

GOING FORWARD

The EMCC National Board is striking a Task Force to explore the question, "What does it mean for the EMCC to follow Jesus Together?"

While it is easy to talk about following Jesus it is harder for us to know what it means to do it together.

Togetherness is about what it means to be a denomination, or, if you prefer, a family of churches. When that question is answered we will understand what being connected looks like in practical terms.

The Task Force will be seeking input from credentialed leader-pastors and from local congregations. Participation is vital to shaping the future of the EMCC. Please watch for communication regarding the task force in the coming weeks and months.

Much honor was given to the history of the Missionary Church USA this past summer in Fort Wayne, Indiana, as they celebrated their 50th anniversary.

President Kervin Raugust and William Knelsen (EMCC Communications Director) represented the EMCC at the celebration.

President Steve Jones spoke about the Missionary Church with a strong emphasis on holiness, love for the Scriptures and engagement in global missions.

In addition, President Jones challenged the church to discover the fullness of the Holy Spirit's heart for the church by moving into new frontiers, hearing the voice of God, doing the work of evangelism,



At the Missionary Church USA National Conference, President Kervin met for a time of fellowship and prayer with various presidents of Missionary Churches from around the world.

EMCC Together is Looking for Creative Individuals

Do you have experience in photography, graphic design, writing, or publishing?

Do you love creating content for social media?

We are inviting you to help publish this quarterly newsletter, along with other ongoing print and online publications of the EMCC Communications Department.

If you or someone you know is interested please contact William Knelsen at communications@emcc.ca.

being good shepherds, and continuing to teach the Word of God.

The Missionary Church USA is 500 churches strong with 150 Mexican churches and a growing number of new expressions of the church under the covering of *The Table*.

Observing a continuing commitment to disciple-multiplication, Raugust and Knelsen were pleased to affirm that the EMCC and the Missionary Church USA continue to be kindred spirits!

"Authority in Prayer" is the topic being explored by President Kervin Raugust at this fall's Pastor Development Days, taking place in Alberta, BC and Ontario.

This is not only a matter of personal importance, but it is also a governance matter. Power and authority in prayer is embedded in the theology of our identity in Christ and assignment from Christ.

We are made to rule and reign (Revelation 5:9-10), therefore Christ has given His followers both the right to rule on His behalf, and the strength to enforce His rule.

Credentialed ministers participating in the PD Days are discovering principles and practices long used by followers of Jesus to take territories and transform them through prayer! ■



World Partners Gets Ready to Extend Hospitality to Global Family

Joel Zantingh, EMCC World Partners Executive Director

EMCC has had a long history of connection with Global Church Partners. The trouble is, it has been mostly invisible. Like a semi-open adoption, it feels like the relational connections have been monitored through WP, by the President and a few key individuals.

That's about to change. Part of our Strategic Plan is to deepen our relationships. What could this mean for you? Well, when we hear from long-lost family members, one of the ways to deepen connection is to extend hospitality. Out of personal connection comes the sharing of photos and memories, connection on Social Media, and ongoing chats.

For our EMCC churches, we want to do two things:

First, to introduce you to the EMCC's Global Family that already exists.

We have rich connections rooted in our Mission history. That we have "brothers and sisters" of the EMCC in over 20 countries, including Brazil, Nigeria, Ecuador, Cuba, Haiti, and India, is still news to many in our own congregations. We want that to change. We want you to intercede for them, to bless them, to encourage them, as part of the household of faith within our Global Family. In 2019 and 2020, you will have some opportunities to learn from

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and with them, as we promote a series of [Online Global Partner Chats](#) with select



Photo: Shane D'Souza, SFAM/United Missionary Society INDIA.

partners. Some of these we will invite to come to Canada. We will include them in prayer resources and our web directory so you can get better acquainted. Your church can contribute to development projects as part of a deepening connection.

Second, to encourage your mutual relationship with the Global church.

Some of you already have Global Partners. If not, we encourage you to grow in relationship with EMCC's Global family. Experience first-hand how your growing sense of relationship and family affect how you engage in ongoing relationship.


Notice how relationships affect how you assist in "projects." Are you affirming the resources God has already given to them? Are you listening for the needs which

the Global Partner Churches identify? As you walk together with them, helping them to lead their own development, you see that they are living out the good news of the kingdom in their context, as part of their call to follow Jesus.

Do your global relationships affect how you deepen connections with your church community? As you connect with the Global church family of the EMCC, or your own friends, how are you creating awareness of opportunities and mutual interaction in your life? Are you inviting partners here, in order to learn from them?

Everything World Partners does comes from this disciple-making focus, which is to encourage one another to live out the Way of Jesus in our own communities, cross-culturally, and globally. And this, we believe, extends to the Global Church. Why not take a moment to pray, and consider how you can be a part of extending hospitality to the Global Church this season? ■

EMCC Financial Update	EMCC General Fund as of Aug. 31, 2019	World Partners as of Aug. 31, 2019
As you approach year-end would you consider making an "above and beyond your budget contribution" to EMCC and/or World Partners?	2019 Approved Budget 1,350,000	2019 Approved Budget 1,043,740
Every contribution is vital to EMCC managing costs for services delivered to our churches. Please visit emcc.ca/give for instructions on how to donate. Thank you so much!	Common Cause Giving 562,380	Total Income 573,638
	Total Income 595,248	Total Expense 699,399
	Total Expenses 753,245	Shortfall (125,761)
	Shortfall (157,997)	

 **Pastor Couples' Retreats: Regional Gatherings:** January 17-19 (Banff); January 31 - February 2 (Niagara Falls) - emcc.ca/retreats April 16-19 (Ontario); April 23-26 (Alberta) - More details to come!

Churches on Mission at Camp Mishewah

Jean Winker, EMCC Together Editor

When we think of camp ministry, we may think of the programs, the relationships, the facilities, the fun and the beautiful surroundings but may spend little to no time considering the preparations which take place before the camping season begins.

At a 2012 camp board visioning retreat, an Evergreen Christian Ministries board member who attended Bethany, St. Catharines, decided to launch a Mishewah Missions Trip to raise funds and gather skilled tradespeople to meet



the ever-increasing need for repairs and improvements. He turned to a fellow board member who attended Bethel EMC and asked if she would be in charge of the meals for the workteam. This marked the beginning of an informal partnership between Bethany CC, St. Catharines, and Bethel EMC, New Dundee. More recently

Vineland EMC has joined them.

Each spring a team of upwards of 40 people, many of them tradespeople, not a pre-requisite, converge on Camp Mishewah for 10 days. Hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of maintenance and renovations have been completed. Teams have built cabins, renovated the kitchen, lodge, washrooms, etc, and have begun the enormous project of moving the electrical infrastructure underground so power will not be affected by storms. There is also the inevitable maintenance, inside and out. Along with the set financial donation of team members, fundraising dinners are held, food is donated, and EMCC ministry grants have helped along the way.

Hanover MC has twice sent sizable teams that have made much-needed repairs inside and out, along with finishing a bathroom, interior painting, and building two accessibility ramps. Area churches, First EMC in Pembroke, and Grace EMC, Killaloe regularly respond to Camp requests for clean-up/maintenance days.

One cannot measure the value of the ongoing ministry of our camps in the lives of children and families. In speaking with one woman from Bethel whose attendance at Mishewah Camp spans 35 (cont. on page 4)

Church Changes Name to Reflect Purpose

Jean Winker, EMCC Together Editor

After 15 years the dual ministry Royal City Church and The Life Centre will cease to operate with two names and become simply Royal City Mission. The change came into effect on September 1, 2019.



When asked to explain the difference between a church and a mission, Pastor Kevin Coghill said there is no difference

really. Both are about life on mission. However, they believe the name change will more clearly reflect what they are already about within their community and will help them remain focused on their values: Relationship, Justice and Beauty in downtown Guelph.

Although the congregation does have a Sunday morning service, their church building is open for ministry every day. A six day a week meal program serves 400-600 meals and the space is frequented by a great number of regulars who rely on this free service not only for their daily dinner meal, but also as a safe place to relax and interact with others after dinner.

When their existing stove, in operation

for decades, finally packed it in the church was faced with a decision: either a major renovation to bring the entire kitchen up to code, or close down their meal program. Months later, the renovations complete, the meal program continues strong. As many as 70 volunteers from 22 participating churches serve the guests in the course of a given week. After dinner, relationships are built over table conversation, during ping pong matches, or card games. There is also a designated room with supplies for creating art projects, as well as a music room equipped with musical instruments. All of these ministries are possible only because of constant donations of food, supplies, funds, and the work of faithful volunteers. ■



Where to Turn for Trusted Resources

Krista Bennett, Enrich Project Manager

Google can do a lot, but a quick search for "leadership resources" will yield over a billion options in under one second. How do we know which resources are worth our time?

The EMCC National Team is committed to helping our churches thrive. One of the ways we aim to do that is through an online resource centre. It will host resources with a proven track record in equipping leaders to thrive in every area from Spiritual Formation to Human Relations. The website is called Enrich and it will be launched November 1, 2019 at emccenrich.ca.

We are creating profiles for more than 20 facilitators who are passionate about helping our EMCC leaders. You will recognize their names because they are already part of our tribe. They are making themselves available to do workshops, phone consultations, have you come see what they are doing, or for online consultation. In addition to our Enrichment Facilitators, you will see recommended books, programs, blogs, videos, pdfs and more! A goal for the future is to create a secure online social component where leaders can chat with one another, ask questions, equip others and be equipped. We are excited about the connections being made across our denomination and look forward to serving you all through Enrich! ■

years since the days when she herself was at Sr Teen Camp, she related how she now enjoys camp with her grown children and grandchildren. Family Camp becomes a community of friends where everyone looks out for one another. This family returns year after year for the strong spiritual component, the opportunity to connect more deeply with each other, with people from their congregation, as well as with those from other congregations.



The churches send these annual teams so ministry like the above can continue well into the future. Better facilities and an improved waterfront enable greater capacity and program enhancements. They do what they do in the prayerful hope that people will be drawn to a beautiful environment where they can then be spiritually fed, encourage one another and have fun together.

Mishewah is grateful to be supported by many volunteers and supporters from our denomination, allowing them to continue offering life-changing camp ministry to kids and families. ■

EMCC TOGETHER

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Memorial Stones

Shannon Crowe, EMCC Archivist

So that this may be a sign to you when your sons ask in times to come, saying "What do you mean by these stones?"

Joshua 4:6



Throughout the Bible, God's people are told to create reminders of the ways that he has delivered and protected them. In the Old Testament, it was not uncommon to do this through the creation of piles of stones that would prompt memory.

EMCC archives contain many stories of the people who went before us in the church. Their challenges, their joys, but above all, God's faithfulness.

In the secular world, archives provide information about the past and the people who lived there. But for the church, an archive can tell a much grander story of how God has been at work among his people. In a sense, the archives of the EMCC can be seen as our memorial stones. In this, and upcoming newsletters, **Memorial Stones will be a regular column featuring some of these stories**, to remind us of what God has done in the past, in anticipation of what He will continue to do through us.

The story of Beulah Mission is one such memorial stone.

Founded in 1907, a group of concerned individuals ministered to the poor and destitute in Edmonton. Within its first two years the Mission had served more than 13,000 meals. By 1910 it was still the only rescue mission in the city for destitute and abandoned women. The images below are from its 1919 account book. What struck me when I looked at it, apart from the wonderful prices, was that this is a real picture of the church at work in the community. Donations from individuals and churches were taken and used to benefit real people with real needs.

RECEIPTS		Offerings	Donations	Gifts
For'd		30.13	32.50	110.48
2		2.95		
9		6.55		
16	W. Challman	5.80	5.00	
23		2.35		
25	D. C. Bowman		10.00	
30		2.90		
		53.68	47.50	110.48

DISBURSEMENTS		Beulah	St. James	St. John	St. Paul	St. Peter	St. Andrew
For'd		43.50	41.72	6.75	37.25	1.29	
2				57			
3	gas bill, stamps, bread & milk tickets	1.20			66		
4	Room Rent	15.50					
6	groc. Exp. Supd	68			40		
7	groc. & Allowance up to date L. wiff	1.00			700	.80	
9					66		
10	groc. Iron bedstead in exchange	1.94			4.00		
13	groc. washing pow. blackboard paint	1.45			10	4.00	
16				53			
17	groc. flour, meat, milk etc. Hall Rent	20.00	2.06		20		
20	groc.	1.57					
23	groc. Electric Light	2.00			1.98		
25	Bread & veg. Towel Soap				1.23	25	.29
29	Meat etc				63	.29	.70
	Allow - L. C. Coy.						20.00
		71.10	44.78	309.13	99.38	6.33	
				Cash on hand 51.62			

So while my electricity bill is more than \$1.98 a month, and my banking records are digital, I feel connected to the story that God has been using the church to tell. His story of grace and redemption, where we, the Church, get to show that to each other and the world. We will be telling more of this story and others in future issues and hope that you are inspired, encouraged, and challenged. ■

Editor's Note: If you have items of archival interest, please contact Shannon at archives@emcc.ca.