Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

2020 IN REVIEW

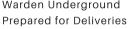
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Grace New Life Mennonite Baptism and Worship

MCEC Community of Congregations

- 97 Congregations
 - 82 Full Membership
 - 14 Provisional Membership
 - 1 Long-Term Church Plant
- Worship in 16 Languages

Congregational Stories of Hope

www.mcec.ca/news

Supporting Pastors & Congregational Leaders

- Pastoral Conversations ministering in a pandemic
- Learning Commons a flexible learning space
- Administrators Day on-line Communications 101 and networking day for administrative assistants across Mennonite Church Canada

Supporting Congregations

- Nationwide Website Hub launched in February with 21 Pilot Congregations / Camps
- Innovate providing discipleship resourcing to congregations including Relearning Community
- Jr. Youth Creation Care Online Retreat Resources
- Treaty as Sacred Covenant Story-telling Series

Congregational Transitions in 2020

- Full Membership
 - Grace New Life Mennonite Church
- Provisional Membership
 - Mennonite Disciples Mission Joliette
 - Soul House
 - Warden Underground
- Closed
 - Église évangelique mennonite de Joliette
 - Jane Finch Faith Community
- 6 Withdrawn & Released Congregations



A Word From Leah Reesor-Keller, Executive Minister lreesorkeller@mcec.ca

COURAGEOUS IMAGINATION

Hello Mennonite Church Canada! Greetings from your siblings in Christ in Ontario, Quebec and New Brunswick. This past year was a year like no other. A highlight of this difficult time was taking part in the Mennonite Church Canada series of nationwide services that brought us into each other's church sanctuaries and living rooms across the country.

This has been a year of significant changes at MCEC, marking David Martin's retirement after 15 years of faithful service as Executive Minister. MCEC also welcomed Fanosie Legesse into a new staff role as Intercultural Mission Minister. I began my role with MCEC in September 2020. I am seeking to listen deeply, ask reflective questions, foster relationships of mutuality between congregations, and hold space for new dreams and visions of what it means to be an Anabaptist Christian. We're on a journey together that requires courageous imagination to open us to seeing where the Spirit is at work among us, across Canada and in the world.

I am excited to walk this journey together as an MCEC community of faith, and as part of our nationwide church body. May God guide our feet and illuminate our path as we walk together!