



To all congregations of MCA:

This fall we would like to dedicate September 27, 2020 to the first year of MCA's action plan, "Encountering, Embracing, Embodying Christ in life." We ask each MCA congregation to devote their worship service on this Sunday to a time of mutual celebration of, and commitment to, this vision together.

The E3 theme grew out of MCA's Vision 2020 process. As with many aspects of life, our ability to live into this theme has been dramatically affected by COVID-19. This service will provide an opportunity for all of MCA to live into this theme together.

Mennonite Church Alberta

E3 Celebration and Commitment Service

September 27, 2020

The E3 Reference Group

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In coming weeks the E3 Reference Group will be developing worship resources for congregations to provide a common focus across our MCA family. They will include the following:

1. A time of personal and congregational commitment. The E3 Reference Group will provide guidance about how to use this service to formalize a personal and congregational commitment to "encountering, embracing, and embodying Christ" through prayer and spiritual practices.

2. A celebration of how we have "encountered, embraced, and embodied Christ" in our lives. The Reference Group will develop ways we can celebrate Christ's presence and our mutual calling as MCA to connect more closely to Christ as individuals, congregations, and a broader church family.

Although each congregation is free to plan this service as it thinks best, we would encourage congregations to include elements of celebration and commitment related to the first year of the E3 vision. In this way, two questions are brought to the forefront: What have we been doing already? What are we called to do?

We look forward to this opportunity to live into our E3 theme together!

Watch for further information and worship resources as the date for this service draws nearer.

