

CANADIAN CONFERENCE OF MB CHURCHES

MULTIPLYING CHURCHES

ASK FOR RAIN

C2C network asked God for rain and to transform spiritual deserts into streams of Living Water. We asked God to rain down his grace through the planting of new congregations who would make new disciples and send new leaders.

C2C network exists to glorify God and make disciples by planting and multiplying gospel-centred churches and enabling new missional opportunities. The goal for C2C is that more people come to faith in Jesus Christ. We come alongside individuals, churches and provincial regions to enable church planting wherever they have a vision to expand the gospel's impact.

God miraculously rained down the finances needed to fund church planters and support church planting all across Canada. He also rained down a fresh vision for more labourers in the Lord's harvest.

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

Prayer partners	3,165	C2C Training Centres	11 in 9 cities
C2C churches	107	Training events	84
C2C churches launched	14	Apprentices at work	14
Assessment Centres	5	Baptisms at C2C churches	702
Planters affirmed in Assessment	17	Provinces represented by C2C	10

"Ask the LORD for rain in the season of spring rain. The LORD makes the rain clouds, and He will give them showers of rain and crops in the field for everyone" (Zechariah 10:1, HCSB).

RESOURCING MINISTRY

CCMBC financial services resource ministry by offering financial and administrative services and tools to churches and organizations to help them achieve their mission. The mark of our success is when Mennonite Brethren churches are partner ministries have access to services and resources to help them achieve their mission.

BUDGET UPDATE

The following comments are based on the internal CCMBC financial reports as of December 31, 2016. The analysis is a comparison between the actual year to date results and the annual budget that was approved at the annual general meeting in October 2015 and an analysis of the CCMBC financial position at December 31, 2016. This information has not been audited and has not been consolidated with the for-profit corporations.

More specific details will become available once we receive audited statements.

- Church contributions, donations and grants as well as interest income came in under the 2016 budgeted amount.
- Ministry expenditures as well as stewardship management expenses were below 2016 budget amounts.
- The net result is an operating surplus which will be added to the accumulating operating reserve.
- In response to the budget amendment passed at Gathering 2016, stewardship surplus (capital gains, recovery of credit losses and 10% of the surplus from stewardship management) was transferred to the investment reserve fund.

BUILDING COMMUNITY

“We want to be a BFL that’s listening,” says David Miller. In 2016, the Board of Faith and Life welcomed Miller as chair and Paul Loewen as vice chair.

The Board of Faith and Life is called to watch over the spiritual life of Canadian MB churches and give leadership to the teaching of our confession of faith as we “multiply Christ-centred churches to see Canada transformed by the good news of Christ.”

Publications produced or initiated in 2016 include a statement on ordination, a Chinese translation of the MB Confession of Faith commentary and pastoral application, and a pamphlet on creation and faith (set to be published in March 2017). In 2017 we can expect to see a revised Canadian edition of *Family Matters* (required reading for all pastors in the credentialing process), as well as a pamphlet on the sanctity of life by Pierre Gilbert, focusing on theological and worldview issues that are at stake when thinking about abortion.

The BFL is involved in planning Equip Study Conference 2017 to be held Nov. 1–3 in Abbotsford, B.C., which focuses on the theme of Transforming Discipleship.

Robyn Serez (MAL), Christine Longhurst (Manitoba representative), Elton DaSilva (MBCM executive director), Phil Gunther (SKMB director of ministry) and Brent Hudson (Atlantic Canada) also joined as new members in 2016.

“It’s a great group of people,” says Miller. “we have a sense of moving ahead together, asking ‘how can we serve more effectively?’”

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT

COOPERATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE LISTENING

Listening to one another and listening to God together are at the core of what L2L does.

Throughout 2016, we resourced churches on mission with the following tools:

- church assessments
- staff and volunteer evaluations
- team building
- governance and board training and orientation
- transitional ministry
- professional development and pre-hiring
- coaching

SPIRITUAL DISCOVERY PROCESSES:

- **Clarity** (why I do what I do), best suited for people aged 18–45.
- **APEX** (what I do and how I do it), best suited for ages 40–60.
- **Resonance** (what finishing well looks like for me), intended for ages 50–75

AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS:

- *The Presidents’ Network* (MB theological schools)
- *Camping Ministry Directors & Spouses Network*
- *MinistryLift* (continuing education), L2L & MB Seminary

HIGHLIGHTS OF 2016

Churches coached through an assessment	10
Skill-targeted learning clusters on L2Lnet.org	242
Leaders trained in coaching skills	226
L2L leaders and people in coaching relationships	131
Network events	3
Attendees at APEX, Personal Clarity, or Resonance events	160
Active members on L2Lnet.org	122 (overall members 709)
Leadership Training Matching grants awarded	\$21,238
Denominations served	12