



Jonas Cornelsen (l) and Peter C. Epp (r) are part of the Emerging Voices Initiative with 28 other young adults who gathered to discuss and discern the FDTF final report. Photo by Anna Goertzen Loepky.

## *Emerging voices, emerging conversation*

A group of young adults connected with Mennonite Church Canada congregations across the country are looking to the future with hope, possibility and commitment.

When the Future Directions Task Force (FDTF) presented their broad-strokes proposal for reshaping national and area church structures, this concerned group got together to shape a response.

In less than two months, the Emerging Voices Initiative (EVI) shaped a vision statement and a response to the FDTF final report that continues to spark conversation on their blog at <https://emergingvoiceonline.wordpress.com/>

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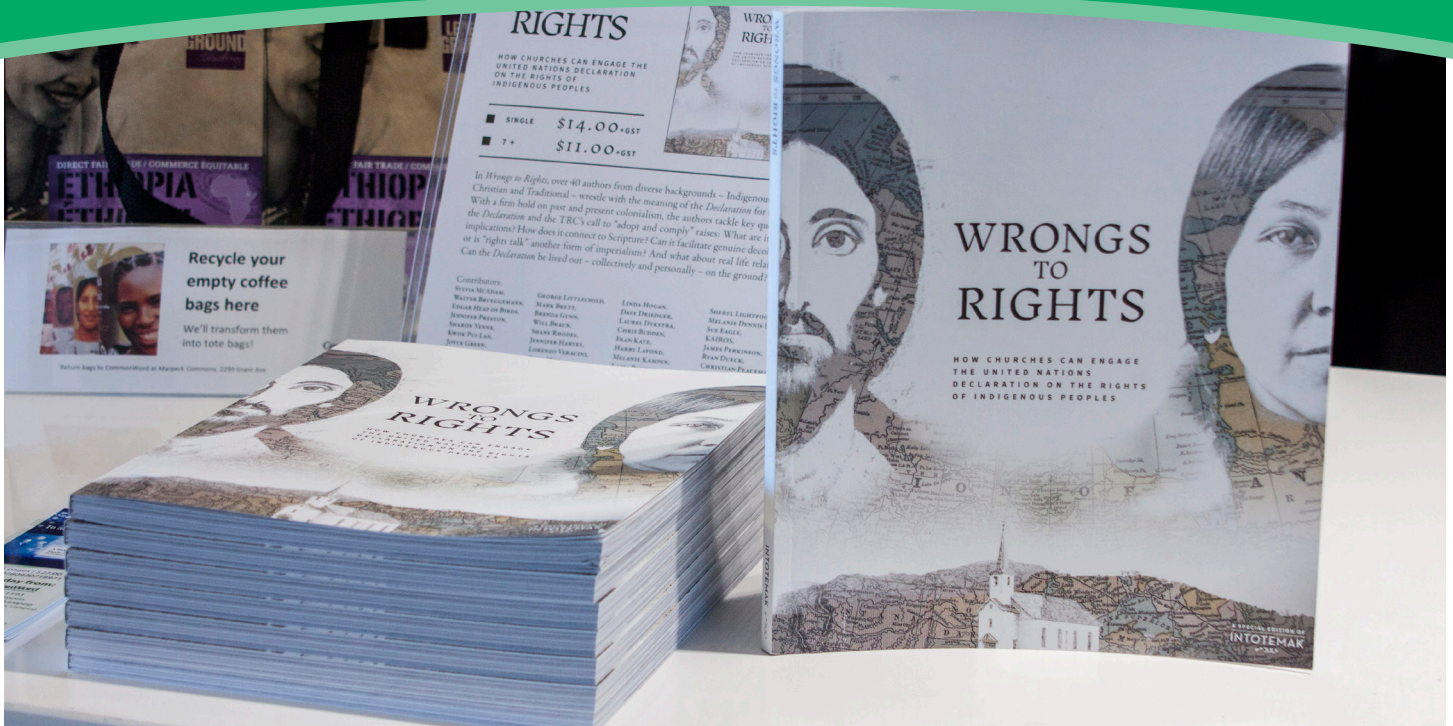


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## Second printing for Wrongs to Rights

The first 2,000 copies printed of *Wrongs to Rights* sold out within five weeks. *Wrongs to Rights* is a special issue of *Intotemak*, the quarterly magazine of Mennonite Church Canada’s Indigenous Relations ministry. A second print run is underway. *Wrongs to Rights* explores how churches can engage the *United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples*, a document providing the framework to implement the 94 Calls to Action from Canada’s Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

“If we are going to truly honour Indigenous rights and build mutual relationships with Indigenous sisters and brothers – let alone Indigenous nations – we have to raise awareness about the need to recognize Indigenous rights, what those rights entail, and how this can nurture healing and hope for all of us,” says Steve Heinrichs, Director, Indigenous Relations.

Learn more and order your copy at <http://www.commonword.ca/go/507>.

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## *Changing Roles*

When Joshua Tshimanga learned that his family would be moving to South Africa, he enthusiastically announced that he would be ready to leave the next day. His father, Hippolyto Tshimanga, insisted that he and his brother, Emmanuel (13) had to finish the current school year in Canada first.

Hippolyto and his wife Miriam Maenhout-Tshimanga are responding to an invitation from five congregations comprising Grace Community Church (GCC) in South Africa. Tshimanga, currently the full time Director, Africa, Europe and Latin America Ministry for Mennonite Church Canada, will reduce his administration work to half-time director for Africa, making room to work with the communities and leaders of GCC. Miriam will work with women and children in the GCC congregations. The Tshimanga family will move to Bloemfontein in the summer of 2016 and begin their ministry soon after.

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## *Passion for Building*

Sergey Deynekin is a bi-vocational pastor with a passion for building both houses and the church. When he's not serving the Chernobaevka Church community in Ukraine, he's making house construction panels out of Styrofoam and wire. He plans to use those panels to help build a new home for Chernobaevka Church. Currently worshiping in a vacant house, the congregation dreams of building their new church on a street corner for wider visibility and the opportunity to reach out to the community around them.

Sergey and his wife Lena are Mennonite Church Canada partners who have been supported for many years by the Kherson Ministry Support Team, a group of families living in Manitoba and Saskatchewan.

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