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LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT



**And we know
that in all things
God works for
the good of those
who love him, who
have been called
according to his
purpose.**

Romans 8:28

be inspired by the journey and dedication of many missional leaders in our midst.

Over the summer, there was much collaboration with our agency partners and other ministry leaders within the conference to discuss the needs for developing leaders together. Within MBCM's new model of leadership development, we will gather resources that support the growth and development of emerging missional leaders in the church and surrounding community.

MBCM looks to walk alongside churches to encourage and empower them as they call out and equip leaders. We seek to be accessible, applicable and able to adapt to help meet diverse cultural and contextual needs.

Through the use of a new website, an online platform will be created to present a number of resources including the following; teaching videos, articles, events, downloadable documents, webinar and links to other partner agency resources.

A lot of change has happened over the last year in the area of leadership development. To begin, in March 2017, Jose-Luis Moraga transitioned out of his position School of Leadership director. I was hired to fill his position and began working for the conference in April 2017. The school continued to function until the end of classes in June. At which time, a decision was made to re-examine and restructure the leadership development model within MBCM. Through prayerful consideration and much affirmation, the leadership board decided to absorb the School of Leadership under this new model.

A final graduation ceremony was held in early September, and together we celebrated three graduating students. It was encouraging to witness God's faithfulness and

Altogether, we are excited to join the work that God is already doing around us. As we learn and grow alongside others, we can equip and build up leaders together. Our desire is to walk humbly with this new model, longing to see God shape and form this further so that together we can join in with His kingdom-building work here on Earth.

With this change for the school, came a change in my job description and title: Leadership development coordinator. In addition to developing a new model for developing leaders, I also took on responsibility for the Elevation apprenticeship program, and serve as a liaison with other partner agencies, particularly CMU, MBBS, SBC, & MB Mission.

As MBCM seeks to prepare new pastors for life-long, evangelism-oriented ministry in the local church, we continue to partner both with MB Mission and MBBS – CMU to carry out this mission. I have had the privilege of working alongside two participants this past year who are both well into the 4-year program serving at Westwood Community Church and Crossroads MB Church.

It is our hope to continue to have one to two women and men join Elevation as apprentices each year, as we see new pastoral leaders emerge in the MB Conference. We value the insight and recommendation of our current ministry leaders and look to you to partner with us in this way.

We are also excited to be partnering with several internship programs. Both CMU and SBC require practicum courses to be completed in their degree programs and this can be done in partnership with our churches and conference office. Also, MB Mission's TREK Central Canada program offers a one-year internship ministry assignment here in Manitoba, which could lead straight into the 4-year Elevation pastoral apprenticeship program.

All in all, the ministry opportunities continue to expand and opportunities to explore ministry callings continue to open-up as we partner together.

Looking forward with hope-filled anticipation for this next season.