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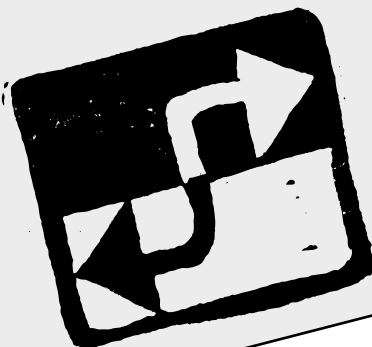
God of all nations and of all time, touch us as 21st century pilgrims, seeking to find our way in a world of diverse voices. Teach us to love before evaluating; to listen before deciding.

Approximately 269 volunteers will work to make the Assembly and Summit happen. This includes people with tasks ranging from food services, billet hosts, table group leaders, speakers and presenters, musicians, drivers—you name it. To this number you can add MC Canada and CMU staff. Show your appreciation when you see a volunteer!



THE DAILY NEWSHEET OF THE MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA ANNUAL ASSEMBLY, 2008, WINNIPEG, MB

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today
July 8, 2008

Confessing Christ in a Religiously Pluralistic World: How do we hold together the convictions that God is present and active in people of other faiths, and yet that Jesus is the unique revelation of God? Be sure to attend this afternoon's discernment session to explore this and many other pressing questions of faith in a post modern, pluralistic society.

The Mennonite Church Canada Resource Centre (South Campus) is open each day, starting immediately after the morning worship service and until 7 pm. Visit us today and enter the draw for a basket of resources. The draw will take place on Thursday afternoon.

Tuesday Discernment theme resources:

- **Becoming a Peace Church –An Urgent Choice:** For related resources on this morning's discernment topic visit www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/184.
- **Confessing Christ in a Religiously Pluralistic World:** For resources related to this afternoon's discernment topic, see www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/180.

Correction Greening Our Assembly

The story "Greening our Assembly" (page 2, Issue 1, July 7) contained an error: The "draft guidelines" are in fact the final work of MCCN.

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Pastor shortage looming: Peril and Promise

—By Aaron Epp, Canadian Mennonite National Correspondent

How can Mennonite Church Canada congregations encourage their current and former pastors? That was the question Dieter Schönwetter asked delegates at MC Canada's annual assembly July 7 during the afternoon discernment session.

A social psychologist by profession, Schönwetter gathered and interpreted the data that resulted from a pastoral trends survey sponsored by MC Canada in late 2007.

Schönwetter gave delegates an overview of the results, identified critical issues, and linked the MC Canada findings to similar findings in a 2006 survey conducted within the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. 201 past and present pastors, or roughly 20 per cent of people who were sent the survey, responded.

While many pastors leave their position because of burnout, conflict or unclear expectations of their role, Schönwetter noted that more pastors leave for positive reasons, such as accomplishing their goals, advancing their career or changing roles, and continuing education.

One critical issue Schönwetter noted was the need for more pastors, as MC Canada will lose 36 per cent of survey respondents alone within the next five years—not to mention those who will leave who did not respond to the survey.

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Linda Brnjas. Photo by Dan Dyck.



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“We are standing at the crossroads here,” Schönwetter said, referring to the theme, “At the Crossroads: Promise and Peril.”

Role clarification, spiritual support, attrition, congregational support, educational support and training, and holistic support—including the way pastors are let go—were key issues Schönwetter identified.

Delegate Linda Brnjas, representing Mennonite Church Eastern Canada, asked MC Canada’s Christian Formation ministry if any consideration has been given to helping congregations nurture children by identifying and affirming pastoral gifts early on. Dave Bergen, Executive Secretary of Christian Formation, thanked Brnjas for the concern and the challenge. Other delegates also offered helpful responses.

Schönwetter concluded his presentation by asking delegates to ponder questions like: What makes fertile ground for pastoral formation? He encouraged delegates to write their ideas regarding how they can encourage their pastors on yellow sticky notes. Delegates then attached the yellow sticky notes to posters lining the hall as they exited the Canadian Mennonite University gymnasium, where delegate sessions are taking place.

The ideas expressed by delegates on the yellow sticky notes will be shared in another session on July 8.



Dieter Schönwetter. Photo by Dan Dyck

Man of Many Titles says “Farewell”

—By Deborah Froese

Henry Krause is saying “farewell.” For the past six years, he has served as Moderator for Mennonite Church Canada, ensuring General Board discussions stay productive, efficient, and on-track. The title is common to many organizations, but apparently, the term of “moderator” does not always translate well.

On a recent trip to the Philippines, Krause was first introduced as the “Bishop” of MC Canada. When that title didn’t seem to hold quite enough authority, it escalated to “Archbishop” and then “Pope.” Eventually he became known as the “Holy Camolie.”

“I liked that title,” he says.

The “Holy Camolie” reports that he has found his term to be challenging, rewarding and fulfilling. What he will miss most is the awareness of what is happening in churches across the country and the challenge of working

together with leadership to address the various issues at hand. “I am extremely grateful for the opportunity I’ve had to work as moderator for the past six years.”

Looking to the future, Krause says that he is currently on sabbatical from ministry, but “when I’m done, I’m going to go and pastor my church.”

Delegates expressed gratitude for Henry’s commitment and enthusiasm with extended applause.



Henry Krause. Photo by Dan Dyck

Church reports financial surplus

By Tim Miller Dyck and Aaron Epp, Canadian Mennonite

“Another year of clean bill of financial health,” was how Mennonite Church Canada Director of Finance Randy Wiebe summed up the national church’s financial life over the past fiscal year.

The audited financial statements show both overall income and expenses were almost exactly the same as the previous fiscal year—\$5.87 million in income and \$5.76 million in expenses. The result was a operating expense surplus of \$115,000 instead of the operating deficit of \$69,000 that had been budgeted.

After a one-time gain from the sale of land, the church had a surplus of \$152,000. Donations came in \$83,000 higher than expected. “Thank you to the congregations and individuals that have helped make possible our collective ministry during this last year,” he said.

The surplus was put toward reserves. Wiebe cautioned that reserves were still lower than financially prudent.

Delegates voted to accept the audited financial statements. The budget will be considered in discernment sessions later today.

A Light In Havana

by Ray Dirks

Angelita Scott Quintana is an exceptional woman, a leader, a spark of light gracing her beautiful hometown of Havana, Cuba. A renovated home shows visible results of her witness to her alcoholic husband. Her willing service shows witness to Palatino church and community.

Quintana is a member of Palatino Church. Palatino's pastor, Rodolfo Rodriguez, leads five Havana-based Iglesia Evangélica Misionera de Cuba churches – Evangelical Missionary Church of Cuba – a body to which that Mennonite Church Canada relates.

Quintana gently, forcefully, without shame, speaks of her husband's alcoholism. Before he became a Christian five years ago, all of his money went towards his addiction. Pastor Rodriguez, shows me a photo of Quintana's husband while he was enslaved to alcohol – his eyes offering the gaunt, soulless gaze of a ghost. Quintana then points to a recent photograph – a bright-eyed, filled-out man smiling broadly.

Faith, followed by addiction control, led to a changed man. Currently, Quintana's husband works in construction in Grand Cayman. When he returns to Havana, he continues renovating their modest home.

Quintana's light extends beyond family influence. She coaxed other women in her neighbourhood to join her at Palatino, and they now form a vibrant core of women who lead Palatino worship.

Memories & Parachutes

Ray Dirks met Quintana when he was in Cuba to work on an upcoming exhibition of contemporary Cuban art, *memories & parachutes*. The exhibit opened at the Mennonite Heritage Centre Gallery in Winnipeg on June 19. Artists Jairo Alfonso Castellanos and Manuel Díaz Baldrich were in Winnipeg for the opening and to connect with schools and participate with inner city community art projects. The

exhibition was initiated by Rose Plett from Fort Garry Mennonite Fellowship (Winnipeg) and made possible by the generous assistance of Red River Valley Mutual Insurance. While you're at the Assembly/Summit, please stop by the Gallery to check out memories and parachutes. The exhibit runs until July 26.



The greyness of Quintana's home is broken by the bright red Jesus sign on her door – "Jesus Christ is the true King". Photo by Ray Dirks

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Pastoral Trends Presentation: Dieter Schönwetter's PowerPoint presentation on MC Canada's Pastoral Trends survey will be available on request. If you are interested, give your name, email address, and phone number to Dave Bergen.

MC Canada Ministry Presentations: PowerPoint presentations by MC Canada staff will be available online at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/534.

PIT—Peace it Together, Facing Your Fears Bullying, domestic violence, school shootings, bomb threats...these are the kinds of things today's youth worry about. These are also topics to be explored in Facing Your Fears, the March 6-8, 2009 PIT youth & young adult conference at Canadian Mennonite University with speaker Tony Campolo.

Let youth at your church know about this exciting event!

Lost Books: At last year's Assembly someone purchased **3 books and a CD** but did not take their package. This package is ready for pickup at the hospitality desk on the North Campus.

Ongoing prayer for this gathering is organized by our Assembly/Summit Prayer Team of Judith Doell, Sunnie Friesen, Karen Schellenberg, Henry Kliewer, Norm Dyck, and Rick Neufeld. The Prayer Room is located in Room A01.1 (Commuter Lounge) on the South Campus and is open at 7:45 am. Everyone is welcome to join the with the pray-ers at anytime.

Postcard Project: A "Postcard Project" that invites fellow MC Canada folks to express their ideas about becoming a welcoming church to lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (lgbt) Mennonites, is on display at the Shaftesbury High School (across the street from CMU, South-East corner of Shaftesbury and Grant) The sponsoring group invites you to engage the display and stop in for conversation on:

Tuesday, July 8 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9 - 12:00 noon - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 10 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

BMC Display: A display of resources of the Brethren Mennonite Council for LGBT Interests is open at the Shaftesbury High School (across from CMU, South-East corner of Shaftesbury and Grant) on:

Tuesday, July 8 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, July 9 - 12:00 noon - 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, July 10 - 4:30 - 6:30 p.m.

A **BMC Luncheon** and conversation will be held at the same location on Wednesday, July 9, at 12:00pm. Bring a bag lunch or call 204-299-7355 or email bmc@bmcclgbt.org to reserve a sandwich.

Meet the Author at Mennonite Publishing Network Display. Gary Harder—*Dancing Through Thistles in Bare Feet*—Lunchtime at MPN Display, Great Hall, North Campus.

Crossing between North and South Campus: For your own safety, please cross Grant Ave. at the traffic lights.

Book Signing: Mennonite Church Canada's Native Ministry will release two new books, *Maskipiton* and *Teachings of the Sacred Tree*. Both titles form part of a larger teaching curriculum, *Reaching Up To God Our Creator*. Come for coffee on Wednesday morning, July 9th and have Nicole Lea (Cree illustrator), Pat Pankratz and Norman Meade (authors) sign your personal copies. Individual books will be available to purchase for \$10.00 each.



Welcomed to Winnipeg

—By Tim Miller Dyck, Canadian Mennonite Editor/Publisher

Under projected words from Deuteronomy to be “a wise and discerning people,” delegates were welcomed to the ninth annual delegate session of Mennonite Church Canada.

The first delegate session, held Monday afternoon [JULY 7] at Canadian Mennonite University, was dominated by reports from church leaders on the five major organizational parts of the national church budget.

Robert J. Suderman, General Secretary, speaking for the General Board, highlighted the new partnership covenant between the national and regional churches as a “historic agreement” and expressed gratitude for how it encouraged good will and collaboration between the various levels of church structure. His six significant church issues were how to best interpret the Bible; pain in conversations about sexuality, particularly homosexuality; growth due to conviction and commitment; the growing number of seniors; being proactive in peacemaking; and learning to relate “redemptively” to people of other faiths.

Sue Steiner and Dave Bergen, speaking for Christian Formation Council, told delegates about the recently completed major survey of present and former pastors (see front page story) and also called attention to the effects of the Baby Boom population bulge moving through the church, with an expected 11,000 church members (one-third of all members) turning 65 during the next five years.

“It is the multi-cultural dimension of our church that is the growing edge of our church,” said Christian Witness Council representative Janet Plenert, referring to the continued growth in new churches relating to non-European-background Mennonites. She pointed to a new Vietnamese churches forming in Calgary, Alta., and



Chau Dang, President of the North American Vietnamese Fellowship and pastor at Calgary Vietnamese Mennonite Church, confirmed that North American Vietnamese Mennonites had planted over 200 (mainly house) churches in Vietnam over the past ten years. Photo by Dan Dyck

Abbotsford, B.C.; a Burmese church in Surrey, B.C.; and multiple Spanish-speaking congregations starting in Quebec. She also reported that the peace tax legislation discussed last year’s assembly was reintroduced to parliament in October but hasn’t made it to second reading. “We invite all of you to continue to pressure your MPs to this end,” she said.

Pam Peters-Pries and Ed Janzen, speaking for the operations arm of the church, Support Services, encouraged delegates to use the 26 church videos now available through the YouTube video sharing site and invited gifts to a new green building fund which will be used for environmental retrofits. They also announced details of next year’s assembly, which will be held in Saskatchewan, Sask., from June 5-7, 2009 and will use Col. 3:12-17 as its theme text.

Randy Wiebe, director of finance, briefly described the several church groups and schools, mostly outside of Canada, to which Mennonite Church Canada sends money through partnership arrangements. (These are largely designated funds that are receipted by the church but then passed onto designated agencies elsewhere.)

At an open floor time, delegates

voiced concerns about the low funding for Mennonite voluntary service, expressed encouragement for youth internship programs, asked about whether membership was up or down overall (“Frankly we don’t have the exact statistics. ... The impression and information we do have would point to that we are probably almost stable,” replied Suderman), and delighted but astonished to hear that North American Vietnamese Mennonites had planted 200 (mainly house) churches in Vietnam over the past ten years, a figure that was confirmed by Chau Dang, President of the North American Vietnamese Fellowship and pastor at Calgary Vietnamese Mennonite Church.

Delegates also voted to approve the previous year’s actions by the national church’s general board. They also thanked outgoing moderator Henry Krause with a lengthy applause for his six years of church service.

Quorum was easily met, with 328 congregational delegates present (200 are needed) and 33 area church delegates (21 are needed).



Meara Sparling (centre) and Allison Baergen (right) help a delegate sort his waste into organic and non organic categories. Youth from the Home Street Mennonite Church are helping the assembly better manage its waste as well as assisting with beverage service. Dinnerware for this year's assembly was especially selected for its ability to break down organically. A composting service will pick up food waste. Photo by Dan Dyck.



Above: MC Canada staff Laura Zacharias, Nyoman Klassen and Lorna Friesen taking care of the cash at the Registration desk. Photo by Dan Dyck.

Below: Assembly-goers enjoy their supper outside between rain showers. Photo by Dan Dyck.



Hee Myung Kang takes notes at the Korean Anabaptist Fellowship in Canada meetings that occurred on the weekend just prior to the Assembly and Summit. The event also coincided with the tenth anniversary of the Charleswood Mennonite Korean Fellowship in Winnipeg. Photo by Hyo Sook Yun.

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~Tracy Brown Ewert, resource advocate in Mennonite Church Alberta

Tim Froese to lead Learning Tour to Paraguay

—By Dan Dyck

Tim Froese, Executive Director of International Ministries, together with Wilmer Martin, President of TourMagination will lead a Learning Tour to Chile, Uruguay, and Paraguay in conjunction with Mennonite World Conference in 2009. The Learning Tour includes the Mennonite World Conference in Asunción, Paraguay.

Participants will visit and learn about Anabaptist churches in South America, meet Mennonite Church Canada Witness partners in various locations, and go sightseeing, including a visit to Valparaiso (Chile) and the Iguazu Falls.

Alfred Neufeld, chairperson of MWC Assembly 15 National Coordinating Council says: “We need your blessing; come and bless us. We need your correction; come and correct us. We need your counsel; come and counsel us. We need your encouragement; come and encourage us.”

Martin is a seasoned South America tour leader. Froese has lived and worked in Brazil and Guatemala. *Tour dates are July 5-20, 2009.* For more information and links to detailed itinerary visit

www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/685.

What makes a Mennonite: A video project

—By Dan Dyck

If you enter the word “Mennonite” at www.youtube.com you’re likely to get quite a mixed impression about what it means to be a Mennonite. Selections vary from inappropriate humour with monoculture references to flicks that have little to do with faith but whose makers identify as Mennonite.

Roving the campus at this event are two intrepid video reporters who will be gathering material that reflects how faithful Mennonites view themselves. Hyo Sook Yun has been working with Mennonite Church Canada since August, 2007, under the auspices of Mennonite Central Committee’s International Visitor Exchange Program. She has produced over a dozen video titles for MC Canada, all of which have been posted to www.youtube.com/mennonitechurchca.



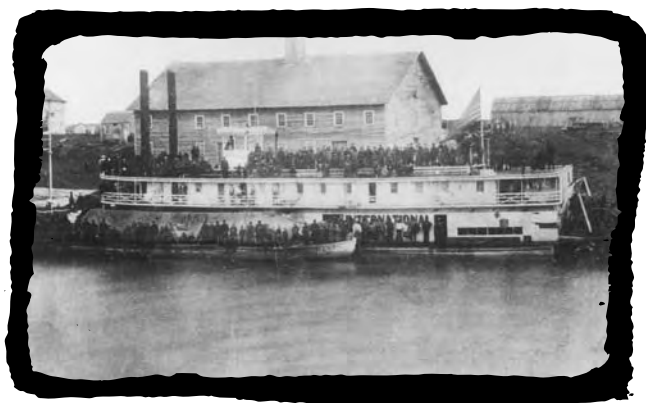
Darryl Neustaedter Barg is Director of Media Ministries for Mennonite Church Manitoba. The pair will be roaming the campus asking random people to reflect—on camera—what it means to them to be Mennonite.

The objective of the project is to dispel some common myths about Mennonites, and to supplement and provide counterpoint to some of the content about Mennonites that is already on YouTube. The end result will be a composite of how Mennonites view themselves—in their own words—rather than a just-the-facts approach.

Barg and Yun appreciate the cooperation of participants in making the project a success. They encourage spontaneous, light, serious, and reflective comments to the questions they will ask. The video will eventually be posted to YouTube.



Hyo Sook Yun and Darryl Neustaedter Barg would like to hear from you what it means to be Mennonite. Photos by Dan Dyck.



From the Archives

At the Crossroads: Winnipeg was incorporated as a city in 1873, a settlement that developed at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. The first wave of Mennonite migrants arrived at The Forks on August 1, 1874. After a day of shopping, the boat returned to the junction of the Rat and Red Rivers (near Niverville) where they disembarked and proceeded inland to settle in villages eastward up to present day Steinbach.

—Alf Redekopp, photo from Mennonite Heritage Centre Photo Collection

CPT offers action to resist the deportation of U.S. war resisters

—By Dan Dyck, with CPT files

Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT), Mennonite Central Committee Canada and Mennonite Church Canada are together calling on all Summit participants to pray and act on behalf of Corey Glass, a 25-year-old war resister from the U.S. Army and the first ever ordered to be deported from Canada.

On May 21, 2008, Diane Finley, Canada's Minister of Immigration and Citizenship, ordered Glass to leave Canada by July 10 – the final day of the People's Summit for Faithful Living. Glass came to Canada as a conscientious objector in 2006.

Canada's Parliament passed a motion on June 3 calling the government to

allow war resisters to stay in Canada. The government has said that it will ignore the motion.

In 2002 Glass joined the National Guard. He was told that he would not have to fight on foreign shores. But in 2005, he was sent to Iraq. What he saw in Iraq compelled him to become a conscientious objector.

CPT is organizing an on-site prayer vigil and telephone campaign. Doug Pritchard, CPT Co-director, said he will ask Summit participants to immediately phone Finley and ask her to stop the deportation of Glass and allow other war resisters to remain in Canada and gain permanent residency, and to further gather at noon on Thursday near the dining tent to pray for U.S. war resisters in Canada.

CPT hopes the prevalence of cell phones will prompt Summit participants to flood the Immigration office with calls in the next 72 hours. Pritchard provided the following phone numbers for Finley's office: 613-996-4974 or 519-426-3400.

Many more U.S. war resisters could face the same fate as Glass. Thousands of war resisters, including many Mennonites, found refuge in Canada from the Vietnam war. Many countries, including Canada, refused to participate in the war in Iraq.



Corey Glass—from www.resisters.ca.

Rediscovering the Kingdom of God: The Good Life

—By June Galle Krehbiel

Discovering the good life. That's the way futurists and authors Tom and Christine Sine from Seattle, Wash., describe their mission. Not the wealth-is-good life that marketers for the new global economy depict. Not the limiting life of a Sunday-only theology. Tom and Christine Sine challenge Mennonites and others to discover the good life that celebrates God's Kingdom 24-7.

"Rediscovering the Kingdom of God is a new reason to get out of bed on Monday," says Tom Sine. "It's a new vision of good life and better future that is not the individual pursuit of happiness, but one found in the paradoxical teachings of Jesus. Only in losing life in service of God and others will we ever find the good life of God."

That message lies at the center of Anabaptism and it's the theme Tom

Sine and his wife, Christine Sine, will speak on during opening worship at the *People's Summit for Faithful Living* on July 8.

The summit will also provide a North American launch for Tom Sine's latest book, *The New Conspirators: Creating the Future One Mustard Seed at a Time* (InterVarsity Press, 2008). The book describes God's work through new leaders more deeply committed to missional lifestyles and congregations. (www.thenewconspirators.com).

"What we will talk about at the summit is some of the daunting challenges that face us as we move into an uncertain future with increasing global challenges and rapidly declining North American church," Tom says.

All are called, he and Christine understand.

"If we believe that, then we owe it to everyone in the church to help them change giving patterns, to change time

priorities ... to shift the equation – to change priorities from people *inside* the building to those *outside*," he says. "We need to raise the bar on what it means to be church."

Tom and Christine Sine are members of St. Albans Episcopal Church. For more information about the Sines and their ministry, Mustard Seed Associates, see www.msainfo.org.



Tom and Christine Sine. Submitted photo.



Greening the church: Update

—By Aaron Epp, Canadian Mennonite National Correspondent

The Incredible Hulk isn't the only thing going green this summer—Mennonite Church Canada is too.

“Greening the life of our church” was the second discernment item at Mennonite Church Canada’s annual delegate assembly in Winnipeg. Robert J. Suderman, General Secretary of MC Canada, opened the discussion by reminding delegates of an affirmation statement approved at last year’s assembly in B.C.

“Mennonite Church Canada believes that God longs for the well-being and health of the whole world, for all of creation is bound together and belongs to God,” Suderman said. He went on to praise the “unsung heroes” of creation care—older generations because they have demonstrated models of anti-materialism, and First Nations people because they have always shown the need “to walk gently and softly in nature.” After Suderman identified these groups, he asked delegates to acknowledge their contributions with a moment of silence.

Pam Peters-Pries, executive secretary of support services for MC Canada, read the resolution passed at the 2007 assembly: “Whereas the earth is an expression of God’s love and Christ calls us to be stewards of God’s precious handiwork, be it resolved that Mennonite Church Canada develop guidelines to reduce the consumption of energy and other resources when planning future assemblies.” She then outlined some of the steps taken at the 2008 assembly in response to the resolution, including compostable dinnerware used at every meal and billeting options.

Peters-Pries noted the findings of one expert, who said more than 70 per cent of the environmental impact of an event takes place before it even starts—travel. This poses a problem for an assembly that happens every year and where everyone is encouraged to come, so Peters-Pries encouraged people to think about how many delegates they send, how often they send them, and how they send them.

The discernment period concluded with a 30-minute discussion at each table, during which delegates discussed the stewardship activities of their congregations—what they have done to green themselves, what some of the challenges of greening their congregations and the broader church are, and what some possible solutions are to those problems.

Four delegates, each from a different church, reported on some of the ideas their tables had come up with. While “commuter congregations” and

old buildings are a challenge to going green, some MC Canada congregations have encouraged biking as a form of transportation, composting, gardening, using low-energy light bulbs, sharing their sanctuary with other groups, and worshipping in the church basement where it is cooler instead of using air conditioning.

At the end of the evening, the ideas were collected by assembly ushers. They will be distributed to MC Canada congregations at a later date.

Ten Tips for Sharing Crossroads discoveries

—By Deborah Froese

As “a wise and discerning people,” we will want to share our Assembly/Summit experiences with our congregations. Distributing a chronological list of facts or resolutions won’t engage them with what we’ve discovered. To bring the event to life for those who couldn’t be here, focus on issues or encounters that made lasting personal impressions.

Planning ahead makes sharing easier. Here are ten tips for sharing the experience:

1. Jot down the highlights of each day, including any major decisions that were made and any experiences that have affected you personally.
2. Make a point of getting to know new people from our family of congregations across North America and share what you have learned from their perspectives.
3. Consider the elements of worship services that leave an impression on you. Don’t forget to take note of special music or prayers – or an effective order of worship.
4. Ask yourself the following questions about your experiences, especially in regards to the discernment sessions:
 - What is God showing me here?
 - What is this experience telling me about God and the assembly?
 - What from this experience is particularly relevant for my church, for me?
5. Take pictures. Or, you can download images from www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/534. These are copyright free images from the Assembly photo gallery that MC Canada members are free to use.
6. Report on personally transforming moments. How will you personally respond to the actions and decisions we make together at the assembly?
7. Meet with all of the delegates from your church to plan report presentations
8. Create a written report(s) to share in your church newsletter – and a verbal presentation accompanied by refreshments to entice attendance.
9. Recreate a worship service that includes meaningful elements from Assembly services. There is an Assembly Sunday worship resource available at www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/605.
10. Meet with other church members to find ways to incorporate significant themes into curriculum, sermons, etc.