



REGIONAL
GATHERING
2024

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EAST
APRIL 19-20
KITCHENER, ON

WEST
APRIL 26-27
RED DEER, AB



Evangelical Missionary
Church of Canada

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East Schedule

April 19-20, 2024

Country Hills Church
Kitchener, ON

FRIDAY, APRIL 19

2:00 PM	Registration – ON SITE
3:00 PM	Living & Leading Unstuck – CRAIG SIDER InFOCUS Leadership, author of Beyond Your Box (2023)
4:00 PM	Navigating Grief – RANDALL REHKOPF & PAM HICKS EMCC Pastor at Wilmot Centre EMC, World Partners Administrative Assistant and Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator
5:00 PM	Dinner – OFF SITE
7:00 PM	Collective Impact, Engaged Together in His Good Work – KEVIN MAST, LIBBY PETERS, JOHN CRESSMAN The public is invited to join us for this EMCC Worship Service
9:00 PM	Fellowship Gathering Join your friends and colleagues for a time of fellowship

SATURDAY, APRIL 20

8:00 AM	Prayer Breakfast, Together in Prayer – ON SITE
9:30 AM	Break – ON SITE
9:45 AM	Networking with Peers Engage & Connect with EMCC Pastors and Leaders
10:30 AM	Tentmakers: Combining Work and Faith – JAMES WATSON Research Fellow with the Canadian Institute for Empirical Church Research Wycliffe College at University of Toronto
11:30 AM	Growing Young(er): Why Prioritizing Next Gen Ministry is Essential to Revitalizing Your Church! – GEN EPP M.A. in Leadership and Evangelism from Wheaton College and Member of the EMCC National Next Gen Team
12:30 PM	Lunch – ON SITE
1:30 PM	Mobilizing the Local Church for Mission Engagement – NICOLE JONES QANDAH Director of EMCC World Partners
3:00 PM	EMCC Matters – EMCC NATIONAL BOARD & EMCC PRESIDENT
	Closing

West Schedule

April 26-27, 2024

CrossRoads Church
Red Deer, AB

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

2:00 PM

Registration – ON SITE

3:00 PM

Are We Stuck? – STEVE SCHAUFELE
EMCC Pastor at Foothills Community Church, Okotoks, AB.

4:00 PM

**Empathy: The Language of Love Your Church Must Speak for
Grieving Hearts To Heal** – SHIRLEY THIESSEN
Founder and Executive Director of CornerBend Grief Ministries

5:00 PM

Dinner – OFF SITE

7:00 PM

Collective Impact, Engaged Together in His Good Work
– TRACY MINKE, KEVIN HEGEMAN, JOHN CRESSMAN
The public is invited to join us for this EMCC Worship Service

9:00 PM

Fellowship Gathering
Join your friends and colleagues for a time of fellowship

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

8:00 AM

Prayer Breakfast, Together in Prayer – ON SITE

9:30 AM

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9:45 AM

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FREE FRIDAY NIGHT

WORSHIP

ALL ARE WELCOME

7 PM

ON-SITE

The key verse for this year's Regional Gathering is Nehemiah 2:18,

Then I told them how the gracious hand of God had been on me, and about my conversation with the king. They replied to me at once 'Yes, let's rebuilt the wall!' So, they began the good work.

Conference Resources:

emcc.ca/rg2024/digital-toolkit



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COLLECTIVE IMPACT

ENGAGED TOGETHER IN HIS GOOD WORK

Workshops

and Speaker Biographies

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Living and Leading Unstuck

🕒 FRIDAY, APRIL 19 | 3:00 PM

Our world churns with constant change. As followers of Christ and hope-filled people, we are not sheltered from moments or seasons of knowing deep inside that we are in a holding pattern. We will learn about different kinds of limitations, how to get to the root of the issue, and then the keys to taking action, all the while being authentic to the person God has called us and gifted us to be.

**EAST ONLY*



Craig Sider

President of InFOCUS Leadership

Craig Sider is passionate about unleashing potential in others. He partners with leaders and organizations to help them identify – and move courageously toward – a preferred future. For over three decades, Craig has walked with and served leaders from church, business, and nonprofit. He combines insights gleaned from degrees in business, theology, and leadership development. Craig's approach is to listen deeply and then ask questions that draw out deeper reflection and inspire fresh thinking.

Navigating Grief

🕒 FRIDAY, APRIL 19 | 4:00 PM

In ministry, leaders often find themselves comforting the grieving, helping others through their times of loss and pain. So, where do the caregivers turn when they themselves suffer similar sorrow? How and where does God meet us and lead us? In this workshop, Randall and Pam will be sharing from their personal experiences of parting with their closest loved ones, followed by time for table discussion.

**EAST ONLY*



Pam Hicks

EMCC World Partners Administrative Assistant and Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator

Pam Hicks is World Partners Administrative Assistant and Refugee Sponsorship Coordinator. She has been part of the EMCC National Team for nearly 15 years. Her mother, Wanda, went to be with Jesus in February, 2021.



Randall Rehkopf

EMCC Regional Minister and Lead Pastor of Wilmont Centre Church in Petersburg, ON

Randall Rehkopf is Lead Pastor at Wilmont Centre Church, just west of Kitchener. He has been an EMCC pastor for about 30 years. His first wife, Terrina, went to be with Jesus in August, 2019.

Are We Stuck?

🕒 FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | 3:00 PM

Is your church stuck? What would it look like to get unstuck? How much work is it going to be to change? How long will it take? Will it be worth the effort? Moving your church towards life doesn't have to feel like death. Let's talk about a doable process for revitalized ministry and church life.

*WEST ONLY



Steve Schaufele

Pastor of Foothills Community Church in Okotoks, Alberta

Steve serves as pastor at Foothills Community Church of Okotoks in Okotoks Alberta. Steve and his wife, Jessica have been involved in church planting, starting and leading youth groups and children's ministries in the last 30 years. He's also invested time sitting on and chairing various community groups and charities. Steve now aims his extra time at Church Revitalization Coaching throughout North America through *Relatable Leaders*.



Shirley Thiessen

Founder and Executive Director of CornerBend Grief Ministries

As a bereaved parent, Shirley shares best practices from personal experience and grief training. An international speaker, grief educator and author. Shirley's discovered that equipping others to navigate their loss is a meaningful way to recycle her pain. Shirley is obsessed with the fact that no one should be left to grieve alone. Her priority is assisting churches to become safe communities for the broken hearted to authentically grieve, to feel seen, heard and loved.

Empathy: The Language of Love Your Church Must Speak for Grieving Hearts to Heal

🕒 FRIDAY, APRIL 26 | 4:00 PM

Most people don't know what is helpful to say or do to support a grieving friend. In this workshop, you'll discover practical ideas and proven resources for your church to be a haven of hope and healing. Every person who attends this workshop (online or in person) will receive a free copy of Shirley's book, *The Little Black Funeral Dress*.

*WEST ONLY



John Cressman

EMCC President



Kevin Hegeman

Pastor of Youth, Young Adults, and
Worship at Hillside Community
Church in Coquitlam, BC

**WEST ONLY*



Kevin Mast

Pastor of Hope City Church in
Barrie, ON

**EAST ONLY*



Tracy Minke

EMCC Board Member

**WEST ONLY*



Libby Peters

Co-Pastor of Plattsville Church
in Plattsville, ON

**EAST ONLY*

Collective Impact

🕒 FRIDAY, APRIL 19 & 26 | 7:00 PM

As a denomination, we desire to experience deeper engagement as we collectively build towards greater impact through local and global mobilization.

Tentmakers: Combining Work and Faith

🕒 SATURDAY, APRIL 20 & 27 | 10:30 AM

What makes work faith filled? Tentmakers or pastors who are multi-vocational, bi-vocational, or co-vocational have offered their insights into what makes their combinations of employment meaningful. Research with Canadian leaders provides an opportunity to reflect on how the pieces can fit together and what this may mean for the future of the church in Canada.

If you would like to read about the research, there is a report on the research at canadianmultivocationalministry.ca/report and a recently published book: Tentmakers: Multi Vocational Ministry in Western Society.



James Watson

Research Fellow with the Canadian Institute for Empirical Church Research Wycliffe College at University of Toronto

James has been a trainer, coach, and consultant for church planters and revitalizers with The Salvation Army and Outreach Canada. In addition to coordinating research with bivocational ministry leaders. James is currently teaching courses in the Doctor of Ministry program at Tyndale University. He has a Master of Divinity degree from McMaster Divinity College and a PhD from Fuller Theological Seminary.

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Genevieve Epp

M.A. in Leadership and Evangelism from Wheaton College and Member of the EMCC National Next Gen Team

Genevieve is actively engaged as a member of the EMCC National Next Gen Team. With a background in family ministry and youth leadership, Genevieve is passionate about character development, particularly in the context of the Next Gen and their digital upbringing. She is a lifelong learner, always seeking to expand her knowledge and grow in her relationship with Jesus.

Growing Young(er): Why Prioritizing Next Gen Ministry is Essential to Revitalizing Your Church!

🕒 SATURDAY, APRIL 20 & 27 | 10:30 AM

This workshop is crucial for the future of our churches. This is for any church leader who understands that their church needs to be growing younger but isn't sure how to get there. Join the EMCC Next Gen team as we dive into these six core commitments that your church needs to grow young!

Mobilizing the Local Church for Mission Engagement

🕒 SATURDAY, APRIL 20 & 27 | 12:30 PM

Curious about the global mission landscape? This workshop will give you a greater idea of the consultations World Partners staff are happy to offer as a service to you as members of EMCC. We would love to help you engage in mission strategically. Our heart would be that these consultations help EMCC, and each of you, sense your part in a larger story of the global church on the move.



Nicole Jones-Qandah

EMCC Director of World Partners

Nicole's primary responsibilities include assisting EMCC churches and credentialed leaders in their missional participation, providing oversight to our WP-Supervised Global Workers, and carrying the relationship with our Global Partners and Global Workers with other Agencies.

PENTECOST OFFERING

MAY 19, 2024

GOAL: \$24,000

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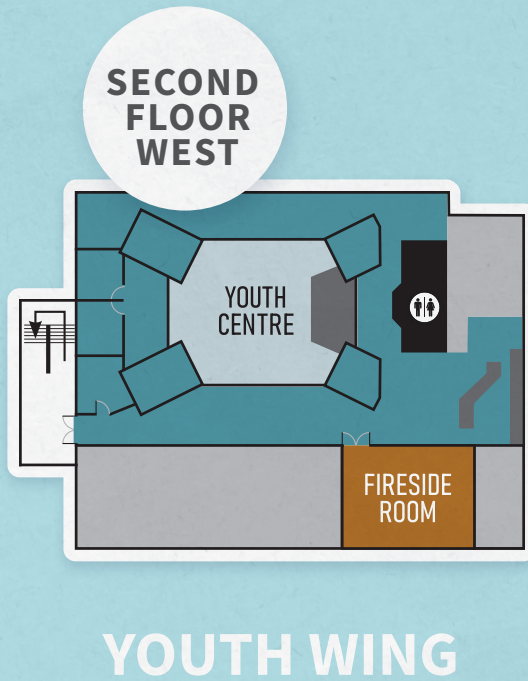
EMCC Matters

🕒 SATURDAY, APRIL 20 & 27 | 1:30 PM

The EMCC is a family of churches. Our uniqueness is that we are trying to stay centred on living like Jesus, for Jesus, and in the power of the Spirit of Jesus. We believe God has called us to become a movement of followers of Jesus deeply invested in the world around us, so that individuals, churches, communities, and nations can flourish as God intended.



Church Floor Plans



YOUTH WING



KIDS WING

Vendors



The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada

www.evangelicalfellowship.ca

The Evangelical Fellowship of Canada (l'Alliance évangélique du Canada) is the national association of evangelical Christians in Canada, since 1964 the EFC has provided a national forum for Evangelicals, fostered ministry partnerships, conducted research on religious and social trends and provided a constructive voice for biblical principles in life and society. EFC affiliates include denominations, ministry organizations, post-secondary educational institutions and individual congregations, who uphold a common statement of faith and organizational "objects" (goals) and who often join in collaborative projects. The EFC also has thousands of supporting individuals. Uniting Evangelicals to Bless Canada in the Name of Jesus.

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World Partners
Following Jesus Together

EMCC World Partners

www.emcc.ca/world-partners

World Partners is the global mission arm of the EMCC. We seek to help individuals and churches learn with, connect, and mobilize for adaptive participation in Jesus' mission everywhere. We would love to help you explore how we, as followers of Jesus, can co-participate with the global church.

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Evergreen Christian Ministries

www.ecmcamps.ca

Evergreen Christian Ministries is a not-for-profit charity and affiliate ministry of the EMCC. We run two camps, Stayner Camp & Christian Retreat Centre in Stayner, ON and Camp Mishewah on Round Lake, near Killaloe, ON. We provide camping experiences for families, seniors, singles, children, and youth. Our vision is that everyone who comes in contact with our camps would be impacted by the life-changing love of Jesus. With the support of our church partners, we provide opportunities to Experience Jesus, Community, Renewal, and Creation.

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Rocky Mountain College

www.rockymountaincollege.ca

Rocky Mountain College is an EMCC Distributed College making learning personal by allowing students to work at their own pace, and studying when and where it is convenient for them. We are devoted to developing Christian leaders, making ministry training accessible to anyone...anywhere...anytime.

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International Justice Mission

www.ijm.ca

IJM's mission is to protect people in poverty from violence by rescuing victims, bringing criminals to justice, restoring survivors to safety, and helping local law enforcement build a safe future that lasts. We partner with local churches to provide biblical teaching on justice, and to connect them with our work in the field.

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CornerBend Grief Ministries

www.cornerbend.com

Our love for God demands our participation to love those who grieve. CornerBend creates resources and experiences offering practical ideas to confidently express God's love in ways that a griever feels seen, heard and loved. We believe in the power of God's love, expressed through empathy, to bring hope and healing. We imagine a world where no one has to grieve alone. We choose to participate with God and be the reason a grieving soul believes that HE loves and cares for them.

Contact: Shirley Thiessen. shirley@cornerbend.ca



CelebrateRecovery

Celebrate Recovery

www.celebraterecovery.ca

Celebrate Recovery (CR) is a biblically based recovery program that addresses our Hurts, Hang-ups, and Habits using a 12-step approach based on the Beatitudes from the book of Matthew. CR leaders understand your struggles, as they have experienced freedom from addictive and dysfunctional patterns in their own lives. They have been trained to guide people through the 12 Steps/8 Principles, and to provide a safe environment for accountability and building authentic relationships.

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The Missionary Church Historial Tust

The Missionary Church Historical Trust (founded 2005) is a registered charity created by people who care passionately about the history of our denomination. We do this by gathering anything relating to the activities of our church people, including the official archives of the former Canada East District and all its antecedent churches. We conserve these materials and promote the knowledge of the Church research and displays in as many ways as we can.

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