

# Celebration 2010

## 150th Anniversary of the Mennonite Brethren

***You are invited – July 12-18, 2010!***

A sesquicentennial (150th) event is a rare opportunity. The plans in place for this celebration of 150 years of Mennonite Brethren ministries and mission will provide a great opportunity to honor the Lord of the church and make some great family memories. Please join us in Vancouver for "Celebration 2010," a God-honoring gathering which will include Canadian and United States national conventions, and bi-national rallies with a significant global presence.

Ed Boschman, US Conference



I'm very pleased to invite you to join us at Celebration 2010, marking a milestone in our journey with God as Mennonite Brethren for the past 150 years. Whether you come for Celebration 2010, Renewing Identity and Mission or the whole event, I'm sure you will be glad you were part of this historic event.

David Wiebe, Canadian Conference



### **SPEAKERS**

- **Nzuzi Mukawa**, Batela Mennonite Brethren Church, Kinshasa, DR Congo
- **John Shankar Rao**, director of evangelism and church planting, India MB Conference
- **Samir Youssef**, MBMSI Arabic-speaking ministries

### **EVENT VENUES**

- Celebration 2010 and Bi-national & International Ministry Reports – Chandos Pattison Auditorium, Surrey, BC
- Gathering 2010 (Canadian MB convention) – North Langley Community Church, Langley, BC
- Connection 2010 (USMB convention) – Gracepoint Community Church, Surrey, BC
- Renewing Identity & Mission: a Mennonite Brethren Consultation - MBBS ACTS, Langley, BC

**Renewing Identity & Mission: a Mennonite Brethren Consultation** will open Celebration 2010. The evening plenary sessions, featuring Alfred Neufeld from Paraguay and a panel of international guests, will provide a global perspective on Mennonite Brethren identity and mission. During the two days, more than 30 presenters will address significant issues facing Mennonite Brethren in North America. Participants planning to attend the consultation can anticipate a rich time of reflection and conversation, along with the challenge to be God's missional people in the world. The consultation begins Monday evening (July 12) and runs to Wednesday noon. Registration for Renewing Identity & Mission includes breaks on Tuesday and Wednesday, and lunch on Tuesday.

Sign up early; registration is limited!





Mennonite Brethren around the globe began celebrating their 150th Anniversary on January 6, 2010. National celebrations are taking place in India, Panama, Brazil, Japan, Paraguay, and in Germany, which will host International Community of Mennonite Brethren (ICOMB) meetings and celebrations.

North America will host Celebration 2010: the 150th Anniversary of the Mennonite Brethren, on July 12–18, 2010, in British Columbia. Renewing Identity and Mission: a Mennonite Brethren Consultation will feature more than 30 presenters. Celebration 2010 participants will hear three international Mennonite Brethren on Wednesday and Friday evening:

**Nzuzi Mukawa** is academic dean and professor at the School of Missiology in Kinshasa, DR Congo, and associate pastor of Batela Mennonite Brethren Church of Kinshasa. He was born and raised in a Mennonite Brethren family and church in Kinshasa. Mukawa's passion is to "see the Anabaptist family united, sharing resources to fulfill the Great Commission by reaching the unreached of the world."

**John Shankar Rao** is the director of evangelism and church planting within the India MB Conference. He will bring us a fresh word on mission as he serves the largest mission field in the world. India has 4,000 people groups who have never heard the name of Jesus Christ.

**Samir Youssef** serves Arabic-speaking communities in North America and beyond through radio, television, and printed materials. He is known as the "Billy Graham" of North Africa. MBMSI helped Youssef launch his media ministries. He is committed to a peaceful witness to Muslims.



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## SCHEDULE

### Monday, July 12

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Renewing Identity & Mission: a Mennonite Brethren consultation  
Venue: MBBS-ACTS  
Plenary Speakers: Alfred Neufeld  
Topic: Global perspective on MB Identity

### Tuesday, July 13

8:30 am - 9:00 pm

Renewing Identity & Mission: a Mennonite Brethren consultation (registered guests only)  
Venue: MBBS-ACTS  
Workshop Presenters & Topics: 30 presenters (see RIM poster)  
Plenary Speakers: Nzuzi Mukawa, John Shankar Rao, Johannes Matthies, and Cesar Garcia  
Topic: Global Perspective on Mission

### Wednesday, July 14

8:30 am - noon

Renewing Identity & Mission: a Mennonite Brethren consultation (registered guests only)  
Venue: MBBS-ACTS

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Celebration 2010 Service (limited seating open to the public)  
Venue: Chandos Pattison Auditorium  
Speakers: Nzuzi Mukawa & John Shankar Rao  
Topic: MB Identity

### Thursday, July 15

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Bi-National & International Ministry Reports (registered guests only)  
Venue: Chandos Pattison Auditorium

5:30 - 9:00 pm

Reports from MBBS, MBMSI, Historical Commission, and ICOMB  
Gathering 2010 at North Langley Community Church (registered guests only)  
Celebration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Canadian Conference of MB Churches  
Connection 2010 at Gracepoint Community Church (registered guests only)

### Friday, July 16

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Gathering 2010 at North Langley Community Church (registered guests only)  
Topic: Canadian Conference business

8:30 am - 3:00 pm

Connection 2010 at Gracepoint Community Church (registered guests only)  
Topic: USMB business

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Celebration 2010 Service (limited seating open to the public)  
Venue: Chandos Pattison Auditorium  
Speakers: Samir Youssef  
Topic: MB Mission

### Saturday, July 17

9:00 am - 4:00 pm

Experience Vancouver departs from Sheraton Guildford Hotel (registered guests only)

4:00 - 5:00 pm

Closing Rally in Downtown Vancouver (registered guests only)

5:30 pm

Return Trip to Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel

### Sunday, July 18

Local Church celebrations in BC and Northern Washington

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For more information visit [www.celebration2010.org](http://www.celebration2010.org)

## EARLY REGISTRATION FEES (before May 1, 2010):

- Celebration 2010 plus Renewing Identity & Mission - \$329
- Celebration 2010 only - \$239
- Renewing Identity & Mission only - \$129
- Children / Youth Programs - \$35 per person

## REGISTRATION FEES (after May 1, 2010):

- Celebration 2010 plus Renewing Identity & Mission - \$379
- Celebration 2010 only - \$289
- Renewing Identity & Mission only - \$179
- Children / Youth Programs - \$35 per person

**DEADLINE FOR  
REGISTRATION  
IS JUNE 20!**

Registration fee includes airport shuttle at arrival from the Vancouver Airport upon request (please view shuttle times under transportation information), morning breaks and lunch on Thursday and Friday, supper on Thursday, participation in either Gathering 2010 or Connection 2010, Experience Vancouver, and all conference materials.

**ACCOMMODATIONS:** Delegates are responsible to make their own hotel reservations directly with the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel.

**The deadline for hotel reservations is June 10.**

**ROOM RATES** \$115 per night plus taxes (double or single occupancy)

Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel  
15269 104th Avenue  
Surrey, BC

## RESERVATIONS:

By phone: 604-582-9288

Group Rate Code: **"Celebration 2010"**

**TRANSPORTATION:** Airport shuttle for Celebration 2010 will be offered from Vancouver International Airport to the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel. Catch the complimentary shuttle at designated meeting area outside the Domestic Arrivals area on the following dates and times:

- Monday, July 12 at noon, 3:00 pm, or 6:00 pm
- Tuesday, July 13 at noon, 3:00 pm, 6:00 pm, or 9:00 pm
- Wednesday, July 14 at noon, 3:00 pm, or 6:00 pm

Departure airport shuttle to the Vancouver International Airport must be reserved 24 hours prior to departure date for a small fee (\$10 per person) and will be available on Sunday, July 18 at 3:00 pm or 6:00 pm from the Sheraton Vancouver Guildford Hotel.

Please plan your flights accordingly.

## REGISTRATION FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
will attend (please circle one) Gathering 2010 **or** Connection 2010

Delegate	Guest	Exhibitor	Board or Staff
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Province / State: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal/Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Dietary Concern(s): ☐ Please be specific: \_\_\_\_\_

Organization: \_\_\_\_\_ Title (if applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

**CHILDREN & YOUTH PROGRAMS:** Children and youth programming will be provided during the Bi-national Ministry Reporting Session (Thursday all day), Connection 2010 USMB convention or Gathering 2010 Canadian MB convention (Friday daytime only).

PRE-SCHOOL (4 years and under) CHILDREN (Kindergarten-Grade 4) JUNIOR YOUTH (Grades 5-8) YOUTH (Grades 9-12) **\$35 per child or youth**

# of children or youth \_\_\_\_\_ x \$35 = \_\_\_\_\_

Names & ages: \_\_\_\_\_

## CHECKLIST

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- \_\_\_\_ Special purchase price for *The Mennonite Brethren Church Around the World: Celebrating 150 Years*, a commemorative book that contains the stories of our global family written within their contexts. - \$10 (regular price \$26)

## FEES

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**PAID BY:** ☐ Mastercard ☐ Visa

Credit Card: # \_\_\_\_\_

Expiry date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Receipt for registration fees required: ☐

## REGISTER BY:

Mail: Celebration 2010, 1310 Taylor Ave., Winnipeg, MB R3M 3Z6

Fax: 1-204-654-1865

Online: [www.celebration2010.org](http://www.celebration2010.org)

Phone: 1-888-669-6575 (in Canada) or 1-800-545-7322 (in USA)

**Cancellation Policy** - Full refunds less administrative fee of \$99 will be granted to requests received by email at [mpenner@mbconf.ca](mailto:mpenner@mbconf.ca) or in writing to Celebration 2010, 1310 Taylor Avenue, Winnipeg MB, R3M 3Z6 prior to June 20, 2010. No refunds will be granted after June 20 due to binding commitments between Celebration 2010 and the service providers for meals and facilities. If you are unable to attend, substitutions are allowed.