

“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director’s Calendar

February

27 – Christian Fellowship Church
(Lanigan)

March

8 – National Ministry Team Mtg.
12 – SKMB Assembly
13 – Riverhurst Community Church
20 – Grace Community Church
(Herbert)
27 – Dalmeny Community Church

April

3 – Faith River Christian Fellowship
(Saskatoon)
3 – Carmel Pentecostal Church
(Saskatoon)
10 – Hepburn MB Church
21 – National Town Hall
24 – The Gathering (Saskatoon)

May

5 – North Site (Saskatoon)

**Please pray for traveling
mercies.**

Something Fresh in the Country



Last week I got to be Phil’s fill-in.

This landed me at a meeting of denominational leaders hosted by Jeromey Martini of Horizon College. The subject: RURAL CHURCH RENEWAL. The guests: Nathan Wesslake, Lead Pastor, and the ministry team, from Prairie Alliance Church (PAC) in Portage la Prairie, Manitoba. The story: their journey with the Holy Spirit these past number of years.

Following the Spirit, their church found themselves led to pray four prayers—prayers they continue to pray together regularly. One of those involved becoming a multi-site church focused on “rural hubs,” mid-sized prairie towns that function as centers serving a larger rural area. Five years ago, they began their first site in Neepwa (about an hour from Portage) and now have sites in Dauphin, MB and Dryden, ON, and they continue to discern where God may be leading next.

Their four prayers, along with seven core values, orient and unite the congregations. Also key in bringing them together has been a shared four-week rhythm for their gatherings. Based on the description of Christians in Acts 17:6 as those who had “turned the world upside down,” PAC sites together follow a monthly cycle of “Up” (relationship with God), “Side” (relationships with one another), “Down” (serving others), and “Party” (fellowship). This, together with the use of video-streamed sermons (every other week) and shared stories and testimonies, brings cohesion and a sense of belonging despite the hundreds of kilometres that separate the sites.

Each site has a campus pastor who serves as a PAC staff member. A centralized board and church budget help to ease the burden many smaller rural churches face. Strategic investments from the Christian and Missionary Alliance district have also played a role in supporting PAC through this time of structural and missional change.

It’s a new way of thinking about rural church ministry—an approach that is helping to bring fresh life, energy and sustainability for the church beyond our larger urban centers. The PAC ministry team expressed a keen interest in being a resource for other churches across the prairies. I encourage you to check out Prairie Alliance Church on the web and social media. Hearing their experience has challenged me as a leader in a rural church. What fresh winds might be blowing, Lord?

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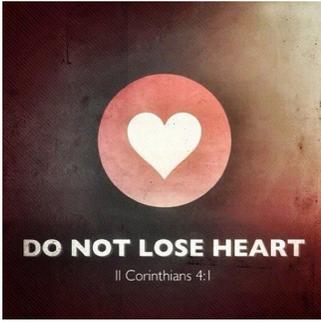
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Supporting SKMB Churches and Camps in Making Disciples



ASSEMBLY 2022

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF M.B. CHURCHES
MARCH 12, 2022 (ZOOM EVENT)

Guest Speaker: Ken Esau, Professor, Columbia College
Interim Director, National Faith & Life Team

Agenda: [Click here](#)

We are hard pressed on every side by troubles, but we are not crushed. We are perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but never abandoned by God. We are struck down, but not destroyed.

2 Corinthians 4

“Therefore, we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.”

2 Corinthians 4:16-18

A Word From The DM

Hello SKMB Family,

We are good news people in bad news times! I don't need to editorialize the goings-on all across Canada when it comes to protests, counter protests, finger-pointing and 'giving of the finger'. It's all so sad, frankly. We are seeing before us fallen human beings in a corrupt culture playing out base instincts. As followers of Jesus we should be weeping for the lostness of Canada.

That being said, as good news (Gospel) people, we have before us both an incredible opportunity:

- **LIVE** as the redeemed new creations we are to be as followers of Jesus (John 3:16; Matthew 22:37ff).
- **PRAY** for Canada and its leaders – nationally, provincially and in our municipalities (2 Timothy 2:1-3).
- **SHARE** the peace, joy and hope of the Gospel and make disciples (Matthew 28:19ff).

Hymn: Make Me A Blessing

Brenda Kirkland

*Out in the highways and byways of life,
Many are weary and sad;
Carry the sunshine where darkness is rife
Making the sorrowing glad.
Make me a blessing,
Make me a blessing,
Out of my life
May Jesus shine;
Make me a blessing, O savior, I pray,
Make me a blessing to someone today.*



A Horizon College & Seminary - SKMB course:
May 9-13.

Rick Schellenberg is the lead instructor. SKMB is again planning to cover the AUDIT course cost for the first ten SKMB credentialed leaders or church/camp moderators/lead team chairs who contact me by April 11th.

[CLICK HERE](#) for more information.

Ministry
Resource
Toolbox

SKMB Virtual Café



VIRTUAL CAFE
[February 2022 - Ministry Resource Toolbox](#)



**5 FAULTY
ASSUMPTIONS ABOUT
THE FUTURE CHURCH**

By Carey Nieuwhof