

DUSTING OFF THE BIBLE FOR THE 21ST CENTURY



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A close-up photograph of the front cover of an antique Bible. The cover is made of dark brown, heavily worn leather with a cracked and scuffed texture. The words "Holy Bible" are embossed in a gold, Gothic-style font. The Bible is resting on a light-colored, possibly white, surface.

Holy Bible

ASSEMBLY 2012
PROGRAM BOOK

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ACRONYMS

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary	AMBS	Mennonite Church British Columbia.....	MCBC
Being a Faithful Church	BFC	Mennonite Church Alberta.....	MCA
Canadian Mennonite University	CMU	Mennonite Church Saskatchewan	MC Sask
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Columbia Bible College	CBC	Mennonite Church Eastern Canada.....	MCEC
Faith and Life Committee.....	FLC	Sing the Journey.....	STJ
Hymnal Worship Book	HWB	Sing the Song.....	STS

WELCOME

On behalf of Mennonite Church Canada, the assembly planning team (Vic Thiessen, Megan Kamei, Coreena von Kampen) and the MCBC planning team (Garry Janzen, Janette Thiessen, Iris Leung & Charlotte Epp), I welcome you to the 2012 Assembly of Mennonite Church Canada. This year our assembly will be experimenting with a unique format, focusing on a study conference led by the Faith and Life Committee and including only one evening of business.

The theme for our study conference is "Dusting off the Bible for the 21st Century." At a time when many outside of the Mennonite church are looking to the Anabaptist expression of faith for ways to make Christianity relevant in the 21st century, it is critical that we reinvigorate our reading and interpretation of scripture. With the guidance and insights of keynote speakers, Gerald Gerbrandt, Tom Yoder Neufeld, and Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, and humourist, Ted Swartz, I hope we can learn to read the Bible with fresh eyes for our time and discover a new delight in scripture.

Our study conference includes two sessions on the Being a Faithful Church process during which we will reflect together on how we understand scripture. This exercise will guide us in our ongoing discernment process.

Worship, Bible studies, dramatic comedy presentations, discernment sessions, workshops, meals, refreshments, and opportunities for fellowship await you.

In addition to our coming together, this assembly also offers you a prayer room to become quiet and ground yourself in God.

Next door to the prayer room, you will find the art space and the residential healing pole project. The art space displays various kinds of scripture-based artworks submitted by artists from across the country. The residential healing pole project is where you will have an opportunity to carve the healing pole and have conversation with the indigenous artist, Isadore Charters.

We hope and pray that God's healing and hope will flow through us to the world as we work together to explore the relevance of scripture for a troubled world. Many staff and volunteers have worked hard to prepare for these days together as a gathered national church. I trust your assembly experience will be a rich one.

Vic Thiessen
Chief Administrative Officer

ASSEMBLY PLANNERS

Mennonite Church Canada Staff Leadership

Name of Staff	Program Area	Area of involvement
Bergen, Lois	Formation	On site payments, delegate certificates
Dirks, Ray	Formation	Art space exhibit
Dyck, Dan	Communications	Communications, direction, promotion, assembly document editor, daily news sheet editor, photographer
Bergen, Lois	Formation	On site payments, delegate certificates
Froese, Deb	Communications	Feature writer, daily news sheet coordinator, editor, photographer
Kamei, Megan	Communications, Events Coordinator	Document design, administration, promotion and marketing
Klassen, Grant	Communications	Multi-media assistance, web editor
Martens Zimmerly, Karen	Formation	Theme, workshop, worship planning
Plett, Leanne	Operations	Assembly document proofreader and data entry
Redekop, Alf	Formation	Van driver, multi-media assistance
Rempel, Elsie	Formation	Prayer room
Roth Bartel, Ryan	Communications	Document design, photographer
Thiessen, Vic	Administration	Budget preparation, venue, general oversight of planning, logistics
von Kampen, Coreena	Lead Assembly Planner	Logistics, planning coordination, registration management

MCBC leadership team

Garry Janzen - Executive Director, MCBC
Janette Thiessen - Administrative Assistant, MCBC
Charlotte Epp - Co-chair of Local Hosting Committee
Iris Leung - Co-chair of Local Hosting Committee

Volunteer sub-committee coordinators

Charlotte Epp, setup/teardown, information desk, meals, Friday night special event
Iris Leung, Treasurer, setup/teardown, transportation/parking, workshops, young adult beach party, childcare, airport greeting
Janette Thiessen, Treasurer, setup/teardown, registration/payments
John & Frieda Sawatzky, billeting
Lois Bergen, registration/payments
Ed Enns, ushering
George Goertzen, ushering

Worship Committee

Karen Martens Zimmerly
Tim Froese
Tim Kuepfer
Gina Hong
Young Yi

Faith and Life Committee (FLC)

Rudy Baergen
Betty Pries
Arnold Neufeldt-Fast
Doug Klassen
Sharon Schultz
Karen Martens Zimmerly

List of exhibitors

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary
 Camp Squeah
 Canadian Mennonite Magazine
 Canadian Mennonite University
 Christian Peacemaker Teams
 Columbia Bible College
 Conscience Canada
 MAX Canada Insurance & Mutual Aid Ministries
 MennoMedia
 Mennonite Central Committee
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 Mennonite Foundation of Canada
 Mennonite Men
 Mennonite Women Canada
 Mennonite World Conference
 New Creations Online Ministries
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THANK YOU

On behalf of Mennonite Church Canada, with all its 225-plus congregations, I thank you for all the hours of service you have graciously given to make Assembly 2012 possible. Some of your work has been exciting and creative, but some has been spent on mundane tasks. All of the work was necessary in order to provide an opportunity for the participants of this year's assembly to conduct the business of the church and build up and nurture the vocation of the church by worshiping, discerning and learning together.

There are many more people who have played a significant role in preparing this assembly for you – both staff and volunteers from Mennonite Church British Columbia. Even though your name may not be listed, we are grateful to you.

And finally, it is a blessed opportunity for a national church to learn and discern, worship, sing, pray, and fellowship together. Thank you to each one who attended.

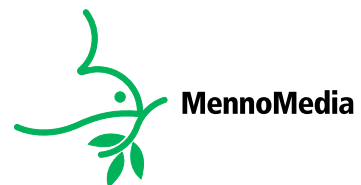
THANK YOU and GOD BLESS

Vic Thiessen, on behalf of all the planners
Chief Administrative Officer
Mennonite Church Canada

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GENERAL INFORMATION

TIPS FOR A GOOD EXPERIENCE

Keep this program book with you. It has schedules, maps, worship outlines and other good things to guide you through your time at the assembly. A daily news sheet will also be available in ecologically-friendly hard copy quantities (please share) and online to help you report back to your congregations (www.mennonitechurch.ca/vancouver2012).

If you're lost and confused, need first aid, or you are just looking for a friendly face, visit the information desk in the registration area or talk to a volunteer in a green vest.

Take this opportunity to get to know your sisters and brothers from other congregations, learn the names of the people around you in the coffee break line-up, or make some new friends over lunch. We hope you leave with many new and renewed friendships!

In case of an off-site emergency, you can be contacted at the hotel at **1-604-273-7878** during assembly hours. For on-site emergencies, go to the information desk.

Scent free policy: In recognition of individuals with asthma, allergies, and severe environmental and chemical sensitivities, we ask you to refrain from wearing fragrances and scented personal care products at the assembly. This includes perfumes, colognes, aftershave, and scented hair products. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated by those affected.

STUDY CONFERENCE

A study conference provides an opportunity for focused Biblical study, interpretation, and discernment at a more in-depth level than a Delegate Assembly. The goal of this study time is to encourage and strengthen our ability to engage the Bible as the life-giving foundation for the church. We will faithfully respond to the challenges of living in the 21st century through:

- Worship that delights in scripture
- Speakers who invite us to read scripture with fresh eyes for the context in which we live
- Workshops that invite participants to engage the Biblical text and wrestle with it
- Engaging scripture through prayer and art

WORSHIP

Worship at Assembly 2012 will be a multi-cultural experience where we will delight and bring praise to God through a diversity of songs and scriptural texts in order to explore the themes of Reading our time, Authority for our time, Wisdom for our time and Hope for our time. Saturday evening and Sunday morning will include receiving an offering for two areas of ministry with Mennonite Church Canada. Sunday morning will conclude with a celebration of communion.

PRAYER ROOM

The Prayer room offers participants a time and space to become quiet, ground themselves in God and settle into an awareness of God with us. Elsie Rempel will receive you for a time of guided prayer from 8:00 – 8:30 on Friday and Saturday morning. The prayer room will also offer resources to help you pray on your own. Arrangements will be made to meet for intercessory prayer if that is requested on a signup sheet located in the prayer room.

ART SPACE

Art is one way to enter into worship and revel in the beauty of God's creation. At Assembly 2012 there will be a mini art gallery where you can enjoy over 20 pieces of art based on scripture from artists across the country.

HEALING POLE

Throughout the assembly you are invited to carve on the Residential School Healing Pole with Isadore Charters, indigenous artist and elder. This will be an opportunity to hear some of Isadore's story and together with Don Klassen from Outreach Canada and co-ordinator of this project engage in conversation that can help us enter the path to healing, truth and trust with indigenous people.

MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA RESOURCE CENTRE

This highly requested service will again be available for all Assembly-goers. The Resource Centre will have items available for sale and also for loan. You will have ample opportunities to browse, borrow, and purchase Anabaptist resources rarely found in mainstream stores.

MENNOMEDIA BOOKSTORE

MennoMedia, the publishing ministry of Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA, will be selling its titles in the main hallway. Check out the latest and greatest, the popular and the rare.

FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL EVENT

Enjoy a delicious BBQ supper, an ice cream social, the band *Oh Village*, and multicultural presentations of music, fashion, drama, opera, and dance from MCBC's Indigenous, Hmong, Japanese, Karen, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, and Hispanic peoples. Doors open at 5:30 pm. Ticket required for entrance (must be purchased in advance). Located at Peace Mennonite Church, 11571 Daniels Road, Richmond.

YOUNG ADULT BEACH PARTY

Young Adults are invited to a late night Beach Party. Take a dip in the Pacific Ocean, watch the sunset, eat tasty snacks at a fire on the beach, and make new friends from across Canada. Sat July 14 2012, 9 pm at Garry Point Park, 12015 7th Ave, Richmond, BC. For those attending assembly, carpools will be arranged from the Sheraton.

GENERAL INFO CONT'D

GREENING OUR GATHERINGS

Each year we strive to improve on our efforts to make assembly as "green" as possible. This year we have eliminated the use of disposable cups and dishes altogether. Be judicious with your use of water. Turn off the lights when you leave a room.

The Sheraton Vancouver Airport Hotel is a 4 key green hotel, which means it takes environmental friendliness very seriously. Check out the following website to see a list of all of their environmentally-friendly practices: www.sheratonvancouverairport.com/green-key.

MEALS

All meals will be served in the Minoru ballroom for those who have pre-purchased meal tickets.

There are also many options for anyone who does not have meal tickets. See page 21 for local restaurants.

BOOK LAUNCH

Please Pass The Faith: The Art Of Spiritual Grandparenting

By 2030, almost one-third of North Americans will be over age 65. How will this affect the church? Author Elsie Rempel believes that the swelling ranks of new seniors represent a huge spiritual resource. In *Please Pass the Faith* she draws from real life and from Christian formation experts.

Come join Elsie Rempel for the launch of her new book, *Please Pass the Faith: The art of spiritual grandparenting* at the MennoMedia table located in the main hallways at 12:00 pm on Friday and Saturday.

SPECIAL MEALS

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary Alumni and Friends Lunch

Friday, July 13th, 12:00 p.m.-1:30p.m. *Elmbridge room*

AMBS invites alumni and friends to gather for fellowship and the latest news from the Seminary. Select faculty and administrative staff will be in attendance, eager to engage your questions. Pre-purchased tickets required for entry.

Friday Evening Special Event

Friday, July 13th, 5:30 p.m.-9:00 p.m. *Peace Mennonite Church*

On Friday evening we will be hosted by MCBC for a special meal where MCBC congregations and Mennonites from across Canada can meet and mingle. Afterwards, sit back and enjoy some local entertainment. Pre-purchased tickets required for entry.

Canadian Mennonite University Alumni and Friends Luncheon

Saturday, July 14th, 12:00 p.m.-1:30 p.m. *Cedarbridge room*

CMU's approach to university is based on the belief that learning is active, that belonging to community is vital, that following God's way makes a difference, and that peace and justice are able to be realized. Reconnect with the CMU community of staff, alumni, and friends over lunch. Pre-purchased tickets required for entry.

Mennonite Women Canada 60th Anniversary Lunch

Saturday, July 14th, 12:00 p.m.-3:00 p.m. *Elmbridge room*

Come and celebrate with Mennonite Women Canada – 60 years of ministry. Enjoy a time of fellowship, fun and food with women from across Canada. Pre-purchased tickets required for entry.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS

PARKING

Those attendees staying in the hotel must give their license plate number when they check in to get free parking. Day guests can purchase a parking pass from the hotel for \$18 per day if there are spots available. Parking is on a first-come-first-served basis.

INTERNET

Internet is available for a daily rate. See hotel front desk for details.

CHECK-IN & CHECK-OUT

Check-in to the hotel is available after 3 pm. If you arrive before 3:00 and have a vehicle you will need to give your license plate to the hotel front desk upon arrival. The Hotel check-out time is 11:00 am; however, for guests checking out Sunday, July 15th, late hotel check-out time is at 12:00 pm.

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SPEAKERS

Gerald Gerbrandt: Plenary Speaker

President of Canadian Mennonite University



Gerald expected to study mathematics or the natural sciences when he went to Canadian Mennonite Bible College but instead was drawn to Bible and Theology. He furthered his studies at Bethel College in Kansas, Mennonite Biblical Seminary in Elkhart, Indiana and, received his Ph. D. in Bible from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond,

Virginia. Gerald has served God's church through numerous roles at CMBC/CMU, including 6 years as president of CMBC and since 2003, as president of CMU.

Gerald and Esther have three children, are members at Bethel Mennonite in Winnipeg and enjoy following as many athletic teams as possible.

Tom Yoder Neufeld: Plenary Speaker

Professor of Religious Studies and Peace and Conflict Studies at Conrad Grebel University College



Tom Yoder Neufeld is Professor of Religious Studies (New Testament) at CGUC at the University of Waterloo where he has taught since 1983. He grew up in a missionary family that spent many years in German-speaking Europe. Tom attended both Fresno Pacific and Mennonite Brethren Bible College and eventually went to Harvard Divinity School, earning a

Master of Divinity in 1973, and a Doctor of Theology in New Testament in 1989.

Tom is married to Rebecca and they have a daughter and married son. Tom enjoys the arts, in particular singing, painting, writing, preaching, and teaching – not necessarily in that order. Tom is active in the First Mennonite Church in Kitchener.

Sheila Klassen-Wiebe: Bible Study Presenter

Associate professor of New Testament, Canadian Mennonite University



Sheila began teaching at CMBC (later CMU) in 1993 and before this taught at Elim Bible Institute in Altona, Manitoba and at Swift Current Bible School in Saskatchewan. She is a graduate of CMBC, the University of Manitoba, a Master of Divinity graduate from Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminaries, and has a Ph.D. from Union

Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA, where her dissertation focused on discipleship in the Gospel of Luke.

Sheila is married to Vern and they have three wonderful daughters. She is an active member at Charleswood Mennonite Church. In her leisure time she enjoys jogging, reading novels, gardening, baking decadent desserts, and spending time with her family.

Ted Swartz: Humourist

Actor and director who will help us delight in scripture through humour



Ted Swartz is a writer and actor who blends poignancy and humour with the biblical story. Ted has an uncanny ability to bring archaic biblical characters to life in a way that helps anyone identify with people who were at one time only names in a big book. It's through this portrayal of these lifelike characters that comedy

emerges and audiences see God's story in a whole new light.

Ted is owner and artistic director of Ted and Company Theaterworks, a professional touring company based in Harrisonburg, Virginia. Along with writing and acting, his loves include his wife, Sue, three sons, three daughters-in-law, and the newest addition, a granddaughter.

Ted has been commissioned to create two videos for this study assembly.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

3:00 pm Hotel check-in

3:45 pm Registration opens

6:00 pm Business Session

Minoru Ballroom

6:00 pm Gathering

6:15 pm Welcome

6:40 pm Worship

7:00 pm Opening Business

7:47 pm Financial Matters

8:30 pm Ministry Reports

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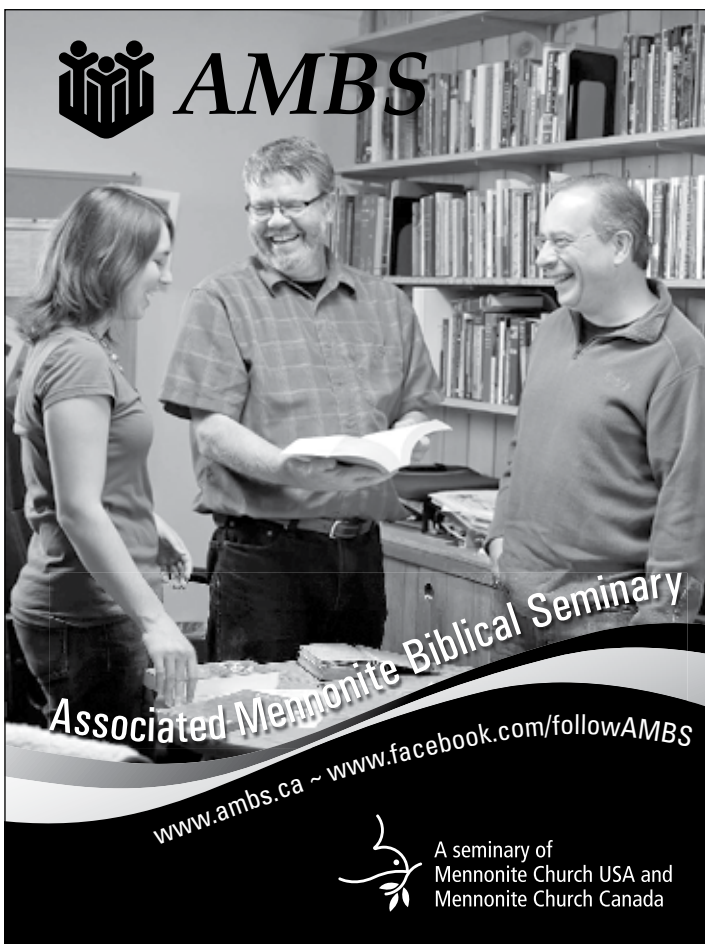
CBC

MennoMedia

Closing Prayer

9:30 pm Adjournment

9:15 pm Young Adult Meet and Greet (*Starbucks*)



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FRIDAY, JULY 13

6:30 am Prayer room open. Closed at 5:30 pm
(*Westminster Salon 2*)

6:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Morning prayers - optional (*prayer room*)

8:30 am Transition time

9:00-9:45 am Morning Worship

Minoru Ballroom (music to be distributed)

Theme: Reading our time

Gathering

Visual Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Singing

- *United* (worship book handout)
- *God of the Bible* STJ #27
- *Ancient Words* (worship book handout)

Receiving God's Word

Worship Leader: This is God's Word and it can be trusted.

People: Our ears are open.

Scripture: 2 Kings 22 and 23 (*Cleanliness is next to ...*)

Prayer of Confession

Testimony

Singing

- *Jesus loves me* HWB #341

Blessing

Prayer for the Day

Song of Blessing

- *Use us, Lord, as we go* (worship book handout)

Benediction

Worship Service Participants

Media Presentation: Jane-Ellen
Grunau, Langley Mennonite
Fellowship, Langley

Worship leaders: Irma Fast Dueck,
CMU/Bethel Mennonite, Winnipeg;
Joon Park, Emmanuel Mennonite
Church, Abbotsford

Song Leader: Tim Froese, guitar,
Sherbrooke Mennonite Church,
Vancouver

Musicians: Young Yi, piano,
Sherbrooke Korean Mennonite
Fellowship, Vancouver; Gina Hong,
vocals, Sherbrooke Korean Mennonite
Fellowship, Vancouver; Jessica Huen,
vocals, Peace Chinese Mennonite
Church, Richmond; Greg Mah, guitar,
Vancouver Chinese Mennonite
Church; Jorge Aldana, drums, First
United Spanish Mennonite Church,
Vancouver

Script for Scripture Presentation: Ken
Hawkley, AMBS

Testimony: Joon Park

9:45 am Plenary Speaker: Gerald Gerbrandt, recently retired president of CMU

10:30 am Residential school healing pole project is open. Closes at 5:00 pm (*Westminster Salon 1*)

10:30 am Break

11:00 am Commissioned video on the Josiah story by humourist, Ted Swartz

Bible study on 2 Kings 22 and 23 with Sheila Klassen-Wiebe, associate professor at CMU

11:50 am Announcements

12:00 pm Art space opens. Closed at 5:30 pm (*Westminster Salon 3*)

12:00 pm Lunch

Special Meal: AMBS Alumni and Friends lunch (*Elmbridge*) AMBS meal tickets required

Note: Buffet served in Elmbridge

1:30 pm Workshop 1

- "And the Lord smote them:" Problem texts in the Old Testament (*Stevenson B*)
- What if we read scripture like the Ancients? (*Richmond A*)
- Extending the work of Jesus through discernment in the 21st Century (*Stevenson C*)
- Reading Scripture in a context of poverty and violence (*Stevenson F*)
- Take the scroll and eat it: Feeding on scripture in worship (*Stevenson E*)
- Exploring diverse voices in scripture (*Stevenson D*)
- What about the hard texts? Is the Bible a children's book? (*Richmond C*)
- Teaching others to love scripture (*Richmond D*)
- Reading scripture, listening for the Holy Spirit (*Richmond E*)
- Getting the "Big Picture" (*Richmond F*)
- Dwelling in the word (*Richmond G*)
- Word on the street
(1:30 p.m.-3:45 p.m. off site. Meet in main lobby)

2:30 pm Transition to next workshop

2:45 pm Workshop 2

- How the Bible came to be (*Stevenson B*)
- From the Prince of Egypt to Batman: Can film illuminate Scripture? (*Richmond A*)
- Wearing missional glasses when reading scripture (*Stevenson D*)
- Three views of the atonement and why they matter (*Stevenson C*)
- Bowing the knees of our hearts: Praying the scripture (*Richmond C*)
- God's Word in my mouth (*Stevenson E*)
- Music and worship in a changing landscape (*Richmond D*)
- Why the Bible? (*Stevenson F*)
- The Bible: A place for women? (*Richmond G*)
- Sacred scripture in Invaded space: Reading text in a land without treaty (*Richmond F*)

3:45 pm Break

4:15 pm Being a Faithful Church dialogue

5:30 pm Friday Special Supper Event

meet in Minoru ballroom for shuttle (*Peace Mennonite Church*)

Enjoy multicultural entertainment after a wonderful BBQ supper. Ticket required for entrance.

Please remember to fill in your blue FLC survey (in your tote bag) and drop it off at the FLC corner located in the Minoru Ballroom.

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Who's in? on Facebook

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(*Westminster Salon 2*)

6:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Morning prayers - optional (*prayer room*)

8:30 am Transition time

9:00-9:45 am Morning Worship

Minoru Ballroom (music to be distributed)

Theme: Authority for our time

Gathering

Call to Worship

Opening Prayer

Singing

- *Open the eyes of my heart Lord* (worship book handout)
- *Nothing is lost on the breath of God* STS #121

Receiving God's Word

Scripture: Luke 24: 13-35 (*Breathless...*)

Prayer of Confession

Testimony

Singing

- *Amazing grace* HWB# 143
- *There is none like You* (worship book handout)

Blessing

Prayer for the Day

Song of Blessing

- *Be my guide* (worship book handout)

Benediction

Worship Service Participants

Worship leaders: May Wong, Peace Chinese Mennonite Church; Tim Kuepfer, Peace Mennonite Church, Richmond

Song leader: Greg Mah, Vancouver Chinese Mennonite Church

Musicians: (same as Friday worship)

Script for Scripture Presentation: Ken Hawkey, AMBS

Artists: Kevin McAlary and Laura Klassen, Peace Mennonite Church, Richmond; Testimony: Kevin Barkowsky, First Mennonite Church, Kelowna

9:45 am Plenary Speaker: Tom Yoder Neufeld, professor at CGUC

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Note: Pick up food in Minoru D and proceed to the Cedarbridge room.

Special Meal: Mennonite Women Canada 60th Anniversary Lunch (*Elmbridge*)

Note: Buffet served in Elmbridge

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2:30 pm Transition to next workshop

2:45 pm Workshop 4

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- What if we read scripture like the Ancients? (*Richmond A*)
- Scripture in exile (*Richmond F*)
- Wearing missional glasses when reading scripture (*Stevenson D*)
- Exploring diverse voices in scripture (*Stevenson C*)
- God's word in my mouth (*Stevenson E*)
- What about the hard texts?
Is the Bible a children's book? (*Richmond C*)
- Teaching others to love scripture (*Richmond D*)
- Why the Bible? (*Stevenson F*)
- Dwelling in the word (*Richmond G*)
- Meet the speaker (*Richmond E*)

3:45 pm Break

4:15 pm Being a Faithful Church dialogue

5:30 pm Supper on your own

Please remember to fill in your assembly evaluation (page 23 and 23 of this book) and drop it off at the information desk.

7:00 pm Evening Worship

Minoru Ballroom (music to be distributed)

Theme: Wisdom for our time

Gathering

- Call to Worship
- Opening Prayer
- Choir: *Sanctus* (Rupert Lang)
- Singing
 - *United* (worship book handout)
 - *Taste and see* STJ# 86
 - *Seek ye first* HWB# 324

Receiving God's Word

- Scripture: Matthew 23: 37-39 (*You will not see me again*)
- Singing
 - *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord* (worship book handout)
- Prayer of Confession
- Singing
 - *Oh Lord hear my prayer* HWB# 348
 - *Hope of the nations* (worship book handout)
- Response: Prodigal son opera
- Blessing
- Offering
- Prayer
- Choir: *I Want Jesus to walk with me* (Arr. by Rollo Dilworth)
- Singing
 - *The Lord lift you up* STJ #73
- Benediction

Worship Service Participants

- Worship leaders: Ken Wong, Peace Chinese Mennonite Church, Richmond; Heidi Epp, Peace Mennonite Church, Richmond
- Script for Scripture Presentation: Ken Hawkley, AMBS
- Choir: Vancouver area churches
- Song leader: Gina Hong, Sherbrooke Korean Mennonite Fellowship, Vancouver
- Response: Peace Chinese Mennonite Church, Richmond
- Choir Director: Heidi Epp
- Musicians: (same as Friday worship)

8:00 pm Video by humourist, Ted Swartz

Plenary speaker: Gerald Gerbrandt, recently retired president of CMU

9:00 pm Young Adult Beach Party
(*Garry Point Park, 12015 7th Ave, Richmond*)

Note: Those carpooling from the Sheraton Vancouver Airport hotel will meet in the main lobby.

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Everything you need to resource your congregation, and more, is available here:

www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre

1-866-888-6781

Free shipping on books, both ways.

SUNDAY, JULY 15

6:30 am Breakfast

8:00 am Free time
(Prayer room and arts space open. Closed at 9:30 am)

9:00am Transition time

9:30 am Morning Worship

Minoru Ballroom (music to be distributed)

Theme: Hope for our time

Gathering

Call to Worship
Opening Prayer
Singing

- *Praise God from whom* HWB #119
- *Little by little* (worship book handout)
- *United* (worship book handout)
- *Bind us together* (worship book handout)

Receiving God's Word

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:1-6 (*What letter are you?*)

Time of Confession

Testimony

Prayer

Speaker

Response

Blessing

Offering

Singing

- *Som'landela (We will follow)* STS #40

Communion

Commissioning

Sending Song

- *Use us, Lord, as we go* (worship book handout)

Benediction

Worship Service Participants

Worship leader: Karen Martens
Zimmerly, Mennonite Church Canada
Denominational Minister

Song leader: Young Yi, Sherbrooke
Korean Mennonite Fellowship,
Vancouver

Musicians: (same as Friday worship)

Script for Scripture Presentation: Ken
Hawkey, AMBS

Children's Choir director: Heidi Epp,
Peace Mennonite Church, Richmond

Testimony: Isadore Charters and Don
Klaassen, with the Residential School
Healing Pole Project

Speaker: Tom Yoder Neufeld, CGUC,
Waterloo

Offering musicians: Sherbrooke
Korean Mennonite Fellowship,
Vancouver

Communion: Nak Sun Kim,
Sherbrooke Korean Mennonite
Fellowship and Karen Martens
Zimmerly

Commissioning litany: Kristina Toews,
Eben-Ezer Mennonite, Abbotsford

Check-out time is 11:00 am; however, for guests checking out
Sunday, July 15th, late hotel check-out time is at 12:00 pm.

Offerings

Saturday evening offering

Support Bible translation ministry in Burkina Faso

The Saturday evening offering will support Bible translation ministry in Burkina Faso. Mennonite Church Canada Witness worker, Lillian Nicholson, works with local translators, the Evangelical Mennonite Church of Burkina Faso and the Wycliffe Bible Society to translate and distribute Bible materials in the Siamou language.

Please make cheques payable to Mennonite Church Canada for Burkina Faso translation ministry.

Sunday morning offering

Support Multi-cultural Leadership Training

Mennonite Church Canada ministry and leadership that welcomes the gifts and experience of leaders from various cultures. Since these pastors are often called to lead in diverse and non-conventional ministry settings, they experience unique needs for ongoing leadership training and growth. You are invited to give a generous gift to support accessible training and nurture our multi-cultural church leaders.

Please make cheques payable to Mennonite Church Canada for multi-cultural church leaders training.



WORKSHOPS

CATEGORY: **Biblical studies and Anabaptist perspectives**

And the Lord smote them:

Problem texts in the Old Testament (*Stevenson B*)

With: Safwat Marzouk, Assistant Professor of Old Testament, AMBS

How often have you read the book of Joshua? What authority does the Old Testament have for a church centred on the non-violent way of Jesus? We will look at some troubling Old Testament texts and their place within the Biblical canon.

Exploring diverse voices in scripture on the theme of wealth and poverty (*Stevenson D on Fri, C on Sat*)

With: Lydia Neufeld Harder, Pastor, Hagerman Mennonite Church

The Bible is made up of various kinds of literature, each contributing uniquely to a rich conversation around any theme. Using wealth and poverty as a case study we will explore and suggest what this means for engaging the Bible in our day.

Extending the work of Jesus through discernment in the 21st Century (*Stevenson C*)

With: Rudy Baergen*, Senior Pastor, Bethel Mennonite Church, Winnipeg

The Bible is our base for ethical discernment, but what do we do with issues of the 21st Century that were unheard of in Biblical times? This workshop will investigate the binding and loosing paradigm found in Matthew 18 as we continue the work of Jesus in addressing the ethical dilemmas of our time.

How the Bible came to be (*Stevenson B*)

With: Doug Klassen*, Pastor, Foothills Mennonite Church, Calgary

Conspiracy theory and mystery surround the origins of the Bible. Hollywood tells us that Constantine's bishops were ordered to select books that would reflect his political wishes. Is that true? Come and discover the events, circumstances, intent and goals behind the coming together of the book from which "the church drinks her faith" (Tertullian).

Take the scroll and eat it:

Feeding on scripture in worship (*Stevenson E*)

With: Irma Fast Dueck, Associate Professor of Practical Theology, CMU

When Jesus read the Bible in worship, the congregation decided to throw him off a cliff. Clearly scripture is not without its problems in worship. How do we allow scripture to animate our churches' worship? How do we enable worshippers to delight in scripture and be nourished by it?

Three views of the atonement and why they matter: A case study in reading and understanding scripture (*Stevenson C on Fri, D on Sat*)

With: April Yamasaki, Lead Pastor, Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Abbotsford

In some circles, the meaning of Jesus' death on the cross has been the subject of much debate. Why does this matter? And what might that debate have to say about the way we read and understand scripture when it comes to other matters?

What if we read scripture like the ancients?

(*Richmond A*)

With: Karl Koop, Director of Graduate Studies and Professor of History and Theology, CMU

There is a danger for both conservatives as well as liberals to interpret the Bible in modern ways. The approach of Early Christianity takes into account the dynamic interplay between spirit, community, and word and may be a more fruitful way of reading Scripture than a modern method as we attempt to address the theological and ethical issues of our time.

Wearing missional glasses when reading scripture (*Stevenson D*)

With: Bryan Born, Director of Intercultural Studies, CBC

Mennonite Church Canada's use of the term "missional" church is rooted in a new approach to scripture. Whereas many have developed biblical foundations for "missions," a missional reading is something else: it begins with the assumption that the Bible as a whole renders to us the story of God's mission, through God's people, in their engagement with God's world for the sake of the whole of God's creation (C.Wright). What is unique about a missional approach to scripture? How can it unlock the Bible's grand narrative?

*Member of Mennonite Church Canada's Faith and Life Committee.

WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

CATEGORY: Christian Fformation and worship

Bowing the knees of our hearts: Praying the scripture *(Richmond C)*

With: Ingrid Schultz, Pastor, First United Mennonite Church, Vancouver

As Anabaptists we believe that God continues to speak through the living and written Word. This workshop explores a devotional reading of Scripture and what it means to bow the knees of our heart as we read.

God's word in my mouth: Scripture presentation in worship *(Stevenson E)*

With: Ken Hawkey, Associate Director of Development, AMBS

God's word in scripture is dynamic, encouraging, troubling, challenging and holy. Come and explore how to make God's word live in new ways. Learn about new methods of presenting scripture and about all the subtle ways to bring the Bible to life. This will be a participatory workshop and you will leave with new tools and written scripts for various venues especially designed for this assembly. The workshop will cover scripture presentation for audiences of all ages.

Music and worship in a changing landscape *(Richmond D)*

With: Chad Miller, Associate Pastor, Foothills Mennonite Church

Using the backdrop of Mark 12:30, "... love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength," we will look at how our worship connects with each of these biblical themes. What role has our historic European Mennonite culture played in forming our current worship practices? How do we discern what type of worship will best engage our local congregation? How do we begin to broaden the table of what is including in our worship, included incorporating our Mennonite song writers past, present and future?

This seminar will invite you to begin a journey of discovering some new and deep ways to enhance our worship practices and animate us in joining God's mission of bringing healing and hope to the World.

Reading scripture in a context of poverty and violence *(Stevenson F)*

With: Valéria Alvarenga, Pastor, Lagoa Encantada Mennonite Church, Recife, Brazil

What does scripture say if read through the eyes of the poor and marginalized? How do we live and understand our faith amidst others different from us? Come and hear personal and biblical stories from a congregation in northeast Brazil.

Reading the scripture, listening for the Holy Spirit *(Richmond E)*

With: Betty Pries*

We read scripture not as an end in itself but to open our hearts and minds – our spirits – to the leading of God's Holy Spirit. This workshop will consider what it means to listen for God's leading and to discern the voice of God's Spirit, both personally and as church communities.

Teaching others to love scripture *(Richmond D)*

With: Lynn Bergsma Friesen, Religious Studies, Rockway Mennonite Collegiate

Inviting others to read and love the Bible can seem like a daunting task. Explore and experience a variety of creative ways to help others encounter the good news of God-With-Us.

What about the hard texts? Is the Bible a children's book? *(Richmond C)*

With: Rodney Wiebe, Adjunct Faculty, CBC

Abraham is willing to kill his son Isaac. Is it possible to read and teach Bible stories like these to children in a way that honours the Bible and honours the life stage of the child? Or should we share an edited Bible? These are some of the challenges we will explore.

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WORKSHOPS CONTINUED

CATEGORY: Reading scripture in the 21st century

The Bible: A place for women? *(Richmond G)*

With: Christina Reimer, Lecturer, St Jerome's University at the University of Waterloo.

Our experience is tied deeply to the way we read texts, especially scripture. Many women are sensitive to texts which seem to support their lived experience of hierarchy, and the disenfranchisement as women. Other biblical texts, however, seem to point to a redemptive, liberative future precisely for women. This workshop will explore the issues that arise when women "dust off the Bible."

Dwelling in the word *(Richmond G)*

With: Amy Gingerich, Director of Print Media, MennoMedia.

Come and hear about an emerging effort from MennoMedia to have congregations study the same set of texts and engage those texts through a variety of media. The goal is to foster dialogue across the church and across generations on key scriptures for Mennonites.

From The Prince of Egypt to Batman: Can film illuminate scripture? *(Richmond A)*

With: Vic Thiessen, Executive Minister, Church Engagement/CAO Mennonite Church Canada.

Using film clips and brief case studies, this seminar will explore and discuss: 1) whether and how films of Biblical events shed light on scripture; 2) how scriptural themes relate to cultural trends depicted in film; and 3) how films can provide a lens for viewing scripture in a fresh way.

Getting the "Big Picture" on how we read the Bible *(Richmond F)*

With: Gary Yamasaki, Professor of Biblical Studies, CBC.

Over the past 2000 years, Western thought has been through three major stages of development that continue to influence the church today. Each stage has its own particular values and beliefs. How we adhere to the values and beliefs of a stage can result in a radically different approach to a biblical passage than would adherence to the values and beliefs of another. Clips from the movie *Fiddler on the Roof* will be used for the purposes of illustration.

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Now what? - Meet the speakers *(Richmond E)*

Facilitated by: Sharon Shultz*, Pastor, Eyebrow Mennonite, Eyebrow.

You've listened. Hopefully you've been intrigued and inspired with what you've heard. Bring your questions, comments and thoughts and interact with our speakers, Tom Yoder Neufeld and Gerald Gerbrandt.

Scripture in exile *(Richmond F)*

With: Tim Froese, Executive Minister, Witness, Mennonite Church Canada.

How can scripture inform us during times of cultural, generational and congregational change? Come and explore readings, stories, and tools for engaging God's word in today's context.

Why the Bible? Young adults on the role and future of the Bible *(Stevenson F)*

Facilitated by: Arnold Neufeldt-Fast*, Associate Dean, Associate Professor of Theology, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto.

This workshop will hear from a panel of young adults on their experiences, affirmations, and open questions around the Bible. What role does the Bible play—informationally and formationally—in their own lives? What role do they think the Bible should play for the church which their generation is now shaping? What new social realities are informing this debate? A variety of experiences and perspectives will be represented, with time for dialogue.

Word on the street *(off site)*

With: Gareth Brandt, Professor of Practical Theology, CBC.

Gareth Brandt will take you on a journey of reading and reflecting on scripture in public places in and around the city of Vancouver. Participants should be prepared to be out doors, and for lots of walking. Bring some money for public transportation.

Note: Meet in the main lobby of the hotel.

WORKSHOPS CONT'D

Sacred scripture in invaded space:

Reading text in a land without treaty (*Richmond F*)

With: Dave Diewert, Theological Animator and Activist.

Christ calls us to follow him to the marginal spaces and bring good news to the poor and oppressed. How do we understand this invitation while living as settlers on indigenous lands that have never been ceded or treated, as is the case with most of British Columbia? Moreover, how can this dramatic yet largely 'unknown' social context both liberate our reading of text and transform our common discipleship?



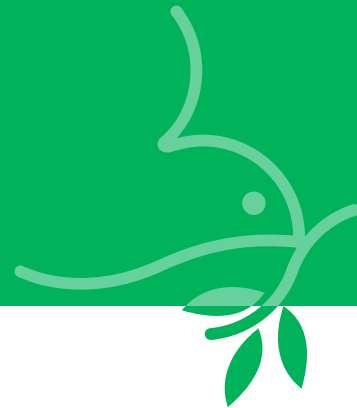
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How we read, interpret, and understand scripture is critical for our time. It is a housecleaning task that began long ago, continues to this day – and will continue into the future.

In Mennonite Church Canada, we began shooing away the dust bunnies in 2009 with the Being a Faithful Church (BFC) process. A portion of our time together at this assembly will be used

to continue the BFC process, in the context of a broader exploration on interpreting scripture for our time.

You can review and get caught up with the BFC process by downloading and reviewing the BFC papers from the link below. You can also request hard copy versions by calling Mennonite Church Canada's Resource Centre at 1-866-888-6781.

SCHEDULE

TIME	JULY 12 th Thursday	JULY 13 th Friday	JULY 14 th Saturday	JULY 15 th Sunday
6:30		Breakfast 6:30 am-8:00 am	Breakfast 6:30 am-8:00 am	Breakfast 6:30 am-8:00 am
8:00		Morning Prayers 8:00 am-8:30 am	Morning Prayers 8:00 am-8:30 am	Free time Don't forget to enjoy the art space and prayer room
8:30		Transition time 8:30 am-9:00 am	Transition time 8:30 am-9:00 am	
9:00		Worship 9:00 am-9:45 am	Worship 9:00 am-9:45 am	Transition time 9:00 am-9:30 am
9:30				
9:45		Plenary Speaker 9:45 am-10:30 am	Plenary Speaker 9:45 am-10:30 am	Worship 9:30 am-11:00 am
10:30		Break 10:30 am-11:00 am	Break 10:30 am-11:00 am	
11:00		Bible Study 11:00 am-11:50 am	Bible Study 11:00 am-11:50 am	Checkout 6:30 am-12:00 pm
11:50		Announcements 11:50 am-12:00 pm	Announcements 11:50 am-12:00 pm	Safe travel home and have a great summer!
12:00		Lunch 12:00 pm-1:30 pm	Lunch 12:00 pm-1:30 pm	
1:30		Workshop 1 1:30 pm-2:30 pm	Workshop 3 1:30 pm-2:30 pm	
2:30		Transition 2:30 pm-2:45 pm	Transition 2:30 pm-2:45 pm	
2:45		Workshop 2 2:45 pm-3:45 pm	Workshop 4 2:45 pm-3:45 pm	
3:45		Break 3:45 pm-4:15 pm	Break 3:45 pm-4:15 pm	
4:15	Registration 3:45 pm-6:00 pm	BFC Dialogue* 4:15 pm-5:30 pm	BFC Dialogue* 4:15 pm-5:30 pm	
5:30			Supper on your own 5:30 pm-7:00 pm	
6:00	Business 6:00 pm-9:30 pm	Special Supper Event hosted by MCBC 5:30 pm-9:30 pm	Worship 7:00 pm-8:30 pm	
7:00				
8:30				
9:00			Young Adult Beach Party 9:00 pm	
9:30				

The Art Space is open from 12:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. The Prayer Room is open from 6:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and 8:00 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. on Sunday. The Residential school healing pole project is open from 10:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

*BFC - Being a Faithful Church - continuing the process begun in 2009

INTRODUCING MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA WITNESS WORKERS OF 2012



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SERVE

Explore service opportunities on the Mennonite Church Canada website, www.mennonitechurch.ca/serve. Please contact Mennonite Church Canada Human Resources Director, Kirsten Schroeder at kschroeder@mennonitechurch.ca if you are interested in serving.

SUPPORT

Your financial support plays an important role in growing these ministries. Please contact Mennonite Church Canada to learn how you can develop a congregational partnership or share a gift with these ministries. Donate online at www.mennonitechurch.ca/give.

PRAY

Prayer support is so important and gratefully welcomed. To subscribe to the monthly PrayerNet and be informed of the many prayer requests that come across our desks from around the world, contact Deb Froese at dfroese@mennonitechurch.ca.



Palmer Becker – Special Assignment Worker

- February 20 – March 11, 2012: Palmer taught at Meserete Kristos College in Ethiopia and at Bethlehem Bible College in Israel.
- September 2012: Palmer's next Special Assignments will involve workshops in India. He will be teaching at the Bible College of Mennonite Church Vietnam in Ho Chi Min City.
- Home congregation: Waterloo North Mennonite Church, Waterloo, ON.



Christina & Darnell Barkman – Long Term Workers

sons *Cody & Makai*

- April 1, 2012 – June 30, 2015: Accepted an invitation to help lead a church planting ministry in Metro Manila. The Barkmans seek to develop a new church in Manila as an outreach of the Integrated Mennonite Churches (IMC) of the Philippines.
- Home congregation: Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Abbotsford, BC.



Taryn & Nathan Dirks – Long Term Workers

- July, 2012 – June, 2015: Nathan and Taryn will work together with African Independent Church (AIC) leaders and the Kgologano College Faculty Team at developing an AIC Centre in the city of Gaborone, Botswana. They will also teach Bible courses at the college and develop relationships with the local AIC congregations.
- Home congregations: Cornerstone Community Mennonite Brethren Church, Virgil, ON (Nathan). Grace Mennonite Church, St. Catharines, ON (Taryn).



Wendy Kroeker – Special Assignment Worker

- March 16 – April 1, 2012: Upon the invitation of Peacebuilders Community Inc. (PBCI), in Davao, Mindanao, Wendy led training sessions for Peace and Reconciliation leaders about indigenous conflict transformation processes.
- She is also an instructor of Conflict Transformation Studies at Canadian Mennonite University, Winnipeg, MB.
- Home congregation: Fort Gary Mennonite Fellowship, Winnipeg, MB.



Viola & Peter Labun – Short Term Workers

- August, 2012 – June, 2013: Peter and Viola will be serving through Mennonite Partners in China (MPC) teaching English as a foreign language at China West Teachers University in Nanchong, Sichuan.
- Home congregation: Jubilee Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, MB.

Confirmation of their Visa is pending at time of this printing.



Fanosie Legesse – Special Assignment Worker

- February 8 – 25, 2012 and May 26 – June 26, 2012: Fanosie engaged Christians and the local church through preaching and teaching Evangelism and Mission at Meserete Kristos Church.
- Home congregation: Bethel Mennonite Church, Elora, ON.



Michael & Cheryl Nimz – Long Term Workers

- Fall, 2012 – Fall, 2015: Michael and Cheryl have recently been accepted as Witness Workers upon the invitation of the Anabaptist Network in the United Kingdom.
- Home congregation: Bergthal Mennonite Church, Didsbury, AB.



Gregory Rabus & Jennifer Otto – Witness Long Term Workers

- July, 2012 – June, 2015: Jennifer and Gregory will be ministering in Germany in partnership with Verband deutscher Mennoniten-Gemeinden (VdM) and the Deutsches Mennonitisches Missions-Komitee (DMMK). Their ministry will promote and encourage models of congregational ministry that are contextual, sustainable and replicable.
- Home congregations: Steinmann Mennonite Church, Baden, ON (Jennifer). Montreal Mennonite Fellowship, Montreal, QC (Gregory).



Kaitlyn Wiebe – Intern

- April 23 – June 15, 2012: Kaitlyn taught English at Alvaro Obregon in Cuauhtemoc, Chihuahua, Mexico, helped children with learning disabilities and participated in the local congregation.
- Home congregation: Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon, SK.



Daniel Paetkau – Intern

- September, 2012: After three months of language learning in Guatemala, Daniel will be doing an internship in Asunción, Paraguay at Centro Evangélico Menonita del Teologia Asunción (CEMTA). He will be teaching music to children, as well as other duties as assigned by the seminary leaders.
- Home congregation: Jubilee Mennonite Church, Winnipeg, MB

LOCAL ATTRACTIONS & AMENITIES

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Gateway Theatre
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Steveston Museum
3811 Moncton St. • Tel. (604) 271-6868

At the Steveston Museum, visitors get an authentic taste of early 20th-century life in this historic fishing village in southwest Richmond. Hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 1:30 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Richmond's Summer Night Market
12361 Vulcan Way • Tel. (604) 278-8000

Attractions include Asian food vendors and retail stalls. Live music and dancing spice up the proceedings, from Asian dragon dances to Peruvian flutists. Some years, the Summer Night Market has up to 400 booths. It's considered a magnet for family fun in this community. Hours are 7 p.m. to midnight on Fridays and Saturdays, and 7 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Sundays.

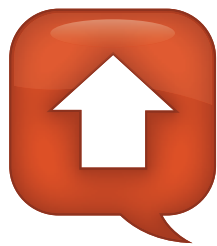
Gulf of Georgia Cannery
12138 Fourth Avenue, Steveston • Tel. (604) 664-9009

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery commemorates the history of the West Coast fishing industry. Exhibits, displays, artifacts and machinery, give visitors a sense of how the cannery must have looked and sounded during its years of operation. Guided tours allow visitors to experience the salmon canning line or to see some of the massive machinery, which was used in herring reduction. Other exhibits can be viewed in a self-guided tour.

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Richmond Museum
7700 Minoru Gate • Tel. 604-247-8300

Located in Minoru Park in the Richmond Cultural Centre, the Richmond Museum offers changing exhibits covering such aspects of local history as the Interurban tram line, archeological digs, cranberry farming, and the Scandinavian community at Finn Slough. Open from 9 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. from Monday to Friday, and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.



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Hours:	6:30 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.
Atmosphere:	Casual
Setting:	A la carte

Restaurants - Marriott Vancouver Airport Hotel

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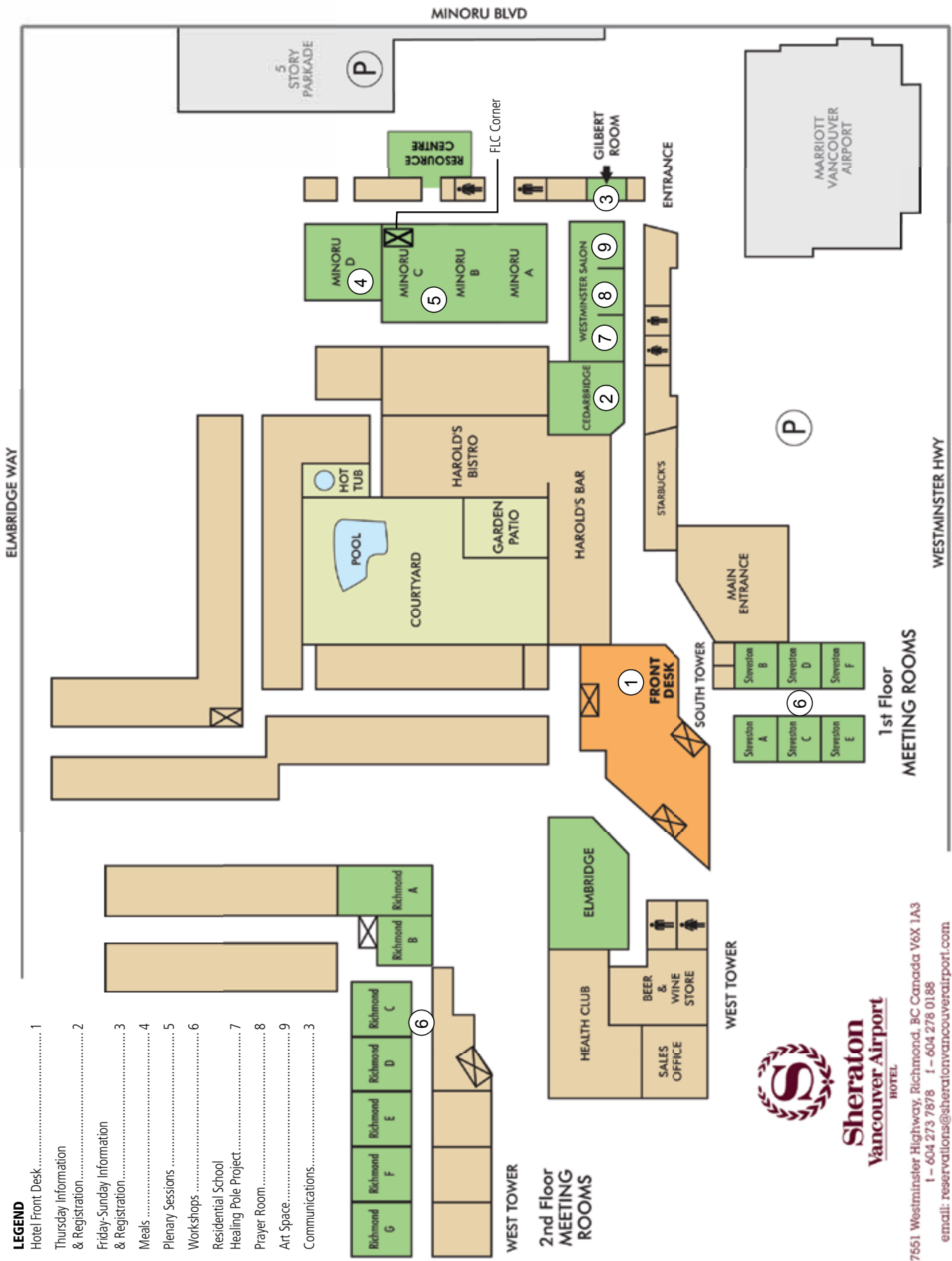
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Thai Express	(604) 270-8323
Vina Vietnamese	(604) 273-2475

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Chutneze	(604) 247-4707
McDonald's	(604) 718-1110
Pearl Castle	(604) 279-0177
Shi-Art Chinese Cuisine	(604) 279-8998
Tim Hortons	(604) 278-2845
White Spot	(604) 278-3911

Restaurants - Nearby

Name	Phone	Address	Cuisine
Sammy J Peppers	(604) 231-9512	5580 No. 3 Road	grill, pub food, seafood
The Pantry	(604) 214-0007	3051 St. Edwards Drive	Canadian (traditional)
Papi's Ristorante Italiano	(604) 275-8355	12251 No. 1 Rd	Italian
Earl's Lansdowne	(604) 303-9702	5300 No. 3 Rd Suite 304	Canadian (traditional)
White Spot Restaurant	(604) 273-3699	5880 No. 3 Rd	Canadian (traditional)
Taco Del Mar Sands Plaza	(604) 241-8811	11020 No. 5 Rd Unit 128	Mexican
Paesano's Fine Italian	(604) 214-1111	4800 No. 3 Rd Suite 133	Italian
Oasis Cafe	(604) 271-9119	3871 Moncton Street	cafe, dessert/ice cream

SHERATON AIRPORT HOTEL MAP



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EVALUATION FORM MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA ASSEMBLY 2012

Your comments are very helpful to evaluate the future of Mennonite Church Canada gatherings and to plan the next Mennonite Church Canada Assembly. **Please take a few moments to complete this form and return it to the Information Desk before you leave. Thank you!**

Name (optional): _____ email (optional): _____

I would like someone to follow up with me on my response to this survey.

Age Group of Respondent: under 18 18-30 31-40 41-60 over 60

Overall Evaluation of the assembly: Very Good Good Fair Poor

WORSHIP	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Worship leaders					
Worship music					
Speakers					
Use of visuals, rituals, etc.					
WORKSHOPS	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Relevance of topics					
Workshop presentations					
FACILITIES AND SERVICES	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
General location					
Bookstore					
Displays					
Prayer room					
Art space					
Residential school healing pole project					
Food services					
Transportation services					
Program book					
Daily news sheet					
DISCERNMENT AND REPORTING	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Report Book/ Discernment Guide					
Reporting (General Board, Councils, etc.)					
Program book					
Discussion times					
Balance of reporting and discussion					
FRIDAY NIGHT SPECIAL EVENT	Very Good	Good	Fair	Poor	Comments
Entertainment					
Food					
Facility					

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Evaluation Form Mennonite Church Canada Delegate Assembly 2012

A highlight of the assembly for me:

I liked the format: Yes No Not Sure

Additional Comments:

Suggestions for future gatherings:

Please tell us about yourself:

- I am a congregational delegate
- I am a Youth Ambassador
- I am an area church delegate.
- I am a staff person for Mennonite Church Canada or a related agency

Please tell us about your reasons for coming to the assembly (please check all that apply):

- It was important to me to participate in a national church gathering.
- My church asked me to attend (as a delegate or otherwise).
- The event sounded interesting to me.
- My staff or volunteer role required me to attend.
- Other – please describe:

Please tell us how often you have attended a church-wide gathering such as a Mennonite Church Canada Assembly:

- This is my first time.
- I have attended 1-5 gatherings.
- I have attended 5-10 gatherings.
- I have attended more than 10 gatherings.

If there would be a future joint Mennonite Church USA and Mennonite Church Canada gathering, as was the case in 2008, which factor would be most important to you in determining whether or not you would attend:

(Number your choices in order of priority: 1 = most important; 4 = least important)

___ Program (theme, speakers, seminar topics, etc.)

___ Location

___ Cost

___ Other – please describe: _____

Comments: _____

General Comments (please feel free to use additional paper):

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