

# Pastoral Leadership Commission

## November 2, 2017 Meeting Minutes

### Africa Room, MCC Centre, Saskatoon

**Present:** Garth Ewert Fisher, Ric Driediger, Ryan Siemens, Gary Peters, Florence Driedger, Carrol Epp, Lisa Martens Bartel (via telephone).

**Opening Devotional:** Ric talked about non-violence and peace; how peace has to do with our connectedness to God. Followed with prayer.

Ryan gave background to the situation at Shekinah and the reasoning for Kirsten Hamm-Epp taking on the Executive Director position there on an interim basis. This has had implications to the staffing of the MC SK office.

Ken Warkentin joined us to give update on some of the coming changes to MC Canada and the implications for MC SK in regards to personnel, job descriptions and accountabilities. Target date for rewritten job description for the Area Church Minister position is Dec 31, 2017.

**Review and Acceptance of August 31, 2017 meeting minutes:** Accepted as circulated by consent.

**SMYO Report:** Katie Wiebe has been hired on a part time basis to facilitate SMYO functions and is adjusting well.

**Area church Minister, Congregational & Pastoral Relations Report:** Ryan –see attached report. Also gave pastoral placement update.

Gary/Ric moved that we move Joe Heikman's credentials from *Licensing Toward Ordination* to *Licensing for a Specific Ministry*. Carried.

**Hospital Chaplaincy-** Audrey Mireau Bechtel joined us to give an update. She will compose a note for the MC SK office to forward to all pastors/church chairs regarding the chaplaincy team available for visitation in the Saskatoon hospitals. Accountability of the chaplaincy team may rest with PLC.

**Listening and Discernment Committee-** is requesting an insert in *MC SK Update* publication  
-Gary will contact Josh Wallace to set up meeting between L&D and PLC.

**Refresh, Refocus, Renew-** Referencing Ryan's letter of October 26, 2017 to Mennonite Church Saskatchewan, what does "working with congregations to deepen our walk with Christ and helping to shape our Anabaptist identity and witness" look like? What does it mean?

**Fall Leadership Assembly:** November 25, 2017 in Osler –Willard Metzger will be in attendance. The financial model of the new structure for MC Canada will be presented in the morning with committee chairs reporting in the afternoon. It will be a time for all programs, boards and commissions to engage.

**Continuing Education-** April 2018

Ryan will continue discussions to arrange for a presenter. Possibilities include James Robertson of Tyndale Seminary on the topic of engaging the *None's* (those with no church context) and the *Done's*

(those that have left the church): and Jerrod Seibert, a church planter, on the topic of churches engaging with the community around them.

**Next Meeting: January 18, 2018, 1pm at MCC Centre.**

**Adjournment:** Gary closed the meeting with prayer.

## **Pastoral Leadership Commission November 9, 2017, 9:30 am**

**Interview with Ric Driediger**

**Present:** Lisa Martens Bartel, Garth Ewert Fisher, Ryan Siemens, Carrol Epp.

Pastoral Leadership Commission recommends Ric be *Licensed for Specific Ministry as pastor at Zoar Mennonite Church, Langham.*