

## EMMC Theology Committee

Meeting Minutes May 12, 2017

1-2 pm Central Time

Zoom Web conference

Present: Terry Hiebert (chair), Allen Kehler, Denis Enns (R1), Diedrich Dyck (R6), Lyn Dyck (Executive Director).

Absent: Dale Dueck (R3), Michael Krahn (R4).

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1. Opening Prayer—Terry
2. Appoint Recorder—Terry
3. Adopt Minutes 2016-11-03—by consensus
4. Ministry Leadership Day—Morning
  - a. Opening--20 minutes total
    - i. Devotional—Allen Kehler
    - ii. Singing—Michael Krahn will be asked.
  - b. Sexual Brokenness—Kenny Warkentin
  - c. Q&A Hosting—Terry
    - i. Kenny wanted to know the environment/context.
    - ii. He does not know us/Terry so would like to know what the group will be like.
5. MLD Afternoon
  - a. Theology Committee Session 1:30-3:00 pm
    - i. Purpose: Discuss leadership development and ordination with participants.
    - ii. Ask Dale Dueck to host the afternoon session.
    - iii. Format: Anticipating 150 people. Regular audience seating not around tables.
    - iv. How can we keep the morning people engaged in the afternoon session? Start with pastoral ministry stories of leadership development.
  - b. Leadership Development (45-60 minutes)
    - i. Lyn will ask Darrell Kehler to present to the group on his *Leading with Vision* workshops. Darrell explains his teaching and church leaders sharing? Have some testimonials of pastors and leaders who are working through the visioning process. Darrell has worked with Hague, Glencross, Blenheim, Winkler, Morden, and Bagot is starting in fall.
    - ii. Lyn and Allen can add some discussion on the Pastors in Training Program. The program was started 30 years ago and provided some good training. There is need for a refresh. In the last while, 7-10 pastors have given input into the concept and some want to continue developing the program.
    - iii. Continue the discussion on what is leadership development. What is Leadership Development of lay leaders and pastors in the context of our churches? Discipleship is the beginning of the process and leadership development, ministry, church planting, church renewal is the fruit.
  - c. Ordination Process (10-15 minutes)
    - i. Explain the new Ordination Form.
      1. 10 persons (2 already ordained).
      2. Diedrich Friesen needs reinstating due to ministry opportunities.

- ii. Pastor Joseph –Allen mentioned that Ed Loewen is willing to be a cultural and linguistic translator for Pastor Joseph’s credentialing process. Allen will keep the process moving forward.
    - iii. Search Committee Assistance: We have a document for search committees called, *When Hiring a Pastor*. The document is a bit dated but recently Altona still found it helpful in their search. What input do you want from conference?
    - iv. Jack Heppner has asked to be taken off the ordination list since he has moved to another church and phase of life. However he has registered for the Celebration Dinner.
  - d. Theological Issues
    - i. Mention the EMMC Leadership Questions 2016- Topics Spreadsheet
    - ii. Ask pastors what they want their churches to know about the topics?
- 6. Pastor’s Family Retreat—Al Kehler
  - a. Wilderness Edge, Pinawa on July 9-11, 2017
  - b. Registrations
  - c. Theology Committee Involvement?
- 7. Updates
  - a. Region 1
    - i. Booked the Valley Christian Academy for August 20 regional meeting.
  - b. Region 6
    - i. Hoppelchen schools is one of the bigger projects for Belize.
    - ii. El Valle pastor needed.
    - iii. Shipyard pastor needed.
- 8. Future Projects
  - a. Ministry Manual update timeline and responsibilities

## Gathering 2017 Schedule

<i>Friday, July 7, 2017</i>	
Time	Event
8:30am	Coffee and Muffins
9:00am	Ministry Leader Day - Kenny Warkentin- “Sexual Brokenness”
10:30am	Coffee Break
11:00am	Sexual Brokenness Q&A - Discussion & Presentations – Kenny Warkentin
12:00pm	Lunch
1:30pm	Theology Committee Session- Current Theology issues and discussions.
3:00pm	Coffee Break

Recorder

Terry Hiebert