



## C2C Manitoba Report

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Jesus' call to his followers was “to make disciples of all nations”. Historically Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba has been faithful to this call both through the individual church, and corporately through *The City Mission* (begun in 1913), the *Home Mission*, *Mission & Church Extension* and *Church Planting Manitoba*. Nationally Canadian MB mission efforts have been under *Canada Inland Mission* and *Evangelism Canada*.

In the spirit of faithfulness and a desire for effective mission and church multiplication, At Assembly 2013, Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba — together with other provincial conferences — decided to join the C2C Network. As MB Mission unites our efforts in global mission, C2C Network unites Canadian efforts to share the Good News through Jesus Christ across Canada. The sincere desire is to build on the faithful efforts of leaders who have gone before us.

At the heart of C2C Network are three values that are held as foundational to the mission:

- **Gospel Centered.** It is all about Jesus. Jesus redeems and transforms our lives.
- **Spirit Led.** Bathed in prayer, we trust God for Holy Spirit led initiatives.
- **Mission Focused.** Mission began in the heart of God and now we are his people on his mission.

The ministry of C2C Manitoba is overseen by a regional leadership team consisting of Gerald Dyck (rep from the Leadership Board), Phillip Valleley, Delbert Enns and Elton DaSilva (Executive Director), Gord Fleming (National Director for C2C Network) and Ewald Unruh (Regional Director for C2C Network). For 2014 the priorities consist of the following.

- **Providing support and coaching to leaders of our existing ministry projects.** These include House Blend Ministries led by Rachel Twigg-Boyce, Walls of Freedom led by Jim & Jacqie Wiseman, South Winnipeg Chinese MB Church led by Luc Tran, Philadelphia Eritrean Church led by Habtemicael Beraki, Brandon Spanish Church led by Ricard Martinez, and One88 led by Dave Ens. We thank God for these faithful workers and ask for regular ongoing prayer support for them.
- **Finding new workers.** The process of discerning and assessing new workers for church planting

is extensive. It begins with “praying the Lord of the harvest to send out the workers.” As God calls people, we enter into a mutual discernment period. This is followed by participation at a church planter assessment centre. Once approved, the prospective church planter enters into apprenticeship for further discernment and training.

- **New Immigrant Church Network.** Each year more than 10,000 new immigrants arrive in Manitoba, fueling the growth of immigrant churches. Currently we relate to roughly 15 churches and leaders. We are in the early stages of developing a network featuring a variety of expressions of support to them. This will include the adoption of these newer churches by existing churches.
- **Multiplying Churches.** The church — when functioning as a healthy organism — produces disciples and leaders. Some of the healthiest church plants occur when existing churches multiply (or reproduce) themselves. Many churches in Manitoba were started this way. Our plan is to come alongside churches and help them prepare to “have babies”. One such effort is the annual *Multiply* conference taking place April 1–2 in Calgary, AB.
- **Partnerships.** C2C Network is also about networking and partnering with others for the purpose of faithfully and effectively reaching Canada with the good news of Jesus Christ. We cannot do this alone. When God calls us and opens doors for partnership we respond. Across Canada, C2C Network is now working with more than 12 denominations. In addition, partnerships are being nurtured with *SOAR Heartland*, *I Am Second*, *Global Disciples Network*, and Winnipeg & Area Pastor's Prayer Fellowship. While Mennonite Brethren based, C2C is becoming an interdenominational network as requests for partnership increasingly come to us. We are pleased that Danny MacKay, a staff person with *I Am Second*, also serves as a Regional Mobilizer with C2C Network.

We desire to be a servant to the church across Manitoba, and serve as its mission arm to reach the least-reached in our province and across Canada. For more details please review our booklet which will be available at Assembly 2014 or visit our website at [www.c2cnetwork.ca](http://www.c2cnetwork.ca)