

This is a compilation of people who have agreed to be available for speaking assignments in congregations. Except for MCEC staff persons, individuals on this list do not directly represent MCEC and as such MCEC does not accept responsibility for their views or presentations. Please make all arrangements for availability, honorarium and travel expenses directly with the individuals.

Susan Allison-Jones

Susan is an ordained pastor in MCEC having served in Botswana, Africa as a Mission Worker for Mennonite Church Canada, a pastor at Breslau Mennonite Church, Youth Minister for MCEC and with Mennonite Central Committee in Egypt.

Susan is available to speak in whatever capacity is requested: sermons, Sunday School settings, youth/ young adult, women's groups or other small group settings. She is available to participate in longer thematic series as well. Her life has been one of discovering where and what God is calling her and her family to and placing complete trust in God as they move forward. She loves to explore the way God moves us out of comfort zones stretching and challenging us as we follow. Currently living in Baden, she is working with a group of enthusiastic "called" people on a not for profit community cafe and church plant.

A gratuity according to MCEC guidelines or better, plus mileage would be expected.

Telephone: 519.214.0249 (home) or Email: badenspace@gmail.com

Brice Balmer

Brice Balmer preaches, teaches, and consults with the congregation, especially in addictions, spirituality, poverty, inter-faith, community planning, and social justice.

Believing that all congregations are different, Brice prefers to negotiate with leaders on the topic, style of presentation, and issues to be addressed. Brice's preaching begins with biblical text(s) and congregationally identified concerns.

Brice charges \$100 / hour plus transportation costs, which is the set fee of Teaching Circle; included in the \$100 is an hour of teaching or a sermon plus the three hours needed for preparation (thus equals \$25 / hr).

Telephone: 519.884.0710 X 3927 or Email brice@golden.net

Steven Brnjas

I have a profound love for preaching and teaching. My varied life experiences as a police officer, Mennonite pastor and a worker in the restorative justice program of Mennonite Central Committee, as well as a father to eight children have all helped to formulate my interaction with Scripture. I graduated from Conrad Grebel University College with my Masters of Theological Studies in 2011. I enjoy finding new ways of sharing 'old' stories of Scripture.

I am comfortable speaking in any setting, be it sermons on a Sunday morning, Sunday School classes or leading a Bible Study whether with adults, young adults or youth. I am also available during the week. I am comfortable using various media formats (powerpoint, video clips) if desired.

A gratuity according to MCEC guidelines or better, plus mileage would be expected.

I can be contacted at 519.885.4247 or by e-mail at smbnrjas@hotmail.com

Barb Draper

I deeply love the church and am happy to serve, especially in speaking and teaching. I graduated from the MTS program at Conrad Grebel in 1997 but do not feel called as a pastor. Local history (and Mennonite history) is a passion of mine and I have also written dramas for the church.

Preferred presentation style is Sunday sermon or classroom setting (interactive)

Telephone: 519.669.1884 or email: edassist@canadianmennonite.org

Julie Ellison White

Julie Ellison White is an ordained pastor in MCEC having served on the pastoral teams at Wellesley Mennonite Church and Tavistock Mennonite Church. Julie also writes for Rejoice! devotional magazine and has published several resources for youth including "Tent of Meeting: A 25-Day Adventure with God" and a Fastlane Bible Study "Friends Forever".

Julie is available for general preaching ministry to all ages. Julie loves to help the Bible's stories come alive in creative and refreshing ways- especially in intergenerational settings.

A gratuity according to MC Canada guidelines, plus mileage would be gratefully received.

Email: jmellisonwhite@gmail.com

Sarah Freeman

I am completing a PhD in pastoral ministry. My focus is homiletics, aka preaching. I also have experience writing Gather Round curriculum for children and as a youth pastor.

I enjoy any presentation style including preaching, small groups, teaching Sunday school classes, or leading interactive activities with adults or youth. I am also able to prepare children's stories.

My studies allow me a flexible schedule and so I am available for Sundays but also other days of the week. I am in Kitchener, but I have a car and am willing to drive to various other locations.

Telephone: 519-513-0264 or Email: srfreeman02@gmail.com

Miriam Frey

My gifts lie in the area of prayer and spiritual formation. I am interested in helping people listen to God in everyday life. Topics include prayer and discernment, spiritual disciplines, understanding personality conflicts, and celebrating diversity within the congregation.

Prefers retreat setting or Sunday sermons, working primarily with adults interested in spiritual growth that listens for the sacred.

Preferred Contact: mfrey@sentex.ca Secondary Contact: 519-880-9684

Susan Kennel Harrison

I can offer preaching in general, on a requested theme or lectionary texts. I can assist with worship planning, provide the children's time story in conjunction with the sermon, and I can lead a bible study for the education hour. I can also plan and lead a Taize worship service if the church has a piano and some persons who are willing to sing the music with me.

I am comfortable preaching in a traditional Sunday sermon context, and teaching in a small groups during education hour, facilitating a discussion. I enjoy working with adults and youth.

Minimum honorarium \$100 [If less than 2 weeks advance notice: minimum. honorarium \$200]
Travel fee if location is outside of GTA

Cell phone: 647-885-6006 or email: susankennelh@gmail.com

Bertha Landers

Retired pastor with interest in pulpit supply and worship

Geographical area: K-W and nearby surroundings- e.g. Elmira, New Hamburg, Tavistock. I do not enjoy the 401 any more!

Telephone: 519.745.0069 or email: bml@sentex.net

Fanosie Legesse

I am a believer in Christ, a husband to my wife Dianne, and a father to my children Zachariah (6yrs) Lydia (4yrs). I have been in pastoral ministry, teaching and preaching in Ethiopia –at Meserete Christos Church. We were in Ethiopia for three years serving as Mennonite Church Canada Witness international volunteers. I was teaching at Meserete Kristos College (biblical and religious courses). My family and I are members of Bethel Mennonite Church in Elora.

I would be happy to serve churches using my gift of Preaching and Teaching. I can preach Sunday mornings, Teach bible courses or thematic topics –Discipleship, Prayer, Worship - from a biblical perspective. As a preacher of gospel, anyone who is willing to listen to me is my audience.

As long as the interested party is willing to cover my mileage cost and whatever their normal honorary gift, I am willing to drive to anywhere. Week-ends are usually preferable. However, right at this moment, I am available during the week too.

Telephone: 519-843-7765 or email: di_and_fanosie@bell.net

Maurice Martin, Regional Minister

Maurice Martin is available to speak in congregations on a variety of topics as desired, or from the lectionary texts, in the role of pulpit supply preacher.

Will travel, so long as mileage is covered beyond our Region.

Conference guidelines for fees - and somewhat more if he creates new material for preaching or teaching contexts on specified topics.

Telephone: 662-1031 or Email: mauricem@sympatico.ca

Ruth Martin

General preaching ministry.

Willing to travel to anyplace in the general area of south and southwest Ontario

Preference for Sunday sermons.

Contact by phone at 519-762-5553 or email: alvin-ruth@sympatico.ca

Sherri Martin-Carman

Available to speak to congregations in MCEC in my role as Development Associate for AMBS. Could offer sermon, and/or a presentation about the ministry of Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary. Might have limited availability to speak more generally as well (not as AMBS representative). I am a former pastor in MCEC, a graduate of AMBS, and prefer preaching fairly traditional sermons, with some creative elements as an option.

Preferred style: Sunday sermons, small group presentation to young adults /adults.

Telephone 519.669.1005 or email: jsmc@kw.igs.net

When speaking for AMBS, this ministry is available for free to MCEC congregations (however honorariums can be given to AMBS if congregations would like to support the ministries of AMBS). When speaking more generally, \$100 is requested for a Sunday sermon as well as mileage paid if travelling more than 50 km.

Earl Meyers

Sunday sermons. Also Christian theme programs 45min to 60 min. with a musical background while doing a chalk pastel drawing and a colored lighting conclusion. A darkened room is needed for the lighting effect. These programs have been used for retirement homes, evening services or other.

Groups have given an honourarium

Telephone: 519.893.6424 or email: ce.meyers@yahoo.ca

Lydia Neufeld Harder

I can provide a general preaching ministry and am particularly interested in teaching style sermons focusing on biblical interpretation. But I also like to address contemporary issues such as peace, being a missional people, and gift discernment. I also co-teach with my husband, Gary, on topics such as sexuality, marriage and church process.

I like to preach and teach in an interactive style. My preferred audience is adults of any age. I also do children's stories.

I can travel if travel expenses will be paid.

Telephone: 416.691.8553 or email: lydia.harder@utoronto.ca

John Peters

John is currently engaged with Miserete Kristos College in Ethiopia, having taught there in 2006, 2007 and 2009. He and his wife served as missionaries in the jungle area of Brazil from 1957-1967. He taught at Wilfrid Laurier University for thirty years as a sociologist. John is committed to the world church, having taught in Lithuania, Kazakhstan and Ethiopia. John is a member of Waterloo North Mennonite Church

John would be glad to simply step into the series that is being used at any particular time by a congregation, follow the church calendar, or take a topic of the congregation's choice. He is committed to God's work in the church.

Telephone: 519.885.6422

Edmund Pries

Fluent in both English and German. Preaching. Teaching Sunday school series on various subjects, i.e. Anabaptist History and Theology (10 Session Series), Atonement Theology (5 Session Series), numerous other historical and theological topics, church seasonal series related to Advent or Lent, have also done various music historical series etc.

Prefers to follow the lectionary and the church year for sermons. Also engages the current issues of the day; seeks to do justice to the historical context and the meaning of the text. Also seeks to have the Biblical text interact with the world of the listeners.

For a preaching assignment, Sunday school or workshop series, a reasonable fee would need to be negotiated. Depends on travel and availability.

Telephone: 519-578-0003 or Fax: 519-743-6490 or Email: epries@citycorp.ca or edmund@pries.ca

Elmer John Thiessen

I am a semi-retired philosopher/theologian who has recently moved to Waterloo. While living in Alberta for most of my teaching career, I was very active in my church as Moderator, Elder, Lay-minister and Sunday school teacher. I have also preached and given teaching seminars in other churches, in a small church in Seven Persons. I love the church and feel called to the preaching and teaching ministry.

I like topical preaching, but am quite happy to follow the church's calendar or lectionary. My passion is to make God's Word come alive in today's world. Some possible topics for seminars or a Sunday school series: the Ethics of Evangelism; Biblical Ethics for Today's Postmodern Society; A Christian Worldview; A Biblical Approach to Knowing; Doubt; Committed Openness; Christian Education in the Home and the Church.

I am available during most of the year, except for the occasional teaching stint overseas and some holidays during the summer months. Regarding payment, I am open to the honorarium and expense policy in a church.

Contact: (519) 746-8281; ejthiessen@sympatico.ca

Heather Whitehouse

Heather Whitehouse is currently completing her 4th (last) year of a M.Div degree. As a part of that degree program she spent a full year as student pastor at Bethany Mennonite Church. She has preached at several Mennonite congregations. Heather provides a general preaching service. Her sermons are strongly Christ-centered messages that draw applications for today.

Heather enjoys congregational Sunday services preaching. The geographical area Heather serves is both Niagara peninsula and greater K-W area.

A honourarium to cover mileage and a meal is appreciated.

Telephone: 905.937.9191 or Email heatherstjp@sympatico.ca

MCEC STAFF**Brian Bauman**, Mission Minister

Presentations typically focus on the mission of the local congregation and their support of MCEC in mission.

Sermons, S.S. classes, meeting with Mission Committees and other Leadership groups are educational and inspirational. People are invited to see God at work in the midst of their local context as well as the wider church. Evangelism in a Mennonite Perspective, Church Planting, Paul's Mission Journey and We are a SENT people are a few current themes.

Telephone: 519.650.3806 / 800.206.9356 or Email brian@mcec.ca

Muriel Bechtel, Conference Minister

Calling and vocation, the church's role in forming leaders, ministry and leadership in times of transition, the meaning of licensing and ordination, blessing those who lead.

Sermons, interactive settings such as informal worship settings or small groups. Subject to availability

Telephone: 519.650.3806 / 800.206.9356 or Email mbechtel@mcec.ca

David Martin, Executive Minister

My presentations are usually focused on the mission and vision of the MCEC community of congregations and how we engage our common mission at the local congregational level as well as at the Area Church and national level. Sermons are biblically based and will challenge listeners to engage the call/mission of the church. Education and awareness related to MCEC and MC Canada ministries is reserved primarily for small group or Sunday School settings. I enjoy an interactive approach to small group presentations. As time permits, I am also open to working at congregational discernment around vision and direction setting.

Presentations options can include sermons, small group presentations, and Sunday School class interactive engagement about the ministries of MCEC. Depending on availability, congregational or small group retreats may be an option.

Flexible availability depending on schedule with the exclusion of the July and August

Telephone: 519.650.3806 / 800.206.9356 or Email dmartin@mcec.ca

Al Rempel, Regional Minister

I would be delighted to participate in your service of worship or adult education time. I am open to speaking on a number of themes including but not limited to Christian discipleship, stewardship and missional vocation.

I am open to being a resource for interactive events large or small chiefly dealing with themes around generosity and vision.

Telephone: 905-346-3319 or Email: arempel@mcec.ca

Jeff Steckley, Congregational Ministries Minister

I would be happy to provide an update on the work of Congregational Ministries Council. Other themes that I'd be open to working with include: stewardship, gift discernment - identification of assets, new ministry directions for congregations

I will do interactive activities with small or large groups, Sunday Christian Education time or Sunday sermon

Telephone: 519.650.3806 / 800.206.9356 or Email: jsteckley@mcec.ca

MCEC PARTNERS IN MINISTRY**Denominational Partner**

Mennonite Church Canada offers a wide variety of speakers on a wide variety of topics. Go to www.mennonitechurch.ca/tiny/1293 for a complete listing, or search for the "MC Canada Speakers Bureau" at www.mennonitechurch.ca/resourcecentre.

Email: office@mennonitechurch.ca

Telephone: 1-866-888-6785

Educational Partners

Associated Mennonite Biblical Seminary provides graduate level ministry training and theological education, undergraduate ministry study programs, and continuing education for people in ministry. Faculty and staff can speak on a variety of topics related to the church and ministry, including missional church, the Bible, spiritual disciplines, worship, pastoral care, youth and culture.

Speakers' Bureau: www.ambs.edu/programs-institutes/speakers-bureau

Telephone: 574-295-3726

Canadian Mennonite University - www.cmu.ca

Conrad Grebel University College - www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca

Fraser Lake Camp is located near Bancroft, ON. Fraser Lake Camp has been "camping with a purpose" for over 50 years. With campers arriving from a wide range of social and economic backgrounds (mostly from the GTA), Fraser is more an urban mission field than traditional church camp.

Eric Musselman

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Telephone: 905-642-2964

Hidden Acres Mennonite Camp and Retreat - <http://hiddenacres.ca/site>

Ontario Mennonite Music Camp - <http://www.grebel.uwaterloo.ca/OMMC>

Silver Lake Mennonite Camp 2010/2011 Sermon Topic: Finding God in Creation

Christian camping has played an important part in the faith formation of youth for generations, giving them opportunity to explore issues relating to faith, peace, social justice and environmental stewardship in a natural

setting. This sermon will focus on the role camps play in faith formation while exploring Job 12: 8-10.

Dave Erb, Director

Email: silverlake@slmc.on.ca or Telephone: 519-422-1401; Cell 226-339-9381

United Mennonite Educational Institute - <http://umei.on.ca>

Willowgrove is located near Stouffville. They operate 4 main programs: Glenbrook Day Camp, Fraser Lake Camp, Willowgrove Primary School, and the Willowgrove Outdoor Ed Centre. Willowgrove seeks to nurture the social, physical, spiritual and emotional growth of children and youth through a holistic range of quality outdoor programs and Christ-centered peace education.

Ron Shantz

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Telephone: 905-640-2127

Financial/Stewardship Partners

MAX Canada - <http://www.maxwholeness.com/canada/what.asp>

Mennonite Foundation of Canada - Talking about money is a difficult task, yet it is a vital part of our lives and spiritual growth. MFC consultants specialize in discussing spiritual and practical issues around generosity, contentment, charitable gift planning, estate planning, and how they relate to our lives. Call us when you want a Sunday morning speaker or resources for your pastor, board, committees, groups or individuals. We look forward to talking with you! You can find more information at Mennofoundation.ca.

Contact: Sherri Grosz, Mike Strathdee (Kitchener)

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Telephone: 1-800-772-3257 (Toll-free), 519-745-7821 (Kitchener), 905-934-0484 (Niagara)

Mennonite Savings and Credit Union

Historical Partners

Detweiler Meetinghouse - <http://www.detweilermeetinghouse.ca/index.html>

Mission Partners

Mennonite Central Committee Ontario - <http://ontario.mcc.org>

Mennonite Disaster Service is a volunteer network through which various constituencies of the Anabaptist church can respond to those affected by disasters in Canada and the United States. While our main focus is on clean up, repair and rebuilding homes, this activity becomes a means of touching lives and helping people regain faith and wholeness.

Email: mdscn@mds.mennonite.net or Telephone: 1-866-261-1274

Multifaith Council on Religious and Spiritual Care - www.omc.ca/

Women of Mennonite Church Eastern Canada -

Publication Partners

Canadian Mennonite, the every-home news biweekly magazine for Mennonite Church Canada published in Waterloo, Ont. Firmly rooted in the 220 congregations across the country, including the 95 of MCEC, it attempts to give the news of church life on a timely basis, as well as reflect the voice of the people and denominational organizations as they carry out their mission as God's people.

Dick Benner, editor/publisher

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Mennonite Publishing Network - www.mpn.net

Resourcing Partners

Mennonite and Brethren Marriage Encounter provides Marriage Encounter weekends for couples, to strengthen and revitalize marriages, to take couples beyond the frustration, disappointments, or loneliness that can be a part of their everyday life, to work toward God's ideal for marriage.

Contact: Jim and Ruth Martin

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Mennonite and Brethren in Christ Resource Centre - www.mbicresources.org/resourcecentre/Home

Sexual Misconduct and Abuse Response/Resource Team (SMAART) - <http://ontario.mcc.org/restorative/smarrt>