

Pastoral Leadership Commission
June 18, 2020, 2pm
Africa Room, MCC Center, Saskatoon, SK

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

Welcome to Patty as a member of PLC.

Opening: Carrol commented on how her summer job list and Covid 19 have shown her the many ways to pick the Fruits of the Spirit, particularly the fruit of patience. She concluded with prayer.

Acceptance of Agenda:

Addition- Letter from Langham Mennonite Fellowship.
Acceptance by consensus.

Acceptance of February 6 and March 5 minutes: by consensus.

Appointments within PLC for 2020:

Chair- Garth (for one year)
Secretary- Carrol
Personnel- Curtis and Ric.

Executive Minister's Report: Ryan updated us on what he has done in his role as executive minister since our last meeting. Covid 19 has had an impact but has not lightened the job load.

- He updated us on Pastoral transitions
- There will not be a Pastor's gathering in June.
- ADS debrief/update- Evaluations were positive.
- Ordination of Andrea Enns-Gooding (Waldheim) will be August 23, 2020.
- Exit interview with Rose Graber (Grace, Regina) will be arranged.

Conversation regarding last three months of church life: Each Commission member reported on how their congregation has been connecting during the pandemic.

Documents for discussion:

1. **Employment Agreement-** positive feedback; sets healthy boundaries; will discuss at next PLC meeting (PLC members to study document) and get document out to congregations in the fall; possibility of having a ZOOM meeting with church chairs to discuss the document.
2. **Maternity and Parental Benefits and Considerations: Responding well to the birth or adoption of a child by a pastor.**
3. **Community of Spiritual Leadership (COSL)-** draft proposal
 - Do not see the need for a new committee, PLC to oversee; connect with other provincial pastoral committees; not creating something new, being intentional about what we already do; Listening and Discernment Committee is an example of how we can respond to various issues; Ministries Commission already does some of this.

Letter from Langham Mennonite Fellowship: Ryan has received a letter requesting the licence for their pastor, Emily Summach, be moved from Licence Toward Specific Ministry to Licence Toward Ordination. PLC affirms this. Ryan will send letter to LMF indicating this.

Exit interview: With Clare Ewert Fisher, interim pastor at Rosthern Mennonite.

Closing Prayer: Ryan

NEXT MEETING: August 27, 2020, 6:30 pm

Opening: Curtis