

## **MCC BC Annual Meeting**

Friday, October 18, 2024 MCC Centre, Abbotsford, BC



# Mennonite Central Committee BC Annual General Meeting October 18, 2024 MCC Centre

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## Building on a Legacy of Compassion

Dear friends,

This year marks the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the MCC Centre in Abbotsford, a building that is home to Thrift, Ten Thousand Villages, Common Place Café, Material Resources, our head office and programs that meet needs here in BC.

The theme for the fundraising campaign back then was *Building on a Legacy of Compassion*. This was our way to recognize that thousands of people have already contributed to MCC over the decades - and that we want to propel that mission of compassion forward - for decades to come.

Thanks to the support of so many people, the MCC Centre has helped multiply the impact of MCC here at home and around the world - growing every year. We are delighted to have over 400 volunteers serve at the MCC Centre and over 1,000 visitors every day who engage with Thrift or some other part of the ministry of MCC. This is in addition to over 2,000 volunteers and 3,500 donors across BC who support the global ministry of MCC.

I am reminded of the words of the apostle Paul as he wrote from prison in Rome to the emerging church in Colossians, encouraging them to "cloth yourselves in compassion" as an expression of God's love. Those words to the church in Colossians apply to us here today, and I am so deeply humbled and inspired by the generosity of so many who volunteer, donate and pray to support the mission of MCC.

The stories and statistics in our annual impact report, and those shared at our AGM, are just a few illustrations of the ways your support of MCC is making a difference in the lives of vulnerable people around the world.

Thanks for your part in the MCC story!

Yours in Christ,

Wayne Bremner

Executive Director, MCC British Columbia

"Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

- COLOSSIANS 3:12 NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION

## MCC BC AGM Speaker & Local Program Highlights



### Keynote Speaker: Andy Harrington

Andy is the Executive Director of the Canadian Foodgrains Bank (CFGB) which MCC helped create 40 years ago. MCC works in partnership with CFGB with the mission to end world hunger, serving in 30 countries facing food shortages and the goal of assisting 1.5 million people each year. Andy will share about the origins of CFGB and stories from the frontline of our shared ministry.



### Local Program: Refugee Resettlement

The most recent UN reports indicate over 120 million have been forced to leave their homes, including those caught in the violence in Ukraine. MCC has been responding in many locations around the world as well as helping receive refugees arriving in Canada. Learn how MCC is making a difference here at home and around the world.



## Local Program: Indigenous Neighbours

For nearly 50 years, MCC has walked in friendship with Indigenous communities across Canada. MCC aims to amplify Indigenous voices, ensuring their knowledge guides our efforts. Learn how MCC is engaging churches, groups and individuals in learning and building relationships with Indigenous peoples.



# Local Program: Homelessness Prevention & Outreach

MCC has been involved in caring for people who live homeless for over 17 years. Recent reports show an increase in the amount of people who live homeless. Learn how MCC is bringing compassion to their daily struggles and hope for the future.



## Local Program: End Abuse

MCC is committed to addressing abuse in our communities through women's support groups, men's accountability groups, and public engagement. This year, we will launch a women's support group in Prince George while continuing our work in the Fraser Valley. Learn how MCC is facilitating individual healing and safe communities, helping individuals regain hope and transform their lives.

### Mennonite Central Committee BC Annual General Meeting Agenda MCC Centre October 18, 2024

REGISTRATION								
3:30	Check-in and coffee							
OPENING SESSION								
4:00 4:20 4:55	Welcome and Opening Remarks 10 Year Legacy – MCC Centre Highlights and Impact Local Legacy – Program Highlights and Impact							
5:30	Dinner Break							
BUSINESS SESSION								
6:20	Business Session – Peter Wolfe  • Agenda, Minutes, Nominations  • Approve Audited Statements 2024, Approve Auditor							
7:00 7:30 8:30	Legacy Trust - HyLand Properties, Report and Vision Global Legacy - Andy Harrington, CFGB Executive Director Closing Remarks – Peter Wolfe							

#### **Motions**

# MCC BC Annual General Meeting October 18, 2024

#### Agenda

1. That the agenda be approved as presented.

#### **Minutes**

- 2. That the members do hereby waive the requirement of section 35 of the Societies Act of British Columbia that the financial statements presented be for a period ending not more than 6 months before the annual general meeting.
- 3. That the minutes of the October 14, 2023 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented.

#### **Board Nominations and Election**

- 4. That Louise Larsen (MB), Sharon Zacharias (MC), Peter Wolfe (MAL), Randy Redekop (MC), Orlando Schmidt (MB), are hereby re-elected to the board of directors of MCC BC for another three-year team (2024-2027) as presented by the nominating committee.
- 5. That Dennis Federau is hereby elected to the board of directors of MCC BC to serve a three-year term (2024-2027) as a MB Representative.

#### **Auditor's Report and Financial Statements**

6. That the Auditor's Report and the Audited Financial Statements for MCC BC for the Fiscal Year ending March 31, 2024, be approved as presented.

#### **Appointment of the Auditors**

7. That KPMG be appointed as the auditors for MCC BC for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2025.

#### **Host Congregation**

8. That the participants of the 2024 Annual General Meeting express appreciation to MCC Centre Thrift staff and volunteers for hosting the MCC BC Annual General Meeting.

#### **Adjournment**

9. That the 2024 Annual General Meeting be adjourned.

MINUTES
MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE BC
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
October 14, 2023 9:00 AM
South Abbotsford Church

WELCOME Peter Wolfe

Peter welcomed attendees and gave a land acknowledgement.

Heidi Epp led attendees in a song.

#### **OPENING REFLECTIONS**

Wayne Bremner

Wayne noted that there are many devastating situations being highlighted on the news right now but that there is also much good work going on behind the headlines by the church. Wayne thanked attendees for "sharing on the journey" of showing God's love to those in need and being the city on a hill. Wayne highlighted the harvest of generosity that MCC has experienced in the last year. The Festival for World Relief raised over a million dollars, thrift financial performance continues to be strong and MCC BC had one of its strongest financial years ever in fiscal 2023. Wayne also highlighted the ongoing work of MCC in Ukraine as well as the current situation in Palestine and Israel.

#### **GLOBAL HUNGER CRISIS**

**Bruce Guenther** 

Bruce began by noting that today, 780 million people face food insecurity. Of those people, 345 million face acute levels of food insecurity. This number has more than doubled over the past several years.

Bruce gave an update on MCC's Ukraine crisis response. He noted that MCC's history in Ukraine goes back 100 years. In response to the current crisis, MCC has supported more than 98,000 people with food and material resources through work with local partners. Bruce highlighted several MCC partners in Ukraine and the ongoing need that they are facing.

Bruce also gave an update on MCC's response in Syria, noting that a primary cause of hunger is violent conflict. MCC has been responding to need in Syria for over a decade.

Bruce talked about the impacts of climate change on global hunger. More frequent and severe natural hazards (drought, cyclones, hurricanes) have resulted in increased need for food, to which MCC and its partners are responding. MCC is also helping people adapt to changing climates, through education and implementation of natural resource management and conservation agriculture. We have seen increased yields and household food security as a result of conservation agriculture techniques. MCC was recently awarded up to \$15 million in funding from Global Affairs Canada for conservation agriculture work in Zimbabwe.

Bruce concluded by highlighting the current situation in Palestine/Israel. MCC works in this region, seeking peace and calling for an end to violence. One of MCC's partners has seen their building suffer significant damage as a result of attacks. MCC is working to provide food where it can. Bruce read an update from staff on the ground highlighting the devastation and asked for ongoing prayer for MCC staff in the region and all those impacted by the conflict.

Table groups were given time to discuss several questions, of which several were brought forward to the group.

Question: How is MCC providing food in Gaza if there is an embargo at the border?

Bruce: We are working with the food supply chain within Gaza. When borders open up, we will be able to bring more food in.

Question: How does MCC determine who to support over others? Does American/Canadian media impact this?

Bruce: Three main things impact resource allocation: need, capacity, and resources available.

Question: Are there Muslim organizations/Jewish organizations that we could partner with?

Bruce: We do partner with other organizations that aren't exclusively Christian. He gave some examples.

Question: How does MCC Canada and MCC US interact when making decisions about resource allocation?

Bruce: We work very closely together as MCC international program is run jointly between the two. MCC Canada and MCC US are operationally very tightly woven together. We also bring in similar amounts of funding.

Wayne led the group in a prayer for the people of Palestine and Israel.

Heidi Epp led attendees in a song.

#### **BUSINESS SESSION**

Heidi Epp led attendees in a song.

#### **OPENING COMMENTS**

**Peter Wolfe** 

MOTION 2023-01: That the agenda be approved as presented. M/S/C

**MOTION 2023-02:** That the members do hereby waive the requirement of section 35 of the <u>Societies Act</u> of British Columbia that the financial statements presented be for a period ending not more than 6 months before the annual general meeting. M/S/C

#### **MINUTES OF 2022 AGM**

**Peter Wolfe** 

Peter reviewed the October 15, 2022 AGM Minutes and presented a motion to approve them.

**MOTION 2023-03:** That the minutes of the October 15, 2022 Annual General Meeting be approved as presented. M/S/C

#### **NOMINATIONS and ELECTIONS**

Peter Wolfe

Kevin Baarda was nominated to serve a three-year term as an MC representative.

Craig Toews was nominated to serve a three-year term as an MB representative.

**MOTION 2023-04:** That Kevin Baarda is hereby elected to the board of directors of MCC BC to serve a three-year term (2023-2026) as a MC Representative. M/S/C

**MOTION 2023-05:** That Craig Toews is hereby elected to the board of directors of MCC BC to serve a three-year term (2023-2026) as a MB Representative. M/S/C

#### **AUDITED STATEMENTS**

Sharon Zacharias

Sharon Zacharias, MCC BC Board Treasurer, presented the audited financial statements for the year ended March 31, 2023 and the auditor's report, providing highlights, comments, and analysis. Sharon invited questions and then moved that the audited financial statements and the auditor's report be approved.

Ouestion: How does MCC BC compare to other provinces financially?

Wayne: We used to be mid-sized, behind Ontario and Manitoba in shared revenue, but now are comparable to Ontario.

Question: Has the MCC office sent out communication to people in constituency congregations to mitigate the potential perception that MCC is a flush organization after the gifts from Henry Rempel?

Wayne: This is in the works, we plan to be sending out communication to various stakeholders.

**MOTION 2023-06:** That the Auditor's Report and the Audited Financial Statements for MCC BC for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2023 be approved as presented. M/S/C

#### APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR

**Sharon Zacharias** 

Sharon introduced the motion related to appointing the auditor for FY24.

**MOTION 2023-07:** That KPMG be appointed as the auditors for MCC BC for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2024. M/S/C

#### HYLAND REPORT

#### Wayne Bremner/Peter Helm

Wayne told the story of Henry and Mary Rempel and how their generous donation of companies and property to MCC came to be. He explained how their intent was to help those who were marginalized and wanted to leave their portfolio of assets to an organization who would steward it, not just liquidate it, so that it could produce income for the work of MCC for generations to come. HyLand is a group of companies that was created to hold and manage the gifts from the Rempels. Wayne emphasized that this gift does not mean we don't need the gifts of others. What this gift means is that MCC can do more. He explained how if all the property was liquidated now, we could feed 10 million people. If we sustain it, over time this number will multiply.

Peter Helm, HyLand President, referenced the parable of the talents and identified that the underlying driver of the servants' actions in the parable was their view of the Master. Peter recognized that the same God who has worked through MCC's 100 year history is the same God who stirred Henry and Mary Rempel's hearts to be generous with their assets, and is the same God who will work through this gift.

Peter gave an overview of the current asset portfolio composition: it includes both development land and rental properties. He explained that significant deferred maintenance costs need to be incurred before the rental properties become stable income producers. HyLand has taken several steps to change the composition of the portfolio to create stability which will increase capacity to contribute to the work of MCC. Some of these steps included selling a renovated apartment building to BC Housing (to be used for supportive housing), selling several older apartment buildings, and investing the capital from these sales in a new rental property in Edmonton. HyLand also re-zoned one property in Prince George, allowing it to increase density. Finally, Peter highlighted Menno Hall, a project in partnership with PCDA on University Endowment Lands near UBC.

Peter talked about how HyLand's Board of Directors is excited about the prospects of increasing contributions to MCC. The Board is unanimous in its desire to be more aggressive with donation targets. The total HyLand contributions to date, in various forms, have been \$11.1 million. HyLand's 5 year strategic plan is targeting \$3 million in contributions for the next fiscal year and the 5 year goal is \$20 million in contributions to MCC.

Question: Is there a policy about allocation of apartments for low income or supportive housing?

Peter: HyLand's mandate is distinct from MCC – it's not a charity. HyLand is looking to maximize return on investment. However, the other reality is that they are involved in the housing market and want to share in the responsibility that entails.

They are still working through what this looks like. Some apartments have a percentage of units that have a rental cap due to CMHC financing.

Question: Can you explain the subsidiary structure and how the apartments that were sold in Prince George fit into the bigger picture?

Wayne: All the donated properties are held in subsidiary companies. When a property is sold, the intent is to use the profits for a combination of maintaining the original value of the portfolio (re-investing) and donating to MCC.

Comment: Can we acknowledge Jay Teichroeb and his role in HyLand over the past many years?

Wayne and Peter agreed and added Susan Beachy and Stephanie Andruff to the list of people who have been deeply invested in relationship with Henry.

Question: Does Legacy also have an audited financial statement?

Answer: KPMG does perform engagements over several of the subsidiary companies.

Comment: Thank you to MCC for being able to see the vision and having this organization continue. This is a way to cultivate respect from younger generations.

Heidi Epp shared about her time in DR Congo teaching music teachers.

She then led attendees in the Doxology and attendees took a lunch break.

Heidi Epp led attendees in a song and shared more about her time in DR Congo.

#### LOCAL PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS Sue Kupp/Jennifer Mpungu/Michelle Hardy/Jane Njogu

Stacy Dantsev introduced the Abbotsford Slavic Gospel Church's youth choir who sang two songs.

Sue Kupp introduced MCC BC's local program work. She gave an overview of the people who have been helped through MCC BC's various local programs and introduced Jennifer, Michelle, and Jane.

Jennifer Mpungu explained the current global displacement crisis and noted that over half of the world's current refugees come from Syria, Afghanistan, and Ukraine. Jennifer explained how MCC's Migration and Resettlement program works to bring the maximum number of refugees allowed by the Canadian government to Canada. She introduced her guest, a refugee from Afghanistan who was sponsored through MCC's program who shared about his experience.

Michelle Hardy talked about the New Foundations program in Victoria and how the program works to address child poverty. The program focuses on financial literacy, life skills, and job skills for newcomers to Canada. She introduced her guests, a graduate of the New Foundations program and her daughter who shared about their experience with the program.

Jane Njogu shared about the Homelessness Prevention and Outreach Program and how MCC has built a relationship with people experiencing homelessness in the same neighbourhood as the MCC Centre. She shared about the history of the Thursday night BBQ that happens on a weekly basis and about the Rent Bank. She introduced her guest, a volunteer at the weekly BBQs who shared about her experience.

#### **CLOSING REMARKS**

Wayne Bremner/Peter Wolfe

Peter gave concluding comments and presented the final two motions.

**MOTION 2023-08:** That the participants of the 2023 Annual General Meeting express appreciation to South Abbotsford Church for hosting the MCC BC Annual General Meeting. M/S/C

MOTION 2023-09: That the 2023 Annual General Meeting be adjourned. M/S/C

The AGM was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Minutes recorded by Karli Friesen.

# MCC BC Board of Directors 2024-2025



#### Peter Wolfe (MAL) - Chair

I was born and raised in the Fraser Valley and settled in Langley once our children started arriving. I am by education, an Electrical Engineer, graduating from UBC in 1981 and a registered Professional Engineer. I have spent my working career in the high technology field developing software. I have been a member of South Langley Church (MB) since 1982 and have served in many capacities including 8 years as Moderator. I was widowed from my wife Carol after 28 years of marriage in 2007. I am delightfully remarried to Annette Quiring as of 2011. I have three adult children, all married, along with one grandson. I love to spend free time out in the mountains hiking and have recently taken up long distance running.



#### Louise Larsen (MB) - Vice-Chair

While I have lived in Abbotsford for much of my life, after graduating high school I moved to Vancouver to obtain my BA. There I started my career in marketing & business management which continued when I returned to Abbotsford 14 years later. I have been blessed to have worked and volunteered with many worthwhile for-profit, non-profit and government organizations including MCCBC and MEDA. Our move back to Abbotsford was driven by the desire to give our children the warmth of a large extended family. Once here, we searched for a church that would support our family's spiritual growth and found that in Northview Community Church, which we have been members of for over 16 years. With the belief that we have a responsibility to live our lives with purpose and for Christ, I am looking forward to

contributing to and working with the MCCBC Board.



#### Orlando Schmidt (MB) - Secretary

I was born and raised on a dairy farm in Abbotsford, BC. After my parents sold the farm when I was a teenager, I ended up in biblical studies at Briercrest Bible College for 3 years and then studied towards a degree in agriculture from UBC in Vancouver. In 1990, I married Vivian (Klassen) and we began our journey together. Since getting married, I have spent my entire career working in the field of agriculture. A highlight was our 4-year term of service with MCC in northeastern Brazil from 1997-2001 where I supported agricultural development initiatives and Vivian supported several education projects in a rural community in the State of Pernambuco. Since returning to Canada, I worked for nearly 16 years as a soil specialist, then regional manager with the BC Ministry of Agriculture. For the past 4 years, I have worked as Agriculture Manager for the Bank of Montreal where I use my industry knowledge and

connections to support the work of our BC Agriculture Team. Vivian currently works part-time as a sewing teacher at MEI Middle and teaches private piano lessons at home. We have 3 adult children along with a daughter-in-law and son-in-law but so far, no grandchildren. Our connections with MCC in BC have been primarily through the annual relief sale in Abbotsford and the cyclathon. In 2019, our family cycled across Canada raising funds for the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in support of MCC. We are active members of The Life Centre (MB) church in Abbotsford.



#### Sharon Zacharias (MC) – Treasurer

I was raised in Richmond, BC, where I attended Peace Mennonite Church, before my family moved to Abbotsford, BC, in 1989 and we began attending Emmanuel Mennonite Church. I completed my Diploma of Business Administration at UCFV in 1997, then continued my education at TWU, where I graduated with my Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) in 2000. In 2001, I received my Chartered Accountant designation. I worked at KPMG, a public accounting firm for 10 years, before leaving to work in industry. I have worked for 11 years as a controller for a private construction/real estate development group of companies, and I currently work there part-time and work part-time as a Senior Manager at a local CPA firm. My volunteer positions include serving on the MCBC Camp

Squeah Committee, being Budget Chair of the 2016 Abbotsford BC Summer Games and a member of the Budget Committee for the 2004 Games and serving on other various church and charity finance committees. MCC has been a part of my life for as long as I can remember. Growing up, I volunteered at the MCC Relief Sale for several years, working at the quilt auction along with my mom. When I was 17, I spent a summer working at MCC's Self Help Crafts (now Ten Thousand Villages). I look forward to continuing my involvement with MCC in a new way going forward.



#### Gerry Grunau (MC)

Spending time at MCC fits in with my interests in social justice and aboriginal relationships and is a natural extension of the issues that concern Langley Mennonite Church where we have attended for 21 years. Previously, we spent 20 years in Winnipeg (Charleswood Mennonite Church) and I grew up in Vancouver attending Mountainview Mennonite Church. Jane and I currently live in Abbotsford. We have a married son with two grandchildren, a daughter living in Vancouver and one married son living in Winnipeg. I have recently decided to move on to other challenges after 36 years working in civil engineering and managerial positions in the Federal government, primarily with the Department of Indian Affairs. I am

involved in various organizational committees including the MCBC Finance Committee and Leadership Board.



#### Phoebe Cheung (MAL)

Phoebe Cheung is a Professional Engineer with over 20 years of experience in managing and delivering transportation projects in BC and Canada. She brings a wealth of capital project experience from both public and private sectors, having worked at TransLink in the past eight years, and before that in engineering consulting with SNC-Lavalin Inc. She has led and participated in complex, multi-disciplinary project teams in all project stages from planning, design, procurement to implementation. Phoebe was raised in Catholic schools in Macau where she spent most of her childhood years in a bi-cultural Cantonese and Portuguese environment. She came to Christ in senior high school after coming to Vancouver, BC as an international student. While she has attended Christian churches of different denominations over the years

(in BC, Hong Kong and Thailand), she feels the most spiritual connection with the Mennonite Brethren community. Phoebe joined the MCC BC Board of Directors in October 2019. She is a member of the Killarney Park Mennonite Brethren Church. Phoebe and Lawrence live with their two children, Erin and Wesley, in North Burnaby.



#### Randy Redekop (MC)

I am married to Val with three married daughters and one grandchild. I own and have run a development/construction business for the past thirty years. Am a member of Emmanuel Mennonite Church with previous board experience serving on the Columbia Bible College Board. I have volunteered in the past with organizations linked to MCC, such as Mennonite Disaster Service and M2W2. My grandparents were assisted by MCC when they were refugees at the end of WW2 and our family has always been supportive of MCC. My mother continues to volunteer at the Clearbrook store to this day. Part of the reason I have interest in participating on the MCC BC Board is to gain a better understanding of how MCC makes an impact on the community and the world with the dollars we are entrusted with by our donors.



#### Craig Toews (MB)

Craig Toews is President of the Abbotsford Chamber Board and is honored to be serving Abbotsford's business community. Recently retired from UFV after 34 years of service, Craig brings extensive experience and a deep understanding of postsecondary with a diverse career spanning IT, Property Development and Community Engagement. He is currently working with UFV on a special development opportunity that will bring campus and community together, envisioning a vibrant and distinct university village with a walkable, transit-oriented lifestyle. Involved in a variety of initiatives throughout the Fraser Valley, Craig is passionate about community engagement and supporting innovation and entrepreneurship across the

region. His collaborative leadership style and passion for the community culminates from working with the business community and advocating for changes that will strengthen our economy. He also serves on several boards and advocates for good governance and leadership development. "I am grateful for the amazing people I get to work with from across different sectors, with a huge appreciation for the organizations that make our community an amazing place to live, work, play and learn."



#### **Kevin Baarda (MC)**

I grew up in the Okanagan before moving to Langley at age 10. I stayed in Langley until I married Kira and moved to Chilliwack. Kira and I are the parents of Isabelle and Owen. I grew up in the Reformed church community until I met Kira and we married at Greendale Mennonite. We have attended Crossroads Community Church for the last ten years where I recently joined the leadership team. I transitioned from framing houses to the accounting field, where I worked as controller for a local builder/agriculture company for many years. Today I am involved in project management and enjoy working with teams to build things. I am passionate about connecting with people and serving in the community. You will often find myself and my family participating in local fundraising activities to benefit those who need

help. MCC's mission to "share God's love and compassion for all in the name of Christ by responding to basic human needs and working for peace and justice" worldwide resonates deeply with me and I look forward to using my gifts to support the work of God in the world.

#### **Nominated for Election**



#### Dennis Federau (MB)

I was born and raised in Paraguay. My wife and I immigrated to Canada in 1990 shortly after our wedding. God has gifted us with three wonderful daughters. For the first 18 years in Canada, I worked in various construction jobs. For the last 10 years, I worked as a senior Project Manager for a local design-build engineering firm, overseeing projects in Canada, US, Europe, and Asia.

In 2008, after a lengthy period discerning the Lord's will, I stepped back from the world of construction and pursued my BA in Biblical Studies at Columbia Bible College to prepare me for full-time ministry. I was hired as the lead pastor at an MB church in Vanderhoof shortly after I graduated from CBC. While ministering in Vanderhoof, I pursued my MA in Christian Studies

from MB Seminary. In 2015, the BC MB Conference reached out and offered me the role of Director of Resource Ministries. I worked at BCMB for almost 8 years and stepped back into the local ministry at Clearbrook MB Church in February of this year, where I serve as the Pastor of Church Ministries. I am currently finishing my Doctor of Ministry focusing on Church Revitalization. My passion is to see the local church thrive and embody the gospel of Jesus Christ in Word and Deed. In my spare time I like to work on woodworking projects, spend time with my family, and travel.

## MCC BC AGM 2024 Nominating Committee Report

MCC BC Bylaws allow for up to 16 Board positions: 5 Mennonite Brethren nominated positions; 5 Mennonite Church nominated positions; 2 other Mennonite Conference nominated positions; and 4 Members-at-large positions nominated by the MCC BC Board. Board members can serve three consecutive 3 year terms, after which, they must step down for one year before being eligible for reelection. A partial term (less than 3 years) does not apply as one of the 3 consecutive terms.

Up for Re-election: yellow highlight Up for Election green highlight

Current MCC BC Board Members								
Name	Conference	Term	Start	End				
Louise Larsen	MB	3	2024	2027				
Sharon Zacharias	MC	3	2024	2027				
Peter Wolfe	MAL	5*	2024	2027	See Note *			
Randy Redekop	MC	2	2024	2027				
Orlando Schmidt	MB	2	2024	2027				
Gerry Grunau	MC	3	2022	2025				
Pheobe Cheung	MAL	2	2022	2025				
Kevin Baarda	MC	1	2023	2026				
Craig Toews	MB	1	2023	2026				
Nominations for Election at AGM								
Dennis Federau	MB	1	2024	2027				

MB – Mennonite Brethren, nominated by the BCMB Conference

MC – Mennonite Church, nominated by the MCBC Conference

MAL – Member at Large, nominated directly by MCC BC

Note: \* eligible for another term because of serving concurrent terms on the MCC Canada Board

#### **MCC BC Board Executive**

Chair, Peter Wolfe; Vice Chair, Louise Larsen; Treasurer, Sharon Zacharias; Secretary, Orlando Schmidt

#### **MCC BC Nominating Committee**

Gerry Grunau (Chair), Peter Wolf, Craig Toews

#### **MCC BC Audit and Finance Committee**

Sharon Zacharias (Chair); Orlando Schmidt, Peter Wolfe, Mark Sawatzky, Terry Christie