



## THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

Leaders are learners. It seems so much of our time as pastors and church leaders is to keep moving forward in our understanding of Scripture, the work of the Spirit, best practices for the church, how best to pastor and minister to people, and the list goes on! It can be overwhelming.

I invite you, in fact I strongly encourage your church to bring as many people as possible to the MOVEMENT (Sonlife) seminar in January (see below). Of all the seminars I have been a part of in the past 30 years of ministry, nothing has shaped my understanding and practice more than this one! This is not a “how to” seminar—it’s really a “theology and biblical understanding of the Master’s Plan of Discipleship”. A unified understanding and language to the purpose of the church will move your church forward in some new and powerful ways!

Plan to bring your key ministry leaders with you. We are inviting other denominations as well, so plan to book sooner than later as space is limited.

**Paul Loewen**

**ABMB Conference Pastor**

### **C2C Fall Celebration Banquet**

[Click here](#) for an invitation to an evening of great worship, hear stories of what God is doing throughout our church planting network in Alberta and across Canada on November 19, 2015. You will also enjoy a fabulous dinner. We invite you to partner with us in what God is doing through the work of the C2C network. Join our prayer team and our email list, keep up

to date with prayer requests and even more great stories! An offering will be received at the banquet to support the work of this ministry. Location is at McKenzie Towne Church (7 McKenzie Towne Gate SE Calgary, AB). Time is 6-9pm. Please **RSVP** either online or to [ruthie.kopp@abmb.ca](mailto:ruthie.kopp@abmb.ca).

### **Gospel Coach Seminar**

[Click here](#) for more info on the Gospel Coach Seminar being hosted by C2C Network and Crosspoint Church in Edmonton on November 20 & 21. Every pastor, ministry leader, small group leader, mentor, discipler is welcome to attend.

### **ABMB Regional Meetings**

Once a year we gather together in regional meetings with leaders from our ABMB churches for the purpose of dialogue, updates in what is happening with the ABMB, listening to what is happening in the churches, and to encourage one another as we seek to reach our province with the good news of Jesus Christ. We strongly encourage you, along with your staff team, and board/leadership team, and all lay leaders to join us to be part of what's going on in our communities, province and country.

Meeting Details are as follows: (6:30pm-8:30pm)

**Central Alberta** – Tuesday, November 24 at Community Grace Church (meet at 1638 30th Ave SW, Calgary)

**Southern Alberta** – Wednesday, November 25 at Vauxhall MB Church (320, 9<sup>th</sup> Street, Vauxhall)

**Northern Alberta** – Thursday, November 26 at Sunrise Community Church (3303, 37<sup>th</sup> Street, Edmonton)

Dinner is included but please plan to bring a donation to help cover costs. Any proceeds will go towards Church Multiplication. **RSVP** to [ruthie.kopp@abmb.ca](mailto:ruthie.kopp@abmb.ca) with the location you plan to attend so we can plan for food.

### **MUVEMENT Seminar**

We are pleased to be hosting a Sonlife Ministries leadership seminar (Movement) focused on how Jesus built a movement of multiplying disciples. This will be taking place of our Peer

Cluster time in January and we are opening it up to any church leaders that want to come.

More details along with a registration link are to come soon but the dates and locations are as follows: (8:00am-5:00pm)

**Central Alberta** - Tuesday, January 19 at Encompass Partnerships (3851 54th Ave NE, Calgary)

**Southern Alberta** - Wednesday, January 20 at College Drive Community Church (2170 College Drive S, Lethbridge)

**Northern Alberta** - Thursday, January 21 at River West Christian Church (19815 45 Ave, Edmonton)



Nearly two years ago the MB Church in Pincher Creek closed down. Since that time we have been praying for God to raise up a church planter (daily prayers at 10:02AM "for the Lord of the harvest to send workers" Luke 10:2).

This summer Chris Ney and his wife, Gemma, sensed the Holy Spirit nudging them to "take a look." Within weeks God had provided many open doors for them to move—a house close to the church, multiple opportunities to coach football (high school and club), and a school that was a great fit for their kids!

Within days of arriving in Pincher Creek, Chris was able to share the Gospel with many of the football kids and parents (at their request)! A few other pastors in the town welcomed them with open arms as they too had been praying for a younger pastor to join in the mission!

Chris currently works out of his home as a church planting apprentice, and is being mentored and coached as a planter. The process of developing a "core group" will likely take about a year. Please pray for them as they live out the calling God has for them in southern Alberta!

It's so encouraging for us and others to hear what God is doing in your communities! So please share your stories by sending them to [info@abmb.ca](mailto:info@abmb.ca). Just let us know what we can or cannot publish. Thank you!