

**Pastoral Leadership Commission**  
**September 6, 2018**  
**5:00 pm meeting at MCC Centre**

**Present:** Garth Ewert Fisher, Florence Driedger, Curtis Wiens, Ryan Siemens, Lisa Martens Bartel, Carrol Epp, and Ric Driediger via telephone.

**Opening:** Curtis entertained us with lyrics about PLC that he had composed while on the combine.

**Acceptance of Agenda:** By consent.

**Acceptance of May 3, 2018 minutes:** By consent.

**Reports:**

**Ryan-** Past and Upcoming events were discussed.

Note: Spruce River Folk Festival was co-sponsored by MC SK and MCC this year.

Question raised whether Ministries Commission could take this under their umbrella.

**Updates:**

1. Continuing Education course with Rachel Miller Jacobs is October 25-26 at Bethany Manor. Registration will be on-line next week.

2. Equipping Day- October 27 at Warman Mennonite Church. Rachel Miller Jacobs is keynote speaker on the topic of *Deeping our Walk with Christ*. Theatre of the Beat will have a workshop.

3. Personnel Reviews- Ric continuing to arrange.

**New Business:**

1. Discussion about pastoral leadership- MC Canada Executive Committee met with the presidents of AMBS, CMU, CBC and Conrad Grabel. Ryan reported on the questions:

*What does Pastoral Leadership look like now?*

*What will it look like in the future?*

*What are the key training pieces that are needed? (pastoral depression and suicide)*

*What are the trends?*

*What are the changes?*

He noted that there are fewer students, seminaries are getting smaller with some closing, need to reinvent themselves in regard to accessibility and cost.

2. Exit Interview with Ray and Sylvia Friesen on Nov 7 at 1 pm.

3. Debrief on seminar with Elsie Neufeld on June 7, 2018

-ongoing issue

-does this training need to be a requirement for our pastors?

-MCC is picking up on continuing conversation about sexual ethics in the pastoral office.

**Next meeting: Nov 7, 2018, 12:30 at the MCC Centre.**

Opening- Carrol

Meeting adjourned.

Ryan closed in prayer.