

EMMC Theology Committee Conference Call #13-01
January 8, 2013 at 2:00pm

Present: Dale Dueck, Terry Hiebert, Ben Klassen, Peter Hiebert, Dale Doerksen, Terry Penner, Diedrich Dyck

Absent: Michael Krahn

Guest: Jacob Friesen (Executive Director)

1. Minutes of July 9, 2012 meeting were reviewed by Terry Hiebert. Moved by Dale Doerksen, seconded by Dale Dueck, that we accept the minutes as reviewed. Carried.
2. Ministry Leadership Event hosted by Theology Committee - May 23, 2013.

EMMC Gathering general theme: Loving Our New Neighbours.

Scope: Who should attend? Pastoral staff, missionary staff - spouses included. It may be difficult for church leaders to get time off for this. For this initial event, it might be best to keep the focus narrower.

Purpose: Fellowship among leaders; resourcing leaders; celebrating service; getting to know other pastors better/building unity.

Possible Topics: Team building, faith stories - with the idea to build unity among the group. How do we foster unity within the diversity of our churches? How do we create an environment in our churches that is open and welcoming? How do we embrace our younger leaders and encourage them to step into leadership, express their ideas, feel a part of the church? Jacob Friesen suggested that we consider adding a testimony on the value of a sabbatical, and/or how to do a sabbatical well.

Schedule: Many supported the idea of a day together and spending some of the time in a more informal setting. Going from 9 am through the entire evening may be too lengthy. Don't make the day seem too much like work, but it would be good to have some time for resourcing the group. We could possibly use the presenter the EMMC is bringing in for the larger rallies on Friday and Saturday as a resource person.

3. Terry Hiebert mentioned that the EMC is undertaking a re-writing of the Christian Life Book that many use for pre-baptism classes. They have invited us to be part of this process.

Meeting concluded at 3:00pm