

2019 in Ministry



"I encourage us to become more aware of God's Presence within and among us, so that in living more deeply into that Presence, we become the very living, breathing Presence of God in our world."

- David Martin, MCEC Executive Minister, 2019

Leadership Development and Support

"The Regional Ministry Associate role has brought more attention to the listening and caring elements of support for our pastors," says Al Rempel, Regional Minister. Kevin Derksen, Cathrin van Sintern-Dick and Roberson Mbayamvula intentionally provide pastoral care and support for pastors through their role as Regional Ministry Associates. Each RMA ministers part-time in a distinct geographic region. The RMAs, along with Marilyn Rudy-Froese, Church Leadership Minister, and Al Rempel form the church leadership team and attend to the care of pastors.



Regional Ministry Associates work together to provide pastoral care and support to pastors across MCEC.

Congregational Renewal

"I've been in church all of my life and I think this has been one of the most impactful frameworks for being church together," says Kelly Freeman, member of West Hills Mennonite Church in Baden, ON and participant in ReLearning Community, a two-year spiritual journey that encourages us to question our assumptions about discipleship as we engage those around us with the gospel story. Twenty-two MCEC congregations have been, or are currently, a part of ReLearning Community.

Two Congregations Become Full Members

• Markham Christian Worship Centre, Markham, ON

"As a church we are here to sow the seed and make disciples. It is God who brings the growth," says Pastor Kapilan Savarimuthu. With roots in Sri Lanka, this predominantly Tamil congregation moved into full membership with MCEC in April 2019. They meet regularly for worship, prayer throughout the week and have an active ministry in local hospitals praying with patients.

• Refuge de Paix, Sherbrooke, QC

This small congregation in Sherbrooke, QC worships in Spanish and offers settlement and assistance ministry to Hispanic migrants who have arrived in Quebec. "Most of the people that we see do not have family here," says Pastor Lucy Roca. "We welcome, encourage, accompany and help them according to their needs – to be a testimony of help and concern in caring for our brothers and sisters."



MCEC - 12,500 members - 104 congregations