Free Methodism has “connectionalism” at the heart of our self-understanding. We believe that our lives as followers of Jesus must be deeply and meaningfully connected with others who devote themselves to Him. Local churches are one expression of that—and, for pastors and leaders, our fall Ministers Conference is another vital experience to enhance our connection.

In the two years between our General Conference year, all our pastors gather with FMCIC leaders for 48 hours in two groups—the West and the East. Last week about 50 of us met at Arlington Beach Camp in SK for worship, teaching, network meetings, equipping, and—through it all—connecting! I loved the sights and sounds of spiritual friendships being formed or rekindled. Laughter, loud discussions, mealtime chatter, spontaneous prayer circles, and late-night walks under the stars brought pastors from BC, AB, MB, SK, and Northern ON together. The Holy Spirit met with us, and we are better for our time at Ministers Conference.

This week over 100 pastors from the East will join national leaders at Wesley Acres Camp in Ontario. Pray for us!