

Convention – 2010
March 12 & 13
Northwest Community Church – Meadow Lake

- Pre Convention reports have been sent to the churches. These are also posted at www.skmbconf.ca
- Registration information and full convention reports will be sent to the churches in the near future. Some of this information will also be posted on the web site.
- Interested in traveling from Saskatoon by chartered coach? How about extending the stay by one day to visit a church on the return trip home? – contact Ralph Gliege. If there is sufficient interest we will work to set this up.
- How can you get involved in the ministry of the SK MB Conference?



• . . . by serving. We need people to serve on the various boards – Executive, Harvest Saskatchewan and Board of Faith and Life.



• . . . through prayer. A monthly prayer bulletin is sent to each church to guide you in your prayers for this ministry. Most churches print the weekly requests in the bulletin.

• . . . in giving. If every member of a Saskatchewan MB Church gave \$60 our entire budget would be met – that's less than 17 cents per day!

- The focus for our Conference will continue to be HEARTBEAT FOR HARVESTING. Last year the convention theme was: **God is at Work**. In any harvesting operation there are difficulties and hardships such as poor weather and mechanical break downs. In the spiritual harvest there are difficulties and this past year has been no exception in our Provincial Conference. At this convention we will talk about some of those hardships, but you will hear amazing stories of victory with God's help. Our theme will be: **Overcoming Harvest Hardships**.



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Happy
New Year



Message from our Moderator
Ron Dyck

As Moderator of the Conference, when I strategically look down the road two to five years, I see a conference that has a clear vision. I see us as a group of churches gaining more understanding and a desire to be a missional church, truly modeling our corporate, church and individual lives to be a 21st century church with a 1st century missional mindset, comparable to the church we see in Acts. I see a revival in our churches with people excited about reaching the lost for Christ, not only with valuable programs, but with personal testament, boldly showing through words and life actions, that we are children of the true God, and that His love and salvation is for each of our friends, co-workers, and neighbors.



New Year Challenge



Throw off your old evil nature and your former way of life, which is rotten through and through, full of lust and deception. Instead, there must be a spiritual renewal of your thoughts and attitudes. You must display a new nature because you are a new person, created in God's likeness – righteous, holy, and true.

Ephesians 4:22 – 24 – New Living Translation

Church & Ministry Staff News

(Changes and additions since the October 2009 insert)

Thanks to . . .

- **Marilyn Muller** who concluded 7 years and 3 months on November 8 as Children's Minister at Forest Grove Community Church, Saskatoon. She is presently in process of discerning God's will for her future.
- **Joel and Jeannette Diamond** for the past 3 ½ years as Lead Pastor at Living Hope Church, Saskatoon. The Diamond's concluded this ministry on December 31. After a month of rest they will begin serving as an Associate Pastor at Erindale Alliance Church in Saskatoon.
- **Gerry and Eleanor Epp** for their faithful ministry at Blaine Lake. In August they will conclude over 26 years of ministry to this congregation as Lead Pastor. The Epp's will be moving to Justice, Manitoba to begin the process of retirement.

Welcome to . . .



- **Brian and Rachel Ray** who began as Lead Pastor at Parkland Community Church in Yorkton on December 20. The Ray's had previously served as Lead Pastor at the Fort St. James Evangelical Free Church in B.C. They have one son, Tyler, who is in grade 7.
- **Manfred and Beth Koehler** who began as Lead Pastor in Foam Lake on January 10. The Koehler's have lived in Kitchener, Ontario for the past several years following 15 years of Church Planting Ministry in Mexico with New Tribes Mission.
- **Dan and Helen Harder** who began on January 10 in a part-time role of interim support, including pulpit ministry at Living Hope Church in Saskatoon. Dan served as Youth Pastor at Parliament Community Church in Regina from 1992 to 1997. They presently live in Saskatoon where Dan works in a bank as an Account Manager. They have been attending Hope Fellowship Church. The Harder's have one grown son.
- **Alan and Holly Whyte** who will begin ministry on January 12 as Associate Pastor of Care and Spiritual Growth in West Portal Church, Saskatoon. Alan presently is on staff at Teen Challenge and attending Forest Grove Community Church. The Whyte's have two grown daughters.

Pastoral Needs . . .

Lead Pastors are/will be needed for:

- Woodrow Gospel Chapel, Woodrow
- Emmanuel Community Church, Pierceland
- Bridgeway Community Church, Swift Current
- Herbert MB Church, Herbert
- Blaine Lake Gospel Chapel, Blaine Lake

Youth/Associate Pastors needed at:

- Hepburn MB Church, Hepburn (Associate/Youth)
- Forest Grove Community Church (Children's Pastor)



New Baby . . . Congratulations!

- **Ben and Jen Kramer**, Youth Pastor at Bridgeway Community Church, Swift Current, were pleased to welcome their son, Devin Stuart Timothy, born on November 25.

Congratulations & Thanks to the following Pastor . . .

- For 15 years of ministry in the same place . . .
 - **Greg and Carolyn Bright**, Lead Pastor of Gateway Community Church in Canora.



Important Future Events

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR!**

February 6 – Impact 2010 – Children's Ministry Conference held at Circle Drive Alliance in Saskatoon. This event is sponsored by the Saskatoon Children's Ministry Network. For more information and online registration go to: www.cnetsaskatoon.ca There is a free parenting Seminar on Sunday, February 7 from 2–4 pm.

February 20 – "Hope In Family Crises" one day seminar at Forest Grove Community Church in Saskatoon. For more information contact Judy Johnson at judy@forestgroveecc.com or go to the Forest Grove Web Site: www.forestgroveecc.com

June 8 – 11, 2010 – Pastors Credentialing Orientation held in B.C.

July 12 – 17, 2010 – Gathering 2010 including a 150th anniversary celebration of Mennonite Brethren held in the Vancouver area.

October 3 – 5, 2010 – SK MB Pastoral Retreat held at Dallas Valley Ranch Camp.