

2022 MC Sask ADS March 12; Rosthern Youth Farm and Virtual

Morning worship - led by Emily Summach Luke 5: 1-11 We come here to meet Jesus.

Business meeting

- greeting and welcome from Mark Wurtz
- 91 delegates, 51 in person; all 23 churches of MC Sask represented
- MC Sask Finance – Budget -Gord Peters

Budget

Total Revenue **\$521,500**

Made up of	From Congregations	\$375,000
	Other	\$146,500

Partner Ministry Support **\$301,428**

Made up of	MC Canada operating	\$107,000
	MC Canada relational witness	\$40,000
	Camps	11,928
	Canadian Mennonite magazine	17,000
	CMU and RJC	90,000
	Restorative Justice	35,500

MC Sask Operating **\$258,694**

Resulting in a deficit of	\$38,622
Covered (mostly) by reserve funds	\$35,000

Consultant Study – ‘MC Sask Operating’ includes a budget of \$20,000 for a consultant study of the MC Sask camping program. This person would go to the congregations and see how we envision the camp program (all three camps). There would be three reports, and it would take about six months. The contract is not yet signed so the amount could change - they will let us know when it is.

Session 1. Guest Speaker: Preston Pouteaux

Preston began with the Prayer of St. Francis “ Lord, make me an instrument of your peace”. The theme was a “fishing story” - Luke 5:1-11. The display was a painting called “Small Boat, Big Sea”. We are a small boat in a big sea. Jesus invades Simon Peter’s space; cleaning nets on the shore and Jesus’ followers crowd his space and to top it off Jesus borrows his boat to use as a place from which to preach. Then rewards Peter with the largest fish catch of his life and so wins him over to fishing for people. We need to invade people’s space in love because that is what Jesus did.

Our faith exists in real places, in real time. Simon is caught by Jesus, with Jesus’ arms of love around him. Jesus: “Now that’s what I want YOU to do.” This is how the church operates - Jesus comes in and takes over, he moves into the neighborhood. Challenge for us is to know our neighbours (and love them). Who are our neighbours? Do we know them? If you love your neighbour, you fulfill the whole law. See the whole neighborhood as where God is at work. If Jesus has called us, then he provides for us.

Reports - moderator: Terry Stefaniuk

- **Interim executive minister:** Josh Wallace
- **Church engagement:** Curtis Wiens
- **Ministries:** Claire Ewert-Fisher: Ministries Commission together with MCSask Council are developing a Climate Emergency Response Team (CERT). They will be working with local churches, clusters of churches and MCSask with six different foci.
 1. Fasting and Prayer for our physical world,
 2. Educate folks, especially church leaders on appropriate climate science,

3. Initiate actions – e.g. plant trees, switch to wind and solar energy sources, reduce dependence on fossil fuels...
4. Advocate with decision-making bodies,
5. Include teens and young adults in conversations and decision-making,
6. Communicate respectfully and compassionately with persons whose employment will be greatly impacted by energy-source changes, and those whose lives will be impacted if there is no change.

- **MC Alberta** - Tim Wiebe-Neufeld – Invitation to MC Canada Conference
- **Alex Tiessen** - invitation to youth for Amplify at Camp Valaqua in July

Baptism and Memorial recognition, church closure

- Baptisms were celebrated and Memorials were commemorated with videos accompanied by beautiful music played by Darrell. The [memorials video](#) is available on the MC Sask Youtube channel.
- Church closure of Grace Mennonite Church in Prince Albert - the work of the church was highlighted and responded to by Ray Funk.

Session 2 Guest Speaker: Preston Pouteaux

Preston began by talking about keystone species, such as beavers and bees. The keystone in an arch holds the whole thing together - it falls apart without it. Are we keystone people? This is vital! We need to play a pivotal role in our neighbourhood. We can be either “keystone people” or “passing through” people. We need to be present in our place, here and now. We wrestle with where we are, which side we are. Jesus is in the middle, we are coming closer, turning toward the campfire. Also, your neighbour needs to be at the center. Go and love your neighbour.

Reports and discussion

- **International Witness** - Jeanette Hanson
A study guide for our nationwide community of faith about Faith and Witness – available as a free download from Commonword. [We-Declare-Study-Guide.pdf \(commonword.ca\)](#)
- **Youth Farm Bible Camp** - Mark Wurtz Introduced camp staff
- **RJC** - Ryan Wood
Increased enrollment' 10 % Mennonite, 90% none Mennonite
- **Nursing Home** - Ernie Epp
Sixty in long-term care, twenty-five in assisted living. Emphasis on all aspects of living: medical, social, spiritual, activity Covid was hard on guests and friends
- **MCC** - Eileen Klassen-Hamm
focus on Ukraine at this time
- **Walking the Path** - Jake Buhler
Ancient Echoes film - great appreciation for David Neufeld and Harry LaFond

Business and Elections

Finance - Gord Peters. Budget carried

Nominations - all accepted and new members welcomed

Closing Worship - led by Sharon Schultz and Terry Stefaniuk

Mark 4: 35-41- Jesus is in the boat with the disciples. He wants to be with them wherever he goes. Jesus wants us near him.

Farewell to and sharing from Ryan Siemens

Blessing for the people in positions

VT 549 “Be Thou My Vision”

Communion