

Like Moses at the burning bush, an encounter with God can realign our lives with His vision and purposes. Moses was alone in the wilderness tending sheep, yet God had a far greater calling for him. Earlier in life, Moses had tried to fulfill that calling in his own strength and timing, which ultimately led to exile. But at the burning bush, God met him, renewed his vision, and redirected his future.

Sometimes these “burning bush” moments look different in our own lives. As we have reflected on our denomination and ministry together, we have felt compelled to come alongside brothers and sisters who may be sensing that God has more for them. No pressure, no promises, and no strings attached—simply an invitation to come open-handed and discern what God may stir in your heart as we encounter Him together.

What is Encounter?

Encounter is a weekend experience (typically Friday afternoon through Saturday) centered around worship, prayer, teaching, and discernment. Participants will not only encounter God and explore how He may be calling them into His mission in their own communities, but also learn a proven framework for turning that calling into practical ministry among the people God desires to reach and disciple.

Who is Encounter for?

Encounter is for church leaders, lay ministers, students, entrepreneurs, parents, longtime church members, and anyone sensing that God may be inviting them into something more. If you desire to be used by God in cultivating new expressions of His church in your neighborhood, city, or beyond, this experience is for you.

Where and when are the Encounters?

This year there will be three Encounter weekends taking place in Montreal, Toronto, and Calgary. The events run from Friday afternoon through Saturday, with one offered in French and two in English.

- Montréal Encounter: June 19-20, 2026 St. Henri Free Methodist Church 3453 R. Notre Dame Ouest Montréal, QC H4C 1P3

- Toronto Encounter: June 26-27, 2026 Assyrian Gospel Church 1279 Matheson Boulevard Mississauga, ON L4W 1R1

- Calgary Encounter: July 24-25, 2026 West Spring Church 816 78 Street SW Calgary, AB T3H 5G1

Registration is free. Please click the appropriate link below to register.

<https://fmcic.ca/encounter-weekends/>

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