

**MENNONITE CHURCH CANADA
JOINT COUNCIL E-MAIL VOTE
July 13, 2021
Minutes**

Joint Council E-Mailed:

Calvin Quan (Moderator)	Initiated e-mail, moved motion
Geraldine Balzer (Assistant Moderator)	Affirmative Response received
Allan Hiebert (Secretary/Treasurer)	Affirmative Response received
Gerry Grunau (MCBC)	Affirmative Response received
Terry Stefaniuk (MC Sask)	Affirmative Response received
Ly Vang (MCEC)	Affirmative Response received
Betty Loewen (MCBC)	Affirmative Response received
Gerald Gerbrandt (MCM)	Affirmative Response received
Brenda Tiessen-Wiens (MCA)	Affirmative Response received
Margaret Kruger-Harder (MCA)	Affirmative Response received
Alison Jantz (MCSK)	Affirmative Response received
Arli Klassen (MCEC)	Affirmative Response received
Andrea De Avila (MCM)	No Response Received

On July 13,2021 Calvin Quan sent the following e-mail to all Joint Council:

Joint Council,

MC Canada received a request from Jennifer Schrock, who leads the Mennonite Creation Care Network from Goshen, Indiana. The MCCN works in the area of Creation Care in both the US and Canadian context. Several congregations in Canada have been involved with MCCN over the years – MCCN is well-established. MCCN has Kate Strathdee (of MCEC) serving as a summer intern. She attends Carleton University. Kate is already proving a valuable asset in helping shape the work of MCCN north of the border. We hope that MCCN will be networking and coordinating with our Sustainability Leadership Group (SLG) in MC Canada.

Moving into the fall, MCCN would like to keep Kate on to work 4 hrs/week throughout the school year. They have the money to do so, but need to secure a way to pay a Canadian staff person in ways that work with tax laws, etc. MC Canada can help with that, but would need to put an agency agreement in place to do so.

Doug contacted the SLG to see if they would support a recommendation for an agency agreement. Doug just heard back that the SLG supports this unanimously and sent this recommendation:

***“MCCN currently has a student from Carleton University serving as an intern for two months. She is proving valuable for shaping the work of the MCCN in the Canadian context. MCCN would like to hire her for 4hr/week throughout the coming school year, to continue to provide staff time to the work of MCCN. MCCN would provide the funding for this staff time.*”**

The SLG recommends to Joint Council that an agency agreement be established with MCCN so that the student can be paid through MC Canada, in keeping with legal requirements. “

If the Joint Council is in favour with this recommendation, Doug and Sean will put an agency agreement in place.

CONSENSUS: We will proceed with the recommendation.