

*MB Herald* readers converse with MB church members across Canada through the articles, stories, and letters; engage with messages from conference leaders and news from the boards; explore our theology and history; and celebrate life and change through transition announcements, obituaries, etc.

Members of Canadian Mennonite Brethren churches are welcome to submit family life announcements for publication based on the following specifications.

## Births

- Last name(s) of parents (mother's maiden name, if desired)
- First names of parents
- City/town of parents' residence
- Sex of child
- Name of child
- Date of birth

*Example (as appears in print):*

**Last Name** – to father's first name & mother's first name (maiden name) of hometown, prov., a son/daughter, child's name(s), birthdate, year.

## Weddings

- First and last name of groom
- Hometown of groom
- First and last name of bride
- Hometown of bride
- Date of wedding

*Example (as appears in print):*

Groom's **Name** of hometown & Bride's **Maiden Name** of hometown, wedding date.

## Wedding anniversaries (only 50th, 60th, 65th, etc.)

- Names of couple
- City/town of residence
- Date of celebration (with family and friends, etc.),
- Date of marriage
- Location of wedding
- Photos accepted (larger than 500 KB please)

*Sample (as it appears in print)*

**Last Name** – first name & first name (maiden name) last name celebrated their ##th wedding anniversary date at place, prov. They were married in place, prov., original wedding date, year.

## Obituaries

All obituaries will be edited for style and length. Please submit obituaries within 5 months of the funeral date. Families may submit obituaries of MB church members directly to *MB Herald*.

There is now a fee for submitting an obituary for publication in the *MB Herald*.

Please email [obituaries@mbchurches.ca](mailto:obituaries@mbchurches.ca) or visit [mbherald.com/obituary-submission](http://mbherald.com/obituary-submission) to find guidelines.

## Church anniversaries

- 25th, 50th, 75th
- Date of celebration
- Date of founding
- Current (lead) pastor
- Founding pastor
- "Parent" congregation (if relevant)
- Significant activities of celebration (if relevant)
- Highlight particular characteristics/outreach focus of congregation

*Sample (as it appears in print)*

**Church Name** celebrated ## years date with activities. Church name was founded (as a plant/daughter church from parent congregation) in #### with pastor's name as pastor. Current membership/attendance is ###, with pastor's name as (lead) pastor.

Longer stories and photos may be posted online.

## Pastor transition – new position

- When will/did the pastor start at your church?
- Pastor's title [youth pastor, lead pastor, associate pastor of a particular ministry, etc.]
- Pastor's educational background [BRE, MDiv, PhD, etc., from MBBS, Regent, ACTS, etc.]
- Pastor's previous work experience [not exhaustive list, but indication of previous church(es), and/or other professional experience, as applicable]
- Family: married, # of children?
- Photograph [if children are pictured, please include their names]
- Please answer ONE of the following:
  - What makes you passionate about the church?
  - How do you believe God has gifted you to serve the church?
  - What is your favourite thing about being a pastor?

Full-length pastoral transition announcements may appear online only.

## Church plant launch

- Church name, location, date of launch
- Pastor's name and name of congregation he or she apprenticed in
- Target demographic (if applicable)
- Comment on launch
- Photograph – pastor's family OR launch event [optional]

All announcements may be sent by email to [mbherald@mbchurches.ca](mailto:mbherald@mbchurches.ca) or mailed to 1310 Taylor Ave, Winnipeg, R3M 3Z6.

Sending photos: please attach as a separate file (jpg/tiff/pdf – not embedded in a Word doc) in high resolution (>1 MB/300 dpi).

If you have any other questions, please contact [mbherald@mbchurches.ca](mailto:mbherald@mbchurches.ca) or call 888-669-6575 to speak to a *Herald* staff person.