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Youth ministries facilitator appointed

Winnipeg, Man.— Anna Rehan (Zoar MC, Langham, Saskatchewan) has been appointed Youth Ministries Facilitator for Mennonite Church Canada. She will begin work on March 15 at 40% time.



Anna has worked in youth ministry since 1982. Three of those years were spent in Vancouver, and the rest in Saskatchewan. She is an experienced Youth Assembly planner, having served on numerous planning committees, often providing leadership for the group. Currently she is part of the team planning the 2005 Youth Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina, which will be held together with Mennonite Church USA.

Her joy in working with youth is a key motivator. A highlight for her is "...seeing the way God works in the lives of young people and the tremendous gifts that they have, and being able to help nurture those... I feel energized when I'm working with youth." She hopes to bring stability in youth ministry to MC Canada. "Right now some area conferences don't have someone, some have new positions, some are interim. And I want to continue dreaming about where things could go."

Anna will add her new role for MC Canada to her current work as Youth Minister for Mennonite Church Saskatchewan. MC Saskatchewan has offered her a 20% leave of absence for one year so she can take on the Mennonite Church Canada assignment.

Justina Heese, executive secretary of MC Canada Formation, said, "We are delighted that Anna's gifts and experience match the needs in youth ministry discerned by the Formation Council last fall. We see her work with MC Canada complementing her ministry in Saskatchewan."

Anna lives on the family farm in Langham, and will work from Saskatchewan. She succeeds Anne Champion, who ended her assignment on August 31, 2003.

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