

**Harvest Saskatchewan Team**  
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The Harvest Saskatchewan Team (HST) has emerged out of several recent influences:

- #1. The need for a Team to develop a strategy for the "Key Communities Initiative" in which we as a Saskatchewan and Canadian Conference are partners.
- #2. The direction of the "Key Communities Initiative" tended to duplicate the work of the Ministry Leadership Development Team (MLDT) and the Board Of Church Extension. We have recommended that we make one team out of all three areas and call it the Harvest Saskatchewan Development Team. We believe that the combined team will bring greater strength and partnership as we focus the work of discipleship, leadership development and church extension in and around the key communities of Saskatchewan.

The Board of Church Extension and the Ministry Leadership Development Team have served well over the years and many successful initiatives have taken place. We want to thank each team and each person who served in these teams for their commitment, insight, and faithful service. As we make a turn now to form a team with a new mandate, new opportunities, and new challenges, we would like to invite you to join with us in thinking through what this new direction might look like.

As a framework for our mandate, we are encouraging three things:

- #1. That we invite the churches in Saskatchewan to a year of self searching and prayer for direction for the Harvest Saskatchewan vision.
- #2. That we invite the input from leaders and churches around Saskatchewan in how we can renew a missional heart for the harvest we believe the Lord will bring to our communities and Province through the Harvest Saskatchewan vision.
- #3. That The Harvest Saskatchewan Team continue to work with continuing initiatives in leadership development and church extension while we think through and cast vision for the future direction for the Harvest Saskatchewan dream.

An overview into the vision direction of the Harvest Saskatchewan Team so far:

1. Our chief mandate is to promote a missional heart within the Saskatchewan MB Conference.
2. We believe God is calling us to explore what raising a harvest of MISSIONAL churches across Saskatchewan might look like and involve.
3. Our value together with the Canadian Conference is to encourage a vision where churches are at the center of this MISSIONAL movement.
4. The framework to achieve our mandate:
  - a) Three main tasks for our Team in relation to raising a harvest of missional churches:
    - To inspire
    - To empower
    - To support
  - b) Three objectives as we partner with our Saskatchewan churches:
    - Raising ... Disciples with MISSIONAL hearts
    - Raising ... Missional leaders engaged in building team(s) for ministry
    - Raising ... Missional churches where we partner to meet the needs of un-reached communities
  - c) We believe this framework will give individual churches whether urban or rural, large or small freedom and room to engage.

5. We are still thinking through what kind of programs and ministries might put legs under this vision for a harvest in Saskatchewan. We ask for your prayers, insights and ideas as we move towards specific action steps.
6. Some practical areas we are currently working on to move us towards a missional harvest are:
  - Reading, research and biblical study into what MISSIONAL leaders and churches look like
  - Apprenticeship grants for churches raising younger missional leaders
  - A coaches' training network designed to help build and support associate pastors, volunteer teams, interns and apprentices.

As we move forward in this next year as the Harvest Saskatchewan Team, we ask for your prayers, insights and ideas. We know God is leading us and we invite you to join with us as we dare to dream what a harvest of Missional churches across Saskatchewan could mean for the future of our churches and communities. We also thank the Canadian Conference for believing in us and partnering with us in this new venture.

For the Harvest Saskatchewan Team  
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