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"On Mission Together"

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Marriage Retreat 2026

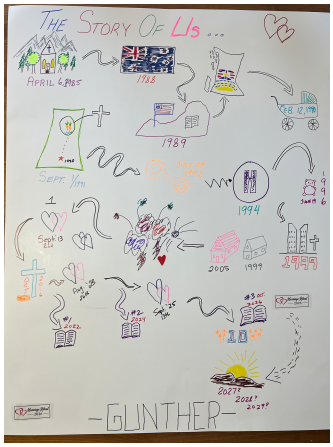


Couples from Grace Community Church (Herbert) met at Dallas Valley Ranch Camp (just north of Regina) for a weekend marriage retreat. Phil & Janine Gunther facilitated the teaching portions of the retreat.

The retreat's theme was ***Rejoicing In Marriage*** (Proverbs 5:18). Couples were led through four sessions featuring sharing, real-life stories, relationship-building activities, and counsel.

Phil & Janine shared experiences from their forty-one years of marriage and raising a family of three boys. Each couple was asked to create a storyboard of their lives from the date of their marriage until this event. Each couple presented their story and shared the hurts and blessings of their marriage journey.

The session topics included:



1. **For Thee Or For Me Marriage?** – Why and how we live out our marriage matters to God.
2. **The Marriage Rock Tumbler** – The place of grace in holy matrimony.
3. **Becoming One Is No Small Feat** – The necessity of prayer.
4. **Status Quo Is Not Okay** – Aim for more than just surviving.



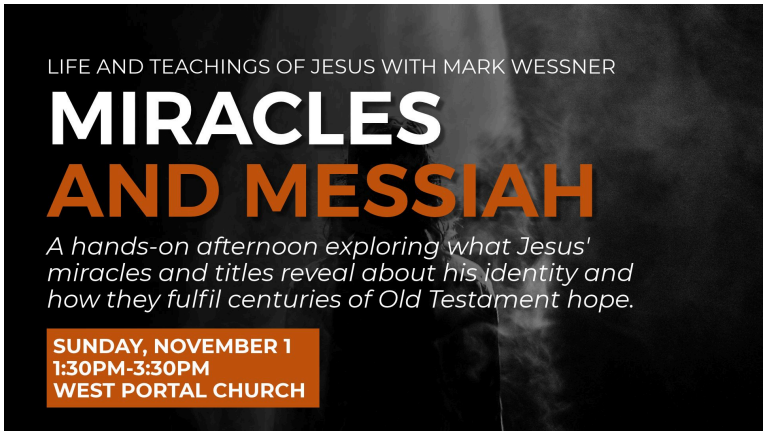
Notable quotes from the retreat:

"Marriage is a way for two spiritual friends to help each other on their journey to become the persons God designed them to be."
Tim Keller

"One of the best wedding gifts God gave you was a full-length mirror called your spouse. Had there been a card attached, it would have said, "Here's to helping you discover what you're really like!'"
Gary and Betsy Ricucci

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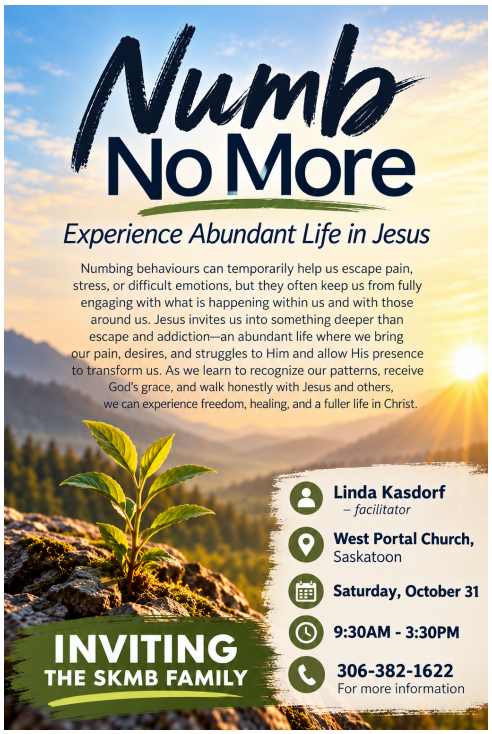
Director's Calendar

October
17-25 - Leader & Spouse Retreat

November
Nov. - 5 NFLT Mtg.,
Nov. - 14 Worship Training Event, Foam Lake
15 - Riverhurst Community Church
19 - NMT mtg.
22 - Woodrow Gospel Chapel
2- - TBA

December
2 - Revival Prayer Mtg. (Saskatoon)
6 - TBA
13 - TBA

Please pray for travelling mercies.



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Summit 2026

A national gathering to discern a change to the M.B. Confession of Faith.



Representatives of the National M.B. Faith & Life Team and provincially appointed representatives gathered at Camp Squeah (B.C.) on September 20-22. The task of this theological congress was to discern the nature of revisions to Articles 12 and 13 of the M.B. Confession of Faith. Article 12 (Society and State) and Article 13 (Love and Nonresistance) were identified for potential revision by participants at the 2025 EQUIP Conference in Winnipeg. Phil Gunther (Director of Ministry), Stephanie Christianson (Chair, Faith & Life Team), Rod Schellenberg and Harry Strauss (special appointees) represented SKMB at the event.



Led by Ken Esau (National Faith & Life Director), the gathered theological M.B. congress invested significant time to prayer, worship, and careful discernment around the need for revision of Articles 12 & 13. Scripture was studied, individual reflection was heard and weighed and special presentations heard. For example, Stephanie Christianson presented an historic journey of the Anabaptism-Mennonite Brethren regarding their engagement with peace-making. Participants were presented with draft Articles 12 &13 for their input. Robust dialogue took place on both submissions and much clarity arose as a result. There was incredible unity and good will evident between all those gathered.



The collective input was compiled and reviewed by the National Faith & Life Team after the congress. Revised draft Articles 12 & 13 will be created and further processing will take place at by provincial Faith & Life Teams, and then eventually at provincial assemblies in 2027 before making their way for a national special conference.

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