



Pembina
Counselling
Centre

HE BRINGS

peace



"But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed."

Dear Friends,

As we embrace the newness of spring and the season of Easter, we are reminded of the powerful words from Isaiah 53:5-8. In this season of hope, redemption, and renewal, we reflect on the great sacrifice made for our forgiveness and healing, and the encouragement that, through Him, we are made whole.

Your faithful support has been a source of healing and restoration for so many in our community, and we are deeply grateful. As we move into this season of new beginnings, we invite you to join us in celebrating the work God is doing through Pembina Counselling Centre. Together, we continue to offer hope and healing, helping individuals and families navigate life's challenges with faith, hope, and love.

Thank you for being a vital part of this mission. May this Easter season bring you renewed peace and joy.

With gratitude,

Chris Derksen
Executive Director



FORGIVENESS

“Forgiveness is difficult...”

Forgiveness is difficult. At first when we are wronged, our instinct is often to seek justice, forget about mercy! Justice feels like it gives us something, whereas mercy requires something from us. But the path to forgiveness begins by reflecting on the offense itself.

Often, we can't forgive because we feel like something irreplaceable has been taken from us—our hope, our security, or even our livelihood. In these cases, we're left with anger, and sometimes denial, to cover the pain. Offenses can turn us from passive victims to vengeful aggressors. But how can we balance justice and love? God's call is clear: love the offender, but hate the offense. And if God asks us to forgive, He must provide a way to do it.

Matthew 9:13 reminds us that God values mercy over sacrifice. He desires restoration, not merely a debt paid. Forgiveness, at its core, means releasing the demand for repayment. It's a shift in the heart that frees us from the hold of past wrongs.

I once struggled with a lingering resentment over a borrowed extension



cord that was never returned. Years later, a friend gave me a better one, and just like that, the debt was paid. I never again felt a claim on the old debt. I pondered the quick shift in my feelings. I truly felt free. Free from negative feelings associated with the memory. What changed? I realized that a debt I couldn't settle was erased, and my resentment vanished.

This experience echoes a greater truth: a debt we couldn't pay has been forgiven in Christ. Our desire for justice, while valid, pales in comparison to the need for mercy. Once we've received mercy and grace, we can approach others with forgiveness. Our hope, rooted in Christ, remains unshaken by any offense.

Forgiveness is the first step in reconciliation. We can forgive, but true reconciliation requires both parties. In forgiving, we restore, and in that, we reflect God's love. God's actions toward His children often stem from His will, not His emotions. Likewise, we are called to forgive—not just for our sake, but to restore relationships in love.

Kind regards,
Paul Penner



RSVP

Coffee & Dessert Fundraiser

A time of fellowship and celebrating the amazing work God is doing at Pembina Counselling Centre!



Dear friends,

Spring is a time for renewal, and we're excited to gather together to celebrate what God has done in our community. Join us for the Pembina Counselling Centre's Annual Spring Fundraiser with guest speaker and author Pastor Brent Cantelon!

Brent Cantelon has served in ministry as Senior Pastor, Associate Pastor, Evangelist, Global Worker, Missionary, and Partner of Global Ministry Organizations.

Currently, Brent is a Speaker, Business and Life Coach, Author, and Forum Chair at MacKay CEO Forums.

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Annual General Meeting

Remembering God's enduring faithfulness

Attending the Pembina Counselling Centre's Annual General Meeting at the Gospel Mission Church was a heartwarming reminder of God's enduring faithfulness to PCC and the Pembina Valley. As we gathered to celebrate another year of *growth, service, and healing*, I couldn't help but give glory to God for the incredible work being done in our community.

One of the highlights of the evening was the recognition of **Hank Froese**, who was honoured for his remarkable 10 years of dedicated service on the PCC Board. His commitment to the mission of the Centre has been a cornerstone in shaping the direction and impact of the organization.



Additionally, it was a joy to celebrate **Irma Harms'** 15-year anniversary with PCC. Her long-standing presence at the Centre speaks volumes about her passion and commitment to helping others find hope and healing.



This AGM was not only a time to celebrate the milestones of individuals but also to reflect on the overarching story of God's faithfulness. As a community, we've seen lives transformed through the work of PCC, and we look forward to continuing this journey of **hope** and **healing** together.



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FOR HOPE**

Cruising again on:
September 13, 2025.

Stay tuned for more exciting updates!



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