

## **The Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba Missions & Church Extension**

### **Guidelines for the Funding of Compassion Ministries**

- 1) The ministry must be church based and connected with a Mennonite Brethren church.
- 2) The request for support is to come through a church or churches. This implies a partnership between MCE and the church, not simply a partnership between MCE and the ministry.
- 3) As part of the request, the church is to come with a written ministry/business plan, including goals and timeline to achieve those goals. The plan must demonstrate a commitment by the church to the ministry.
- 4) MCE will work with approved ministries to help them become financially independent as soon as possible. Normally the maximum support would be for 5 years on a declining scale. The level of support would be reviewed annually. Even in the first year, MCE would not fund 100% of the ministry. There would need to be other sources of funding.
- 5) Emphasis will be given to holistic ministries (ministries that meet needs and have an evangelistic thrust).
- 6) MCE is available to provide assistance in writing the proposal, establishing goals, and assessing staff before they are hired.