

Fall 2022 Update

In the World October 2022

We are Christ's ambassadors and MCA's E3Y3 theme, **Encountering, Embracing and Embodying Christ in the World**, invites us as a family of 12 congregations to live into this reality together. Here are some ways we are doing this.

Supporting Congregations

- Executive Minister, **Tim Wiebe-Neufeld**, continues to walk alongside congregations in discerning God's direction in vision and leadership decisions. This included assisting First Mennonite Edmonton, Foothills, and Holyrood with searches for new pastors.



In March MCA delegates approved a loan to help Holyrood Mennonite Church hire an intentional interim pastor. **Suzanne Gross** and **Joon Park** have each been hired half-time to fill this role. Please pray for them as they seek to lead our brothers and sisters at HMC.

- This summer **Rebecca Janzen** represented MCA at the Mennonite World Conference Global Youth Summit in Indonesia.

- This year MCA awarded 8 student bursaries through our **Student Bursary** program. Pray for our students as they further their education and develop their faith. [Click here](#) to support student bursaries.



Nurturing Connections

- Church Engagement Minister, Steven Giugovaz**, continues to explore ways our MCA family can nurture connections with one other and the ministries we share. One way we can do this, Steven says, is by sharing our faith stories with each other. In Steven's words, "to be God's ambassadors to the world, we must first be His ambassadors to each other."
- MCA was blessed to be able to host our nationwide faith family at **Gathering 2022** and **Amplify!** We are so grateful for this wonderful time of sharing, learning and fellowship.

Thank you to all who joined in person and online, and to those who volunteered their time to make this event such a success. We could not have done it without you.



- Campers were welcomed back to summer camp at **Camp Valaqua** with open arms. Unfortunately, this year Camp Valaqua did not receive an anticipated government grant of \$30,000. Contributions to help us make up for this shortfall are greatly appreciated. [Click here](#) to support **Camp Valaqua**.

Celebrating Faith in Action

- We celebrate together the transition of NEM into **Bridge Building**, and the hiring of **Suzanne Gross** as Bridge Building Facilitator. Suzanne will seek to equip our congregations for cross-cultural ministry and will continue to represent MCA at various intercultural/interfaith ventures throughout Alberta.
- Recently, General Council made a one-year commitment for MCA to support two **South Sudanese students** from refugee camps in the Gambella region to attend Meserete Kristos Seminary, where they will receive training for ministry in South Sudanese Mennonite Church in Ethiopia. Please, consider supporting this new ministry.

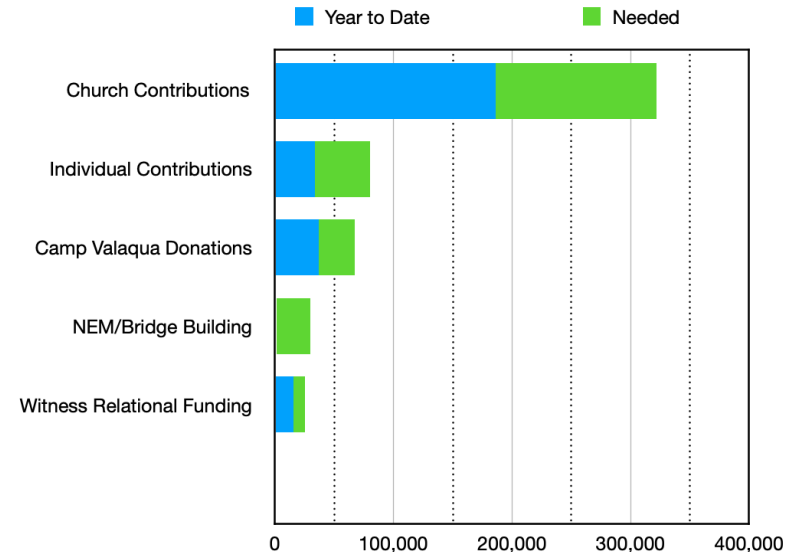


Together with MC Canada International Witness, MCA supports the building up of the global church.



- In Ethiopia, **Werner and Joanne De Jong** continue to support Meserete Kristos Seminary in developing local Christian leaders.
- In Thailand, **Tom and Christine Poovong**, thank God for the growth congregations have experienced. **Click [here](#) for more information on these and other Witness projects.**

MCA Giving Year to Date



"Thank-you for continuing to support your MCA ministries. While this year has had some financial challenges, together, we can achieve our goals. You can help by contributing to our MCA General Fund or directly to one of our ministries. We are God's ambassadors and investing in God's Kingdom work is just one of the ways we live into that calling. May we continue to unite in representing Christ's love to the world."

Steven Giugovaz,
Church Engagement Minister

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For more information on the ministries we share and how you can be involved, contact **Tim Wiebe-Neufeld** at execmin@mcab.ca or **Steven Giugovaz** at engage@mcab.ca.

