

MENNONITE BRETHREN Herald

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

MB Herald readers converse with MB church members across Canada through the articles, stories, and letters; engage with messages from conference leaders and news from the boards; explore our theology and history; and celebrate life and change through transition announcements, obituaries, etc.

Members of Canadian Mennonite Brethren churches are welcome to submit family life announcements for publication based on the following specifications.

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

Example (as 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

Example (as 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: first name & first name (maiden name) last name celebrated their **##**th wedding anniversary **date** at **place, prov.** They were married in **place, prov., original wedding date, year**.

Obituaries

All obituaries will be edited for style and length. Please submit obituaries within 5 months of the funeral date. Families may submit obituaries of MB church members directly to *MB Herald*.

There is now a fee for submitting an obituary for publication in the *MB Herald*.

Please email obituaries@mbchurches.ca or visit <http://mbherald.com/obituary-submission/> to find guidelines.

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.

Longer stories and photos may be posted online.

Pastor transition – new position

- 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*]
- *Please answer ONE of the following:*
 - What makes you passionate about the church?
 - How do you believe God has gifted you to serve the church?
 - What is your favourite thing about being a pastor?

Full-length pastoral transition announcements may appear online only.

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@mbchurches.ca or mailed to 1310 Taylor Ave, Winnipeg, R3M 3Z6.

Sending photos: please attach as a separate file (jpg/tiff/pdf – **not** embedded in a Word doc) in high resolution (1 MB/300 dpi).

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

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