and experiences for the youth.

*For more information, visit [yfcask.com](http://yfcask.com) or contact Brendan at [brendan.schultz@yfc.ca](mailto:brendan.schultz@yfc.ca).*

*Thank you to everyone who is already supporting Gateway Youth. This wouldn't be possible without your prayers, service, and support!*



*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interest but each of you to the interests of the others.*  
(Philippians 2:3-4 NIV)

Greetings, churches of SKMB! Mennonite Central Committee is *your* service agency! Established by Mennonite Brethren and other Anabaptist denominations over a century ago, MCC is led by the churches *locally* and works in close partnership with churches *globally*. MCC supports a collective response to humanitarian needs around the world, offered in the name of Christ. We thank you for being part of this work! We are grateful for the many congregations and donors like you who participate in relief, development and peace work with MCC, embodying the Gospel directive of “looking to the interests of others” in wholistic ways. Here are some of the impacts of our partnership this past year:

Four national Mennonite Brethren conferences are key partners in **MCC’s international program** work. The MB churches of **Malawi** are located in the large Dzaleka Refugee Camp, where MCC supports their work with relief kits, canned meat, and other material resources. In the **Democratic Republic of Congo**, MCC supports the work of the MB conference there in providing essential healthcare for displaced persons (this conference operates four hospitals and many health clinics), as well as supporting projects with other Anabaptist partners around this country hit by ongoing and escalating strife. In **Colombia**, MCC resources the MB peace office *Edupaz*, which has an effective ministry of helping children and adults from communities immersed in conflict learn conflict transformation and reconciliation skills. And in **Ukraine**, MCC continues to provide humanitarian resources to the Mennonite Brethren churches and other groups ministering to their neighbours, as well as supporting trauma therapies for children.

Every time you visit one of our **Thrift shops** (Herbert, Lanigan, Rosthern, Saskatoon, Swift Current, or Warman) you contribute to MCC’s work. Not only do these shops find a useful second life for many clothing and other household articles, last year they raised over \$950,000 for MCC’s work, and contributed \$100,000 to local charities. Likewise, last June’s **Relief Sale Festival** (hosted at Forest Grove) raised \$114,000. We praise God for such generosity!

We are grateful for faithful volunteers and supporting church groups who continue to provide a significant amount of **material resources** for vulnerable families and individuals around the world. Whether comforters, relief kits or various smaller kits, these locally sourced resources make a huge difference not just because of their physical contents, but because of the love and care that go into their preparation.

We want the vision and mission of MCC to be passed on to the coming generations. We are grateful to have been partnering with Multiply in putting on SOAR Saskatchewan (2025; on hiatus in 2026), and youth groups like West Portal. We are excited when young adults like **Rykia Guenther** and **Josiah Guenther** (both Hepburn MB) go out for a year on **SALT** (Serve And Learn Together); currently **Ezra Block** (West Portal, The Gathering) is on MCC’s six-month discipleship experience **SEEK** in Cambodia. Please pray for more youth and young adults to be inspired by a vision for service, and consider encouraging more from your community to explore MCC’s options.

MCC Saskatchewan’s **local program** continues to encourage peace-building work in our communities. This might look like supporting refugee sponsorship groups to “welcome the stranger,” facilitating workshops like the KAIROS Blanket Exercise to build understanding between non-Indigenous and Indigenous peoples, offering training to churches about trauma-informed care or conflict transformation skills, or running our “You are Not Alone” support circle for women who have experienced intimate partner violence.

We want to work *with* our local churches. Talk to us about how we might support your local ministry needs. Send us recommendations for more provincial board members. If you have questions, please reach out!

To learn more about MCC’s activity of sharing God’s love and compassion locally and globally, check out our **2025 Annual Impact Report**: < [mcc.org/media/document/149927](https://mcc.org/media/document/149927) >. We look forward to connecting with you at our June **Relief Sale Festival**, our **Transformation Table** learning events, our September **AGM** or fall **Peace Conference**, at any of our **Thrift shops**, or if you drop by the **MCC Centre** in Saskatoon.

**Eileen Klassen Hamm** (executive director), **Karla Koehn** (communications & donor relations), **Randy Klassen** (church engagement). Mennonite Brethren representatives on the MCC Saskatchewan board: **Jaquie Block** (The Gathering), **Sue Wiens** (Thrift rep).



Read about how Malawi’s churches are feeding the hungry and bringing good news to prisoners with support from MCC:



Read about the MCC-supported work of pastor Maxym, an MB leader in Ukraine.



# REPORT

2025

## “I never thought there were so many kind people in the world”

That’s what retiree Sylvia Starr said after volunteers from the MDS Manitoba Unit built her, and her husband, Jeff, a new home in Libau, Man. They needed a new place to live after the roof of their previous home collapsed following a large snowfall in 2022.

After their former home was rendered unlivable, the Starrs received limited help from the provincial government. But it wasn’t enough to replace their home, which was uninsured. They didn’t know what to do.

That’s when MDS became involved. The Starrs were exactly the kind of people MDS wants to help—they were seniors, both have disabilities, the house was uninsured, and they had no means to replace their home.

“It didn’t take long to decide we would help,” said Denis Sabourin, chair of the MDS Manitoba Unit and project director for the Libau build.

“When we had to move out, we didn’t know what to do next,” said Jeff. “There are no words to explain what it means to us.” “We are so thankful,” said Sylvia.

The MDS project in Libau was one of eight in Canada in 2025. A total of 1,072 volunteers served in B.C., Alberta, Manitoba, Ontario, and Nova Scotia. This included 748 in



*The Starrs in front of their new home in Libau, Man.*

Winnipeg, where volunteers helped at a reception centre set up to assist wildfire evacuees from the northern part of the province.

As well as serving in Canada, 316 Canadians served with MDS in the U.S. between November 2024 and October 2025.

In other news, 2025 saw the appointment of Reynold Friesen as the new Executive Director of MDS Canada. He will replace Ross Penner, who has been serving in that role since 2015. Reynold, the Director of Alumni, Church, and Donor Relations at Canadian Mennonite University, will begin his new role with MDS in February 2026.

Donations continued to be strong in 2025, with a total of \$1,282,000 donated in the 2024-25 fiscal year, compared to \$1,161,000 the previous year.

Thank you for your ongoing support of MDS as we seek to be the hands and feet of Jesus to disaster survivors together with you and your church. May God bless you this new year.

**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**  
**Financial Statements**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2025**

*Draft for discussion purposes only*



**Elizabeth M Torrens**  
CPA PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**

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## INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

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To the Members of The Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

I have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (the organization) that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2025, and the statements of revenues and expenditures, changes in net assets and cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

### *Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### *Practitioner's Responsibility*

My responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on my review. I conducted my review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require me to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, I do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

### *Conclusion*

Based on my review, nothing has come to my attention that causes me to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches as at December 31, 2025, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with ASNPO.

Borden, Saskatchewan  
March 28, 2026

ELIZABETH M TORRENS CPA PROFESSIONAL CORPORATION

**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**  
**Statement of Financial Position**  
**December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash (Note 4)	\$ 1,499,848	\$ 1,370,186
Accounts receivable	-	19,282
Goods and services tax recoverable	<u>797</u>	<u>1,078</u>
	<b>\$ 1,500,645</b>	<b>\$ 1,390,546</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable	<u>\$ 27,522</u>	<u>\$ 26,647</u>
<b>NET ASSETS</b>		
SK Strategic Investment Fund	1,353,400	1,237,016
Base Reserve	100,000	100,000
Arelee Cemetery Fund	21,624	22,774
SK Strategic Action Fund	<u>(1,901)</u>	<u>4,109</u>
	<u>1,473,123</u>	<u>1,363,899</u>
	<b>\$ 1,500,645</b>	<b>\$ 1,390,546</b>

**ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD**

\_\_\_\_\_ Director  
 \_\_\_\_\_ Director

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**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**

**Statement of Revenues and Expenditures**

**Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	SK Ministry Fund Budget 2025	SK Ministry Fund 2025	SK Strategic Investment Fund 2025	SK Strategic Action Fund 2025	Arelee Cemetery Fund 2025	Base Reserve 2025	<b>2025 Total 2025</b>	2024 Total 2024
<b>REVENUES</b>								
Church donations	\$ 175,000	\$ 191,177	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 191,177	\$ 228,904
Recoveries	12,500	89,574	-	-	-	-	89,574	17,673
National ministry donations	-	64,775	-	-	-	-	64,775	69,255
Interest	22,500	43,887	-	-	-	-	43,887	30,182
Bethany Legacy Fund	-	16,623	-	-	-	-	16,623	-
Other donations	5,000	5,900	-	-	1,100	-	7,000	10,141
General office income	-	3,500	-	-	750	-	4,250	3,502
Proceeds on sale	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	660,485
	215,000	415,436	-	-	1,850	-	417,286	1,020,142
<b>EXPENSES</b>								
Director of Ministry salary and benefits	112,500	111,871	-	-	-	-	111,871	109,361
National ministry donations	-	64,775	-	-	-	-	64,775	69,380
Strategic Investments ( <i>Schedule 1</i> )	60,000	47,453	-	-	-	-	47,453	56,100
Ministry Operations	43,000	37,996	-	-	3,000	-	40,996	36,604
Director of Ministry expenses	24,500	21,748	-	-	-	-	21,748	25,420
Executive Board and Ministry Teams	10,000	10,209	-	6,010	-	-	16,219	103,700
Field Operations - Carrot River	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	751
	250,000	294,052	-	6,010	3,000	-	303,062	401,316
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES FROM OPERATIONS</b>	(35,000)	121,384	-	(6,010)	(1,150)	-	114,224	618,826
<b>OTHER INCOME</b>								
Transfers in	-	(121,384)	116,384	-	-	-	(5,000)	3,500
Extraordinary items	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	16,000
	-	(121,384)	116,384	-	-	-	(5,000)	19,500
<b>EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES</b>	\$ (35,000)	\$ -	\$ 116,384	\$ (6,010)	\$ (1,150)	\$ -	\$ 109,224	\$ 638,326

See notes to financial statements

**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**  
**Statement of Changes in Net Assets**  
**Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	SK Ministry Fund	SK Strategic Investment Fund	SK Strategic Action Fund	Arelee Cemetery Fund	Base Reserve	2025	2024
<b>NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,237,016	\$ 4,109	\$ 22,774	\$ 100,000	<b>\$ 1,363,899</b>	\$ 725,573
Excess of revenues over expenses	-	116,384	(6,010)	(1,150)	-	<b>109,224</b>	638,326
<b>NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR</b>	\$ -	\$ 1,353,400	\$ (1,901)	\$ 21,624	\$ 100,000	<b>\$ 1,473,123</b>	\$ 1,363,899

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**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**

**Statement of Cash Flows**

**Year Ended December 31, 2025**

	2025	2024
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenues over expenses	\$ 109,224	\$ 638,326
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	19,282	(9,558)
Accounts payable	875	5,551
Prepaid expenses	-	1,321
Goods and services tax payable	281	198
	<b>20,438</b>	<b>(2,488)</b>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH FLOW</b>	<b>129,662</b>	<b>635,838</b>
Cash - beginning of year	1,370,186	734,348
<b>CASH - END OF YEAR (Note 4)</b>	<b>\$ 1,499,848</b>	<b>\$ 1,370,186</b>

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# THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHERN CHURCHES

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2025

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### 1. BASIS OF PRESENTATION

The financial statements were prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNFPO).

Some users may require further information as these statements have not been prepared for general purposes.

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### 2. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (the "Conference") is a non-profit organization incorporated provincially under a Private Act of the Province of Saskatchewan. The organization is a registered charity and is exempt from the payment of income taxes under the Income Tax Act.

The organization operates to foster community, and inspire, empower and support the churches and camps of the Conference in multiplying missional disciples, leaders and churches.

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### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### Revenue recognition

Restricted contributions are recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Event registration fees are recognized as revenue when the events are held.

#### Capital assets

The Conference does not accumulate property. As such, capital assets are recorded as expenses in the year they are acquired.

#### Contributed services

The operations of the Conference depend on the contribution of time by volunteers. The fair value of donated services cannot be reasonably determined and are therefore not reflected in these financial statements.

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# THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHERN CHURCHES

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2025

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### 3. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES *(continued)*

#### Fund accounting

The SK Ministry Fund reports the revenues and expenses related to program delivery and administrative activities.

The SK Strategic Investment Fund is intended to finance the Conferences' strategic missional priorities.

The Leaders Collective Fund is intended to report the revenue and expenses related to operating the Conferences' Leaders Collective program.

The Arelee Cemetery Fund reports the assets, liabilities, revenues, and expenses related to maintaining the Mennonite Brethren Cemetery in Arelee, Saskatchewan. The Conference assumed responsibility for the Arelee Cemetery after the church in Arelee closed in 2008.

The Base Reserve was created as a contingency fund to safeguard the Conference operations in the event of declining general donations.

#### Use of Estimates

The preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenditures during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

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### 4. CASH

	<u>2025</u>	<u>2024</u>
CCMBC - Deposit account	\$ 649,029	\$ 649,029
CCMBC - Multiplication account	500,000	500,000
Amity investment account	203,404	100,000
Chequing account	147,415	121,158
	<u>\$ 1,499,848</u>	<u>\$ 1,370,187</u>

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# THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHERN CHURCHES

## Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended December 31, 2025

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### 5. CAPITAL ASSETS

The Conference holds legal title to most land and buildings out of which partner churches and camps operate. Each partner church and camp are entrusted with administrative control over the land and building(s) out of which each operates.

As control of the land and building(s) remain with the partner churches and camps, the Conference does not reflect the value of these assets on these financial statements. Additionally, due to differing methods of recording the land and buildings on the partner churches and camps financial statements, it is not possible to determine an accurate historical cost or current book value of these assets.

Each partner church and camp maintain property insurance over the physical assets entrusted to them by the Conference and liability insurance over individual operations. The Conference is a named co-insured on each church and camp insurance policy and sets the minimum levels of insurance required for each partner church and camp. The coverage is confirmed by each partner church and camp when requested by the Conference.

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### 6. CONSTITUENCY MEETINGS

Constituency meeting revenue reports the registration fees paid for the annual assembly, interim meetings, and leadership forum. Constituency meeting expenses reports the expense incurred to hold these events.

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### 7. CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

The Conference's capital is comprised of its net assets. The Conference's primary objective to managing capital is to ensure that necessary funding is in place to undertake its mission. The Conference manages capital through an annual budgeting process and continuous monitoring of revenues and expenses compared to the budget.

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### 8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments and has a comprehensive risk management framework to monitor, evaluate and manage these risks. The following analysis provides information about the organization's risk exposure and concentration as of December 31, 2025.

**(a) Credit risk**

Credit risk arises from the potential that a counter party will fail to perform its obligations. The organization is exposed to credit risk from customers.

**(b) Interest rate risk**

Interest rate risk is the risk that the value of a financial instrument might be adversely affected by a change in the interest rates. In seeking to minimize the risks from interest rate fluctuations, the organization manages exposure through its normal operating and financing activities. The organization is exposed to interest rate risk primarily through its floating interest rate bank indebtedness and credit facilities.

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**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**

**Notes to Financial Statements**

**Year Ended December 31, 2025**

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8. FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS *(continued)*

Unless otherwise noted, it is management's opinion that the organization is not exposed to significant other price risks arising from these financial instruments.

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9. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

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10. BUDGET FIGURES

Budget figures are presented for comparative purposes and were not reviewed as part of the engagement.

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**THE SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES**

**Strategic Investments**

**(Schedule 1)**

**Year Ended December 31, 2025**

*(Unaudited)*

	Budget 2025	Total 2025	Total 2024
<b>Strategic Investments</b>			
Bursaries and Internship	\$ 10,000	\$ 12,600	\$ 10,800
Global Gospel Advance	9,000	9,000	9,500
Discipleship Coach	15,000	7,563	9,000
Horizon College and Seminary	3,000	4,500	1,500
Leaders & spouse retreat	4,000	4,437	15,089
West Bank Bible Camp	2,250	2,250	1,500
Redberry Bible Camp	2,250	2,250	1,500
Ministry Counselling Support	9,250	1,900	1,000
Church Revitalization	3,000	1,500	2,711
SOAR Saskatchewan	1,250	1,453	1,000
ICOMB	1,000	-	1,000
Thrive School of Discipleship	-	-	1,500
<b>Strategic Investments total</b>	<b>\$ 60,000</b>	<b>\$ 47,453</b>	<b>\$ 56,100</b>

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## 2026 SKMB Budget

Realistic, Responsible, Strategic, Sustainable

	2025 Budget	2025 Actuals	2026 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>			
Church	\$ 175,000.00	\$ 191,178.34	\$ 175,000.00
Individual	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 5,500.00	\$ 5,000.00
Estates	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 22,500.00	\$ 41,109.15	\$ 30,000.00
Office (General)	\$ -	\$ 2,300.00	\$ -
Office (Special)	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ -
Office (Lease Recovery)	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,500.00
Office (Event Recovery)	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 10,809.00	\$ 7,500.00
	<b>\$ 215,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 253,596.49</b>	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES</b>			
<b>EXECUTIVE BOARD &amp; MINISTRY TEAMS</b>			
Expenses	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,629.47	\$ 10,000.00
	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 6,629.47	\$ 10,000.00
<b>DIRECTOR OF MINISTRY</b>			
Salary	\$ 98,250.00	\$ 98,250.00	\$ 100,500.00
Benefits	\$ 14,250.00	\$ 13,621.04	\$ 14,250.00
Expenses	\$ 24,500.00	\$ 21,731.27	\$ 22,250.00
	\$ 137,000.00	\$ 133,602.31	\$ 137,000.00
<b>CONFERENCE OFFICE</b>			
Ministry Operations	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 34,733.85	\$ 45,000.00
Ministry Support	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 2,671.12	\$ 3,000.00
	\$ 43,000.00	\$ 37,404.97	\$ 48,000.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>\$ 190,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 177,636.75</b>	<b>\$ 195,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 215,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 253,596.49</b>	<b>\$ 220,000.00</b>
<b>TOTAL STRATEGIC INVEST. CAPACITY</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 75,959.74</b>	<b>\$ 25,000.00</b>
<b>STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS</b>			
Redberry Bible Camp Leadership Bursaries	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
West Bank Bible Camp Leadership Bursaries	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00	\$ 2,250.00
Multiply Discipleship Training	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,453.29	\$ -
Discipleship/Leadership Development Coach	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 7,562.87	\$ 10,500.00
Leadership Bursaries & Internships	\$ 10,000.00	\$ 12,600.00	\$ -
Ministry Counseling Support	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 2,000.00
Church Revitalization / Planting (seed funding)	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 2,250.00
Horizon College & Seminary	\$ 3,000.00	\$ 4,500.00	\$ 3,000.00
Rethink Giving - Coaching	\$ 5,000.00	\$ 650.00	\$ 2,500.00
Indigenous / New Cdn. Gospel Impact Sponsorship	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00	\$ 1,250.00
International Community Of MB (ICOMB)	\$ 1,000.00	\$ -	\$ -
Global Gospel Advance	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$ -
Leadership Cohorts	\$ 4,000.00	\$ 4,436.53	\$ 5,000.00
Leader & Spouse Retreat	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 14,000.00
	<b>\$ 60,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 47,452.69</b>	<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>
<b>TRANSFER FROM STRATEGIC INV. FUND</b>			
<b>TRANSFER TO STRATEGIC INV. FUND</b>		<b>\$ 28,507.05</b>	

Book Keeping, accounting, technology, leases, administrative support, fees, insurance, communication.

Church help and resources.

Bursaries and internships will be administered from a dedicated fund - Bethany Legacy Fund.

SOAR not running in 2026.

The GGA will not be funded in 2026 due to unmet expectations for promotion in SK.



The 2026 budget continues to carry the philosophical principles established by the SKMB office which maintains that our provincial budget must be **REALISTIC, RESPONSIBLE, STRATEGIC AND SUSTAINABLE**.

- **Realistic** – our budget must be based upon the facts
- **Responsible** – our budget must be based upon good financial practices and planning
- **Strategic** – our budget must help achieve our mission
- **Sustainable** – our budget must have a genuine understanding of what is doable based upon our current realities

At the end of the day, our budget is an expression of **FAITH**, both that God will bless our givers and that our givers will in turn bless their SKMB family.

2026 Budget Notes:

**REVENUE – *Thankful for the faithful giving of member churches***

- Our 2025 church revenue was **\$191,000**, and we are again taking a conservative posture for the 2026 budget at **\$175,000**.
- Individual donations in 2025 totaled **\$ 5,500**. We are taking a conservative posture for 2025 and budgeting **\$5000**.
- By all accounts, interest revenue should be stable in 2026, but there is no guarantee here. We are proposing a conservative interest revenue of **\$30,000**.
- Like the estate revenue line, the office administration revenue is at best guesswork. We are again proposing not to place any revenue numbers on either stream.
- In 2026, we will receive at least **\$2500** from those sharing our office at Horizon College & Seminary.
- In 2026, we are anticipating an event financial recovery from the Assembly and have budgeted it conservatively at **\$7500**.

**EXPENSES – *Always striving for prudent stewardship***

- DM salary will increase by 2.67% in 2026 as per the five-year DM salary plan.
- The total SKMB expenditure budget for 2026 is \$195,000, \$5000 more than in 2025.

**STRATEGIC INVESTMENTS – *Investing in our future, today***

- Total strategic investments for 2026 will be **\$45,000**. The most significant change is funding for the Leader & Spouse Retreat. Other notable changes include the funding postponement of the Global Gospel Advance ministry and the transfer of the bursary & internship budget line to the Bethany Legacy Fund.

**MINISTRY OPERATIONS ANNUAL COSTS - \$45,000**

Insurance	\$3600	Leases	\$9000	Accounting	\$9000
Acct. Review	\$2500	Admin./Legal	\$6800	Video/Zoom	\$1950
Cell/WiFi	\$1900	Supplies	\$1000	Events	\$8250

**Did you know?**

SKMB has not requested an increase in giving to SKMB in over 10 years.

SKMB has not had a deficit budget in 9 years.

SKMB has strategically invested over \$250,000 in our mission and ministry programs since 2017.

SKMB has only increased its operating expenses budget by \$7000 (3.7%) since 2020.

## RULES OF ORDER

We strive for unity and respect, involving participation of all assembled, as we deliberate decisions that shape the future of our Conference.

Delegates should use the following protocol when addressing the Assembly:

- a. Wait for acknowledgement/permission from the Moderator or Assistant Moderator.
- b. State your name, church and home community.
- c. Address the Chair. Confine remarks to the motion under discussion.

A delegate may speak to an issue more than once. A delegate should not ask for the floor more than three times on one issue. The mover of a motion may answer questions to a motion as often as they are raised.

Individuals other than delegates may be permitted to speak, subject to the decision of the Moderator. The assembled delegates may, by a simple majority vote, over-ride the decision of the Moderator. Only delegates are permitted to vote.

In general, **Roberts Rules of Order** will be followed. However, to foster collegiality and community, consensus principles may be used.

## MOTIONS FOR 2026 ASSEMBLY

- Motion to accept the 2026 Assembly AGM **agenda**.
- Motion to approve the **minutes** of the 2025 Assembly as presented.
- Motion to accept the appointment of the 2026 **Ballot Committee**.
- Motion to approve the 2025 **Financial Statements** as presented.
- Motion to appoint **Elizabeth Torrens** to review the financial records for the year ending December 31, 2026.
- Motion to approve the 2025 **budget** as presented.
- Motion to adopt the **bylaws amendment 3.4.1** as presented.

*"The Board moderator shall be elected by the membership at Assembly or appointed as an interim moderator by the Executive Board between Assemblies. The Executive Board shall appoint from its own membership an assistant moderator and secretary."*

- Motion to accept the written **ministry reports** as presented.
- Motion to advance the **CCMBC National Governance** proposal.
- Motion to elect **Peter Dueck** to the Executive Board.
- Motion to elect **Harry Strauss** to the Executive Board.
- Motion to accept **The Gathering Church** as a member of our SKMB family of churches and camps.
- Motion to destroy the **ballots**.
- Motion to **adjourn** Assembly 2026.

**LEADERS & SPOUSES RETREAT**

# JESUS IS ENOUGH

## THE HOPE OF THE GOSPEL AND THE DAILY GRIND

**"CHRIST GIVES ME STRENGTH  
TO FACE ANYTHING."**

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 CEV

### **SESSIONAL THEMES**

- WHEN THERE'S NO GAS IN THE TANK
- WHEN FAILURE LOOMS LARGE
- WHEN CONTENTMENT IS A NO-SHOW
- WHEN FAITH IS FRAGILE
- WHEN JOY IS JUST OUT OF REACH

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