

“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director’s Calendar

November

24 — Christian Fellowship Church
(Lucky Lake)

December

2 - 8 — Denver, Colorado
(National Ministry Team mtgs.)
15 — Woodrow Gospel Chapel
22 — Riverhurst Community
Church
24 - 29 — Christmas Holidays

2020

January

5 — Grace Community Church
(Herbert)
12 — Northwest Community
Church (Meadow Lake)

**Please pray for traveling
mercies.**

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2019 Leadership Forum



On Saturday November 16th approximately ninety people representing SKMB churches and camps braved inclement weather to attend this year's Leadership Forum at Forest Grove Community Church. Representatives from Multiply, the Canadian MB Conference, as well those from Bethany-Thrive, MCC and Horizon College & Seminary also attended.

Jodi Enns, Director of Children's Ministry at Forest Grove Community Church, opened the event with a devotional from Isaiah 43 (*"For I am the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour..."* v.3). Jodi reminded listeners that in the midst of hardship and struggle, God continues His saving work in our lives. Our response is to be one of trust and obedience, living in the grace and mercy of God, especially in light of the person and work of Jesus.

Anna-Marie White was the main presenter at the 2019 Leadership Forum focusing on the nature and principles of use surrounding church's and camp's use of social media. She also provided key guidance around dealing with a social media in a crisis situation. Anna-Marie teaches public relations at the University of Victoria, formerly VP with Focus on the Family Canada and serves as a media consultant for churches, camps and other para-church organizations.

Participants received solid practical guidance on navigating the use of social media, both personally and for ministry purposes. Anna-Marie emphasized that one should always answer the question: "Why am I (are we) engaging in social media of any form?" Answering this question helps shape content and the nature of engagement with others. Secondly, Anna-Marie stressed the importance of needing to have high quality content. The church (any Christian organization) needs to do things with excellence. We have the resources, both financially and in terms of gifted people to do things well. Anna-Marie also provided listeners with social media guidelines, accountability measures and employee social media considerations.

A significant portion of Anna-Marie's time was spent engaging with participant's questions and concerns around social media and managing crisis situations. She provided clear and helpful counsel. Anna-Marie closed her consultation with listeners by conducting a real-life scenario pertaining to ministry where they had to respond to social media about a highly sensitive social issue.

Supporting SKMB Churches and Camps in Making Disciples

25 Years Of Ministry In Canora

SKMB Reporting @ Leadership Forum



Rev. Greg & Carolyn Bright have faithfully served the faith family of Gateway Community Church for 25 years. Rev. Ralph Gliedge commissioned them for ministry in 1994 and ordained Greg in 1998. On Sunday November 3rd Gateway celebrated their ministry anniversary with worship, stories, testimonies and a fellowship meal. Rev. Philip Gunther, SKMB Director of Ministry and his wife Janine presented the couple with a water pitcher explaining, *“May this pitcher serve as a tangible reminder of your faithful out-pouring into Gateway Community Church and the community of Canora and as a reminder of your need to continue to allow the Holy Spirit to pour out His divine riches into your life.”* The Brights were described as humble, faithful servants whose mission was always one of pointing people to Jesus. A moving story was recounted of how on Pastor Greg’s ordination fellowship lunch he chose to sit beside a physically challenged congregant and assisted him in eating his meal. The Brights not only have an incredible testimony of ministry at Gateway but also with Ketchen Lake Bible Camp, The Saskatchewan MB Conference and McKenzie House (Canora). Pastor Greg was also the honorary padre for the Canora Legion. A close family friend wrote about the Brights, *“You have always modelled the unconditional love of Christ.”* SKMB wishes the Brights many more years of ministry in Canora.

Gwen Machnee, SKMB moderator, presented several matters to Leadership Forum participants as informational items that the SKMB Executive Board was seeking input. Machnee first introduced bylaw amendment’s pertaining to strengthening the nature of membership in the Conference. These amendments had been legally vetted and are ones other MB Conferences have employed. Second, Machnee submitted the Executive Board’s Five-Year Strategic framework. The plan has three key foci: (1) Pastoral / Church Care & Conference Unity, (2) Leadership Development, and (3) Making Disciples. Machnee highlighted the fact that the Executive Board had adopted a new SKMB Governance Manual and Operating Manual, two significant achievements for a board of three members. Third, Machnee submitted the 2020 draft budget. The projected revenue from churches was set at \$165,250.00 with a total revenue of \$181,750.00. Total expenditures was budgeted to be \$181,500.00. Strategic investments totalled \$24,000. New strategic investments for 2020 included giving to ICOMB and Bethany-Thrive. Listeners were reminded that this was a draft budget and that changes would very likely occur before a final presentation at the 2020 Assembly. Regarding finances, Machnee noted that single-stream funding would be implemented in 2020 in light of the adoption of the national Collaborative Model. Lastly, Machnee shared that the Executive Board was considering the possibility of having a Conference Discipleship Coach on staff to assist church in one of the key strategic foci — making disciples. This would be a part-time contracted worker whose main role of such a coach would be helping churches in the area of creating discipleship pathways and understanding discipleship as a way of life.

Jeff Siemens shared news of a SKMB church whose membership was being withdrawn and the extensive process of this action. It is now in a legal phase pertaining to the disposition of the property.

Phil Gunther, SKMB Director of Ministry closed the reporting by thanking churches for their support as He and Janine started year four of their work. Gunther responded to questions about any matter that had been reported by SKMB leadership.