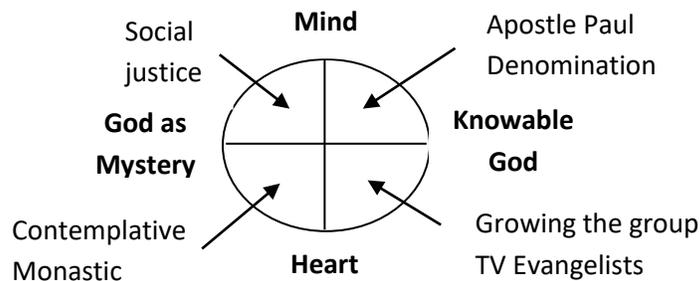


MC Sask Ministries Commission Minutes
August 10, 2017
7:00 pm
Mount Royal Mennonite Church, Saskatoon

Present: Claire Ewert Fisher, Jeanette Hanson, Eric Olfert, Elmer Regier and Val Wiebe

Regrets: Gabby Martin.

1. **Opening** – Claire shared something she has been working with which identifies different ways of being Christian:



Each quadrant has its strengths and weaknesses. It is good to be reasonably close to the center, with influences from all 4 quadrants. No matter which quadrant we find ourselves in, we need to be aware of the perspectives of other quadrants.

How can we pray in ways that strengthen our other quadrants? One way is with the EXAMEN method of periodic intentional listening prayers.

2. **Approval of Minutes of our 17-05-11 meeting** – The minutes were approved.

3. **Muskeg Lake Powwow** –

- Over-all, it went very well.
- Attendance was low (about 25 MC Sask folks) because of late advertising
- We felt very much welcomed.
- Music was moving and interesting
- We need to advertise sooner next time.

4. **Muslim/Mennonite get-togethers** –

- Such a get-together is being talked about in Rosthern, but is not moving quickly.
- We will set this aside until the new year.

5. **Walking the path updates:**

i. **Walking/Riding the Mail Trail (Whitecap to Batoche):**

- This is taking on more shape, with the over-all purpose to be Relationships, Communication and Reconciliation; and with history and stories from the communities to be the vehicle.
- Much work remains to be done.
- Jake Buhler and Harry Lafond will get together and bring ideas to the next Walking the Path meeting.

ii. **Mennonite/Muskeg Lake Music Event:**

- The plan is that on August 20 at 3:30 pm we will present a musical event at the Muskeg Lake Powwow arbor.
- Mennonite Choral music with commentary and Muskeg Lake music/dancing/explanation will alternate, ending in lunch.

6. New Business:

- i. Steve Heinrichs (MC Can Indigenous Relations) and Joe Heikman (Wildwood) are inviting Saskatoon pastors to help organise a teach-in on Bill C262. This Bill is an Act to ensure that the laws of Canada are in harmony with the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. It is going to second reading in the fall. The teach-in is proposed for September 23. Along with this there will be a postcarding campaign to encourage the government to pass this bill.

7. Ongoing issues:

- i. How can we be relevant to the issues of Southern Saskatchewan churches?
- ii. What will our role be in the new denominational configuration? To date there is only vague information as to what new structures might look like.

8. Next Meeting:

- We will meet **Thursday** November 16 @ 7:00 pm at **Mount Royal Mennonite Church.**

Recorded by Eric Olfert
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