

# Harvest Saskatchewan Team

Report to the Saskatchewan Convention

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The Harvest Saskatchewan Team members and guests have been; Larry Speiser, Darren Holland, Jeff Peters, Bob Cappelletti, Marion Oatway, and Dwayne Barkman as members of the Team. Also contributing were Ralph Gliche (Executive Director), Pat Dergousoff (Management Team), and Ewald Unruh (Canadian Conference)

When Jesus called two of his first disciples he invited them with these words; “*Come, be my disciples, and I will show you how to fish for people.*” Matthew 4:19. Built into this invitation is the DNA of the Missional Church. First we become disciples and then we learn how to lead others into the process of discipleship. As disciples grow and multiply the church grows and spreads. This missional direction is what we are presenting to you and inviting you to partner in today.

This past year the Harvest Saskatchewan Team (HST) has carried out a number of programs and ministries in the Conference that have been in place for several years. We have also been steadily building on the mandate to prepare a comprehensive ministry plan to raise a harvest of missional churches in Saskatchewan.

## A. Existing ministries

### 1. Project Reach YOUR World

- Six churches were approved with a total of \$6995.00

### 2. Internship grant program

- Two internships were approved for two churches
  - Hepburn (Ryan Smith)
  - Forest Grove (Mike Morson)
- Several other churches had interns as well without financial support from the conference

### 3. Bursaries

- We gave out one college bursary of \$500.00
- Six seminary students received bursaries, each valued between \$200.00 - \$400.00

### 4. HST has tabled the writing of an apprenticeship draft this past year.

### 5. Church planting: We continue to support and encourage the unfolding dynamic of the Wynyard church . A triad of three churches are partnering to see this church find renewal.

## B. Harvest Saskatchewan Team Ministry proposal

The bulk of our time this year has been spent in listening to church leaders, exploring and understanding the DNA of the missional church, understanding what a partnership with the Canadian Conference in our Key Communities Initiative would look like, and exploring processes that would work in Saskatchewan Churches. The result of our work, and the ministry proposal we have presented is attached to this report. We include it for your information, and we invite your comments, questions and involvement as we explore this pathway together. We realize that much of what we hope to do here will be dependant on finding staff to facilitate the process. We hope to start slowly but deliberately.

You will notice the framework for our proposal:

We are here to help Saskatchewan MB Churches:

1. Make missional disciples
2. Raise missional leaders
3. Shape and create missional churches and initiatives

Our strategy is to do three things in each of the above areas in achieving our task as churches

1. To inspire
2. To empower
3. To support

We thank every church for praying for us, and every leader who has spoken into the process of writing this proposal.

As we move forward in this next year as Harvest Saskatchewan Team, we ask for your continued prayers, insights and ideas. We know God is leading us and we invite you to partner 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  
Dwayne Barkman