

# Highland Mennonite Brethren Church Governance Manual – DEEPREACH Prayer Chain Ministry Guidelines

The Prayer Chain Ministry at HMBC is first and foremost a means to communicate prayer requests and is not an information dissemination system. Those who ask to join as Team Members, commit themselves to praying! The Prayer Chain is confidential, and Team Members agree not to pass requests on to those outside the Ministry Team. The HMBC Prayer Chain consists of a Telephone Prayer Chain and an E-mail Prayer Chain.

## Ministry Team

The Prayer Chain Ministry Team is made up of Members, Adherents and Friends of HMBC, or in other words, people who are well known by the church family and committed to the ministry of HMBC. The Team Leader will confirm eligibility of those who ask to serve in this ministry.

Team Members are asked to pray as soon as possible.

Team Members are encouraged to keep a prayer journal. As God answers prayer requests and as updates are submitted, it's good to have the details ready at hand. It also serves as a reminder of God's care and provision in all circumstances.

## Prayer Requests or Praise Items

Anyone – Prayer Chain Ministry Team Member, or not; church family member, or not - may access the Prayer Chain Ministry, however, a prayer request or praise item must be submitted by the person (or with the express permission of the person) it is regarding.

Requests may come to the Team Leader directly via phone call, via [prayer@highlandchurch.ca](mailto:prayer@highlandchurch.ca), or via the church office at [office@highlandchurch.ca](mailto:office@highlandchurch.ca).

## Telephone Prayer Chain

Telephone Prayer Chain Team Members are asked to pass on the request as soon as possible. If the next person on the list is not available, the request should be passed along to the next person after that, even if it means going all the way to the end of the list. *A request should not be left on voice mail since it may not be meant for everyone in the household. The voice mail should be about asking the team member to call back for the details.*

Calls should be kept to between 8:30 a.m. and 9 p.m. The Team Leader may make exceptions in VERY desperate circumstances; if there is a VERY critical emergency.