

MENNONITE CHURCH ALBERTA (MCA)

MCA staff change notice: MCA is pleased to announce that Highside Solutions Inc. has been contracted to fulfill the MCA Treasurer role. Although a company name, the face of Highside Solutions Inc. will be familiar as its owner, Wayne Janz, served for several years as the MCA Finance Committee Chair. Wayne concluded that service to MCA in the Spring of 2023. Thank you to Tany Warkentin for her many years of service as the MCA Treasurer. As we welcome Wayne and Austin Janz of Highside Solutions Inc. as our new treasurers, please note the new mailing address for MCA: 131 River Rock Place, SE., Calgary, T2C 4P5

The Circles of Support and Accountability Program (CoSA) is still appealing for volunteers to work (1-2 hours/week) with people who have left prison and are reintegrating into society. Contact Ken Grahlman at: kengrahlman@mccab.ca

The Creation Care Working Group (CCWG) invites you to join them over Zoom to discuss climate and creation care on Wednesday, November 29 at 7:00 pm. For more information, go to: mccab.ca/creationcareworkinggroup

The Camp Valaqua Gift Catalogue featuring the latest Camp swag (hoodies, water bottles, calendars, etc.) is now available online at: camp-valaqua.square.site

Camp Valaqua is still looking for volunteers who would like to spend some time under the tall, tall trees to help winterize the Camp. Contact: manager@campvalaqua.com

The MCA featured congregation for November in the "A Window Into...Our Mennonite Congregations" series is the Edmonton Christian Life Community Church. The December featured congregation will be Bergthal Mennonite Church. Learn more at: mccab.ca/windows2023

MENNONITE CENTRAL COMMITTEE (MCC)

The MCC Christmas Giving Guide is now available! Give the gift of hope on behalf of your loved ones by purchasing rabbits, bicycles, wells, eco-friendly stoves, sewing machines, music lessons, and much more in support of relief, development, and peace. To learn more, visit: mcc.org/Christmas or call: 403-275-6935.

Shop at Villages Calgary (220 Crowchild Trail NW) November 26 - December 2 and 10% of your purchase will be donated to MCC Alberta!

CONRAD GREBEL UNIVERSITY

Interested in learning about spirituality and aging? The Encore Webinar Series will feature six speakers over the next six months, free of charge. These hour-long online webinars offer a combination of research and practical topics, beginning on Thursday, December 14. Register at: uwaterloo.ca/grebel/events/spirituality-and-aging-seminar

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING AGENDA

TODAY - November 26, 2023 at 12:00 pm

Opening

Procedural Items

- Appoint Returning Officers
- Attendance and Quorum
- Acceptance of Agenda

Meeting Items

- FMC Privacy Policy update
- Refugee sponsorship update
- Elections
- Financial Update

Other Church Items for Information

- Proposal to revisit the Outreach Ministry
- New Photo Directory proposal
- Church Retreat at Camp Valaqua for June 21-23, 2024

Acceptance of Minutes

Closing

First Mennonite Financial Summary as of October 30, 2023

Budget Line	Budget Amount (\$)	Actual Amount (\$)	% Complete
Operating Budget			
Income	\$270,400	\$197,255	73%
Transfers to Conferences	42,000	2,000	5%
Total Expenditures	270,400	196,712	73%
Net Income	0	543	
Capital Budget			
Income	5,000	4,167	83%
Total Expenditures	15,000	0	0%
Refugee Sponsorship			
Income	n/a	6,102	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	12,274	n/a
All Other Funds			
Income	n/a	30,610	n/a
Total Expenditures	n/a	14,234	n/a

Amount of income needed by December 31 to meet our annual budget: \$73,145