



Canadian Conference
of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Video Update – June 2018

Steve Berg, CCMBC Interim Executive Director
Elton DaSilva, CCMBC National Director (as of July 2018)

Steve: Eighteen months ago, when I began this leadership role in an interim capacity, I knew that one of the key outcomes of my leadership was that discernment and then affirmation and appointment of our next long-term national director for the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches. So today, I'm delighted to introduce to you Elton DaSilva.

Elton, you have been in Manitoba, in service there for almost 10 years, leading the conference and the churches there. And now God has opened this opportunity for you to give leadership on a national level.

Elton: I'm excited. I'm excited to be called into this. I feel a call of God, and I'm excited to serve: to serve our family, to serve our local churches, and to see what God has in store for us.

Steve: I can also say that I feel very strongly about this call that God has put in your life. And I'm looking forward to the ways that your particular skillset and experience will provide that excellent leadership – as we continue to support our local churches and leaders in the accomplishment of the mission that God has given to each of you and to us collectively as the national conference.

And so, this summer in Saskatoon, we're going to have our Gathering 2018. The theme is "ONE." And we're using those wonderful verses from Ephesians 4:1–6, as we consider again what God is doing in bringing us together for a very impactful mission opportunity that he's giving us across this country in reaching many new people with the gospel of Christ, and planting new churches, and affirming and supporting our existing churches in the ministries to which God has called them.

Elton: And we want to invite you specifically – not just because this is another family reunion that we want you to be a part of – but to this one specifically. We'll be voting and looking at the new Collaborative Model that allows us to work together with provinces and national agencies as well, and a new way of working together – of being "ONE."

Steve: So, if you haven't yet decided, we again want to encourage you to consider coming to Saskatoon and being a part of this Gathering, both for the unifying of our relationships and for the sense of inspiration and oneness around what God's called us to. July 11–14, we trust that you can be there with us.

And so, we give you God's blessing in your continued work and mission in the places that you serve.