

MBBS – ACTS Regional Council Report  
to the Saskatchewan Conference of M.B. Churches  
for the Annual Convention - March 2005

In 2004 - 2005, the MBBS – ACTS Regional Council met three times (April 17, September 21 and January 20). All the meetings were held on the MBBS - ACTS campus. I was appointed by the Sask. M.B. Council of Boards to represent our M.B. constituency in 2003. Other members of the Regional Council include: Jack Falk (chair), Jim Holm (Pres., MBBS), Bob Friesen, Dan Ratzlaff, Doug Berg, Ezra Okoti, Merv Boschman, Barbara MacKenzie, Bruce Guenther and James Bergen.

The purpose of the Regional Council is to advise the MBBS Board and MBBS President on matters affecting the MBBS – ACTS (Langley) campus. Vision, personnel needs, programs, recruitment, budget, fundraising and constituency relations are all areas the Regional Council speaks to.

A fundamental role I play on the Regional Council is to give voice to the Saskatchewan perspective on leadership development, specifically in the area of graduate (seminary) studies. It is also my responsibility to provide options for fostering better relationships between MBBS – ACTS and our M.B. constituency here in this province. In the recent past, I have worked with several of our key leaders, and Doug Berg in Langley, in the hopes of giving tangible shape to an on-going program of training done by MBBS instructors right here in Saskatchewan.

As a member of the Regional Council, I must also seek the best interests of the MBBS seminary in Langley. Several key items we have dealt with in 2004-2005 include:

- New (draft) MBBS Bylaws (to be ratified at the 2006 Cdn. Convention). Two major items of note: (1) a clarification of the roles and responsibilities of Regional Councils (now termed Advisory Councils); (2) two members of the Regional Council will sit on the MBBS Board. Their presence on the Board will reflect a new representation for the Regional Council.
- Capital construction strategic planning. Dialogue surrounding the needs and best ‘fit’ for the future growth of MBBS – ACTS on the Langley campus.
- New ACTS Consortium Agreement. The present agreement expires July 31/05. Discussions have focused on the value of such an agreement and any possible alterations needed if another agreement is signed.
- ACTS Centre for the advancement of Chinese Ministries. Consideration has been given to the possibility of creating a ministry centre at the Langley campus to meet the needs of the growing Chinese population in the lower mainland.

MBBS – ACTS has a significant leadership training ministry with a highly capable teaching and administrative staff. In my view, MBBS – ACTS is deserving of our ongoing support.

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