



“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

January 24th, 2017

What’s next?

January, 2017

- 25-27 - Phil Gunther, Pat Dergousoff, Dwayne Barkman & Greg Wiens travel to visit the Manitoba MB Conference office to learn and consider collaboration opportunities
- 29 - Phil Gunther visiting The Compass Church - North, Regina
- 31 - Youth Pastor Cluster

February, 2017

- 3 - SKMB Executive Board meeting
- 4 - Engaging Muslims and Islam Seminar at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon
- 5 - Phil Gunther speaking at Woodrow Gospel Chapel
- 8-9 C2C Multiply Conference in Vancouver, BC
- 9-10 - Phil Gunther at CCMBC meetings in Vancouver, B.C.
- 10-12 - Phil Gunther at the Manitoba MB offices for training.
- 14-16 - Pastor Clusters
- 16-25 - SOAR SK at West Portal Church, Saskatoon
- 19 - Phil Gunther speaking at Gospel Mission Church, Carrot River
- 26 - Phil Gunther speaking at West Portal Church, Saskatoon

March, 2017

- 10-11 - SKMB Convention @ Parkland Community Church, Yorkton
- 12 - Pat Dergousoff speaking at Gateway Community Church, Canora
- 29-31 - Rural Ministry Conference @ Cypress Hills

CCMBC Appoints Interim Executive Director

The Executive Board of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (CCMBC) announced Jan. 15, 2017, that Steve Berg has been appointed interim Executive Director effective Feb. 1, 2017.

Steve is currently senior associate pastor at South Abbotsford Church (B.C.) where he will continue to spend 25 percent of his work time. The church has released him to use the other 75 percent to serve the Conference. Steve has committed to the new role for up to 18 months, during which time a search process will proceed for the permanent position.



“During this time of transition, the Executive Board is excited to have a strong, effective leader who is passionate about God and our Conference,” said moderator Bruce Enns. “We are grateful to Steve and South Abbotsford Church for making this arrangement possible.”

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Steve brings a wealth of life experience which includes implementing ministry strategy as a church planter, pastor, executive minister of the B.C. Mennonite Brethren Conference and national director of government affairs with Power to Change.

Steve will be focusing on building trust within the MB family and positioning CCMBC to implement the mission of multiplying Christ-centred churches to see Canada transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ.

Ron Toews, the current interim Executive Director, will return to his role as Director of L2L. Ron indicated at the time of his appointment in November that he would only take on the interim Executive Director role in the short term.

“We are thankful for Ron’s willingness to step into a challenging situation and apply his steady hand of leadership when we needed him,” said Enns. “He has served well.”

The Executive Board will be meeting January 26-28, 2017 and will be providing an update in early February.

For more information contact mbboard@mbchurches.ca



Thinking of attending Multiply 2017?? Here’s an added bonus...

MB Mission, C2C network and CCMBC national leadership, invite you to extend your Multiply Conference experience by joining them for a family dinner. They will host this right after the Conference ends on Thursday, February 9 from 5:30 - 8:30 pm at Westside Church. Multiply 2017 attendees are invited to join them for a great meal, worship, a time of fellowship, and a mission vision and application discussion building on what was heard around multiplication of disciples. Your engagement is invited as we consider together where the Lord is leading our tribe in mission. They ask that you confirm that you can join them by sending an RSVP to info@c2cnetwork.ca or call the C2C office at 604-746-2238. There is no cost to attend but they do need to know how many people are attending so they can plan accordingly.



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 church or camp.
- ✓ Follow-up on your initial inquiry or concern within one week asking if you need further help.
- ✓ Contact your church or camp once every two months.
- ✓ Personally visit your church or camp once a year.
- ✓ 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.

SKMB Leadership Forum 2017

January 21, 2017 @ Parliament Community Church, Regina

Some 45 SKMB church delegates participated in this year's SKMB Leadership Forum in the newly renovated Parliament Community Church (PCC) multi-purpose room. The event began with a devotional from PCC Moderator Rita Mae Braun on the person and work of the Holy Spirit. Her words were truly inspiring as she recounted the role of God's Spirit in Scripture and in our Anabaptist-Mennonite Brethren history. She testified to the transformation that took place amongst PCC leaders as they moved to make calling upon God's Spirit their first priority in guiding the church. She encouraged delegates to rekindle an appreciation and application of living by the Holy Spirit in their respective churches.

PCC member Scott Siemens then facilitated training the delegates on handling conflict within the church. Scott reminded us that far more 'conflict' is part of our everyday life than what we even recognize and that much of it is healthy and in fact needed for growth and well-being. Delegates worked in small groups discussing how conflict impacted them personally and how they experienced it in their church. Perhaps Siemens' most poignant counsel was that in any conflict situation, one must move from judgment to curiosity. It is only then that one can ask key questions of the other parties in the conflict and be able to see them and their concern in a whole new light. He also counselled to not settle for "compromise" and make diligent efforts toward "collaboration" in any conflict scenario. Lastly, Scott recommended that pastors act as pastors in a conflict situation, shepherding all parties without taking sides, as opposed to playing the role of a mediator.

SKMB Director of Ministry Phil Gunther shared about his ministry with SKMB churches and camps and then PCC Elder Dave Reddekopp and Compass Church Apprentice Church Planter Will Con shared about their respective churches. Members of the SKMB Ministry Teams shared regarding their work. Notably, the Developmental Leadership Team introduced their discipleship assessment and discernment tool, requesting input from delegates.

Lastly, the 2017 budget was introduced. Phil Gunther spoke to the new budget and stated that it came with a new stewardship philosophy. He explained that this would be SKMB's last deficit budget. The Conference must move to a sustainable budget based upon living by revenue. If the Executive Board did not see the Conference reaching its budget by October 1st, significant cost cutting measures would be enacted immediately. Phil noted that the SKMB must stop using the SK Ministry Fund as a rainy-day fund and use it solely as an investment fund where leadership can make solid investments in the ministry of the SKMB.

SOAR 2017
is almost here!
February 16-25/17
@ West Portal Church
Volunteers needed!
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	2017 Budget
Executive Board	5,000
Teams (FLT, MST, CMT, DLT, C2C)	10,000
Staff Salary & Benefits	167,500
Staff Support (Travel & Office)	47,500
SKMB Resourcing	15,000
Church Multiplication & Support	10,000
	255,000

2017 Sask. Ministry Reserve Allocations	
SKMB Focused Ministry	10,000
Church Help Fund	5,000
Camp Ministry Development	5,000
Transferred from SK. Ministry Fund	20,000

C2C Church Multiplication & Planting	50,000
Transferred from SK. Multiplication Fund	50,000

Administration	\$62,500	(19%)
Ministry Support	\$167,500	(52%)
Investment In Churches & Camps	\$95,000	(29%)

	REVENUE	BASED ON
2017	\$255,000.00	3.75%
2016	\$201,989.06	3%
2015	\$215,831.19	\$79/member norm
2014	\$191,134.61	\$75/member norm

2018 Stewardship Proposals

- 2017 to be the last year of a deficit budget! If we see an inability to meet budget by Oct 1st major cost reduction decisions will be enacted.
- Move from employing the SK. Ministry Fund as a "rainy-day" fund covering budget short-falls to a church and camp investment fund.
- Move to the creation of a budget based upon previous year's annual revenue.