

"On Mission Together"

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director's Calendar

November

22 – NFLT Mtg
25 – Redberry Fall Fundraiser
30 – DLT Mtg.

December

3 – Waldheim MB Church
3 – Hibret Christians Saskatoon Church
7 – SKMB EB Mtg.
10 – Parkland Community Church
(Yorkton)
17 – Riverbend Community Church
(Borden)

January

7 – North West Community Church
(Meadow Lake)

Please pray for traveling mercies.

Global Gospel Advance: Summer Ministry 2023



In early July, Pastor Medard (Carmel Church in Saskatoon) and Pastor Athanase (Mission Pentecostal Church in Regina), together with Beatrice, an evangelist they had invited from Rwanda, attended a conference in Edmonton. They, along with the pastors in Alberta, met Beatrice through zoom meetings that continue to happen numerous times a week and reach the scattered people of the Great Lake Region of Africa, who live worldwide. In Edmonton, hundreds of people met for all-night prayer meetings, worship and teachings, with Pastor Athanase preaching on Sunday and encouraging them that the church is where God has established his kingdom.

From there Pastor Athanase went to Lexington, Kentucky, joining four other speakers, three from the United States and one from France. The conference focused on John 9:4 where Jesus says, "As long as it is day, we must do the work of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work." Pastor Athanase preached the same message as in Edmonton, spurring on believers to join their King. The conference was also a fundraiser to build a church in Kentucky.

Enroute to Finland, while in New York, he fought a bout of COVID. Although weary, he arrived in Helsinki with a few days to rest before speaking. In Finland, people traveled from various areas of the country, representing a number of different churches. The three speakers, two from France and Athanase, first connected through the zoom meetings mentioned above. The goal of the conference was to unite churches that had been established as men and women, mostly from Zambia, were invited to settle in Finland, and to encourage them to work together. Pastors and leaders attending said the value, need and necessity for unity was clear. Wanting to build into what had begun, preliminary plans for a seminar targeting pastors and leaders to discuss how to practically work together is hoped for next year. Seeing the value of unity, this conference will hopefully be the first of many.

Before returning to Regina, Pastor Athanase traveled to Quebec, preaching in Trois-Rivières, having been invited by a pastor he first met in Zimbabwe. Here, many pastors, new Canadians from Zambia, met to celebrate with food and pray together. Over the next week Athanase worked his way to Drummondville, again meeting Beatrice as well as an evangelist from Australia. A church started by two Burundian pastors was publicly opening and a conference was planned to commission it. People came together Friday night and Saturday. At the final service, chairs had to be continually added until close to five hundred people sat and stood to hear God's word and bless this new ministry. Pastor Athanase's time in Quebec also afforded him a wonderful opportunity to meet and network with many pastors.

"Everywhere I went, the message of God was received very well and the church was greatly encouraged." Pastor Athanase.

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You Are Invited

To

Thrive Christmas Extravaganza!

BUT WAIT!

You may be thinking, I would love to come but I don't live near Hepburn... **we have some great news!** This year we are taking the Extravaganza **ON THE ROAD!** We will be doing 4 different events, in 4 different locations.

- Saturday, December 2nd, in **Hepburn** at MB Church
- Tuesday, December 5th, in **Saskatoon** at West Portal church
- Wednesday, December 6th in **Lanigan** at Christian Fellowship Church
- Thursday, December 7th in **Swift Current** at Bridgeway Community Church

Also new this year - The Extravaganza is at **NO-COST**. Now this is a fundraiser, so we will give you opportunity to donate to us, but you do not pay for a ticket up front.

If you are able to come - send us an email and let us know how many are coming. admin@thrivesk.com

If you are not able to come, but want to donate - you can e-transfer to: admin@thrivesk.com

If you want to sponsor some of our expenses (fuel, equipment rental, food...) that can be done too! Just reach out to me and we can talk about the details.

Once again - thank you all so much for your support and we hope to see you **AND YOUR FAMILIES** at one of our events!

Blessings,
Curtis Zoerb

Leaders Collective 2023 – 2024

Leaders COLLECTIVE

We have begun our new season of Leader's Collective. On Friday October 27, we gathered at the retreat center in Riverhurst for a weekend of great meals and conversations. (Thank you to the Hasmatali's for their hospitality.) That evening started with a session of getting to know each other through a series of discussion-provoking questions and statements around leadership and development. One of the most important ones we discussed is whether vision is a top-down or collaborative process. This question has allowed us to see how the role of leadership has evolved and what skills or abilities are required.

We believe that building community is a big part of the participants willingness to be open and honest, and so the evening closed with a time of games that concluded after midnight.

We have learned that understanding identity is an important part of developing leaders. To this end, Saturday was led by Irma Barkman as she walked us through storyboarding. This is a process whereby we begin to see how God has worked in the past, continues to work in the present, and provides us with guidance to see how he will work in the future. We are thankful for the engagement and vulnerability of our group as they brainstormed various influential events, people and circumstances, as well as the values which grew out of this.

Our Sunday worship time began with collective sharing of scripture passages that God had been using to shape and form each one of us and closed with a time of listening to God. It was amazing to watch God working during this time.

Another important part of the Leader's Collective experience is the role of mentors. Following the weekend, each of the mentors was given review questions from the sessions to guide future conversations. These mentors help to draw out what the participants learned over the weekend and walk with participants as they process through new or difficult understandings.

Tony Martens

Leaders Collective Operations Team



"Theology: Is this a 'disputable' matter or not?"

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