

Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre

Report to General Conference 2024

Maple Grove Christian Retreat Centre, Thamesford, Ontario

Mission Statement: Maple Grove exists to facilitate ministries that make and grow disciples of Jesus Christ.

Maple Grovers enjoyed and appreciated the 2022 camping season with fewer restrictions since the COVID pandemic. Campers past and present celebrated our 75th Anniversary with worship, prayer and fellowship. We were able to share in many inspiring, sweet and sometimes humorous memories thanks to those who provided pictures, memorabilia and stories to the Historical Center. This year's Free Methodist family camp, adventure family weekends and various summer programs welcomed many old and new friends for interpersonal connection and spiritual renewal.

In May of 2023 we bid an appreciative farewell to our long time Executive Directors, Jayne and Dave Randall who served in this role for the last 8 1/2 years. Through their leadership Maple Grove became **mortgage free** before launching the new pool campaign that created a beautiful new facility to be enjoyed for current and future generations of Maple Grovers. Jayne and Dave also worked hard to redefine what it meant to be a Maple Grover by creating the **Maple Grove camping membership**. This new structure allows more people to have a vested interest in the ministry of Maple Grove and welcomes more people from other evangelical traditions. Jayne and Dave were instrumental in revitalising the **youth ministry** of Maple Grove with Spring and Fall retreats that developed a strong core group of youth that served in various summer roles throughout the camping season.

Looking ahead to 2024, we are prayerfully awaiting the start of our new Executive Director and excited for the new leadership she will bring to Maple Grove. We ask that you continue to pray for this process and for the international candidate that the Search Committee and Board have endorsed hiring.

We are also still searching for a new Facilities & Maintenance Manager and ask that you pray for that process as well.

We are a Christian Community sharing the love of Christ and striving to make a positive impact in our camp and surrounding community.

In Him,
The Maple Grove Board of Directors

