

## The Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba Ministry Focus

### ***Who are we?***

We are a community of believers, joined and formed by a common experience of God in Christ and the shared conviction that following Jesus moves us to seek the healing of our world. We have formed communities of faith across the province for nurture, worship and mission as we live and work in a variety of settings. Through our history we have learned to value mutual support, accountability and serving others. The vision of our earlier leaders, led and empowered by the Holy Spirit, has resulted in mission, media and educational projects in Manitoba that now touch the lives of people around the globe. We continue to value and embrace our partner organizations.

### ***What do we do?***

Continuing to build on the past, we choose to joyfully pursue a life aligned with the character and teachings of Jesus. Such a life, both corporate and individual, calls us to be rooted in sound biblical teaching, striving for moral purity and ethical behaviour.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we inspire and nurture one another through encouragement as well as exhortation. We enhance local initiatives and mentor emerging leaders by providing resources and building connections between our various congregations.

We reaffirm our commitment to be peacemakers in a culture where violence is seen as an acceptable means of resolving conflicts. We assist churches in developing non-violent means of practicing Christ's way of peace and reconciliation within their communities.

### ***Where do we focus?***

We focus on following God into his mission in the world, where people transformed by the message of Jesus bring reconciliation, healing and hope to their communities. We hear God calling us to compassionately minister with and among people who are poor and to initiate the emergence of new Christ-centred faith communities, wherever God is leading us.