

Identity

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada is a diverse community

<u>Inspired</u> by the love of God <u>Inspired</u> by the hope we find in Jesus <u>Called</u> to action by the power of the Holy Spirit

Purpose

We come together as a regional church to:

Energize congregations

in worship, discipleship and mission

Encourage leaders

of hope, vision and transformation

Embody God's reconciling ministry for all creati

We celebrate congregations and pastors

105 congregations

- 2 congregations transitioned to full membership congregations: Hochma (Montreal) and Shalom Worship and Healing Centre (Kitchener)
- 2 congregations welcomed to provisional membership: Église Jésus-Christ Appelle Tous (Trois-Rivières) and Église Bethésda Mennonite de Saint-Hyacinthe (Saint Hyacinthe).
- 42 years of ministry celebrated with Mississauga Mennonite
 Fellowship who closed on August 31, 2023.

188 pastors serve as congregational pastors, chaplains and in other capacities

- 17 pastors installed in congregations
- 6 pastors licensed toward ordination
- 6 pastors ordained

We give gratitude for volunteers, donors and prayer

- Over 60 volunteers serve on councils, committees or as board representatives
- Volunteers assist in pastoral credentialing interviews and provide support for MCEC events.

We are excited by ministry throughout this past year

- Church planters met to talk about the joys and challenges of multivocational ministry
- Church leaders gathered for workshops focused on connecting to God's creation, intercultural church, medical assistance in dying, becoming a restorative church and more.
- Pastors learn together in Pastoral Circles and Transitioning into Ministry initiatives.
- Youth, and those who work with youth, gather at junior youth events and participate in conversations about youth engagement in the church.

Your support has brought inspiration and allows us to journey together in ministry as we become a transformed, inspired and called people of God. We are grateful.



Shalom Worship & Healing Centre led in worship at Annual Church Gathering.



Transformed by the love of God – 230 met in Kitchener at Annual Church Gathering.



Jr. youth from across MCEC came together for games, fun, worship (and cookies!)