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2022 IN REVIEW

**WE ARE A DIVERSE COMMUNITY,
TRANSFORMED BY THE LOVE OF GOD,
INSPIRED BY THE HOPE WE FIND IN JESUS,
CALLED TO ACTION BY THE POWER OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

MCEC DELEGATES EMBRACE NEW IDENTITY AND PRIORITY STATEMENTS

Over 300 people gathered at the 2022 Annual Church Gathering and enthusiastically adopted new identity and priority statements to guide us into who God is calling us to be. Thanks be to God!

SEVEN CONGREGATIONS AND 25 PASTORS WELCOMED INTO MCEC

The new provisional congregations welcomed at the Annual Church Gathering are Centre Béthésda Mennonite de Québec, Burning Bush Forest Church, Église de Dieu Réparateur des Brèches, Église Mennonite Agape, Goshen Mennonite Church and The Meeting Place. Meheret Evangelical Church moved to full membership in MCEC. Twenty-five ministers were installed and welcomed into MCEC as ministering persons with a service of installation and a signing of a covenant of ethics in ministry.

ANN SCHULTZ BEGINS AS INTENTIONAL INTERIM EXECUTIVE TEAM LEADER

Beginning in January 2023, Ann begins her part-time role with a focus on supporting the MCEC staff team and to developing a broader understanding of and commitment to the strategic priorities 2022-2027. The MCEC executive council now also begins the process of searching for an executive minister, in order to have a permanent executive minister begin in January 2024.

MESERETE KRISTOS SEMINARY OPENS MULTIPURPOSE HALL

Mennonite Church Canada joined Meserete Kristos Church in celebrating with its Seminary. After two years of construction, the new kitchen and dining room in the Multipurpose Hall at the Seminary are open! The hall, which seats 1,000 people, is now being used for educational conferences, seminars, workshops, weddings and other events. Thanks be to God!

**WE COME TOGETHER AS A REGIONAL CHURCH TO:
ENERGIZE CONGREGATIONS, ENCOURAGE LEADERS, EMBODY GOD'S RECONCILING MINISTRY**

AT A GLANCE

MCEC Community of Congregations

- 105 congregations
- 83 full membership
- 21 provisional membership
- 1 long-term church plant
- Worship in 20 languages

Supporting Pastors & Congregational Leaders

- 5 pastors ordained
- 1 pastor transferred ordination
- 3 pastors licensed
- 36 pastors installed
- 3 Transitioning into Ministry (TiM) graduates
- 41 Admin Day participants from across Canada
- 57 pastors supporting each other through 5 online Pastoral Conversations

Supporting Congregations

- Innovate – resourcing to 13 MCEC congregations
- 3 active working groups
 - Truth & Reconciliation
 - Palestine Israel Network
 - Sustainability

Congregational Transitions

- New Provisional Congregations
 - Centre Béthésda Mennonite de Québec
 - Burning Bush Forest Church
 - Église de Dieu Réparateur des Brèches
 - Église Mennonite Agape
 - Goshen Mennonite Church
 - The Meeting Place
- Full Membership Congregation
 - Meheret Evangelical Church

Church Plants

- 3 Online resourcing days for Church Planters
 - 56 Church Planters in Ancaster (Spring)
 - 44 Church Planters in Montreal (Fall)
 - 24 Church Planters in Toronto (Fall)



Left: Doug Klassen, MC Canada, gives Norm Dyck, MCEC, a piece of the official ribbon at the grand opening of the Multipurpose Hall at Meserete Kristos Seminary.
Right: Montreal Mennonite Fellowship on ecotheology retreat reflected on how they would take of the world. This was one of four retreats Wendy Janzen, MCEC Eco-Minister, led this past year.