

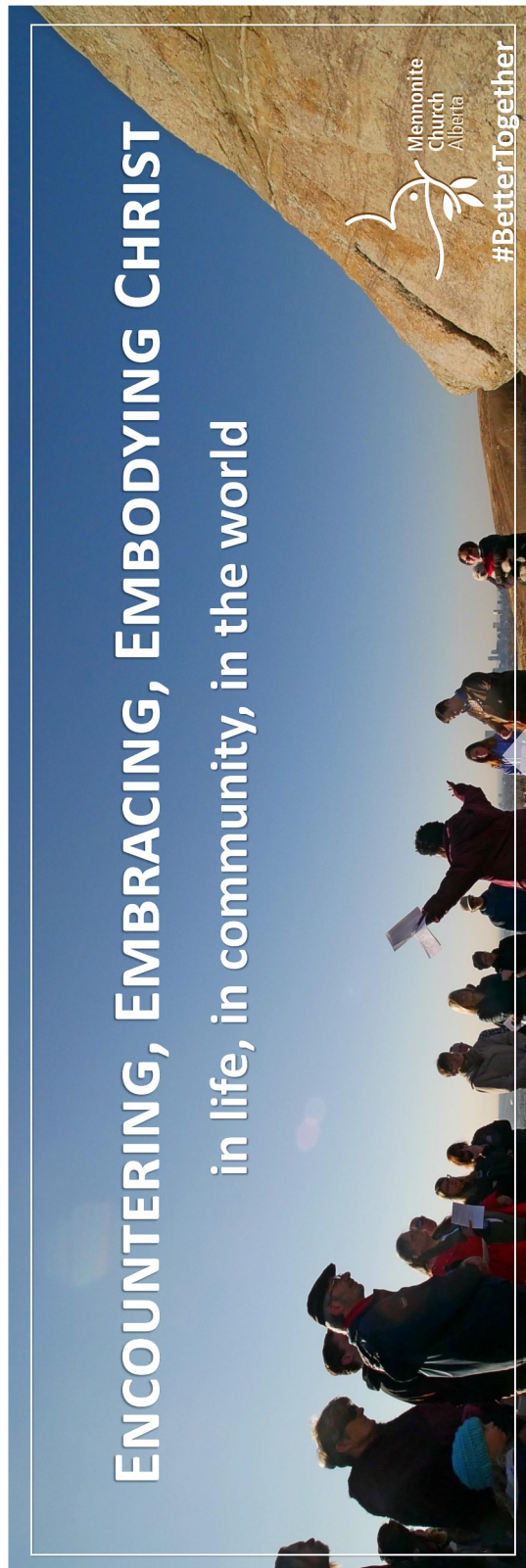


The first phase of our conversation began in September 2018 with a survey filled out by pastors and lay leaders from each MCA congregation. The survey results gave background reflections for the next stages of the process.

Some of the key findings:

- We are both hopeful and anxious for the future of the church
- We are committed to our local congregations
- We see signs of God at work in our churches and communities
- We are committed to MCA
- We are committed to discerning together
- We are excited to join in this ministry
- We are uncertain about the impact of restructuring of the Mennonite church.

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Phase



November 16—17, 2018

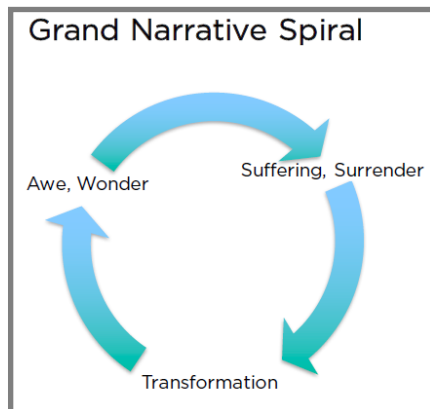
Opening to God's Leading

Phase two took place November 16-17, 2018 at Foothills Church in Calgary. Fifty people representing 9 MCA's congregations gathered for presentations and discernment focused on Opening Ourselves to God's Leading.



Betty Pries of Credence and Co. provided deep exploration of the social context of change in which we find ourselves as individuals and churches, while inviting us to see ourselves within the grand narrative of spiritual renewal we find throughout scripture. Betty shared three things of which we can be assured:

- **Awe and Wonder** of God's love and grace
- **Suffering** and need to **Surrender** our will to God
- **Transformation** when God's hand draws us back to new life



Phase



March 15—16, 2019

Discerning God's Call

Held in conjunction with our Annual Delegate Sessions, MCA discerned that we are . . .

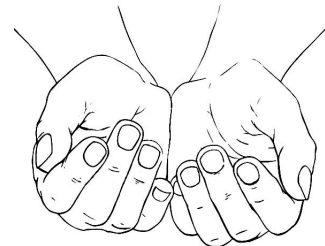


Called to Release

1. Absence of prayer
2. Need to box people in; trappings that do not define core
3. Clan way of being & exclusivity
4. Past conflicts, feeling small, external measures of success

Called to Embrace

1. Prayer & Prayer Practices
2. Core Commitments & Engagement with deep longings
3. Deep Community
4. Character
5. Ministries



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November 1—2, 2019

Incarnating God's Call

Note: Official launch at Annual Delegate Sessions

Year I (2020)

Encountering, Embracing, Embodying Christ in LIFE

How do we . . .

- . . . nurture our relationship with God?
- . . . claim prayer & spiritual disciplines?
- . . . remember that we are deeply beloved?
- . . . Open ourselves to transformation in Christ?

Year II (2021)

Encountering, Embracing, Embodying Christ in COMMUNITY

How do we . . .

- . . . practice deep community, hospitality and welcome in our congregations?
- . . . allow ourselves to heal from old narratives (past conflicts, feeling small) so that we can celebrate God's activity among us?
- . . . form the character of our community so that we reveal the face of Christ to the world?

Year III (2022)

Encountering, Embracing, Embodying Christ in the WORLD

How are we . . .

- . . . being invited to pour ourselves out as the Body of Christ for the world, bringing healing and hope to a world in need?
- . . . being called by God to engage with the world?