



Willy Reimer, Executive Director

The question I often get asked is “why should I, or my pastor attend PCO?” PCO was created to provide pastors new to the MB faith family with teaching on who we are, what we believe, and how we work together as Canadian churches. You will be inspired, educated and challenged in your faith walk and ministry life. You will have greater insight into the resources that are available to you and your church to enhance your ministries. You will gain new friendships that God will use to speak into your life. You will learn about both the historic and present calling of God on us as a Canadian group of churches and how we need each other to fulfill that calling. You will go home richer than you came. That’s why you should come.



Brian Cooper, Chair, Board of Faith and Life

Mennonite Brethren are a people on a mission. Our desire is to fulfil the call God has extended to us to proclaim and live fully the Good News of Jesus Christ. We believe that God has called us to do this work in discipleship that comes out of where Mennonite Brethren have come from and who we are. Whether the MB Conference is old or new to you, I invite you to join us at PCO to catch – or recapture – the vision.



Bruce Guenther, Interim President, MBBS Canada

For more than a decade this event has brought leaders and pastors together to learn more about the sense of missional purpose, and the biblical, evangelical Anabaptist convictions that identify and motivate the family of Christians known as the Mennonite Brethren. Please join us as we examine the story of this 150-year old spiritual renewal movement, and as we seek to be faithful witnesses to God’s reign in the world by the power of the Holy Spirit. You’ll make new friends from other parts of Canada, and be challenged and inspired in unexpected ways.

The Canadian Conference of MB Churches,

in partnership with

Mennonite Brethren Biblical Seminary Canada

invites you to attend the

Pastors Credentialing Orientation

February 15-17, 2012

Cornerstone Community Church

1570 Niagara Stone Road,

Virgil, Ontario



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Faith and Life



Schedule and registration information inside!

Instructors

Tim Geddert has a Ph.D. from Aberdeen University.



Tim brings to his teaching a wide variety of experiences that give him insights into God's work around the world including five years of church-planting and pastoral leadership, short-term mission experiences in several South American, European and African countries, three years of immersion into Scottish culture and church life during his doctoral studies, three years educational and pastoral ministry in Germany. He and his wife Gertrud, are raising their family to be bilingual and bicultural (North American and German). Tim has written several books and many articles on Mark's Gospel as well as other topics such as Biblical Interpretation, Ecclesiology, and Ethics.

Bruce Guenther has a Ph.D. from McGill University.



As a professor, Bruce strives for excellence both as a competent scholar within the discipline of church history, and as a capable communicator and guide to learning in the classroom. Bruce has a particular passion for helping students to think critically about their faith experience without becoming cynical, to historicize their church tradition without discrediting it, and to recognize the relationship in the life of the church between cultural forces and the work of the Holy Spirit. Bruce is currently the interim president of MBBS Canada, and associate professor of church history. He and his wife, Lois have three children: Cameron, Karyn and Kyle.

Brian Cooper is Associate Dean of MBBS-ACTS



and Assistant Professor of Theology for MBBS Canada. He served for 5 years as pastor of Family Ministries at Northside Community Church in Mission, BC He is also chair of the Board of Faith and Life of the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. Brian has served as an adjunct faculty member at Tyndale Seminary in Toronto, ON, Columbia Bible College in Abbotsford, BC, and ACTS seminaries in Langley, BC. He went on to complete his PhD in theology at Wycliffe College in Toronto. Brian lives in Mission, BC with his wife Connie and two children.

Seminary Credit

Have you considered seminary studies as a step in strengthening your ministry skills? MBBS Canada has campus presences in Langley, Winnipeg, and Edmonton. Pastors who have a bachelor's degree can take the pastor's credentialing course for graduate level credit. It's a great way to start your seminary education! Cost for the one-credit course is a bargain price at \$200. Please contact Lynn Martens at MBBS Canada at lynn.martens@twu.ca if you are interested.

Accommodations

Guests are responsible to make their own hotel reservations directly with Hilton Garden Inn

ROOM RATES: Wednesday & Thursday: \$69 (2 queens) or \$79 (king) per night plus taxes (single or double occupancy)

Hotel Information:

Hilton Garden Inn
500 York Road,
Niagara-on-the-Lake, ON
L0S 1J0

RESERVATIONS:

By phone: 905-984-4200
Group Rate Code: "Canadian Conference"

The deadline for hotel reservations is January 24, 2012

Schedule

Days are spent in class time.

Wednesday, February 15
10:30 am - 9:00 pm Sessions

Thursday, February 16
8:30 am - 5:30 pm Sessions
6:00 pm Optional Activities available at an extra charge

Friday, February 17
8:30 am - 4:30 pm Sessions
7:00 pm Ontario Convention (separate registration process)

Register

Online:
at www.mbconf.ca
under events "Pastors Credentialing Orientation"

Mail: (please include cheque payable to Canadian Conference of MB Churches) to MB Ministry Centre, 1310 Taylor Avenue, Winnipeg, MB R3M 3Z6

Fax: 204-654-1865

Registration Fees cover the cost of breaks, lunches, and course materials.

Cancellation Policy – Full refunds less administrative fee of \$75 will be granted to requests received by email at mpenner@mbconf.ca or in writing to Canadian Conference offices prior to January 31, 2012. No refunds will be granted after January 31 due to binding commitments between the Canadian Conference and service providers. If you are unable to attend, substitutions are allowed.

Registration



NAME

ADDRESS

PROVINCE

CHURCH/ORGANIZATION

DIETARY CONCERNS:

CITY

PHONE #

POSTAL CODE

EMAIL

Registration Fee

\$300 before January 15, 2012 • **\$350** after January 15, 2012 **Deadline for registration is January 31, 2012**

Payment by: Cheque (payable to Canadian Conference of MB Churches)

Visa Mastercard CARD #

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EXPIRY DATE

Receipt required