



Looking back on 2022

I am grateful for the many opportunities we've had to enrich our nationwide church in 2022.

- Congregations across the country again shared weekly online worship services with our nationwide community of through the summer season.
- With the gracious help of many volunteers, youth gathered for Amplify! (Camp Valaqua, Alberta) and many adults were invigorated at Gathering 2022 (Edmonton) under the theme "We Declare: what we have seen and heard"
- Mennonite Church Canada and Mennonite Church USA (MC USA) began work on a centralized, comprehensive guidebook that addresses prevention of abuse by lay and credentialed leaders.

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- As of November 23, 2022, we have processed nearly 700 online retail orders, 5,800 in-store purchases, 2,200 loans, and 18,000 downloads. Thank you for your support!

Indigenous Relations

Jonathan Neufeld began his work as Indigenous Relations Coordinator in November. He's been connecting with regional working groups engaged in Indigenous reconciliation and relationship building, and related nationwide ecumenical networks.

Climate Action

In November, Sandy Plett began shaping her work in a new to MC Canada role as Climate Action Coordinator. She will provide support to the regional churches and their working groups and networks with nationwide partners doing climate justice work.

International Witness

- Witness has active partnerships in 15 countries, four of which have workers physically present: Werner and Joanne De Jong teach at the Meserete Kristos Seminary in Ethiopia; Bock Ki Kim and Sook Kyoung Park are building peace networks and church planting in South Korea; Dann and Joji Pantoja continue developing peace and reconciliation teams together with income generation; Tom and Christine Poovong support a growing network of Jesus followers with leadership training and income generation in Thailand.

- A new category of resident bridge builders called "Relationship Catalysts" started officially this year as Gerald and Rie Neufeld moved to Japan and began to strengthen the relationship between MC Canada and Tokyo Area Fellowship of Mennonite Churches.



- Witness has resumed calling young people into cross-cultural internships with Sarah Wood spending six months living and learning in rural Thailand where she teaches English

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Blessings in 2023,

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