

EMMC Theology Committee Agenda
September 21, 2015
10-11 am CDT
Conference Call

Members: None (Region 1); Terry Hiebert (Region 2 chair); Ben Klassen (Region 3); Diedrich Dyck (Region 6); Allen Kehler (conference pastor).

Regrets: Dale Dueck (Region 3); Michael Krahn (Region 4);

1. Opening Prayer – Terry Heibert
2. Appoint recorder
 - a. Adopt Minutes of July 9, 2015
3. Theology Committee Guidelines May 31, 2014 Review (attached)
 - a. Al Kehler items
 - i. No other items to add to the agenda
 - b. Theology Committee Member Terms Review
 - i. 2015-2019 (corrected)
 1. Michael, Dale, Ben
 - ii. 2015-2017 (corrected)
 1. Diedrich, Terry, R1 rep.
 2. R1 Rep? (Al checks R1 Minutes)
 - a. They have not appointed a member yet. Al sent a note reminding them that we need someone
4. Theological Leadership
 - a. Sending Statement on Marriage request to General Council for Nov 6-7
 - i. Terry will send to Dale Doerksen
 - b. Terry attending the God, Sexuality, and Church conference in Winnipeg
 - i. There is some conference money to help cover these learning sessions
5. Pastoral Ordinations
 - a. Possible ordinations for 3 Nassau Church staff.
 - b. Jason Duermeyer Hague
6. EMMC Confession of Faith
 - a. Testing New Christian Life Book: reading or teaching 1 or more sessions
 - i. We will review and give feedback on these chapters
 1. Chapter 1 – Dale
 2. Chapter 2 – Al
 3. Chapter 3 – Diedrich
 4. Chapter 4 – Ben
 5. Chapter 5 – Michael
 - ii. Ideally use the material to teach (or preach)
 - iii. Questions for review
 1. Is it the kind of content we are looking for?
 2. Is teachable?
 - iv. Give feedback before - Oct 14 (this is when the committee working on the book will be meeting)

- v. This is not student guide like the last one (students can still read it) it is more of a teaching guide
 - b. Confession of Faith Series—on track
- 7. Events for Renewal
 - a. Ministry Leadership Retreat—Terry
 - i. Date Options
 - 1. Possibilities
 - a. Retreat – May 11 to 13 with GC meetings May 13-14.
 - b. Retreat – June 8 to 10 with GC meetings June 10-11.
 - c. Alt—Sunday Supper to Tuesday noon? May 15-17 or June 5-7
 - 2. We would be prefer May 15-17 for the meeting
 - a. Al will book Wilderness Edge – he will check with Lyn to confirm GC meeting
 - ii. Place: Wilderness Edge
 - iii. Promotion
 - 1. John at the office can do some of the leg work if we get the information to him
 - 2. Terry will work on getting out this promo
 - 3. Let’s work off our last promo material
 - a. Who we invited
 - 4. This includes couples
 - iv. We broke even last time we ran the event – we try and keep it close to the same cost as last time
 - v. Some of this fine tuning will take place later this year.
 - vi. Tabled the rest of the conversations
 - 1. Possible Topics
 - a. Soul Care?
 - b. Interpreting the Bible
 - c. Workshops or Breakouts?
 - i. Leadership: Elders v Deacons?
 - ii. Sabbaticals
 - 2. Speakers:
- 8. Pastoral Leadership Resources
 - a. Ministers Manual Review
 - i. Terry would like to do a complete review of this
 - ii. Make more useful
 - iii. We could possibly highlight some of the discussion we are dealing with
 - iv. Al will send out a ministers manual (put in the drop box)
 - v. Everyone review this before November meeting
 - b. Lil’s request for Anabaptist History Series—Meeting Thursday @ 10 am.
 - c. James Friesen candidating in Bergfeld.
- 9. Other
 - a. St. Laurent
 - i. Would welcome people to preach there

- b. When we do GC meeting can we encourage the pastors to do pulpit supply?
10. Next Meeting
- a. General Council Nov 6-7/15 Can we meet as TC during that time with Skype for distance people.
 - i. November 6 meet at 2:00 – 5:00pm – tentative
 - ii. Those at a distance will video call in

Action Items

- Al will send out a ministers manual (put in the drop box)
- Everyone review ministers manual before November meeting
- Terry will send statement of marriage to Dale Doerksen before November meeting
- We will review and give feedback on revised *Christian Life Book* by Oct 13
 - Chapter 1 – Dale
 - Chapter 2 – Al
 - Chapter 3 – Diedrich
 - Chapter 4 – Ben
 - Chapter 5 – Michael
- Al will book Wilderness Edge for retreat – he will check with Lyn to confirm GC meeting
- Al will get some information for promo about retreat to John – Terry will follow up