

**MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA
JOINT COUNCIL E-MAIL VOTE
September 18-21, 2019
Minutes**

Joint Council E-Mailed:

Calvin Quan (Moderator)	Moved Motion
Geraldine Balzer (Assistant Moderator)	E-mailed affirmative response
Allan Hiebert (Secretary/Treasurer)	E-mailed affirmative response
Lee Dyck (MCBC)	E-mailed affirmative response
Terry Stefaniuk (MC Sask)	E-mailed affirmative response
Ly Vang (MCEC)	E-mailed affirmative response
Betty Loewen (MCBC)	E-mailed affirmative response
Gerald Gerbrandt (MCM)	E-mailed affirmative response
Brenda Tiessen-Wiens (MCA)	E-mailed affirmative response
Margaret Kruger-Harder (MCA)	E-mailed affirmative response
Henry Funk (MCSK)	No response
Andrea De Avila (MCM)	E-mailed affirmative response
Arli Klassen (MCEC)	E-mailed affirmative response

On September 18, 2019 Calvin Quan sent the following e-mail to all Joint Council:

Hello Joint Council,

At Gathering 2019 MC Canada received an offering of about \$1500 to help develop a video resource for the promotion of two of our Witness Workers, the Poovong's and Kim/Park's. Financial support for the ministry has been weak partly due to difficulties in itinerating given the language barriers.

With Jeannette Hanson's narration, this video resource will highlight their ministry through:

- A 30 second trailer that can be streamed online from our website
- A 3-5 minute profile of their ministry that can be used by Engagement staff, or by congregations during Sunday morning announcement to promote giving to International Witness.
- A 12-15 minute piece with testimonies, Sunday worship footage from congregations in Korea and Thailand, and interviews with Witness workers that can be used in place of the sermon on Sunday.

Our Regional Church Communicators will take the responsibility of promoting the video resource once it is completed.

With \$1500 already raised, an addition of up to \$5000 is needed to cover costs for Jeannette Hanson and Darryl Neustaedter-Barg (videographer) to travel to Thailand (Poovong's), South Korea (Kim/Park's), and Myanmar (ministry partnership in early stages of development). A stipend budget of up to \$1000 is currently being confirmed, as Darryl, who is the Manitoba Regional Church staff communicator, will

need to take time off from his regular ½ time staff role at CMU for the duration of travel that is planned. See attached budget proposal from Jeannette for additional details

The hope is to schedule travel to align with the Myanmar Mission International 10th Anniversary Celebration (Nov 23), and the Grand Opening of the Myanmar Mission International Training Center, Yangon (Nov 24). This will allow the opportunity to further foster the partnership in Myanmar. To benefit from lower airfares, tickets would need to be booked as soon as possible (over the weekend or early next week).

The ESG recommends to Joint Council that up to \$6000 be transferred from the Discretionary Witness Support fund (current balance of \$323,000) to support the creation of this video resource that can be used by congregations in MC Canada to support the work of International Witness.

Please respond to all with your email vote along with any comments by Saturday Sep 21.

The motion passed by consensus. However, some issues were raised about how Joint Council processes new initiatives for new ministries, which will be discussed further at the next Joint Council meeting.