

Mennonite Church Alberta

March Gathering Agenda (*subject to change*)
March 13-15, 2026, Lethbridge Mennonite Church

*Jesus said, " Tell them how much the Lord has done for you
and what mercy he has shown you." Mark 5:19b NRSV*

Friday, March 13

- 1:00 – 4:30 pm Pastors' Council with guest Arlyn Friesen Epp
- 5:00 pm Supper for Pastors' Council and invited guests
\$15.00 per person added at time of registration
- 6:30 pm Registration table open
- 7:30 pm Evening Worship (*to include the following*)
Opening and welcome
Sharing from Host Church
Stories from MCA – Tim Wiebe Neufeld
Offering for MCA ministries
Guest Speaker - Robert Peters
"breadcrumbs through cancer"

Saturday, March 14

- 8:00 am Registration table open
- 9:00 am **Worship** (*to include the following*)
MCA Milestones/Year in Review
Guest Speaker – Gary Garrison
"Way Better than Mere PR"
- 9:45 am **General Session** (*to include the following*)
Sharing from MCA
Sharing From MC Canada
Introduction of Guests/Greetings
Announcements
- 10:45 am **Coffee Break**

- 11:15 am **ADS Sessions** *(to include the following)*
Presentation of Nominees
Minutes of 2025
Financial statements
Presentation of Budget
- Workshops**
- “Can I ask ChatGPT to pray for me?”- *Jen Otto, Lethbridge Mennonite Church*
 - "Stories of grief and sacred bundles that help us stay connected to the Kingdom of God story plot". – *Suzanne Gross, Holyrood Mennonite Church*
- 12:15 pm **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm **ADS Sessions** *(to include the following)*
Budget Discussion
Budget Vote
Calgary Chin Church Membership
- Workshop**
- Creation Care Working Group with guest Sandy Plett from MCCan.
- 2:00 pm. **General Session**
Camp Valaqua Presentation/Discussion *(everyone to join the presentation and discussion but only delegates to vote)*
- 2:30 pm **Afternoon worship** *(to include the following)*
Speaker – Joani Neufeldt
“Where do you walk with God?”
Offering – for Camp Valaqua
- 3:15 pm **Coffee Break**
- 3:45 pm **Workshops**
- Can I ask ChatGPT to pray for me - *Jen Otto, Lethbridge Mennonite*
 - Do we worship/believe in God or “values”? - *Ryan Dueck, Lethbridge Mennonite*
 - Creation Care Working Group: *with guest Sandy Plett from MCCanada.*
 - Stories of grief and sacred bundles that help us stay connected to the Kingdom of God story plot. – *Suzanne Gross, Holyrood Mennonite*

5:00 pm **Worship** (to include the following)
 Commissioning of Volunteers
 Bridge Building

5:30 pm **Visiting** – get to know each other!

6:00 pm **Supper**

7:30 pm **Worship**
 Spirit Acts, A Monologue Based on Acts 1-12 by Arlyn Friesen Epp

This biblical retelling explores several key “Spirit moments” in the first half of the book of Acts. It follows the apostle Peter’s spiritual journey and growing understanding of the church from Jesus’ ascension, through multiple Pentecosts (Jewish, Samaritan, Gentile), to the eventual intercultural congregation in Antioch. Underneath, it ponders our own understanding of time: Are we in tune with the Spirit’s continued kairotic activity in our day-to-day chronological lives?

Music provided by *LMC Tone Chimes*

Sunday, March 15

10:30 am Worship (to include the following)
 Communion
 Speaker - Ryan Dueck – *Salvation Stories*
 Offering - local church

Noon Lunch – registered guests only

1:00 pm Farewell