

Pastoral Leadership Commission
January 7, 2021, 10 am
Via ZOOM

Present: Ryan Siemens, Garth Ewert Fisher, Patty Friesen, Curtis Wiens, Ric Driediger, Lisa Martens Bartel, Carrol Epp.

Regrets: None.

1. Opening: Garth spoke about 'being blown off course' and how the pandemic is a reality of this. He urged us to remember that God is in the midst of this and will sustain us. He followed with prayer.
2. Agenda:
Addition: proposed PLC budget
Acceptance: by consensus.
3. Minutes of Nov 5, 2020
Addition: Record of PLC meeting on Oct 6, 2020.
Acceptance: by consensus.
4. Executive Minister's Report
Ryan reported on his congregational visits over the last two months and transitions in MC Sask. He also introduced the theme MC Sask will pursue in the next two years, "Called to Hear; Called to Here". Year One will focus on "Called to Hear" and will follow up on the work Betty Pries did with us in RRR and the Visioning Day. Year Two will move to "Called to Here" which will focus on our call to serve the communities and neighbourhoods our congregations live in.
5. Reflections on Visioning Day with Betty Pries.
Discussion centered on sharing pastors and church services with the broader community.
6. Ideas for support of pastors and churches in these pandemic days.
 - Regular Pastor's Gatherings- via ZOOM for now but hopefully in person by summer
 - Themes for such gatherings:
 - Boundaries Training
 - Anabaptist orientation for new pastors
 - What does leadership look like? To lead from the front? middle? back?
 - Stories of 'letting go' without closing our doors
 - Mental health discussion from a theological aspect not only from a material one
 - Possible timeline:
 - Late Feb – mental health check and resource
 - March 13- Annual Delegate Session
 - June
 - September
 - November – Megan Good -5 day course to take for credit or audit

7. Other:

Capacity Creating Position (How to tell our stories) – tabled to March PLC meeting.

Report to ADS- Garth will draft a report and circulate to PLC members.

Draft PLC Budget- discussion

‘Pastor and Congregational Support’ line needs to be advertised to pastors and congregations and discussed at a Pastor’s Gathering (Mental Health Discussion Day).

8. **Next meeting: March 4, 2021 10am**

Ryan closed the meeting with prayer.