



67th Annual Convention

Inviting Healthy Change

speaker
Gord Penner

June 9–11, 2017
Morweena EMC





Gord and Laura Penner

Gord Penner and wife Laura will celebrate their 33rd anniversary on Friday night of the convention (June 9, 1984). They have four married children and one grandson. Gord began teaching in Belize right after he graduated from Steinbach Bible College. He returned to SBC as a professor of Bible, Marriage and Family, and InterCultural Ministry and has been there for 30 years. Gord loves to see people deepen their desire to dig into the Word and serve the Lord. He enjoys seeing new ministry opportunities in the conference, church, or college, and dreaming up ways of meeting those needs. In his spare time he enjoys running and golf. He believes God has placed him at SBC to keep the place from getting routine.

Happy 33rd Anniversary!

Convention Schedule

Friday	8:30	Ministerial Meeting sign-in (meeting is 9:00–4:00): Riverton Gospel Chapel, 220 Reggie Leach Drive. For pastors, ministers, deacons, elders, missionaries and spouses.
	Noon	Lunch: Riverton Gospel Chapel
	5:00	Supper: Morweena EMC
	6:40	Registration Begins for Children’s Program
	7:00	Inspirational Session: Morweena EMC
	8:45	Evening Coffee Time: Morweena EMC

Saturday	8:30	Conference Council sign-in (meeting is 9:00–4:00): Mennville EMC, 1/4 mile east of Jct 234 and Rd 144N. Everyone welcome—only voting is restricted to delegates.
	10:00	Youth Event: Meet at the Morweena Christian School (across from the Morweena EMC). A fun day of events, including basketball, beach volleyball, blitz and spikeball tournaments along with other recreational activities and games. Snacks, lunch and supper will be provided at no cost. The event will end with supper. Transportation is available for youth staying in the Riverton and Mennville area.
	10:00	Non-Delegate Event: Meet at Arborg Heritage Village Museum for a guided tour. Cost (pay onsite) is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children age 4-11. Self-guided tours: (brochures available at registration) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wave Artist Studio (10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.)• Arnes Farmers’ Market (10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.)
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	10:00	Inspirational Session: Morweena EMC
	Noon	Lunch: Morweena EMC

Ministerial

Friday, June 9, 2017

Riverton Gospel Chapel

220 Reggie Leach Drive, Riverton, MB

Who Should Attend? This is a leadership day for pastors, ministers, youth and associate pastors, deacons, elders, missionaries, church planters and spouses of all the above. Retired leadership people are also most welcome.

Chair: Peter Doerksen, Board of Leadership and Outreach

Theme: **Caring for the Church - Deacon Ministry**

AGENDA

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| 8:30 | Registration |
| 9:00 | Opening – Vern Knutson |
| 9:20 | What is Deacon Ministry? – Dr. Darryl Klassen |
| 10:30 | Break |
| 11:00 | Discussion |
| 12:00 | Lunch |
| 1:00 | Testimonials |
| | • Duane and Jennifer Froese, Heartland |
| | • Kevin Janzen, La Crete |
| 3:00 | Short Break |
| 3:15 | Sharing and Prayer |
| 4:00 | Closing |

Conference Council

Saturday, June 10, 2017 at 9 a.m.

Mennville EMC

1/4 mile east of Jct 234 and Rd 144 N

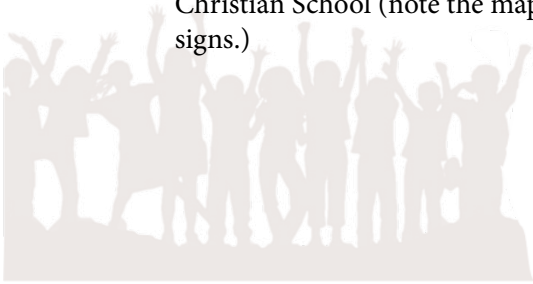
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Chair: Abe Bergen, Moderator

- 9:00 Welcome and Opening
- 9:20 Conference Council Minutes of November 26, 2016
- 9:25 Elections
- 9:35 Board of Missions
- 10:00 Discussion
- 10:15 Morning Break
- 10:30 Election Report
- 10:35 Board of Leadership and Outreach
- 11:00 Providence Theological Seminary
- 11:05 Graduate School of Theology and Ministry
- 11:10 General Board
 - Churches in Transition
 - Conference Restructuring Proposal
- 11:40 Discussion
- Noon Lunch Break
- 1:10 Board of Trustees
- 1:20 Evangelical Fellowship of Canada
- 1:25 Mennonite Disaster Service
- 1:30 Board of Church Ministries
- 1:50 Constitutional Amendment for Statement of Faith
- 2:00 Discussion
- 2:20 Afternoon Break
- 2:40 Results of Survey re: Women in Leadership
- 3:00 Discussion
- 4:00 Adjournment

Kid's Program (during Inspirational Sessions)

- Infants** A nursery room is available for infants to be accompanied by a parent.
- Age 1-4** Childcare for ages one to four provided at the Morweena church.
- K-Grade 6** Kindergarten to grade six kids will meet at the Morweena Christian School (note the map on page 18 or follow the signs.)



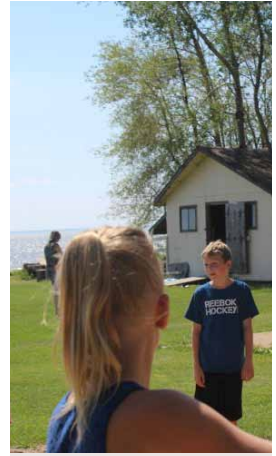
Do What's Right! with Shirley Gross

Shirley Gross spent nine years teaching in Christian schools and another nine teaching with Child Evangelism Fellowship. She has put the skills and experience gained in those years into launching a ministry called Kingdom Kids, with which she ministers at church conferences and retreats. Shirley uses stories, memory verses and activities to teach children the truths about God.

- Friday p.m.** **Ruth—Challenge: Making wise choices**
Memory verse “Do what is right and good in the Lord’s sight, so all will go well with you.” Deut 6:18 (NIRV)
- Saturday p.m.** **Naaman—Challenge: Doing it God’s way**
Memory verse: “Obey the Lord your God and follow His commands and decrees.” Deut 27:10 (NIV)
- Sunday a.m.** **The Good Samaritan—Challenge: Love God and Love Others**
Memory verse: “Here is my command. Love each other just as I have loved you.” John 15:12 (NIRV)

Beaver Creek Bible Camp

Beaver Creek Bible Camp was started in 1969 by the Interlake EMC Churches and ministers to about 250 campers during five weeks of camp. Our intention is to overflow with the love of God and give campers an unforgettably awesome camp experience. For us a big part of that involves sharing hope. Our goal is to encourage each and every camper and staff in their walk towards our Awesome God.



C and G Southeast Europe

C and G serve minority language groups in a country in Southeast Europe. They are committed to providing people with access to God's Word in their own heart language, so that everyone can read and understand the message of salvation. They have been married for 15 years and have three lovely children.



Offering Project Steinbach Bible College

SBC is an evangelical Anabaptist college empowering servant leaders to follow Jesus, serve the church, and engage the world. See p. 17 for information on donation options.



Inspirational Session 2 - Saturday, 7 p.m.

Invitation to Worship

Welcome and Prayer of Invocation

Congregational Singing

Regional Feature—Ramona's Reach

God at Work in Pelly, Saskatchewan

Offering for Convention Expenses

Offertory

Message: Gord Penner

When Enthusiasm Goes Wrong — Judges 10–11

Congregational Song

Announcements

Benediction

Ramona's Reach

Ramona's Reach, an organization of Morweena EMC members, was named after Ramona Reimer of Arborg. Ramona passed away in 2009 at the age of 26. She had a passion to help orphans, a dream that was continued by family and close friends. Together with a church in Northern Uganda, a three phase plan for the children's village was created to care for physical, emotional, educational and spiritual needs of orphans.



Frankie and Minju Kim Pelly, Saskatchewan

Frankie and Minju have been serving as pastoral couple in Pelly for nearly two years. In that time the Pelly congregation has recognized the opportunity to serve in neighbouring First Nations Communities. They are supporting Simon and Joy Yoon, a part-time ministry worker for this outreach.



Offering Project Convention Expenses

The offering will help to cover the costs of Convention for honorariums, childcare activities, tent rental, media, meals and the many miscellaneous costs associated with an event like this. See p.17 for information on donation options.



Interlake Refugee Support Network

The Interlake Refugee Support Network consists of church members and others from the Arborg community. They have sponsored the Ahmad and Zainab Jarkas family and are hoping to bring in another extended family related to them.



Chris and Revita Kroeker Paraguay

The love and care that the Kroekers have for others was evident when they directed the Radio Mensajero Radio station and remains evident now that they are church planters in Minga Guazú. This love and care has them using their gifts and training in marriage and family counselling to speak into troubled marriages. With this focus they are seeing marriages and family lives being strengthened.



Offering Project—Missions

Sunday morning the offerings will be designated to missions. The goal is to raise \$20,000 for four projects. See page 16 for descriptions. See p. 17 for information on donation options.



Convention Missions Projects

Mexico CEMM: Juan Carlos and Claudia Vejar have begun a new ministry outreach in the city of Juarez. Pray as they begin this new church with the support of the Nuevo Pacto congregation (also in Juarez) and the CEMM Conference. \$5,000

Nicaragua: The Pastoral Council, through local church assistance and ministry, gives nutritional support to children and adults to purchase sufficient food in communities where finances are limited. \$5,000

Democratic Republic of Congo—Women’s Literacy project. AIMM is training women leaders in Congo partner churches, so that they can teach literacy to other women in their communities. \$5,000

Church Planting in Canada—Pelly Outreach: The Pelly Church, with pastor Frankie Kim, is reaching out to a neighbouring First Nation community. The funds would go to providing housing for a part-time worker. \$5,000



All EMC projects are approved by governing boards. In the event that a project is fully funded or cannot be carried out for any reason, the Evangelical Mennonite Conference boards may apply designated donations to another approved project.

How to Donate:

- Cheques should be made out to EMC.
- Offerings can be designated as desired among SBC, Convention expenses, and missions using the envelope provided. They can be given during the offering or at the registration desk.
- Debit or Credit can be used to donate at the registration desk.

Thank you to the churches of Region 5

Convention Chair

- Eric and Jen Isaac

Program Committee

- Henry Friesen
- Terry Dueck
- Vern Knutson
- Eric and Jen Isaac

Music

- Brad Kornelson

Media

- Greg Plett
- Kevin Gross

Children's Session

- Judith Penner
- Jen Isaac

Facilities/Ushering

- Phil Plett

Medical Services

- Audrey Hicks

Decorations

- Evalina Reimer

Youth Activities

- Donovan Dueck

Non-Delegate Event

- Melaney Robins

Promotional Videos

- Max Ehrman
- Jen Isaac

Thank you to the churches of Region 5

Food Services

- Alvina Reimer
- Mennville EMC Food Committee
- ConneXion Food Committee
- Morweena EMC Food Committee
- Riverton Gospel Chapel Food Committee

Thank you to the many additional volunteers who offered their homes, provided finances, dedicated time and energy and to the business people who covered the cost of the meals – May the Lord richly bless you!

Morweena EMC and Christian School

Children, kindergarten to grade six, will meet at the Morweena Christian School during evening sessions.

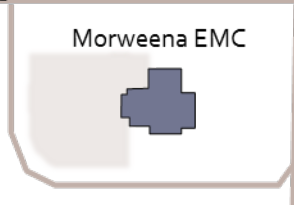
Morweena
Christian School



Youth will meet at Morweena Christian School for activities on Saturday at 10:00 a.m.

Provincial Rd 329

Morweena EMC



Region 5





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