

# “On Mission Together”

*Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches*

## Director’s Calendar

### February

11-13 – Pastor Clusters  
16 – Parliament Community Church  
23 – Woodrow Gospel Chapel  
24 – SKMB Ex. Bd. Mtg.

### March

2 – Glenbush MB Church  
6 – NMT Mtg.  
9 – Bridgeway Community Church  
(Swift Current)  
28-29 – Assembly 2025

*Please pray for travelling  
mercies.*

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## Welcome to the SKMB Family



Nikolas Amodeo is the new pastor at Anchor Church (Regina). He is a husband, dad, and pastor, and he is originally from the town of Dryden in Northwestern Ontario.

Nik has spent most of his adult life in pastoral church

leadership, studying and teaching the Bible, and loves to see people be rooted and renewed in the life and love of Jesus. He holds an MA from Regent College in spiritual theology and is currently working on a doctorate in Christian ministry.

Along with pastoring, Nik teaches biblical studies and theology as adjunct faculty at Eston College in Regina.

Nik enjoys drumming, painting, and exploring the literature of C.S. Lewis and J.R.R. Tolkien.

He and his wife, Sarah, have four amazing boys who keep them on their toes.

**HORIZON**  
COLLEGE & SEMINARY  
*Anabaptist History & Thought*  
**May 5 – 9**

Discover the faith heritage of the SKMB family from its roots in the early 1500's. Renew your understanding of our current MB confession of Faith and the challenges and hopes we face in 2025 as a family of faith. Also learn about the gospel impact the Mennonite Brethren Church in Canada is pursuing, specifically creating a culture of disciple-making churches.

In-person and on-line options.

Randy Klassen, Horizon Seminary Adjunct Faculty – Anabaptist studies, will again facilitate the course.

To register, contact [Horizon College & Seminary](http://Horizon College & Seminary).

The audit fee for first ten SKMB member church/camp staff or board leader will be covered by SKMB. Contact Rick Schellenberg [FLT@skmb.ca](mailto:FLT@skmb.ca) or Phil Gunther [phil@skmb.ca](mailto:phil@skmb.ca) for more information.

## Why Anabaptism after 500 years?

### Reflections from a “convert”

BY STEPHANIE CHRISTIANSON



My last name is Christianson, which does not signal any Anabaptist descent. The first time I experienced *faspa* was during college, and I didn't know that it was a light meal of bread, cheese, and meat. I did not receive a second baptism because I was not baptized as an infant. Yet, I've chosen to make my spiritual and theological home within Anabaptism.

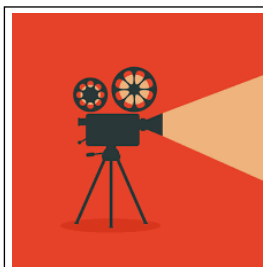
On the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the baptisms of the "first Anabaptists, I am convinced that our Mennonite Brethren family needs to hold space for this faith movement that emerged during the tumultuous times of the Reformation, has persisted through waves of persecution and continues to this day, even in a time when denominational affiliation is waning.

My journey into Anabaptism began when I was a teenager on the brink of post-secondary education. After attending a career fair and encountering a rep from Bethany College, I began to entertain the thought of attending this Mennonite Brethren college in Hepburn, Saskatchewan. At that point, the words “Mennonite Brethren” meant little to me, other than I had attended an MB Church as a child and had a vague understanding of what a Mennonite was, culturally speaking. But God led me to this school, where some of the most formative years of my life occurred. There, through my professors, classes, and a growing involvement in the Saskatchewan MB denomination, I discovered Anabaptism, and something resonated deeply inside of me. As a young adult, "filled with big dreams and ideas about the kingdom of God, church, and how to change the world, I was inspired by the Anabaptist vision of radically following Jesus, Sermon-on-the-Mount style, always and no matter what. I was also spiritually nurtured in profound ways at Bethany, so much so that I adopted the broader denominational community surrounding Bethany as my own. The centrality of Jesus to the biblical narrative, a commitment to making peace, community hermeneutics, and a robust discipleship carved space in my head and heart, and flowed outward to my hands. Years later, I remain inspired by and committed to this movement. I would like to share with you two key reasons “why.”

First, I am convinced of the importance of the deep spiritual heritage present in Anabaptism. The zeal of the early Anabaptist movement is hard to miss, as our spiritual ancestors took the call for voluntary church membership, based on commitment to Jesus rather than a territorial allegiance to a state church and expressed through adult baptism, incredibly seriously.<sup>1</sup> Our spiritual foremothers and forefathers suffered dire consequences for this perceived rebellion, even to the point of martyrdom I have often reflected on the story of Dirk Willems, who was arrested and imprisoned in the Netherlands for his Anabaptist convictions and managed to escape.

Dirk ran across the ice, his captors in pursuit of him. He then realized that one of his captors had fallen through the ice into the frigid

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