

MENNONITE BRETHREN Herald

Births, weddings, anniversaries, obituaries, and pastor & church transition announcements

The MB Herald is a tool for storytelling, conversations about our beliefs, information from and about the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (CCMBC), and for family life news from MB churches in Canada.

This document outlines the information we seek to craft announcements on marriages, the birth of children and churches, deaths of our members, and landmark anniversaries for couples and congregations.

Obituaries

Note: all obituaries will be edited for style and length.

Please ensure the following pieces of information are included:

- Death date
- Birth date
- Birth place
- Parents' names
- Date [year] & church of baptism (if available)
- Life details
- Date [year] of marriage, and spouse's maiden name (if applicable)
- Name of church where member or attendee
- Names of children, number of grandchildren, number of surviving siblings (as applicable)

Please submit obituaries within 9 months of the funeral date. Families may submit obituaries directly to *MB Herald*.

Births

- Last name(s) of parents (mother's maiden name, if desired)
- First names of parents
- City/town of parents' residence
- Sex of child
- Name of child
- Date of birth

Sample (as it appears in print):

LAST NAME – to **father's first name** & **mother's first name (maiden name)** of **hometown, prov.**, a son/daughter, **child's name(s), birthdate, year**.

Weddings

- First and last name of groom
- Hometown of groom
- First and last name of bride
- Hometown of bride
- Date of wedding

Sample (as it appears in print):

Groom's NAME of **hometown** & **bride's NAME** of **hometown, wedding date**.

Wedding anniversaries

only 50th, 60th, 65th, etc.

- Names of couple
- City/town of residence
- Date of celebration (with family and friends, etc.),
- Date of marriage
- Location of wedding
- Photos accepted (larger than 500 KB please)

Sample (as it appears in print)

LAST NAME: Husband's first name & wife's first name (maiden name) couple's last name celebrated their ##th wedding anniversary **date** at **place, prov.** They were married in **place, prov., original wedding date, year.**

Church anniversaries

25th, 50th, 75th

- Date of celebration
- Date of founding
- Current (lead) pastor
- Founding pastor
- "Parent" congregation (if relevant)
- Significant activities of celebration (if relevant)
- Highlight particular characteristics/outreach focus of congregation

Sample (as it appears in print)

CHURCH NAME celebrated ## years **date** with **activities.** **Church name** was founded (as a **plant/daughter church** from **parent congregation**) in #### with **pastor's name** as pastor. Current **membership/attendance** is ###, with **pastor's name** as (lead) pastor.

Pastor transition – new pastor

- When will/did the pastor start at your church?
- Pastor's title [*youth pastor, lead pastor, associate pastor of a particular ministry, etc.*]
- Pastor's educational background [*BRE, MDiv, PhD, etc., from MBBS, Regent, ACTS, etc.*]
- Pastor's previous work experience [*not exhaustive list, but indication of previous church(es), and/or other professional experience, as applicable*]
- Family: married, # of children?
- Photograph [*if children are pictured, please include their names*]

Church plant launch

- Church name, location, date of launch
- Pastor's name and name of congregation he or she apprenticed in
- Target demographic (if applicable)
- Comment on launch
- Photograph – pastor's family OR launch event [optional]

All announcements may be sent by email to mbherald@mbconf.ca or mailed to 1310 Taylor Ave, Winnipeg, R3M 3Z6.

Sending photos by email: please attach as a separate file (jpg, tiff, pdf) in high resolution (1 MB/300 dpi).

Sending photos by letter mail: 1310 Taylor Winnipeg, MB R3M 3Z6

*(*if photo will arrive separately from announcement, please indicate method of delivery with announcement)*

If you have any other questions, please contact mbherald@mbconf.ca or call 888-669-6575 to speak to a Herald staff person.

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