



We Declare Gathering 2022

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**Mennonite Church Canada
Delegate Gathering and Annual General Meeting
Via Zoom, June 27, 2020
Minutes**

NOTE: These minutes were reviewed by Mennonite Church Canada Joint Council at a meeting held September 26, 2020 and were recommended for approval at the next large Delegate Gathering, scheduled to be held in June or July of 2022.

Present:

From MCBC as delegates: Betty Loewen, Gerry Grunau

From MCA as delegates: Brenda Tiessen-Wiens, Margaret Kruger-Harder

From MC Sask as delegates: Terry Stefaniuk, Henry Funk

From MCM as delegates: Gerald Gerbrandt, Andrea De Avila

From MCEC as delegates: Ly Vang, Arli Klassen

Elected Officers: Calvin Quan (Moderator), Allan Hiebert (Secretary/Treasurer), Geraldine Balzer (Assistant Moderator)

Other Participants:

Staff: Tim Wiebe Neufeld (MCA EM), Ken Warkentin (MCM EM), David Martin (MCEC EM), Garry Janzen (MCBC EM), Doug Klassen (Executive Minister), Kathy Fast (Exec.Assistant), Rick Neufeld (Interim MCM EM), Katie Doke-Sawatzky (Communications)

MB: Andrew Klassen Brown, Don Rempel Boschman, Mark Thiessen Dyck

ON: Carol Penner, Aldred Neufeldt

SK: Ruth Hoepfner

1. Calvin Quan (Moderator) **called the meeting to order** at 12:00 pm Central Time and declared the sessions open. In his **opening remarks**, Calvin welcomed all to the meeting. He reviewed the Mennonite Church Canada bylaws regarding Delegate Assemblies and Annual General Meetings. He indicated that the meeting had achieved quorum.
2. Calvin reviewed the **Agenda** for the meeting. He also explained how the meeting would be conducted over Zoom.
3. Allan Hiebert (Secretary/Treasurer) gave a brief presentation of the **Audited Financial Statements** for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2019 (circulated to delegates and other participants via e-mail prior to the meeting and also available on the CommonWord website). He asked if there were any questions.

Moved by Joint Council, "That the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2020, be accepted as circulated." Accepted unanimously.

4. Allan Hiebert presented the 2020-2021 Operational budget and Capital budget. He asked if there were any questions.

Moved by Joint Council, "that the FYE 2021 Operational Budget and Capital Budget be approved as presented." No discussion. Carried.

5. On behalf of Joint Council, Allan moved the **Appointment of Auditors.**

Moved by Joint Council, “That KPMG LLP be appointed as auditors of Mennonite Church Canada for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2021”. No discussion. Carried.

6. Calvin indicated that an **election** to the Financial Policy and Audit Committee was needed. He thanked the retiring member, Ed Heide for his 6 years of service.

Moved by Joint Council, “That Heather Driedger be elected to a 3 year term on the Financial Policy and Audit Committee”. No discussion. Carried.

7. General Questions and Closing Comments

a. Questions raised by participant observers:

- i. Aldred Neufeld asked for a brief overview of the past year. Doug Klassen responded by sharing his learning experience and appreciation of the many activities that are taking place across the nationwide church as well as internationally. He is discovering how we function within the new structure and what areas are going well and what still needs to be worked on. The weakest point is the Witness Support Teams that were envisioned in the Future Directions Task Force which is being revamped somewhat. A concern at the moment is the flow of revenue and probable impact of COVID-19, which we’ll be able to see more clearly towards the end of the fiscal year.
- ii. Don Rempel Boschman asked for clarification on comment about the budget year not going fully as planned, thus creating a surplus. Doug replied that the lower expenditures came from a part-time position (for Leadership) that did not happen and Joint Councils meetings being less than budgeted, due to meeting at church schools and being billeted vs meeting in hotel spaces.
- iii. Carol Penner expressed appreciation for the work of the church staff and volunteers.

- b. Calvin declared the 2020 Annual General Meeting and Delegate Gathering closed.

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Notes recorded by Kathy Fast & Allan Hiebert

**Mennonite Church Canada
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Via Zoom, June 19, 2021
Minutes**

This version of the minutes was recommended by Joint Council on October 2, 2021, for adoption at the planned July 2022 large Delegate Assembly.

Present:

From MCBC as delegates: Betty Loewen, Gerry Grunau

From MCA as delegates: Brenda Tiessen-Wiens, Margaret Kruger-Harder

From MC Sask as delegates: Terry Stefaniuk, Alison Jantz

From MCM as delegates: Gerald Gerbrandt

From MCEC as delegates: Ly Vang, Arli Klassen

Elected Officers: Calvin Quan (Moderator), Geraldine Balzer (Assistant Moderator), Allan Hiebert (Secretary/Treasurer)

Staff: Tim Wiebe Neufeld (MCA EM), Michael Pahl (MCM EM), Leah Reesor-Keller (MCEC EM), Garry Janzen (MCBC EM), Ryan Siemens (MCSask), Katie Doke-Sawatzky (Communications), Jeanette Hanson (International Witness), Arlyn Friesen-Epp (CommonWord), Doug Klassen (Executive Minister), Susan Reynar (Exec.Assistant),

Others were present as guests.

1. Calvin Quan (Moderator) **called the meeting to order** at 12:00 pm Central Time and declared the sessions open. In his **opening remarks**, Calvin welcomed everyone we gather to celebrate what God is doing through the activity of Mennonite Church Canada. He explained zoom process for this meeting. Geraldine explained the delegate gathering process under the Bylaws passed in 2017. Specifically, that there are two voting delegates appointed by each Regional Church, and all present are encouraged to ask questions. Calvin established **quorum** by a roll call of the Regional Church appointed delegates.
2. Geraldine Balzer gave a **land acknowledgement** statement.
3. **Updates from the Regional Churches were received.**
A video was shown with brief presentations from each of the five Regional Churches that make up Mennonite Church Canada.
4. **Doug Klassen led a devotional and prayer.** Doug indicated that it was good to see all who have chosen to participate in this meeting. The glimpses of what God is doing, highlighted during this zoom meeting, reflect what is evident in Acts 2, 4 and 13. All of these things--and more--are experienced in the congregations and regional churches. We can import the words of Paul from Phil 1:6 in our meeting today: God began work in us and God's spirit will bring it to completion.
5. **Calvin Quan presented his Moderator's report.**
 - a. This year was unlike any other with Covid's impact on our life and faith as part of the God's community. Personal stories show how our church family have not only survived but thrived. Likewise, stories from churches where hunger and job loss has been acknowledged, a \$100,000 commitment to the Mennonite World Conference Covid relief fund was made. Meetings pivoted to connect over zoom.
 - b. November, 2020 was the 3rd anniversary of MC Canada's restructuring. To examine how the new

structure was working, a governance review through Betty Pries (Credence) was initiated. MC Canada and the Regional Churches are working on a Shared Revenue Agreement, with the goal of a final agreement this fall. The 2022 large Delegate Gathering is being planned with the theme; *What we have seen... What we have heard: Bearing Witness to the Gospel of peace* (Acts 4:20; 1 John 1:3). This will be a hybrid event – online and in-person in Edmonton. Calvin expressed gratefulness for the staff and volunteers all involved in MC Canada.

c. Questions – none.

6. Director's reports.

- a. Geraldine gave a brief introduction to the program reports from our program directors.
- b. A **video presentation** from each of the Mennonite Church Canada program directors – Jeanette Hanson, International Witness, Steve Heinrichs, Indigenous/Settler Relations, Arlyn Friesen Epp, CommonWord – highlighted activities over the past year and the challenges each program faced.
- c. Questions/Comments: None
- d. **Summary comments** by Doug. The reports are only glimpses into 3 major program areas. There are hundreds of daily decisions that keep programs thriving. All areas are dependent on a diligent finance team that ensure that we are all CRA compliant and following budget. Time and attention have been given to updating policies. Travel may resume when restrictions lift and we may be able to meet in person. Thankful for staff and volunteers through the whole system.

7. Allan Hiebert (Secretary/Treasurer) gave a brief presentation of the **Audited Financial Statements** for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2021 (circulated to delegates and other participants via e-mail prior to the meeting and also available on the CommonWord website). MC Canada received a clean Audit Findings Report. A surplus of revenue over expenses was experienced for the fiscal year, due to higher than budgeted revenues in some areas (notably Relational Witness Funding) and lower program expenses (due to travel restrictions). He asked if there were any questions.

Moved by Joint Council, "That the Financial Statements for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2021, be accepted as circulated." No discussion. **Accepted unanimously.**

8. Allan Hiebert presented the 2021-2022 **Operational budget and Capital budget**. (The Operational Budget had been circulated to registered delegates and observers prior to the meeting.) Allan highlighted the sources of revenue and expenditures. Allan also presented a Capital budget, with expected expenses related to replacing the Conference Administration Building siding. This is a project that will continue into the next fiscal year. He asked if there were any questions.

a. Questions:

Could we acknowledge our healthy financial standing in the midst of a Covid pandemic and contribute more to the MWC in light of the struggle of many other countries that are struggling? Our brothers and sister globally are in need of our support more than ever. *Response: This request will be brought to Joint Council for discussion.*

Moved by Joint Council, "that the FYE 2022 Operational Budget and Capital Budget be approved as presented." Carried.

9. On behalf of Joint Council, Allan moved the **Appointment of Auditors**. Allan thanked the financial team for good work in being thorough and timely resulting in a good auditors report.

Moved by Joint Council, "That KPMG LLP be appointed as auditors of Mennonite Church Canada for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2022". No discussion. **Carried.**

10. General Questions and Closing Comments

- a. **Officers Terms.** Calvin and Allan will be finishing their terms at the next Delegate Gathering in July, 2022, and will not be eligible for re-election. Geraldine has completed two terms. A nominations committee will be formed to look for nominees for the executive positions.
- b. We look forward to meeting in person or on-line at the Delegate Gathering 2022, in Edmonton.
- c. Gratitude was expressed to Glenn Sawatzky for leading us in our worship songs during this meeting.
- d. Calvin declared the 2021 Annual General Meeting and Delegate Gathering closed.

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Delegate Information

Capital Repair Budget

The Mennonite Church Office Building, located at 600 Shaftesbury Blvd in Winnipeg, was built in the 1980's. The exterior Cedar siding and stucco are in poor shape. An engineering study done in 2021 did not show any signs of water ingress or damage to that point.

After reviewing some preliminary estimates of replacing the exterior siding, Joint Council chose to try to extend the life of the building envelope rather than replace it at this time. With this change of plans, it made the most sense to approach a contractor who specializes in repair and restoration. Closer inspection of the envelope revealed chipping and cracking in the stucco in various places. Therefore, the estimate is not just for the scraping, repairing and staining of the cedar siding, it also includes stucco repair and painting.

With record snowfall and rainfall in Winnipeg this past winter/spring, we have experienced water leaking into the north side of the building. Some regrading of the landscape was done last year, but we hadn't anticipated this level of ground saturation and run-off. We need to lower the level of the ground near the building, line the upper portion of the foundation with a membrane and dig the run-off ditch deeper.

Exterior Repair:	\$36,188.78 (60% of \$57,442.50 + GST)
Grading:	\$ 5,000.00
Total:	\$41,188.78

Recommendation: The JC recommends this Capital Budget for adoption by the delegates at Gathering 2022. Funds for payment will be drawn from the Capital Reserve Budget.

Delegate Information

YLE BUDGET - Draft					
Item Description	Budget	NOTES:			
	2022				
Formation Reserve Fund	\$ 25,000.00				
Regional Church	\$ 4,000.00	16x\$250 – Paid by regional churches			
Participant's Congregation contribution	\$ 1,600.00	16x +/- \$100			
Fundraising					
TOTAL PROJECTED INCOME	\$ 30,600.00				
Coordinator expenses		Event Costs @ registration:			
Registration	\$ 550.00	Registration -			
Accommodation	\$ 492.00	Room w/ tax - \$123/night			
Travel/Travel expenses	\$ 500.00	Transportation - \$500-\$700/person			
Food	\$ 140.00	\$40(Sat/Sun dinner), 100 (Thur/Friday B,L)			
Tour cost	\$ 50.00				
Participant/Host expenses					
Registration	\$ 8,800.00	16x \$550 (including meals)			
Food not included in the registration	\$ 2,240.00	16x \$40(Sat/Sun dinner), 100 (Thur/Friday B,L)			
Accommodation	\$ 3,936.00	8x\$492 – Shared rooms			
Travel/Travel expenses	\$ 8,000.00	16x\$500 – To/from event for some/not all			
Tour cost	\$ 800.00	16x\$50 - Amount unknown at this time			
Other Expenses					
Program costs	\$ 500.00	Worship supplies, Common Word book, evening events			
Vehicle Rental/Mileage/Insurance	\$ 890.00	1 mini van at 250/day?? for 3 days plus \$140 for mileage/			
Mileage on personal vehicles	\$ 140.00	2x\$70 for mileage on personal vehicles - \$0.58/Km			
Program Coordinator Fees	\$ 3,655.00	215x\$17/hour			
TOTAL PROJECTED COST	\$ 30,693.00				
Final Calculations					
Income	\$ 30,600.00				
Expense	\$ 30,693.00				
Difference	-\$ 93.00				

Delegate Information

As stated on p. 110 of the Report Book – Nominating Committee Report. Pictures are included here.

PAC Election Slate (three year term)



Tony Schellenberg
Incumbent, eligible for renewal

Nominating Committee Election Slate (until 2024 Gathering)

MC Sask – to be confirmed.



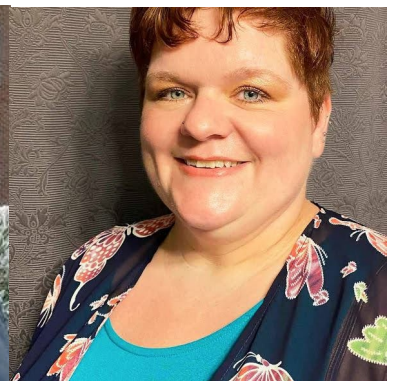
Gladys Bender
MCEC
(incumbent)



Randy Hildebrand
MCM



Allen Harder
MCBC



Joanie Neufeldt
MCA