

**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 approved at the next large Delegate Gathering in July of 2022 in Edmonton.*

**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.

### Abbreviations:

MC Can - Mennonite Church Canada  
MCEC - Mennonite Church Eastern Canada  
MCM - Mennonite Church Manitoba  
MCSask - Mennonite Church Saskatchewan  
MCA - Mennonite Church Alberta  
MCBC - Mennonite Church British Columbia

Notes recorded by Kathy Fast & Allan Hiebert