

## Pastoral Leadership Commission Committee Meeting Minutes Rosetown, SK

Zion Mennonite Church, Swift Current has requested Ordination for their pastor, Lois Bukar. PLC interviewed Lois on January 16, 2018. Present were: Garth Ewert Fisher, Gary Peters, Ryan Siemens, Ric Driediger and Carrol Epp. A member of the Pastor/Congregation Relations Committee of Zion also attended.

## Pastoral Leadership Commission 12pm, January 18, 2018 Meeting Minutes Africa Room, MCC Centre, Saskatoon, SK

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

**Opening Devotional:** Lisa shared some insights she has gained from a MDiv class she is taking entitled *Christian Formation Within the Congregation*, referencing 1 Thess 5:23. She concluded with a prayer.

### **Acceptance of Agenda:**

Additions: Pastor's Retreat at Missinipi under *Ongoing Work*

Adoption: By consent.

**Review and Acceptance of November 2 and 9, 2017 meeting minutes:** Accepted as circulated by consent.

**Executive Minister Report:** See attached report.

**Interview-** Andrea Enns-Gooding- Entrance and Licence toward Ordination.

### **Ongoing Work:**

-Boundaries training for pastors- Other conferences require such training for pastors; nothing in place here in Sask. Looked at possibility of this being the theme at the Spring Pastor's Gathering. [Leadership/lay person interaction, question of power]. Ryan will follow up regarding content of such a workshop and resource person/s.

-Criminal Record Check- Executive Staff Group is discussing adding this to the Ministerial Leadership Information.

-Pastors' Competencies- Were developed recognizing that other denominations have these requirements for their pastors. How does PLC use this document with our pastors? Topic for a Pastors' Gathering or Continuing Education event?? Possibly 3 day workshop/sessions tied in with Equipping Day dependent on availability of resource person/s.

Personnel- MC SK council has moved to the title of *Executive Minister* for Ryan's role in MC SK. Council wants to complete this by ADS. Job description title needs to be determined for Kirsten Hamm-Epp's role in MC SK. Garth will follow up.

-Refresh, Refocus, Renew- follow up at ADS in Swift Current, March 9 &10. Ryan is in conversation with Betty Pries.

-Pastors' Retreat in Missinipi- August 28-31, 2018. Paul Bergen, Edmonton, will be the resource person. Ric will follow up with Paul regarding topic/discussion ideas and make arrangements.

-PLC Breakout Sessions at ADS- discussed format for the sessions.

#### **Future Work:**

-2018 Spring Pastors' Gathering/Continuing Education- Discussed possible dates.

*NOT PART OF THE MINUTES: minutes from August 31, 2017 state this event will be April 17-19, 2018. Do we need to hold to that? Will pastors have that in their schedules?? Just asking!*

-Credentialing Interviews:

-Lois Bukar - Ric/Garth move that PLC endorses Swift Current Zion Mennonite Church's call for Ordination for Lois Bukar. Carried. Ryan will convey this to the church chair.

-Andrea Enns-Gooding- Lisa/Ric move that PLC recommend Andrea for Licencing toward Ordination. Carried. Ryan will convey this to Zoar Mennonite Church, Waldheim church chair.

-Ryan will make arrangements for pending interviews.

**Next Meeting: 10am-2pm, March 22, 2018. Bring bag lunch.**

#### **PLC and Listening and Discernment Committee joint meeting:**

-Arman Krahn, Curtis Wiens and Josh Wallace (via telephone) joined PLC.

**Presentation of Agenda:** Accepted as distributed.

#### **Looking Back:** Objectives of PLC

- to deal with the resolution made at ADS in 2015. This has been met as much as possible. *Felt* needs are less prominent but *Real* needs are still there.

-to deal with diversity in a positive manner. The mandate was vague but L&D has done a good job taking this vague concept and developing a discernment process that is of good service to MC Sask.

#### **Looking Back:** What L&D has done:

-received many letters, emails and personal comments regarding MC Sask/MC Canada's discernment process re: same-gender marriage

-had a listening workshop at ADS 2016

-led a version of the current workshop at Equipping Day 2016

-led the workshop at four congregations and plans are to go to two more in February

#### **Looking Forward:**

Recommendations:

-That MC Sask develop a continuing organizational body for the purpose of listening and discerning processes, paying attention to the reception of MC Sask programs and policies in congregations.

-That MC Sask develop and/or publicize congregational conflict resources that focus on processing conflict in general.

-That L&D's workshop should be archived as an ongoing resource for MC Sask and/or other congregations. (Possibly housed at CommonWord).

**Looking Forward:**

-PLC will bring the recommendations to ADS 2018 and report that the Listening & Discernment Committee has been disbanded.

**Adjournment:** Gary thanked the committee members for their contributions over the tenure of his time on the Pastoral Leadership Commission and gave his farewells. He closed in prayer.