

Mennonite Church Alberta Annual Delegates Sessions Minutes
Saturday, March 20, 2021 9:30 am zoom

Ninety-three people were in attendance, including staff, guests, and visitors. Forty-five delegates represented eleven churches.

Opening & Worship

Opening/Welcome - Brenda Tiessen-Wiens (Moderator)

Parliamentarian: Vince Friesen

Resolutions Committee: Debbie Baergen, Paul Neufeldt, Brenda Tiessen-Wiens, Tim Wiebe-Neufeld

Introduction of Guests

MC Canada

- Doug Klassen, MC Canada Executive Minister
- Arlyn Friesen Epp – Director, CommonWord
- Jeanette Hanson – International Witness, MC Canada
- Steve Heinrichs - Indigenous Settler Relations
- Katie Doke-Sawatzky – MC Canada Communications

MC BC

- Garry Janzen, MC BC Executive Minister

Schools

- Terry Schellenberg, (VP External, Canadian Mennonite University)
- Alex Tiessen (Rosthern Junior College - Admissions & Development)
- Doug Amstutz (Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary – Canadian Development Associate)

Partner Organizations

- Ginny Hostetler (Executive Editor) (Canadian Mennonite)
- Tobi Thiessen (Publisher) (Canadian Mennonite)
- Ernie Engbrecht (board chair) (MCC)
- Orlando Vasquez (Associate & Program Director) (MCC)
- Abe Janzen (MCC)
- Dale Taylor (MCC)
- Jim Shantz (Indigenous Neighbours Program) (MCC)
- Marguerite Jack (Mennonite Mutual Insurance - Constituency Relations)

Introduction of Nominees - Ruth Friesen and Gladys Heidebrecht

Committees:

Elizabeth Wall (Edmonton First), Secretary

Eric Peters (Foothills), Camp Valaqua

Darrel Heidebrecht (Foothills), Camp Valaqua

Christine Hansplant (Calgary First), Camp Valaqua
Christine Koop (Foothills), Finance
Ryan Dueck (Lethbridge), Congregational Leadership
Anna-Lisa Salo (Bergthal), Congregational Leadership
Marie Moyer (Lethbridge), Mission and Service
Vince Friesen (Edmonton First), Mission and Service
Coreen Froese (Bergthal), Community Building and Program
Gladys Heidebrecht (Foothills), Nominating

Representatives:

Art Koop, *Canadian Mennonite*
Suzanne Gross, Palestine-Israel Network
Margaret Kruger-Harder, Joint Council.

Thanks to those whose service is ending: Ruth Friesen, Jim Moyer, Beth Moyer, Paul Neufeldt, Deanna Willms, Kevin Stoesz.

Worship & Sharing led by Calgary Chin Christian Church, remarks by Peter Sang
Prayer for Calgary Chin Christian Church - Anna-Lisa Salo

Business Session

Year in Review Power Point
MCBC greetings - Garry Janzen, Executive Minister
MC Canada video & update - Doug Klassen, Executive Minister
Joint Council Rep Report - Margaret Kruger-Harder
CMU Video & Greetings from Terry Schellenberg
Introduction of and Prayer for Ken and Gwen Wellington, Love Wins Cranbrook - Tim Wiebe-Neufeld
Constitution/Bylaw Discussion - Paul Neufeldt

6. Special Resolution: Be it resolved that MCA approve in principle the proposed changes to the MCA Constitution and Bylaws as found in the document titled “MCA Constitution and Bylaws for Approval - Revised March 10 2021” for submission to Canada Revenue Agency (CRA).

Moved: Paul Neufeldt, Lethbridge

Seconded: Wayne Janz, Calgary First

Passed.

Questions for all programs / Report on Feedback from Workshops

Approval of Last Year's Minutes

Resolutions:

1. Be it resolved that MCA approve the minutes from the March 28, 2020 Annual Delegate Sessions, as presented in the Report Book.

Moved: Elizabeth Wall, Edmonton First

Seconded: Werner De Jong, Holyrood

Passed.

Approval of 2020 Audited Financial Statements

2. Be it resolved that MCA adopt the 2020 audited financial statements as distributed.

Moved: Wayne Janz, Calgary First

Seconded: Kate Janzen, Foothills

Passed.

Approval of Auditors for 2021 Fiscal Year

4. Be it resolved that MCA appoint Aperture Chartered Professional Accountants as auditors for 2021.

Moved: Wayne Janz, Calgary First

Seconded: Coreen Froese, Bergthal

Passed.

Presentation of 2021 Budget - Wayne Janz

Approval of 2021 Budget

3. Be it resolved that MCA adopt the 2021 budget as presented in the Report Book and amended.

Moved: Wayne Janz, Calgary First

Seconded: Vincent Friesen, Edmonton First

Amendment to add \$3,000 to budget for Camp facility upgrades. Moved: Joani Neufeldt, Lethbridge, Seconded: Wayne Janz, Calgary First. Passed. Passed.

Approval of Nominations

5. Be it resolved that MCA approve the Nominations as presented.

Moved: Ruth Friesen, Edmonton First

Seconded: Gladys Heidebrecht, Foothills

Passed.

Commissioning of Volunteers - Tim Wiebe-Neufeld (Executive Minister)

Announcements

Lunch Break 12:00-1:00

Worship & E3 Year 2

Worship led by Chin Church

E3 Year 2 by Werner De Jong

Closing of Sessions

Closing Worship led by Chin Church