

“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director’s Calendar

July

- 17 – Northwest Community Church (Meadow Lake)
- 24 – Hepburn MB church
- 31 – West Portal Church (Saskatoon)

August

- 7 – TBA
- 14 – TBA
- 21 – TBA
- 27 – Christian Fellowship Church 50th anniversary
- 28 – Glenbush MB Church

September

- 4 – Glenbush MB Church
- 11 – Grace Community Church (Herbert)
- 12 – October 2 - Vacation

Please pray for traveling mercies.

Global Advance Project A Modern-day Apostolic Journey – Part 1



Names of individuals are sown into the fabric of the apostle Paul’s letters. He personally knew the leaders, stayed at their homes and ate meals with them. He could connect people and

give personal endorsements because he had spent weeks, months, sometimes years together with them. Paul knew these men and women intimately.

Athanase Chiruzza began his journey to Saskatchewan as a refugee from Congo. While seeking safety for his family in Africa, he planted churches within African diaspora communities wherever he found himself. He was soon became a pastor to pastors, supporting leaders in these church plants, many of whom he ordained. Some of these pastors are now scattered throughout the world, pastoring diaspora churches in places such as Australia, Europe, and the United States. Others still live in Africa. But regardless of location, his personal connection to these leaders after years of mentoring remains strong. They see him as an apostolic leader, and he knows them at a uniquely personal level, in particular, through the common struggles and hardships of being displaced peoples.

Athanase met both Revis and Safari while all three men were refugees in Africa. When he first met Athanase, Revis was a refugee from Burundi pastoring a diaspora church in South Africa. Eventually, Revis was invited to live in the United States and now makes his home in Georgia. Safari, originally from the Congo, met Athanase in Zambia and was later ordained by him. When Athanase learned that Safari would also be moving to Georgia, he connected the two pastors who quickly became friends.

Revis and Safari invited Athanase to preach and encourage their congregations. Upon arriving in Atlanta, June 24th, Athanase spoke at a conference there about church unity, using John 17: 20-25, Jesus’s prayer

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for the church, as his text. Sunday, June 26, he preached at Safari's church from Hebrews 12, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith. All these services were held in the heart language of the congregations attending.

Traveling with Safari and Revis to Alabama, and after visiting churches along the way, Athanase then spoke at the Evangelical Conference and Dedication Ceremony of Revis's new church building. The conference in Alabama ran over the July long weekend. Next, he is off to Kentucky to preach at another conference (part 2).

Athanase's heart is for unity within God's church, being one in Spirit. He believes this happens as we spend time together and get to know each other. In November, it is his hope that Canadians from SKMB churches will go with him to Africa to meet fellow believers so that true, shared Christian fellowship and communion can take root and grow. If you are interested in joining this team or are looking for more information, please contact Phil Gunther.

If you would like to partner with Athanase as he supports leaders in diaspora churches around the globe, donations can be made through Multiply.

[Click Here](#) to read Global Gospel Advance proposal: Africa and African Diaspora Ministries



2022-2023 Leader's Collective dates & content

October 28-30, 2022 (Multi-day Intensive at Redberry)

- *Personal Development*-clarifying our identity through God's interaction in our story
- *Spiritual Formation*-spiritual disciplines and listening prayer
- *Mennonite Brethren Relevance*-MB's among differing worldviews

January 28, 2023 (Online workshop)

- *Skill Development*-leadership & organizational health and facilitation skills

March 4, 2023 (Online workshop)

- *Skill Development*-leadership & conflict and outcomes based planning

April 28-30, 2023 (Multi-day Intensive TBD)

- *Personal Development*-clarifying identity through Enneagram
- *Spiritual Formation*-discipleship principles
- *Mennonite Brethren Relevance*-MB Confession of Faith panel

This is a developmental program for young adults (older than 20), who are engaged with their churches, looking for a community learning environment and value being mentored by someone from their local church. Cost is \$600 shared three ways by the individual, their church or organization and SKMB.

<https://skmb.ca/leaders-collective/>

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Celebrate!

Pastor/Leader & Spouse Retreat
October 17-20, 2022 • Banff, Alberta

A time for Fellowship, Worship, Recreation, Testimony and Rest
The place you want to be!

Life Hikes:
Celebrating on the Peaks And in the Valleys
Trailhead • Crux • High Point • Base Camp

"For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven...
A time to cry and a time to laugh. A time to grieve and a time to dance."
Ecclesiastes 3:1,4

VIRTUAL CAFE

Each month we will be sharing ten resources – articles, webpages, books, etc. – that you can take advantage of to resource your ministry. [Click Here](#) to read the resources for July and August.

SKMB Virtual Cafe

5 Reasons You Still Feel Disoriented, Dissatisfied, and Depleted (The Challenge of Crisis Leadership)

By Carey Nieuwhof