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**T**his edition of *Resilient* focuses on leadership—a word that carries a lot of weight and many definitions. For our purposes, we'll define leadership as the function that sets a specific direction (for an individual, group, movement or organization) and then effectively influences others to move in that direction.

Within an organization or movement, leadership is often expressed through an individual or a small group of people. While every one of us is called to lead in some way—at the very least, to lead ourselves—there are some who are specifically gifted with leadership or administration. Scripture lists this gift in both 1 Corinthians 12:28 and Romans 12:8, describing the ability to organize, direct and

coordinate people and resources toward a shared goal.

For over 25 years, I have had the privilege of leading in camp ministry and other Kingdom-focused organizations, including the local church. Before that, I gained leadership experience in the hospitality and tourism industry. Over these years, I've seen countless leadership trends rise and fall as economic, societal and cultural conditions shift.

But in recent years, we've entered a particularly challenging season. Society is increasingly polarized—and sadly, this polarization has crept into church leadership as well. Some level of difference among leaders has always existed, and that can be

healthy, keeping us sharp and alert. But what I'm witnessing today feels deeper, more personal and more divisive than anything I've seen before. This trend has been painful for many of us who lead.

Jesus—the One we follow and declare allegiance to—prayed for oneness among those who would believe in Him (John 17:20–26). Our hope in presenting this theme of leadership is to encourage ourselves

and others to consider how God might use our leadership to help steer the Church in Canada toward both sound doctrine (orthodoxy) and faithful practice (orthopraxy), all while pursuing unity as followers of Christ.

As we lead in this complex, polarized world and church environment, there are some qualities we would do well to reflect on: *humility, dependence on God, focus, courage and love*. Paul concludes his list of gifts in 1 Corinthians 12:31 with these words: “And I will show you a still more excellent way.” He then points us to the way of love in chapter 13.

May the Spirit of God grant His people wisdom, discernment and above all, love, so that we can lead in a way that reflects His image to a world that so desperately needs to see Him.

*To Him be the glory, now and forever. ®*

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# LEADING FROM THE MIDDLE

Leadership that encourages interaction and meaningful engagement

By Luke LaRocque

I've had a long-standing, humorous, and mostly silly beef with a dear friend of mine, Linda. She's been a camp professional for almost fifty years and has been a huge part of my development as a leader and "camp guy." She's the person I call when I have another wacky idea, she was the first friend I called when there

was a medical emergency in my family and she is often a sounding board for thoughts (like this article) for making camp a better place for all. She is an incredible person and so dear to me. So, what could we possibly be "fighting" about?

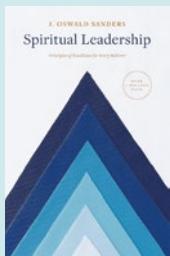
Our long-term disagreement is about *how* leaders should lead. We enjoy going back and

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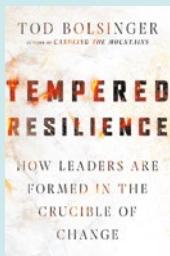
forth about it, and if I were to summarize our positions, it would be this: Linda believes that leaders should "lead from the front of the pack," where those following them can see the plan, understand it and know what's going on ahead of them. I think that leaders should lead from the middle, closer to the action of those

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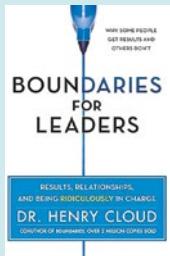
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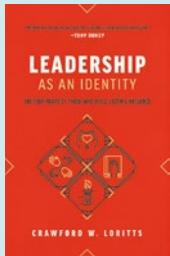
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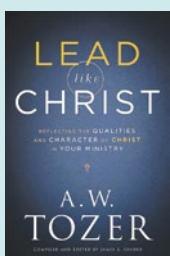
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who are following you. Unfortunately for Linda, I'm the one writing this article, so I get to share my thoughts in more depth with you today—who knows, maybe we'll get her to share her perspective with us in the future! (*Perhaps this is a good place to note that I still haven't met anyone who thinks it's a good idea to lead from the back of the pack... if that's you, let me know!*)

Leadership is a skill that takes time, energy and a lot of self-reflection to develop. I've been blessed with the opportunity to learn from some great leaders, and I've also been thrilled to see some young leaders come up through the ranks of camp staff over the last decade of camp leadership—and I've learned a whole lot from them too. In most of these cases, I've watched carefully to see how a leader operates, and that's where I've developed my theory about "leading from the middle." In short, my pitch to you is this:

Lead from the middle, so that those who follow you can engage and interact with you in a meaningful way, and so that you can react with agility to the challenges and changes that leadership requires.

It is crucial that leaders have a pulse on what's going on with those whom they lead. Gone are the days where a leader charges into battle, trusting that their people are following behind: our culture has flattened hierarchy structures and democratized decision-making. Leaders need to carefully and diligently track the hopes and dreams of their teams and react accordingly, which I think happens best when you lead from amongst your team (or family or friends—wherever God has called you).

This isn't to say that leaders should be rolling over and doing whatever their people want; sometimes, God calls leaders to do the hard things. I think about

biblical examples like Elijah, who had to speak truth to power, or Jonathan, who had to cede the kingdom of Israel to David in order to follow God's will. Jesus himself "set his face to go to Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51) because He knew that an impossibly hard task lay ahead of Him. In these situations, and in your life, God will ask you to do difficult tasks. My suggestion is that when you need to lead people through hard situations, it is important to be close to them so that they can see that you support them and that you are experiencing the hardship too. A leader too far ahead can feel unapproachable, which no one wants or needs during a difficult time.

The ultimate argument for leading from the middle comes

from the very act of Incarnation: God choosing to walk among us in the person of Jesus, so that we could experience firsthand His love and care. The God of the Old Testament can often feel distant and unapproachable. He didn't stay that way—Almighty God, in the form of the baby Jesus, came down to make Himself known to us and then show us the truth about our sinful hearts and need of a Saviour. The Bible tells us that Jesus was fully God and fully man: the Messiah was not distant, but experienced our pain and hardship so that we too could see ourselves close to God the Father.

Scripture clearly calls us as followers of Jesus to act as a "city set on a hill" (Matthew 5:14). Wherever you are, know

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that you are called to be a light to all people, calling and leading people to Jesus as you walk through everyday life. My challenge to you is to reflect on how God has placed you in your spheres of influence: whether you have staff who work for you, within your own family or even in your peer group, God has called you to lead. Are you leading in a way that is approachable? Are you able to keep a pulse on what's going on around you? If you haven't before, try making a move toward the middle of the pack: God's example to us in

Scripture is one worth following! ®



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**THEME PASSAGE**

**DO NOTHING  
from selfish ambition or conceit,  
BUT IN HUMILITY  
COUNT OTHERS  
MORE SIGNIFICANT  
THAN YOURSELVES.**

**PHILIPPIANS 2:3 ESV**



## REFLECTION

# A spiritual legacy

How parenting choices impact generations to come from one generation to the next

By Lawson Murray

**O**ur lives today shape the future lives of our children and grandchildren. Pericles, the Greek politician and general during the Golden Age of Athens (fifth century BC), said, “What you leave behind is not what is engraved in stone monuments, but what is woven into the lives of others.”

## An inheritance that continues

Most parents have a legal document itemizing the distribution of their assets and the care of any minor children after their death. I have a written, notarized will. Every parent and grandparent should have one. But a legal will, as necessary as it is, isn’t as important as passing our Christian values and beliefs from one generation to the next.

The Scriptures say,

We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation

**To begin and sustain a godly legacy requires a 24/7 commitment to live for Jesus.**

the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.... that the next generation might know them, the children yet unborn, and arise and tell them to their children, so that they should set their hope in God and not forget the works of God, but keep his commandments.  
(Psalm 78:4, 6–7)

Note the phrase “that the next generation might know them.” God expects us to tell our children and grandchildren the stories about Him so they will know the truth and live for Him. This isn’t something new. It’s a sacred practice dating back to Genesis 49:1–33 and Deuteronomy 32:46–47. And it’s what every Christian parent and grandparent should strive to do.

## What will you leave behind?

What kind of inheritance are you leaving your children and grandchildren? A *physical* inheritance isn’t as crucial as a *spiritual* inheritance. The Scriptures say, “A good man leaves an inheritance to his children’s children, but the sinner’s wealth is laid up for the righteous” (Proverbs 13:22). In other words, a person who lives a righteous and virtuous life leaves a legacy that benefits their descendants for generations to come.

To leave a spiritual inheritance, you must be a living legacy. This requires intentionality and perseverance. A God-honouring life isn’t something you do on the weekend or when it’s

convenient. To begin and sustain a godly legacy requires a 24/7 commitment to live for Jesus. Author Leanne Cabral says, “A legacy of faith is built on one seemingly insignificant act of obedience at a time.” That’s a great insight. The inheritance we leave future generations is informed by the choices we make every day.

Don’t minimize the importance of a life well-lived. Someone once said, “Our children are messengers we send to a time we will not see.” All of us leave something behind when we die. *What will you leave for your family? Will it be a legacy of righteousness or unrighteousness, faith or unbelief?* American author and teacher Leonard Sweet said, “What you set in motion is your legacy.”

### Invest in what lasts

The best thing you can do for your family is to stay in step with Jesus. Living for Jesus is a more excellent gift for your loved ones than any heirlooms, trust funds or properties. *Is your inheritance in shape?* Your children’s and grandchildren’s legacy begins in your heart, in your love



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for God (see Psalm 112:1–2). As evangelist Billy Graham said, “The greatest legacy one can pass onto one’s children and grandchildren is not money or other material things accumulated in one’s life, but rather a legacy of character and faith.”

So, start now. *What are you spending your time on?* I don’t think any of us wants to wake up twenty years from now realizing we spent most of our time on what matters least and the least of our time on what matters most.

I’m convinced the only legacy worth leaving is Jesus. That’s why the ringtone on my phone is the song, “Only Jesus” by Casting Crowns. Every time someone calls me, I hear the lyrics, “I don’t care if they remember me. Only Jesus. And I, I’ve only got one life to live. I’ll let every second point to Him. Only Jesus.”

Build a spiritual legacy. Commit to living a righteous life. A heritage that lasts is shaped by the Christian values and beliefs that define you today. **R**



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## WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

## Leading with an open hand

By Shelagh Raymer

Leadership is a word made up of two words: “leader” and “ship.” A leader guides, inspires, and commands, while a ship is a vessel designed to transport people or goods through water.

Guiding, inspiring, and transporting people. Couldn’t this also describe leadership? Though the definition sounds simple, leadership isn’t. It’s challenging and hard.

**Say yes to the right opportunities, but only once you know He is with you.**

When I was younger, I found myself in leadership roles like team captain, committee lead and vice president of my class. These roles always seemed to fall into my lap with little experience, and I mention this because it was never something I sought or needed.

In recent years, I’ve learned more about spiritual gifts and how they work within the body of Christ. I now understand

how God manifests these gifts in our lives. If the Lord is the one who created me and gave me these gifts, then I can confidently say He placed me in those roles, giving me direction and the ability to fulfill them.

Each time God placed me in a position of leadership, it *should* have felt easy and smooth. I don’t mean without challenges and pain, but the work within the role should align with His direction.

Here at Muskoka Bible Centre, I’ve had the privilege of being in a leadership role for over ten years. Again, roles I never pursued, but I believe God placed me here for a purpose. Like my younger self, I found myself leading but filled with a sense that God and I were in it together. Every time, the creativity and wisdom I needed were provided. I firmly believe that when God places you in a leadership role, He will equip you.

Several times during conversations with women in ministry, I’ve heard the phrase “my ministry,” and it always breaks my heart.

Philippians 2:3 calls us to “do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.” This servant-hearted model is clearly lived out by Jesus. Maybe they don’t mean “my ministry,” but watching some of them, I see how tightly they hold onto the work they do, and I wonder if they struggle to manage it. Holding leadership positions with an open hand—letting go when needed—is the kind of leadership I aim to portray.

To keep this in check, I ask the Lord to show me if He still wants me in a position. Each time, I’ve been affirmed,



unexpectedly and without prejudice. When a leadership position changed for me at MBC, it was presented unexpectedly, but not before the Lord had already placed a “restlessness” within me. I knew it was His direction, and I was free to let go because I held it with an open hand.

I've never felt the need to usurp those in authority over me, nor have I ever been stifled in my leadership. I realize I'm fortunate in that. Working alongside others in God's ministry should be rewarding. But inserting ourselves into a position we want, especially leadership, instead of what God may want, can create division and disunity. Take time to evaluate what you're trying to accomplish—is it for His kingdom or yours? Someone once shared a very Canadian analogy with me: if you're doing what the Lord wants, it should feel like snow blowing, not snow shovelling.

Be authentic in your leadership. Our culture is full of fake news and perfect Instagram moments. One place we don't need this picture-perfect persona is in ministry. Life is messy and imperfect. Sharing our broken pieces can be healing and restorative—not just for ourselves, but for others too. In the

book *Lead Like the Real You*, Amy Orr-Ewing reminds us that women make communities, businesses, churches and families better places to be. We forge bonds of sisterhood, creating networks of joy, support and safety. Our friendships are beautiful and powerful, but they're even more so when we're our true selves.

Ephesians 5 should always be our mirror: be imitators of God, not of others. Our world is full of copycats. Why not reflect God as the person He created you to be? Your unique perspective and life experiences are His creation. You are an original, so please be that. We need to stop comparing ourselves to others and focus only on who God has asked us to be.

Leadership is complicated and complex. We need to be aware of God's leading in our lives. We need to wrestle through our insecurities and our confidence, so we do only what He asks. Say yes to the right opportunities, but only once you know He is with you. Stand by and cheer your sisters on, withholding jealousy and envy. Be sure your motives are for His glory, not your own. Surround yourself with an inner circle of friends who will support and encourage you to be the best version of who God wants you to be, and lead with the One who has placed you there.

If you are a woman in a leadership role, allow God to be the captain of your vessel while you take the first mate role, and let Him guide you through the waters. **R**



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#### REFLECTION

**“This job has been given to me to do.**

**Therefore, it is a gift.**

**Therefore, it is a privilege.**

**Therefore, it is an offering I may make to God.**

**Therefore, it is to be done gladly, if it is done for Him. Here, not somewhere else, I may learn God's way.**

**In this job, not in some other, God looks for faithfulness.”**

**ELISABETH ELLIOT**

## Toward the end of longing

By Karen Stiller

**A**t a writer's conference years ago, I heard an experienced and widely-published author of several books say to a chapel full of straining, struggling writers, "Friends, being published will not fulfill you."

Sitting stiffy, as one does in a hard wooden pew, I thought, "Easy for you to say." And it was easy for him to say, but I still longed for the opportunity, along with everyone else in the room I assume, to learn that lesson for myself, thank you very much.

I am a long-time longer. I am quick to long and slow to learn.

I long for what I do not yet have, and likely never will. I long forward for the better times that surely lie ahead and I long back for what has already slipped past. Just the other day my husband and I collapsed on our bed for our ritualistic Friday afternoon nap, when Van Morrison's "Into the Mystic" came on. Instantly, I was back in a pub in Halifax, young and courageous and drinking cheap beer with this same man beside me, now silver-haired with fewer days in front than behind us, and lying here napping. I longed to go back. This, though, is a kind of loving longing

that lasts for only a moment and may make us sad, and then glad. It is so normal and every day, and maybe even lovely.

But there is another kind of longing that does not lead to gratitude, or a nap-cuddle. And that is the longing I also know so well. The kind of longing that makes me mindful of all I do not have, instead of all I do; it clings stubbornly to time gone, and not time right now, this very moment, and time yet to come, beautiful and hopeful in its not-yet-arrived-ness. It makes me

pay attention to the scarcity and not to all of this abundance, everywhere I look when my eyes are open and grateful.

This discontent quietly emerged sometime between riding my bicycle around the neighbourhood until the streetlights came on and becoming a working adult who noticed all the things the world had to offer that I had not yet received, goodies mostly. Scrolling through Instagram, I wonder why I don't have a small yacht, like she does. I could do so much good with a yacht. And why are everyone's rooms so sparkly? There are diamonds in the air everywhere but here, where dust drifts lazily past our noses.

**You don't become a Christian and stop being a jerk overnight.**

You cannot speak of longing without speaking of envy. We long for what we envy. We envy what we long. We want what others have, which we also deserve. We always think, like my author friend said, that the next thing will be the best thing and maybe the last thing we will ever really truly need and then we will be happy. It never is and we never are, of course.

And the world approves of our longing. It waters it in its pot and we let it.

I've always thought that old idea of a God-shaped hole within us that only Jesus can fill was lame-o. It embarrassed me, at least the way I first heard it at some dopey talk where I felt too cool for school, and where I am certain, decades later, that I was not really that cool at all.

I imagined cartoon Jesus stepping into an internal and clearly-carved out God-cavity, and it seemed too simplistic, and silly. Too easy a solution for all that ails us. How could our yearning be that fully filled by any one Love?

And yet I can say to you today that I have glimpsed this, and felt it. All of my longing and wanting and striving has taught me that this is a thing. I looked it up, by the way, and it sounds much more sophisticated how Blaise Pascal wrote it in *Pensées* in 1662, as an "infinite abyss," that "can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself." Yes, this does speak with sense.

My faith has helped me with my longing. It has smoothed the edges down, eventually, mercifully. But this



is a long, slow journey. You don't become a Christian and stop being a jerk overnight, at least not for me and my companions. But faith has stopped me from drifting off into infinite longing like a helium balloon that slips away, and for that second in the parking lot you can hardly believe it has happened.

Faith has redeemed my longing by turning it into a mirror in which I can see my real heart, even when it is tiny and shriveled and wanting so much, so often. "The heart is the fulcrum of your most fundamental longings, a visceral, subconscious orientation to the world," writes James K.A. Smith in his helpful, hopeful book *You Are What You Love: The Spiritual Power of Habit*. Everyone I know quotes from this book, and so I finally read it to help me understand my longing, and I loved it too.

So, we hand over our hearts, even if we do it kicking and screaming. Our hearts are at the center of our wanting, as Smith says, and our wanting is at the center of our hearts and when we offer up those hearts, willfully, mindfully, habitually and sacrificially, we start to heal. This is our medicine.

"Lift up your hearts," says one of the priests at my church, every single Sunday, in our old, dusty building. "We lift them to the Lord," we say back, every single Sunday, no matter what. It's what we do.

And then we file up and we kneel down as equally broken, somewhat confessed, mildly confused, fully

forgiven people, and we receive communion and try again the coming week, now maybe an inch closer to loving God most.

Here is an example. Before I met my husband, I had never heard of tithing—that ancient practice of giving at least 10 per cent of your income to the church, and to God. I hated the very thought of it. It made me queasy, and cringe. I panicked. That feeling did not go instantly away as I crept forward in my faith. I wish it had, but it did not. But we have tithed anyway, through all these years, because of obedience, and habit, and will, and surrender.

I have obeyed, there is not another word for it. For the record, I have rarely been cheerful about it. I have had to learn, and to see with my own eyes, that we can give so much away (and really, not that much when you do the math), and we can still survive and sometimes thrive, and I can still buy magical age-defying serum for my skin, on sale. Our beer is still cheap.

It is true that God may love a cheerful giver (as the Bible says), but he is also quite fond of the stingy, scared ones (and that's what I say).

This release of something for which I long—money, security, copper-bottomed pots and pans—has made me long for those very things less. The solution is always in the problem, the answer is in the question. Do you want to stop hating someone? Pray for them. Being persecuted? Bless them. Longing for money? Give more of it away. This is not about giving to get,

it is about giving to heal, a wonderful and unexpected bonus to doing something you did not really want to do, to which you were not naturally bent.

Your heart will heal, eventually, and your longing will too. We will long for less of that, and more of God alone, and this is such a relief.

The other thing I do about the thirst of my discontent, is remind myself and God that I trust him and I thank him. I say those things out loud, on purpose, and when I am alone so people don't think I am nuts.

"I trust you," I say, and by saying it I remember that I do and at the same time I pledge that I will.

"Thank you," I say, and I remember I am grateful and I decide to be again, right there and then. My heart shifts. My longing lightens. **R**

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## CHEF'S CORNER

**ZUCCHINI MUFFINS**

By Debbie Ciona

This easy, healthy recipe is great for breakfasts or school snacks!

3 cups flour	$\frac{2}{3}$ cup vegetable oil
2 teaspoons baking soda	1 cup white sugar
Pinch of salt	2 eggs, beaten
2 teaspoons cinnamon	2 teaspoons vanilla extract
$\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon nutmeg	$\frac{1}{2}$ cup semisweet chocolate
3 cups finely grated zucchini	chips

- Preheat the oven to 350°F.
- In a medium bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, salt, cinnamon, and nutmeg.
- In a large bowl, stir together zucchini, vegetable oil, white sugar, eggs, and vanilla extract.
- Add the flour mixture to the zucchini mixture and mix together until just combined. Stir in chocolate chips.
- Scoop into greased muffin tins and bake for about 20-25 minutes at 350°F. **R**



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## LEADERSHIP LESSONS

# LEADING A KINGDOM HOUSE

By John Friesen



**A** recurring challenge in camp leadership is balancing the practical demands of operations and facilities while staying focused on the Gospel mission. The question often arises: *Is camp a business or a ministry?*

Today, an even greater challenge is leading in a polarized world—politically, socially, and even within the Church. Kingdom-minded leaders need clarity and courage to navigate these turbulent waters.

Paul's exhortation to Timothy reminds us to remain steadfast:

Preach the word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction... keep your head in all situations, endure hardship, do the work of an evangelist, discharge all the duties of your ministry (2 Timothy 4:2, 5, NIV).

Paul wrote this when the culture was in a state of confusion (see verse 3), not unlike the cultural waters we are swimming in today.

Leadership in camp and church ministry is more complex and confusing than it has been for decades. It is not for the faint of heart—but we do not lead alone. Christ Himself equips, instructs and sustains those He calls.

After 26 years in camp ministry, I've learned many lessons—some through failure, others through the wisdom



(left) John Friesen; (above) The whole summer 2025 team assembled at Muskoka Bible Centre.

of godly mentors who encouraged, cautioned and restored me when I stumbled. My hope is that these lessons encourage you as you lead in your home, workplace, church or ministry.

## LEADING A KINGDOM HOUSE

A Kingdom house carries unique dynamics that cannot be ignored. Two realities stand out:

### 1. ACCOUNTABILITY IS HIGHER.

When we claim to work in God's name, we must be sure He is the Author. He will not allow His name to be misused.

### 2. FAITH OFTEN FEELS LIKE SAILING BLIND.

God sometimes calls us forward with only the quiet prompting of His Spirit, which can be unsettling, even for seasoned leaders.

## Three lessons that have shaped my leadership

### 1. HIS MISSION, MY OBEDIENCE

- God's mission reflects His priorities, not ours.
- Our task is simple obedience; listening, trusting and acting even without seeing the full picture.
- God often provides *after* obedience, reminding us to give Him the glory.
- True humility means serving without ego, following Christ's example.

### 2. BY THE POWER OF CHRIST

- Human skill alone cannot accomplish Kingdom work.
- Like Paul, we serve through Christ's power at work within us.
- God Himself is the Teacher, providing wisdom and direction in His timing.

### 3. TELL THE GOD STORIES

- Record and share testimonies of God's provision and guidance.
- These stories strengthen faith, glorify God, and encourage others to trust Him.

## Conclusion

Leading a Kingdom house is not about human ambition. It is about obedience, dependence on Christ and faithfully bearing witness to His work. **R**

*Note: this content summarizes a fuller presentation on leadership I've given in various settings. If you'd like a copy of the full presentation, please email me at [john.friesen@muskokabible.com](mailto:john.friesen@muskokabible.com).*



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## WIDJIITIWIN

# THE NEXT GENERATION OF LEADERS

By Becky Cripps

Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching. Do not neglect the gift you have, which was given you by prophecy when the council of elders laid their hands on you. Practice these things, immerse yourself in them,[a] so that all may see your progress (1 Timothy 4:12-15).

**A**s Camp Widjiitiwin's Program Director, this Scripture often comes to mind when I think about our staff. Note that we derived the name of our staff discipleship program, Immerse, from this text! It has been a real privilege to hire and train young staff each year who oversee our campers at Widjiitiwin. I often

feel so proud of our team when the community leaders come off the bus on a Sunday with their campers, and our team of young leaders takes over for them, starting to care for the campers. It's such a joy to see the genuine encouragement the community leaders and other volunteers receive from our staff as they care for their kids, lead them through their daily activities, guide them spiritually and nurture their hearts throughout their time at camp.

Based on my experience with camp and youth ministry, I have concluded that it's not about someone's age that determines whether they have the potential to lead or not. It's also not about how charismatic they are or their level of education. It's about their *character*. In the Bible, we see the qualifications of a leader as being some of the following characteristics: wise, understanding, respected internally, respected externally, above reproach, humble,

self-controlled, gentle, not a new believer, loves what is good, holy, servant-hearted and manages their family well. I again witnessed this summer young people who love Jesus and embody many of these characteristics. They actively led younger children to Jesus, serving Him humbly, working diligently and growing in faith and confidence. All of this is because they had been transformed by Christ, and now the opportunity to lead others had been afforded to them.

In my own development as a leader, two of the most influential leadership trainings I received during my time with Youth for Christ were Situational Leadership and Coaching. Both trainings helped me understand that leading others isn't a one-size-fits-all approach, but that the Holy Spirit is alive and working in individuals, shaping them into who He made them to be.

Ephesians 2:10 says, "For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do." Through understanding who God created a person to be, we can see their potential through His lens. With this understanding, we can walk alongside them, developing their gifts as they grow in wisdom and confidence. Although they may not yet be able to lead independently, Christ is doing a work through them as they are being transformed into His likeness and prepared for His mission through the power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of the Father.

Camp is an excellent training ground for Christian ministry workers, and one of the programs that we are investing in at MBC is SALT, our Skills and Leadership Training Program. Youth ages 14 to 16 are trained to be Christ-centred helpers through adventure discipleship and service. This approach inspires young people to grow in their faith and leadership. During the course, which is 4 weeks long, we often see young people arrive at camp nervous. It doesn't take long before we see them grow in confidence as they make friends, learn about Jesus and are given the opportunity to observe, then serve and lead. I recently witnessed a full worship team, comprised of SALTers, leading our camp in worship! They did an amazing job, and our younger campers looked up to them as a model of what faith in practice can look like.

We already have an entire next generation who is coming up and leading. We just need to walk with them and create opportunities for them to step into serving God's kingdom. **R**



Becky Cripps served as Program Director: Widjiitiwin from 2022 to 2025. Feeling the call to her local church, she transitioned into a role at Capstone Community Bible Church in Toronto. Our team at MBC will miss having "Buffy" at camp!

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SALT & LITE PROGRAMS

# What makes a good leader?

By Alyssa LaRocque

## What are some key qualities of a leader?

This important question can be approached from so many different angles. At Widjiitiwin, participants in the SALT and LITE leadership training programs engaged with this question every day in all kinds of contexts that challenged them to grow in their faith and in their understanding of leadership. Here are a few things we discovered together along the way:

### O A leader knows the source of their strength.

At SALT and LITE, we prioritized spending quality time in God's Word. Individual and community devotions bookended every day, allowing these young leaders to not only see and hear the Word receptively, but to also share it actively through observations, questions and discussions. Our desire was that they

wouldn't just tag along with the faith of people around them but would have their own deep roots in Christ as their source of strength.

### O A leader puts others' needs first.

Our leaders-in-training had to roll with location changes, programming adjustments, shifts in weather and many other typical camp life interruptions. We saw that anybody can just passively go with the flow in changing circumstances, but a leader actively thinks about how to help and guide others through the process. This understanding of leadership underscores the heart of Widjiitiwin, which in Ojibway means "helping one another."

### O A leader reflects on and learns from their experiences.

A major part of the SALT and LITE programs was taking the time to stop and think back on our activities to determine what went well

and what we could have done differently. So much learning can pass us by without reflection. Our debrief times also became great moments of recognition and celebration for what was accomplished, allowing the participants to consider how God was at work and realize their growth.

Leadership lessons like these take place everywhere at SALT and LITE! It happens when you're in a canoe with a partner on a windy paddle, when you're working with a group to practice a new lifesaving skill, when you're brainstorming prior to running an event, or when you're chatting in the cabin and have the opportunity to share something real. The 24/7 nature of camp life means that daily leadership opportunities abound. The learning is intensive, experiential and community driven. There's nothing like it!

So don't miss out on the opportunity! SALT runs for four weeks in July, and LITE runs for two weeks in August. Anyone aged 14 to 16 who wants to explore the qualities of a leader firsthand at Widjiitiwin should



check out the website to learn more. Applications for Summer 2026 are now open.

It's worth noting that in addition to leadership development, SALT offers multiple certification options due to its longer run time: a Grade 11 high school credit, Bronze Medallion and Emergency First Aid certifications. Participants can indicate their interest in their application. **R**



Alyssa LaRocque is MBC and Widjiitiwin's SALT Coordinator.



#### SALT & LITE

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—**Philippians 2:3 NLT**

STORY TIME

## Something better

By Abby Ciona

**“Mom! Dad!** Can we stop at that restaurant?” Jess asked, pointing out the window to the bright red sign on the side of the highway. Jess, her sister Ivy, and her Mom and Dad were on a road trip.

“No,” said Mom from the driver’s seat.

“Why not?” asked Jess’ sister, Ivy. “It’s my favourite fast-food restaurant!”

“Because it’s not even ten yet!” laughed Mom. “You usually don’t have lunch until noon.”

“Oh yeah,” said Jess. She sat back and watched the patchworked fields roll by outside her window. An hour passed, and Ivy and Jess sang along to songs on the radio. But eventually...

“I’m bored,” said Jess.

“Me too,” added Ivy. “Can we stop for lunch?”

“It hasn’t even been an hour since the last time you asked!” laughed Dad.

“But there’s nothing to do!”

“I’m sure you can think of something,” Dad said.

“Hmm...” thought Jess, looking out at the horizon. “Oh! Look! It’s raining over there!”

“But it’s sunny on my side,” said Ivy. “Maybe there will be a rainbow!”

The girls looked for rainbows until the rain stopped and then took turns pointing out horses to each other.



When they drove out of the fields and into a small town, they started trying to find the clouds with the most interesting shapes. But it soon came close to when the family usually had lunch.

“There!” shouted Ivy, pointing out the window. “A burger place! Can we get burgers?”

“Not today,” Dad said.

“But we’re so hungry!” cried Ivy and Jess.

“Just wait a little longer,” Mom said. “We’re going somewhere new for lunch.”

“But we don’t want to go somewhere new,” said Ivy.

“Sometimes it’s good to try new things,” said Mom. “That’s why we’re going on this trip. Didn’t you want to see more of the country?”

“Yeah, I guess so,” said Jess. “I’ve always wanted to see a real mountain.”

“It will be worth it,” said Mom. “The mountains and the new restaurant.”

So they drove. And drove. And drove. A half-hour later, Jess’s family was still on the road, driving through a hilly forest, and there were still no buildings in sight.

“We should have stopped earlier,” said Jess. “We’ve been driving for so long and there’s still nothing!”

Just then, Mom turned the car to the right, off the highway to a narrow road, and drove until they stopped at an old building with a sign that read “FAMILY RESTAURANT.”

“This is a restaurant?” asked Jess, confused. “It doesn’t look very big or exciting.”

The family sat at a table inside the small restaurant. Jess and Ivy ordered sandwiches, and their eyes went wide when the food came out.

“This is amazing!” exclaimed Jess, looking at her

pizza grilled cheese.

Ivy already had her mouth full of ham and apple sandwich. “It’s the best sandwich I’ve ever tasted!”

“Ivy, stop eating, we haven’t even prayed yet!” laughed Mom.

The family bowed their heads together and Dad prayed. “Dear Jesus, thank you for giving us a safe journey so far. Please bless this food and help us continue to have a smooth trip over the next few days. Amen.”

Jess smiled shyly at her parents. “I’m sorry for complaining about not stopping earlier for lunch.”

“Yeah, me too,” added Ivy. “Now I see why you didn’t want us to stop at the other restaurant. You had something better planned!”

Have you been disappointed by something recently? Disappointments are everywhere, whether we miss out on a cool opportunity, a special event is cancelled, or a meal doesn’t end up as delicious as we hoped it would be. When we experience disappointments, remember that God’s plans for us are the best. Even though we might not understand why He tells us “no” or “not right now,” we will see in the end how God uses it toward His good plan, which is far greater than we can imagine! ®

**“But the plans of the Lord stand firm forever, the purposes of his heart through all generations”**  
**(Psalm 33:11 NIV).**



Abby Ciona is an author and photographer who loves encouraging young people to find their place in God’s story. Abby has been visiting MBC all her life but began working for MBC in 2022. You can find her on social media at @abbyciona.

## ACTIVITY

# Would you rather...

“Would you rather” questions are a great way to get to know someone! Ask these questions to your family and friends and see what option they would choose.

Think of a few “Would you rather” questions yourself and write them out at the end.

**WOULD YOU RATHER...**

...go swimming in a pool or in a lake?

**WOULD YOU RATHER...**

...travel to outer space or to the bottom of the ocean?

**WOULD YOU RATHER...**

...eat a cinnamon bun or eat a slice of apple pie?

**WOULD YOU RATHER...**

...play mini golf or play basketball?

**WOULD YOU RATHER...**

...ride on a train or fly in a plane?

**WOULD YOU RATHER...**

...go biking or go kayaking?





## ACTIVITY

## Canada trivia

1. When did Canada become its own country?  
\_\_\_\_\_
2. How many oceans border Canada?  
\_\_\_\_\_
3. Which city in Canada has the largest population?  
\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the biggest land animal in Canada?  
\_\_\_\_\_
5. In which province can you find the polar bear capital of the world?  
\_\_\_\_\_
6. What are the nicknames for Canada's one-dollar and two-dollar coins?  
\_\_\_\_\_
7. True or false: Canada has the most lakes of any country in the world.  
\_\_\_\_\_
8. What are Canada's two national sports?  
\_\_\_\_\_
9. In which province can you visit a town called Happy Valley-Goose Bay?  
\_\_\_\_\_
10. What Canadian treat is primarily produced in Quebec?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Check your answers on page 29.



## CRAFT

# Make your own birdfeeder

By Abby Ciona

When it's cold and snowy outside, it can be hard to look for wildlife. Why not bring the wildlife to you with a homemade birdfeeder? The birds will be thankful, and you can enjoy watching them from the cozy indoors.

### Materials

- String
- Large pinecone (If you can't find pinecones, you can also use a clean toilet paper roll.)
- Natural peanut butter or natural sunflower butter
- Butter knife (use with adult supervision)
- Birdseed mix

### Instructions

1. Tie a loop of string to the top of the pinecone, enough to tie it to a branch or pole.
2. Use the butter knife to spread a thin layer of peanut butter on the outside of the pinecone.
3. Pour birdseed into a shallow dish.
4. Roll the pinecone in the birdseed.
5. Hang the birdfeeder outside in a tree or bush.

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### ACROSS THE SEASONS

Different birds like different foods and are around in different seasons. Here are a few ways to attract different birds in Ontario throughout the year!

### WINTER

Spread seed mix on the ground or in a tray feeder to attract ground-feeding birds like doves and juncos.



### SPRING

Hang up a thistle feeder (also called a nyjer seed feeder) to attract goldfinches and house finches.



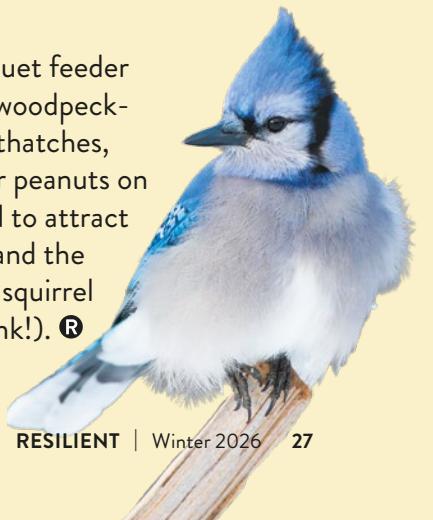
### SUMMER

Put out half an orange to attract brightly-coloured orioles or hang up a hummingbird sugar-water feeder to attract tiny hummingbirds.



### FALL

Put out a suet feeder to attract woodpeckers and nuthatches, and scatter peanuts on the ground to attract blue jays (and the occasional squirrel or chipmunk!).



## Leaders like Jesus

By Liz Obando



Guess what? You don't have to be a grown-up to start leading.

At Muskoka Bible Centre, we believe that kids—just like you—can grow into strong, kind and brave leaders. Leading isn't about being the boss. It's about learning to love others, making good choices and trusting God, even when things are hard.

And here's the best part: You don't have to be perfect at it. You can learn. You can try again. That's how Jesus helps us grow!

We asked some kids what leadership looks like to them. Here's what they had to say:

“A leader is kind and cares about people.”  
 “I prayed and asked God what I should do.”  
 “I was scared but I still told the truth.”  
 “God made me good at art. I drew a picture to cheer up my friend when she was sad.”  
 “You can be a leader by letting someone else go first or letting them pick the game.”

We can all start by leading ourselves to do what we see Jesus doing. As we practice following Him, He may bring others along who will follow us as we follow Him.



Leadership can look like helping, sharing, praying, listening and doing what's right, even when it's tough, because you are following the best leader: Jesus! Every time you try something kind, honest or brave, while trusting Him, you're growing to be more like Him.

So, if something feels hard at first—that's okay! Keep learning, keep practicing and keep trusting God to turn your best tries into something beautiful. ®

### Try this!

Here are some ideas you can try this week:

- Help someone without being asked.
- Ask God to help you make a good choice.
- Let someone else go first.
- Tell the truth, even if it's hard.
- Use something you're good at to cheer someone up.
- Say “I'm learning” when something feels hard to do.

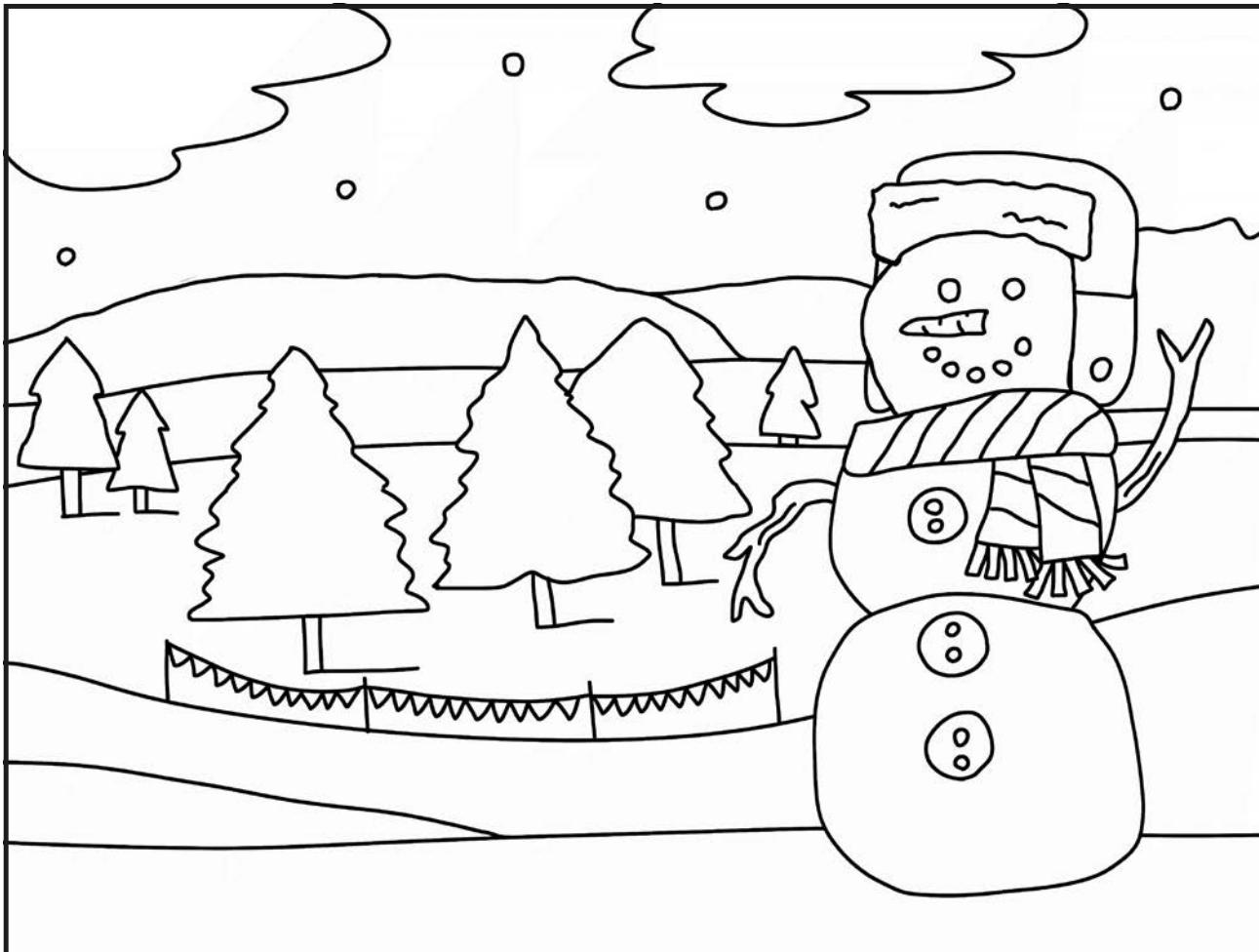
(Special thanks to: Bo, Jonah, Amelia, Jack, Alijah, and Aurelie for sharing their thoughts on leadership!)

### BONUS

**Draw a picture or write a few sentences about a time you led like Jesus. What happened? How did it feel?**

COLOURING PAGE

# Winter fun at MBC



## Canada trivia (page 26) answers

1. July 1, 1867.
2. Three! The Pacific Ocean in the west, the Arctic Ocean in the north, and the Atlantic Ocean in the east.
3. Toronto has the largest population in Canada, with more than 3 million people.
4. The wood bison is the biggest land animal in Canada, living in the northwestern part of the country.
5. Manitoba. During migration, the city of Churchill, Manitoba, can be home to hundreds of polar bears.
6. Loonie (one dollar) and toonie (two dollars).
7. True! There are an estimated 2 million lakes in Canada.
8. Lacrosse is the official summer sport and hockey is the official winter sport of Canada.
9. Newfoundland and Labrador.
10. Maple syrup.



Trinity House of Hope has been coming to MBC for almost a decade for their annual family retreat.

#### GROUP RENTALS TESTIMONIAL

## Experiencing God's presence together

Trinity House of Hope, Toronto

By Camila Silva Campos

Our church, Trinity House of Hope, recently returned to Muskoka Bible Centre for our annual family retreat. For over eight years, we have been blessed to gather at MBC, and each visit has been an even greater experience than the last.

Every time we arrive, we are in awe of the beauty around us and blown away by God's creation in such a peaceful setting. From the very beginning of the planning process with Laura to the warm welcome and care we receive from staff throughout our stay, our experience at MBC has always been positive and memorable.

For many of us, MBC has become part of our family's story. Some of our families have been attending for years, even before having children, and now get to share the tradition with them. Our

**For many of us, MBC has become part of our family's story.**

kids look forward to it all year long, and truthfully, there are often tears when it's time to leave! New families who join us always share glowing feedback, commenting on the breathtaking scenery, the beautifully maintained gardens and flowers, the delicious food, the thoughtful organization, the cleanliness and the wide range of activities.

But above all, what makes our time at MBC truly special is the peace we feel. It's not just the stillness of the grounds, but the unmistakable presence of God. We know that MBC is a place dedicated to serving the Lord, and it's evident in the way every detail is handled and in the way guests are cared for.

We pray that our church will continue to have the opportunity to return to MBC each year. These retreats are precious times of slowing down, reflecting and drawing nearer to Jesus alongside our

families and church community.

We are deeply grateful to every staff member for their hard work and dedication in making MBC such a blessing. Thank you for giving us a place to pause, to connect and to be present with God and with one another.

May God continue to bless the ministry of MBC and all who serve there and may every guest who visits experience a closer encounter with Jesus. ®



#### MBC GROUP RENTALS

Could your church family benefit from a retreat to help deepen your relationship with God and each other? Available September to June, MBC offers the ideal location to disconnect from daily distractions and focus on building unity and strengthening relationships within your church. Find details at: [www.muskocabible.com/group-rentals](http://www.muskocabible.com/group-rentals)

## **FACILITIES**

# **Hillside Accommodations landscaping project**

**Part of site-wide improvements at MBC to enhance safety, accessibility and functionality**

**By Cameron Therrien**

**T**his past fall season, work began on a significant outdoor landscaping project at the Hillside Accommodations at Muskoka Bible Centre, marking the first phase of a broader site-wide improvement plan focused on safety, accessibility and long-term functionality across the entire property.

The project includes the full removal of the aging interlock pathways and retaining walls that have reached the end of their service life. In their place, we have installed new, wider stone pathways designed to improve durability, drainage, and ease of movement for our guests. A key feature of the new design is the addition of an accessibility ramp, providing safer and more inclusive access to the Hillside Accommodations for guests of all mobility levels.

Alongside the pathway upgrades, this project includes important improvements to storm water management in the area to help control runoff which will protect building foundations and support the long-term health of the site.

Construction is scheduled to be completed in the spring of 2026, allowing work to proceed efficiently while accommodating seasonal weather conditions.

As mentioned, this project is just the first of several planned initiatives that form part of MBC's larger site plan. Together, these projects will enhance the safety, accessibility and functionality of outdoor spaces across the property, ensuring that MBC continues to provide a welcoming, well-maintained environment for guests now and into the future. **R**



**Landscaping renewal continues at MBC's Hillside Accommodations.**





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## MEET THE TEAM

# Jacqueline Amosow

Hi, my name is Jacqueline Amosow, and I have been employed full-time at Muskoka Bible Centre since April 2009. John Friesen (MBC's CEO) and I started on the same day! I have worked in the Accounting Department the entire time. My desire to leave the secular workplace and enter the world of ministry is what brought me to MBC, and it's that same passion that has kept me here for so long.

My husband, Michael, and I have been married for 36 years now. Our two daughters, Leah and Melissa, are married to Peter and Joey, respectively, and so far, we have four grandchildren (a.k.a. "The Chicklets"). They are Rain, Timber, Breeze and Flint, ranging in age from two to nine.

As I near retirement, I would like to remain in ministry. While working with numbers has kept me going at MBC. Even after 16 years, I am amazed to see how the Lord works so wonderfully here at this beautiful conference centre. Each summer, I have had the privilege of working with our students teaching cash handling for various departments. That, coupled with my previous experience as a trainer of automated systems with the Royal Bank, is leading me to want to follow some new pursuits as I begin to wind down toward retirement.

I also have a creative side that I don't always get to express: I love sewing. Throughout my time at MBC, I have had the opportunity to use this skill. A lot of curtains at MBC have been created or mended in my sewing room.



My hope for the future is to explore opportunities in teaching and working with students, possibly in areas like life skills or family studies, here in Muskoka. At this point, it's still just an idea. Filling my days with my sewing machine is something that I am really looking forward to. Although our Chicklets certainly keep me busy with their sewing project requests, I'm excited for the future and the new opportunities it will bring. **R**



Jacqueline Amosow serves at MBC in the Accounting Department.



## Supporting MBC and Widjiitiwin

By John Friesen

**A**s you've read through this edition of *Resilient*, I trust you've been encouraged by our focus on *Leadership*. Godly and effective leadership is desperately needed in today's tumultuous cultural and political landscape—in our homes, workplaces, ministries and local churches.

My deep prayer is that God will continue to raise up leaders who reflect His character with

integrity and courage, leaving an eternal impact for the advancement of His Kingdom and for His glory.

Your interest in and support of Muskoka Bible Centre are deeply appreciated as we seek to be a greenhouse for identifying, nurturing and launching leaders of all ages into the places where God has called them. Through the ministries of MBC and Widjiitiwin, we are seeing hundreds of believers equipped

and strengthened according to their unique giftings—all contributing to a more vibrant and

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unified Church. We believe that what God is doing here is bearing fruit far beyond Muskoka, influencing the world for His glory in ever-increasing measure.



**Much of what we do depends on the generosity of those who believe in the importance of developing godly leaders.**

continue to support this impactful ministry to the glory of God.

Our 2026 donation goal is \$1,219,000; this includes funding for some strategic facility projects at Camp Widjiitiwin. By God's gracious provision through friends like you, we have already received \$114,000 toward the Widjiitiwin facility projects, leaving us a net donation target of \$1,105,000 for the year.

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I thank you in advance for your consideration. If you have any questions or suggestions, please feel free to send me an email at [john.friesen@muskokabible.com](mailto:john.friesen@muskokabible.com). **R**

John Friesen is CEO, Muskoka Bible Centre / Muskoka Bible Foundation.

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MBC (including the ministry, facility and operations) is now working within a zero-debt policy and within a conservative financial structure. This stability allows us to invest any surpluses into expanding and growing the ministry and the facility in support of the Kingdom mission.

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*If you have any questions on how you can support our ministry, please feel free to call or email CEO John Friesen at 705.789.0123 or [john.friesen@muskokabible.com](mailto:john.friesen@muskokabible.com).*



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