

“On Mission Together”

Saskatchewan Conference of MB Churches

Director’s Calendar

July

31 – Northwest Community Church (Meadow Lake)

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 – 25 - Vacation

26 – 30 – CCMBC Mtgs. (BC)

October

3 – 9 Vacation

17 – 20 – Pastor & Spouse Retreat
(Banff)

Please pray for traveling mercies.

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Global Advance Project A Modern-day Apostolic Journey – Part 2



When considering the ministry of the apostle Paul, one can quickly see the value in multiple forms of media. Letters and personal visits connected him with fellow believers. And infused throughout

was an intensely beautiful sensitivity to the Holy Spirit.

Part 1 of ‘A Modern-day Apostolic Journey’ related the first half of Athanase Chiruzas’s trip to the United States focused on his past personal mentorships with pastors of diaspora communities in Africa which continue to thrive as these refugees make their homes in new countries. The second half of Athanase’s trip involved a conference comprised of a zoom-created community.

In 2020, when the pandemic hit, some African pastors from diaspora communities began meeting by zoom in response to Covid-induced isolation. Often hosted by Athanase from his office at Parliament Community Church, Regina, pastors and lay people tuned in from around the globe, including Australia, U.S.A., Europe, Africa and Canada. Throughout peak Covid times, when in-person gatherings were discouraged worldwide, they met seven days a week for prayer, worship, testimony and teaching. Routinely, these virtual get-togethers ranged from between seventy to one hundred zoom connections.

The Kentucky based conference, which took place at the beginning of this month, purposed to bring together people who previously had only known each other via screens. In our western culture, conferences are synonymous with preaching and teaching. Although Athanase was one of the speakers, he was most excited about meeting with people passionate to pray.

It started Friday evening with prayers at the church. Saturday, after leaving the church at 11:00 p.m., they went to the home where they were staying to continue to intercede with those wanting prayer, praying till four in the morning. Many received the Lord Jesus, and others restored their faith and were encouraged to remain in the Lord. Following Sunday’s afternoon

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services, leaders were invited for a meal with a family in which the husband had turned from God. In Athanase's own words, "but when we went there for supper it was his time to repent with tears."

Originally, Athanase was only to be at the Kentucky conference until Saturday afternoon, flying to South Carolina that evening. However, after a flight delay and eventual cancellation, he returned to the conference. When he saw what happened Saturday night and Sunday, he recognized that it was God's wonderful doing; it wasn't His Will for Athanase to go to South Carolina at that time.

Sensitivity to the Holy Spirit, a fervour and zeal for prayer...what does God long for us to learn through our refugee brothers and sisters in Christ?

Here in Saskatchewan, Athanase is a treasured resource, encouraging and spurring us on to passionately seek after God, and leading through example how to engage with and care for diaspora peoples settling within our province.

If you would like to connect with Athanase, please let Rev. Phil Gunther know. To financially partner with Athanase as he raises up missional disciple-making leaders, donations can be made through Multiply (Give/Projects/Athanase Chiruzo). ([Multiply Link](#))

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

[Click Here](#) to read "Global Advance Project - a Modern Day Apostolic Journey - Part 1"



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/>

The poster features a scenic background of mountains and trees. At the top left is the SKMB logo with the text 'Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches' and 'SKMB SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES'. The main title 'Celebrate!' is in a large, elegant script. Below it, the text reads 'Pastor/Leader & Spouse Retreat October 17-20, 2022 • Banff, Alberta'. Further down, it says 'A time for Fellowship, Worship, Recreation, Testimony and Rest The place you want to be!'. On the right, it lists 'Life Hikes: Celebrating on the Peaks And in the Valleys Trailhead • Crux • High Point • Base Camp'. At the bottom, a quote from Ecclesiastes 3:1,4 is displayed: '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.' The background image shows two people with backpacks standing on a trail, looking out at the mountains.

VIRTUAL CAFE

Ministry Resource Toolbox

SKMB Virtual Café



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.

Is It Time to Quit Ministry? How to Tell If Your Time As a Pastor is Over.

By Carey Nieuwhof