

EMMC Theology Committee Agenda
June 8, 2016
10-11 am CDT
Conference Call

Members: None (Region 1); Terry Hiebert (Region 2 chair); Dale Dueck (Region 3); None (Region 3); Michael Krahn (Region 4); Diedrich Dyck (Region 6); Allen Kehler (absent).

1. Opening Prayer
2. Appoint recorder
 - a. Adopt Minutes of May 15, 2016 by consensus.
3. Theological Leadership
 - a. Ministerial Planning for July 7, 2017 @ MGC
 - b. Theme: Sexual Brokenness
 - i. LGBT was first question mentioned at the retreat.
 - c. Speakers and/or Resources
 - i. Nominations
 1. Preston Sprinkle via Skype
 2. Ty Gamey and/or Reg Froese of Journey Canada
 - ii. Comments
 1. We declare our framework and ask if the speakers can work with that.
 2. We can anticipate questions in advance and give speakers some perspective.
 3. What we say in promotion will be important to set tone.
 4. Diversity in conference from Rockwood to more inclusive.
 5. Terry is writing an intro article stating the question and interacting with Preston Sprinkle books and Michael Krahn's suggestions. The article intends to reflect Theology Committee views. Terry will pass a draft around the TC for feedback so that we can support what is being said.
 6. FB Messenger discussion initiated by Michael was a good way to continue our discussion of the May Leadership Retreat.
 - d. Workshops
 - i. Speakers may have ideas for workshops
 - ii. Previous ideas were youth leaders from conference, parent workshop on relationships with LGBT children, or leaders discuss how they work with sexuality questions.
 - e. Leadership Family Retreat after the Gathering?
 - i. Great idea since families are coming from a distance.
 - ii. Al Kehler offered to check with Wilderness Edge for an after-gathering event
4. EMMC Confession of Faith
 - a. EMMC Confession Article—Mission needs a writer—ask Abe Giesbrecht or Al Letkeman. Try for September-October
 - b. Terry's Article on Sexuality for Jan-Feb issue as lead up to Leadership Day in summer.
 - c. Move Last Things article to March-April.
 - d. Next steps—how do we process the questions raised at the retreat?

- i. Terry creates Excel sheet in Dropbox to list issues, priorities, formats.
 - ii. Quarterly ministerial meetings were the format previously. What are the formats now? Agreed that multiple formats reach broader range of people.
Examples:
 - 1. Video conference
 - 2. Face to face
 - 3. Recorder article
 - 4. Discussion forum
 - 5. Leadership day or retreat workshop
- 5. Theology Committee Member
 - a. Colin Bell has expressed interest in joining TC.
 - i. We would appreciate his insights on Theology Committee.
 - ii. Terry contacts Dale Doerksen on correct process for having Colin join the committee.
- 6. Next Meeting
 - a. TC Conference Call Aug 16 @ 12:30 CDT.
 - b. Theology Committee Meeting on November 4, 1-4 pm, 2016 prior to General Council will finalize agenda, speakers, workshops, resources.

Recorder: Terry Hiebert