

Moderator Report

It has been so encouraging to see how churches have ministered to people during this pandemic. Our sense of community has been challenged but the creative ideas for worship and ministry from our church staff have been greatly appreciated.

Our MBCM staff team of Cam, Jason, Amanda, Janelle and Bomba have done great work for us in the past year. They have readily adapted to changing health directives as they provide services to churches and organize events.

The June 2019 separation of C2C from Multiply resulted in several former C2C/Multiply church plants coming under MBCM. This, in addition to the pandemic, has been extremely challenging for these churches. Our staff continue to work with them in discerning a way forward.

The June 2020 financial exigency announcement by MBBS is leading to a good example of collaboration. At MBCM, we heard very strong support for Andrew Dyck and Pierre Gilbert to continue offering seminary education in Manitoba in a distinctive MB track. Churches also expressed support for graduate-level theological training with an MB focus in Manitoba. There is also a desire to maintain and further build healthy relationships with MBBS, CMU, and CCMBC. Cheryl Pauls (CMU), Mark Wessner (MBBS), Elton DaSilva (CCMBC), and Cam Priebe (MBCM) have done a great job in formulating this plan. The plan includes greater involvement by MBCM and provides a 3-year window to

discern the future of graduate-level theological training in Manitoba.

The Collaborative Model has been developing very well under the leadership of Elton and the CCMBC executive board. The positive working relationship at the National Ministry team, which includes Cam and his provincial/agency colleagues, has been very encouraging to us. Ruth has done great work representing us at the CCMBC executive board. All of us as provinces, CCMBC, and our agencies continue to work through bylaws and strategic plans for the Collaborative Model.

2020 was the first year of single-stream funding and it has worked very well. In the past, funds sent by churches included a portion of their revenue for MBCM (8%) and CCMBC (5%). Single source funding asks for that combined amount (13%) to be sent to MBCM, and 40% of that amount is forwarded to CCMBC.

We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our churches. Your prayers, support for our staff, participation at events and financial support is all greatly appreciated. As the enclosed financial information indicates, your support allowed us to meet all our commitments in 2020.

I would like to thank each of our MBCM board members for their participation. It has been a privilege to serve our churches in the past year and we thank you for that!

Harold Froese