



MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA YOUTH ASSEMBLY

2007
YOUTH REGISTRATION MATERIALS



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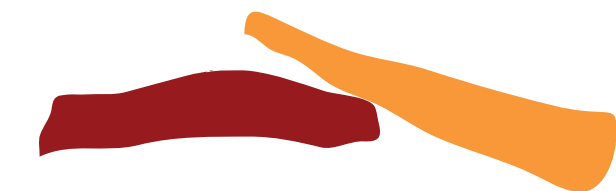
The theme for Abbotsford 2007, “**Built to Last**”, is taken from 1 Corinthians 3:11, “*For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ.*” (NRSV) As we see Christ’s power and victory over sin and death we must centre ourselves on Jesus, the foundation stone, the centrepiece, the example. How do we participate in, respond to and build on this foundation?

The primary **purpose** of the Youth Assembly is: “To call youth assembly participants, youth and adults, to make a commitment or to strengthen their commitment to Christ.”

We also hope that youth assembly participants will learn who we are as Mennonites. We hope you will be inspired and grow in our appreciation and excitement for our Mennonite Church—to gain a sense of belonging to a larger body of faith.

As we interact with other groups, we will develop new friendships and make long lasting faith memories. We will also have opportunity to rub shoulders with adult assembly participants in worship and in church business matters.

We hope to experience some of the church’s geographic and multi-cultural diversity as we gather in Abbotsford. We expect to grow in our understanding and living out of the biblical story. We will have time to experience service opportunities. We will have fun!



GENERAL INFORMATION

Abbotsford 2007 Youth Assembly is for high school youth who have completed 9th grade, to those who have completed high school. It is held in connection with the delegate sessions of Mennonite Church Canada, July 3-6, 2007 (and is sponsored by MC Canada). We are anticipating about 450-500 excited and energetic youth and sponsors. Everyone attending must register. Registering early will help make your arrival a better experience, save you the late registration fee, and allow time for you to receive confirmation. We will begin accepting paper registrations after March 1st, 2007. Online registrations will begin soon thereafter.

LOCATION

Abbotsford is a beautiful “city in the country” located about 70 km east of Vancouver. The assembly will be based at Mennonite Educational Institute (MEI) and Trinity Western University (TWU). Lodging, breakfast and late night activities will take place at TWU. Worship, seminars, activities, lunch and supper will take place at MEI. Bus service is being arranged for those not travelling by road. For those who are coming by bus, we ask that your bus can be made available to transport you to and from MEI and TWU.



**Built to
LAST**

The Logo

*The logo is built on the image of the inukshuk, an ancient stone formation that is used as a marker to guide travelers on their way. Inukshuks have permanence (Built to last) symbolized by the stones. Civilizations throughout the ages have used stone to create permanence. The selection of an Aboriginal symbol also speaks to our desire to be inclusive of people from other cultures. The form of the inukshuk hints at a person and the cross—for it is through Christ that God’s people become **Living stones**, and journey through life, striving to live the life he has called us to; **Attuned to God’s purpose, Serving one another, and Transforming the world in Christ - Built to LAST.***

CHILDREN

Sponsors bringing children can register them in the Children's Program. See Adult Registration Information for details.

LODGING AND MEALS

The dormitories at TWU have been reserved for all youth assembly participants from Tuesday to Friday. The three nights of lodging included in the registration fee are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Breakfast will be served each morning at TWU before departing to MEI for the day. Lunch and Supper will be at MEI with the exception of Thursday. Linens and towels are provided.

Every participant should bring:

- Bible and notebook
- Clothes that can get dirty
- Swimsuit and towel
- Water bottle and day pack
- Personals

Please leave cell phones at home!



TRANSPORTATION

Transportation will be provided for participants during the youth assembly. Youth groups who come in buses or vans are asked to indicate whether these vehicles are available during the assembly. (Vehicle expenses incurred during the assembly can be reimbursed.) We will need all available buses and vans for the excursions on Thursday.

For those traveling by airplane, consider flying directly to Abbotsford airport. Shuttle service will be provided to and from Abbotsford airport for a fee of \$15 round trip. If flying into the Vancouver airport, you must arrange your own transport to Abbotsford.

Please take note that participants arriving prior to Tuesday, July 3rd and leaving after Friday night, July 6th, are able to stay in the dorms at TWU for a fee of \$42.25 per person per night. This includes lodging and breakfast. Please indicate on the registration form. If you arrive early or depart late, you must make your own transportation arrangements.

SERVICE PROJECTS

Service projects will be provided for those who wish to participate. This will be an opportunity for youth and adults to offer themselves in a variety of ministry options on Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Service will take place in various locations in Abbotsford and area. Options may include helping at the Food Bank, Nursing Home (service/visiting), clean up work (inside/outside), food processing. More information will be posted at www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/abbotsford07/ as it becomes available. Youth groups are encouraged to remain as units to serve at these

sites. There will be a \$5.00 fee per person to help cover the cost of transportation and other expenses. Contact Sponsors: Please mark the "Service Projects" box on your registration form if you are participating as a youth group, and add the fee to each individual registration form. After registering, you will be contacted about options.

SEMINARS

There will be opportunities for youth and adults to attend seminars on Wednesday and Friday afternoon. Seminars provide an opportunity for youth and sponsors to learn about specific topics of interest. More information about seminars will be in the Sponsor Handbook sent out before the assembly and the Program Book which you will receive at the assembly.

THURSDAY EXCURSION

On Thursday after Worship and Small Group time we will offer two excursion trips. Sign up only for one of the two options listed. You can choose between dipping your feet into the ocean or seeing the mountains and doing some hiking. Sponsors must accompany their youth, or know where their youth are going in the event the group splits up to participate in both excursions. After our excursion we will return to TWU for a barbecue with adults and an evening of intergenerational entertainment.

EXHIBIT HALL

Several Mennonite boards, agencies, and educational institutions as well as other related Christians groups will have displays in the Exhibit Hall. Individual booths and exhibits will offer a variety of Christian service and education options, as well as interactive opportunities.

SMALL GROUP TIME

Small groups will meet daily throughout the week— following morning worship at MEI and before late night activities at TWU. Small group times are intended to give youth groups an opportunity to reflect and share assembly experiences, raise questions, respond to challenges presented by speakers (during worship and seminars), and share intimately with each other as a youth group. Materials for small group times will be prepared as part of the Sponsor Handbook and will be sent to the contact sponsor of each registered youth group. Sponsors are responsible to facilitate small group times with their youth group.

LATE NIGHT

We will begin with an Ice Cream Social for all Assembly participants – adults, young adult, youth and children after evening worship on Tuesday at MEI. Late night activities will be held at TWU each evening.

CONTACT SPONSORS

Each youth group attending Abbotsford 2007 must identify a Contact Youth Sponsor on the registration form whether registering online or by hard copy. The contact name needs

to be the same for the entire group. Name only one lead sponsor for each group. The responsibilities of the Contact Sponsor are to:

- Be a registered participant of the Youth Assembly.
- Submit all Youth Assembly registration forms together for your youth group to Youth Assembly or make sure all youth are registered online by May 7th, 2007.
- Submit all Release Forms with signatures by May 7th, 2007.
- Register your group for a Service Project.
- Be available to be contacted for any questions on registrations regarding your youth group.

The Contact Sponsor will receive confirmation of your group's registration along with the Sponsor Handbook from Assembly Planning after May 7th.

YOUTH SPONSORS/PASTORS

Youth can come as individuals or as a group. If 2 to 5 youth from one congregation attend, an adult leader is expected to accompany them. For groups larger than 5, we need a ratio of 1 adult for every 5 youth. Adults who serve as sponsors receive a reduced registration rate. Youth who register individually for assembly will be connected with a youth group and leaders.

SPONSOR HANDBOOK

The Sponsor Handbook will be prepared for the Contact Sponsor of each group. You will receive a copy by early May. This handbook will include important information to help your youth group prepare for and at Abbotsford. It will contain guidelines for assembly week, small group discussion guides and a tentative list of seminars.

NO YOUTH GROUP? SMALL YOUTH GROUP?

If you are the only person (or one of only a few) high school youth from your congregation and do not have a sponsor, you are heartily encouraged to attend anyway. We understand there may be difficulties and frustrations in coming on your own. And we understand the intimidation of entering a large group of people you may not know. It is our commitment to help you find another youth group from near your area with which you can connect. We will try to assist you as much as possible

OFFERING

An offering will be taken during one evening worship service—you will be notified in the program book. Money received will be given to a worthy project .

FINANCIAL AID AND BURSARY CHALLENGE

Youth groups are encouraged to raise funds to cover their cost of attending Abbotsford 2007. Some money is available to assist individuals whose congregational and personal resources are limited. Bursary applications are available to download on the web and should be received in writing by May 7th. Contact the Youth Assembly Office for an

application or download a copy at www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/abbotsford07.

We want to make the Youth Assembly accessible to all youth groups or individuals, regardless of cost. To that end, we are challenging youth groups or individuals to raise additional funds to help others who may not be able to attend otherwise. There is a place for you to give on the Registration Form or you can send the money to our office. We will distribute the money based on needs.

YOUTH REGISTRATION

Participants may register online or by mailing the enclosed registration form to Youth Assembly office. To register online, see the MC Canada website at: www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/abbotsford07/. Participants are encouraged to register early. Early registration, online or post-marked by May 7th, 2007 will be \$375 for youth and \$325 for sponsors. This includes program costs, lodging and meals. The first meal served is supper on Tuesday, July 3rd and the last meal is supper on Friday, July 6th. Lodging included is for the nights of Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. For registrations post-marked after May 7th, add \$25 to the total. Youth groups, including sponsors, are asked to register as a group.

REGISTERING ON-LINE

1. Go to www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/abbotsford07/ and look for the "Youth Registration".
2. Follow the instructions.
3. Payment must be made at time of registering.

Registrations are not complete until the Release Form has been submitted to the Youth Assembly Office. Parent/Guardian signatures are required.

All cancellations must be in writing. Cancellations dated before June 1st will receive a full refund minus \$25 administration fee. Those received after June 1st but before July 1st, will receive a 50% refund. After July 1st, no refund can be made.

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members of the 2007 Youth Assembly Planning Committee include Heather Gallian, Mennonite Church Eastern Canada representative; Larissa Friesen, Youth Pastor at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Winkler, Manitoba; Jason Feick, Hague Mennonite Church, youth from Mennonite Church Saskatchewan; Tim Froese, Middle School Pastor at Emmanuel Mennonite Church, Abbotsford, BC; Jen Nickel, Sherbrooke Mennonite Church, youth from Mennonite Church BC; Russ Klassen, Youth Pastor at Sherbrooke Mennonite Church, Vancouver, BC, Katie Schmidt, Foothills Mennonite Church-youth from Mennonite Church Alberta and Anna Rehan, Mennonite Church Canada Youth Ministries Facilitator.

ABBOTSFORD 2007 YOUTH ASSEMBLY REGISTRATION FORM

General Registration Information

(Registration available online beginning March 12th at www.mennonitechurch.ca/events/abbotsford07/)

Name: _____

I am registering as Youth Sponsor Contact sponsor

Address: _____ City: _____ Province: _____ Postal Code _____

Phone Number _____ Email address _____

Congregation _____ Area Church _____

Name of Contact Sponsor _____

Contact Sponsor / Sponsor Section

Service Projects: (Wednesday and Friday afternoon)

Check here if your group will participate in a Service project. Service will take place in various locations in Abbotsford and area. Options may include a Food Bank, Nursing Home (service/visiting), clean up work (inside/outside), food processing. There will be a \$5.00 fee per person to help cover transportation costs and other expenses. You will be contacted about options later.

We have a vehicle

I am coming by van or bus, check here if vehicle can be used during the Assembly

How many passengers? _____

Children's Program

(See Adult Registration for Information)

I am registering the following child(ren) for the Children's Program and have attached the appropriate registration form.

Child #1 (name) _____

Child #2 (name) _____

Child #3 (name) _____

Child #4 (name) _____

Early Arrival / Later Departure

Our group would like to arrive prior to Assembly starting.

Sat. June 30th Sun. July 1st Mon. July 2nd

Our group would like to stay a few days after Assembly.

Fri. July 6th Sat. July 7th Sun. July 8th

We would like to stay at TWU at a cost of \$42.25 per person per night. Number of nights _____

Young Adult Events

I would like to receive information on Young Adult Activities.

Special receptions

I would like to participate in the following special reception. _____

Youth Section

Age _____ Gender: Female Male

Most recent grade completed by Assembly _____

Do not share my name with other Mennonite agencies.

All Participant Section

Special requests or needs

Please specify any special needs (physical, medical, dietary, allergies, etc.) that organizers should be aware of: _____

Excursion (On Thursday afternoon)

Trip to the ocean

Trip to the mountains (hiking)

Travel Plans: Check one of the following.

I am arriving by:

Car Bus

I am arriving by plane in the Abbotsford airport and need transportation to MEI/TWU

Arrival date _____ Airline _____
Flight # _____ Time _____

Departure date _____ Airline _____
Flight # _____ Time _____

I am travelling with:

With my youth group With my family



Registration

(You may register online beginning March 12th)

Enter only the amounts that apply:

Full-time youth (registration, lodging, meals) (before May 7 th)	\$375	\$ _____
Full-time sponsor (before May 7 th)	\$325	\$ _____
Part-time youth (registration only – no lodging or meals)	\$150	\$ _____
Part-time sponsor (registration only – no lodging or meals)	\$100	\$ _____
Part-time meal package (3 lunches, 4 suppers)	\$ 90	\$ _____
Late Registration for youth or sponsor (after May 7 th)	\$ 25	\$ _____
Airport shuttle (round trip)	\$ 15	\$ _____
Service Project	\$ 5	\$ _____
Contributions to help others attend		\$ _____
Total Balance due with Registration		\$ _____

Payment

Cheque or money order enclosed (make cheques payable to: Mennonite Church Canada)

Charge my credit card:
 Visa Mastercard

Credit Card number _____
Expires: Month ____ Year _____

Printed Name _____
Authorized signature _____
Address _____
City _____ Prov. _____ PC _____

Send completed form and payment to:
Mennonite Church Canada (Abbotsford 2007)
Youth Assembly
600 Shaftesbury Blvd.
Winnipeg, MB R3P 0M4

Or fax to: 204-831-5675

Registrations cannot be processed without full payment and a signature on the release form (see below). (Feel free to make additional copies of this form)



Release Form for youth under 18:

I hereby give permission for (name of youth) _____ to participate in Abbotsford 2007. In case of accident, emergency or illness, I give those responsible for supervising the youth assembly permission to secure proper medical treatment or hospitalization.

I agree to pay any costs necessary for travel home, if the above-named person must be sent home for disciplinary reasons or for health reasons (in consultation with their sponsors). I will make the necessary arrangements for a responsible adult to be available if I cannot be reached in case of emergency.

Print Parent/Guardian name(s): _____ Phone: _____

If Parent/Guardian not available: Name: _____ Phone: _____


Health Coverage (Provincial Health Card # and/or other health plan, list details) _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____ Date: _____

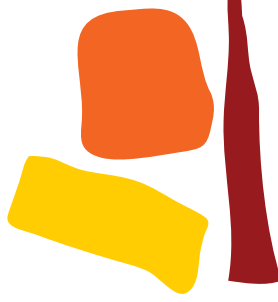
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MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA YOUTH ASSEMBLY, JULY, 2007

Preliminary Schedule (subject to change)

TIME	TUESDAY, JULY 3	WEDNESDAY, JULY 4	THURSDAY, JULY 5	FRIDAY, JULY 6	SATURDAY, JULY 7
7:00 - 7:30 am	Breakfast				
8:45 - 9:30	Joint Worship				
9:45 - 10:15	Youth - small group				
10:30 - 11:30		TBA	10:15-Youth leave for excursions (10:15 - 5:30)	Join in discernment with adults	
11:30 - 1:00 pm		Youth - lunch		Youth - lunch	
1:15 - 2:30	Registration begins at 1:30	Seminars/service		Seminars/service	
2:30 - 3:00		Break		Break	
2:45 - 4:00		Seminars		Seminars	
5:30 - 7:00	Supper	Supper	6:00 BBQ at TWU	Supper	
7:00 - 8:30	Youth Worship	Youth Worship	Intergenerational late night entertainment / coffeehouse	Youth Worship	
8:30 - 9:00	Ice Cream Social	Small Group Time at TWU		Depart	
9:30 - 10:00	Small Group Time at TWU				
10:15 - 11:45	Late Night	Late Night	11:15 - 11:45 Small Group		
12:00 am	In rooms	In rooms	In rooms	In rooms	
12:30	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	Lights out	

Depart



TIME TO:

- Say goodbye
- Reflect on your experience
- Look forward to the next youth assembly in 2009

