



# Building With Care



The New Testament describes the church as a beautiful bride on

the one hand, and a work in progress on the other. Both realities require a response to the gospel and a willingness to let God finish the work he has begun in our lives, individually and as the church.

In 1 Corinthians 3, Paul describes the church in Corinth as a building, and states that the leader's job is to *build with care*. And often that care is expressed in using the right materials and tools for the job. Many churches struggle, not because their leaders don't care, but because they don't have access to the necessary materials or tools to do their work in the best ways.

The goal of MB Seminary is to come alongside and train leaders, provide good material when needed, and to make sure each builder has the right tools in their Christian ministry toolbox.

Coming alongside in some cases can mean laying the foundation and working from the ground up. Some people come to seminary not long after they have been called to follow Christ, and they have just begun their training and educational journey. Others come well into their life of service in the church or elsewhere and need the seminary to add to their toolbox or refine their building plans.

MB Seminary is the national seminary of the MB Churches of Canada and is positioned well to answer your training and leadership needs.

As 2017 comes to a close in a few weeks, please consider a gift before December 31. Strategic plans are increasing, the need for seminary resources and training expertise is increasing, and we pray for an increase in financial support to meet these needs. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 more than we usually raise this time of year to meet the needs for our students. If you already give to the seminary at this time of year, would you consider increasing your gift for this season?



**"I'm encouraged by the way MB seminary integrates intellectual study with personal devotion, both individually and communally."**

Nick Poetker is in his second year at MB Seminary in the Master of Theological Studies program.



**"Seminary has given me a framework in which to talk about the big questions, a safe place to explore what it means to lead and invite others into a faith journey with the Lord."**

Janelle Braun is an MB Seminary student in Winnipeg in the Graduate Certificate of Christian Studies program.



Mark Wessner  
President

**By the grace God has given me, I laid a foundation as a wise builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should build with care. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ (1 Cor. 3:10-11).**

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# Sharing My Faith with Others



Sarah and her family met Jesus through a preschool program run out of a local church in Victoria, BC where she grew up. Not surprisingly, Sarah got involved in children's ministry in the church and for over a decade served her church by caring, loving, and discipling children. Sarah went on to study at the University of Victoria and graduated with a Bachelor of Arts.

In 2016 Sarah married John and the two moved to the Fraser Valley and began attending South Langley MB Church. It was not long after that Sarah was brought on staff as Director of Children's Ministries. When asked what she aspires to do with her life, she responded, "I want to help people. I love children's ministry; I love working with kids!"

When asked how MB Seminary is helping her achieve her goals in ministry preparation, Sarah wrote, "I have just begun my journey at MB Seminary, but over the past year, my desire to continue learning and following God's call for my life has grown significantly. After my first year as a seminary student, I feel more confident in my beliefs, in sharing my faith with others, and in helping people know and follow Jesus. The focus on leadership and personal development has been helpful and challenging. The professors' willingness and desire to help students is at the heart of MB Seminary. They have helped me take a very personal interest in my studies and my journey with God.

Sarah is completing her Diploma in Christian Studies with the Specialization in Children's Ministry, and plans to continue her studies in the Master of Divinity program at MB Seminary.

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– SARAH ZEZHUK



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