



December 7, 2016

“On Mission Together”



From Our Director of Ministry

What’s next?

December, 2016

25 - Christmas Day

January, 2017

1 - New Year’s Day

21 - SKMB Leadership Forum
@ Parliament Community
Church, Regina

March, 2017

10-11 - SKMB Convention @

Parkland Community
Church, Yorkton

29-31 - Rural Ministry
Conference @ Cypress
Hills

The SKMB 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.”**



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When ‘Earthquakes’ Come

“So we do not fear when earthquakes come...”

Psalm 46:2a

The news that Willy Reimer was released as our national Executive Director came like an earthquake upon the CCMBC landscape. Willy is a brother in Christ; someone respected as a servant of the Conference. He modelled and spoke out of his passion to see the Gospel proclaimed in every corner of Canada. He loved the M.B. Church dedicating countless hours to making it a unified and impactful denomination. He is to be thanked for his ministry.

Although questions and concerns persist regarding the Executive Board’s decision to release Willy, I choose now not to focus on them. There will be a time and place for such matters. Rather, I would like to share some things that help me move forward.

Be reminded that godly people made a very difficult decision. The CCMBC Executive Board is comprised of highly respected, trusted, wise leaders. They understood the narratives, weighed the options, prayed, and then prayed again. The Board looked to the future, considered the best interests of the Canadian M.B. community, heard from God’s Spirit, and then made a call. I trust them.

Be reminded that even though a strong leader has been released, there remain godly, insightful and experienced staff and leaders at the CCMBC helm. Our very own Bruce Enns (Forest Grove Community Church) is our Executive Board Moderator. Ron Toews (L2L Director and former Saskatchewan farmer) is now our Interim Executive Director. Jim Davidson (Stewardship Ministries, from Saskatoon) continues to lead the financial operations of the Conference. Folks, we are in capable hands.

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Our MANDATE is to inspire, empower, and support the Churches and Camps of the SKMB in multiplying missional disciples, leaders, and churches.

SKMB Office Ministry Service Targets

We will strive to...

- ✓ Pray for churches, camps and their staff daily.
- ✓ 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 ministry.
- ✓ Follow-up on your initial inquiry or concern within a week asking if you need further help.
- ✓ Personally visit your church or camp at least once a year.
- ✓ Obtain ministry updates from your camp or church once every two months.
- ✓ 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.

Be reminded that the CCMBC vision and mission has not changed: We exist to multiply Christ-centered churches to see Canada transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ. Furthermore, the CCMBC continues to be Bible-based, Spirit-led, gospel-focused and kingdom-oriented. Brothers and sisters, our course and values are not altered.

Be reminded that God is not surprised by this decision; He continues to shepherd this denominational body. As we move forward, I counsel us all to turn from gossip, speculation or worry to prayer and trust. Pray for Willy & Gwen, Bruce, Ron and the CCMBC Executive Board. Trust that in the middle of this earthquake of change God is faithful. He will work out His purposes (Psalm 33:11).

What this change of leadership will mean for CCMBC or the SKMB remains to be seen. I simply call you to heed the wisdom of the psalmist who spoke of experiencing an earthquake in one's life: *"Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10a).*



After seeking input from readers, our SKMB communiques will now be sent out only twice a month starting this edition.

SKMB Leadership Forum 2017

January 21, 2017

Parliament Community Church, Regina

The Compass Church and Parliament Community Church will team up to host the 2017 SKMB Leadership Forum. We invite pastors, chaplains, camp directors, moderators, elders, treasurers, and SKMB Team members to attend this year's event.

Participants will receive training in conflict management facilitated by Scott Siemens. Scott is a certified mediator and conflict resolution expert with the Canadian federal government. He has extensive experience working with churches and other non-profit organizations. Those attending will also receive a draft 2017 budget for their input and brief updates from SKMB Team Chairs.

Registration is due by January 13th, 2017 via either PayPal accessed through the SKMB website or by mail to the Saskatoon Office at the address below. A \$20 cost recovery registration fee is being charged. Please let us know if there are any dietary issues.



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