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Well it's been a fascinating year. With all the movement of staff, it has provided for all of us new opportunities for us to grow and learn.

As of May I took on the additional role of Interim Director for MBCM which has allowed me to work with our church boards, as well as our pastors and various leadership teams of CCMBC in a new way.

Nuts & Bolts Equipping Series - This past year, our Nuts & Bolts sessions have continued to be a really good space for our church leaders to grow and get to know each other.

Refresh Pastors Retreat was also very well attended, and this year sees us back at Hecla with Bruxy Cavey from The Meeting House in Oakville, Ontario serving as our speaker. We encourage all churches to recognize this as an opportunity to invest and encourage their pastors and plan for them to attend. MBCM subsidizes roughly 50% of the retreat so it's really a great deal!!

Credentialing – This past year, 10 pastors were credentialed by the Provincial Faith & Life Team. We look forward to 2019 as we will be hosting the national Pastors Credentialing and Orientation event on May 14-17 in Winnipeg.

At the end of May, MBCM along with Mennonite Church Manitoba, MCC and CMU will be

hosting a #Churchtoo Conference. This event will address sexual abuse in the church. It will be very similar to the event of the same name hosted at Columbia Bible College last year. This will be an event for all those involved in church leadership as we continue to work to provide safe spaces for all those who are in our care.

Keith Poysti's time with MBCM came to an end as of December 2018. We were all blessed by Keith's return and for his help through this time of transition.

Janelle Braun will begin a maternity leave in February and will be sorely missed. She has stepped up and taken on many needed roles and has been an absolute blessing to us and our churches. That being said, we are excited about the new faces coming on board for this year. Bomba Ng'andu and Amanda Leighton are great additions to the team!

2019 will be a year of new faces in leadership at MBCM. Cam Priebe begins in June as Provincial Director and a new Director of Church Ministries will also arrive on the scene at approximately the same time.

It is with a heavy and hopeful heart that I will be taking a job at Westside Community Church in Morden as of May/June. I am confident that God has a great plan for MBCM and have appreciated and benefited from my time here more than I can ever say.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve.