

2019 – 2020 Executive Council Actions

Resolutions of May 21, 2019 Meeting

- a. Approved Karen Heese's appointment to the Finance Council, effective immediately
- b. Approved the immediate transfer in its entirety of the MCEC Pastors Study Fund held at Abundance Canada to Anabaptist Mennonite Biblical Seminary (AMBS), the sum of which was \$95,377.76 CAD effective March 31, 2019, to be used in accordance with the terms of reference of the Memorandum of Understanding signed between MCEC and AMBS
- c. Approved the advancement of \$35,000 to Mennonite World Conference from their pending first fruit giving disbursement from the Legacy Initiatives Fund
- d. At the written request of River of Life Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC, effective May 31, 2019
- e. At the written request of Calvary Church Ayr, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC, effective June 30, 2019

Resolutions of June 20, 2019 Meeting

- a. Appointed Donny Cheung as an MCEC board representative to the Conrad Grebel University College Board, effective immediately
- b. At the written request of Milverton Mennonite Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregation's membership from MCEC, effective June 30, 2019
- c. Rescheduled the executive council board meeting from March 17 to March 24
- d. Agreed that it was premature to be a signatory to a statement by Generous Space and instead encouraged staff to initiate conversations with the LGBTQ2S+ community

Resolutions of September 17, 2019 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of the May 21, 2019 and June 20, 2019 meetings
- b. Approved recommendation that Caroline Hamm represent MCEC on the UMEI board
- c. Forgave Milverton Mennonite Fellowship's outstanding debt to the mission capital fund

Resolutions of November 19, 2019 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of the September 17, 2019 meeting
- b. Renewed MCEC's Every Home Subscription Plan with the *Canadian Mennonite* under the existing terms until December 31, 2020
- c. Approved the continuation of Doug Roeder's term on the Detweiller Meetinghouse Board until April 2022
- d. Endorsed in principle to issue a public apology for MCEC's failure to respond to an article in the *Canadian Mennonite*, which associated the term "relationship" with the sexual abuse of a victim
- e. As required by federal legislation, approved a Privacy Breach Reporting Procedure (PIPEDA) that defines how MCEC will respond to a breach of privacy that might result from a successful attack on MCEC's computer server
- f. Approved the revised Procedure for Invoice Payment policy

- g. Approved the Rockway Mennonite Collegiate Diversity Award Legacy Initiatives Fund (LiF) proposal for \$250,000
- h. Approved the Anabaptist Witness: Myanmar LiF proposal for \$340,000
- i. Approved the Innovate LiF proposal for \$400,000 over five years, with the condition that MCEC develop a communication plan for MCEC churches to understand Innovate and affirm appointment of representatives to the Innovate board
- j. Approved the job description summary and the position description for the Executive Minister position

Resolutions of January 21, 2020 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of November 19, 2019 meeting
- b. Appointed Darlene Gingerich to the gift discernment committee, effective immediately
- c. Authorized a payment of \$3,390.00 from the Faithful Steward Fund to cover the expenses of a Leadership Council professional misconduct investigation completed in January 2019
- d. Authorized MCEC staff to begin the process of divesting the MCEC owned property at 120 Avenue Duluth Est. in Montreal, QC to Mennonite Fellowship of Montreal and report back to Executive Council on next steps
- e. Approved receiving Grace New Life Mennonite Church into full membership and Warden Underground and Soul House into provisional membership in MCEC upon affirmation of delegates at the 2020 Annual Church Gathering
- f. Approved a role for the executive officers or a subset of the Council to do advance work prior to Executive Council meetings in order to facilitate decision-making for the entire Council or to provide appropriate direction to staff in the event of an emergency requiring urgent action
- g. Agreed in principle to a framework for consensus decision-making
- h. Approved the LiF proposal from Mennonite World Conference for a \$250,000 grant toward leadership development
- i. Approved the recommendation to adjust the Mennonite World Conference allotment of first fruit giving from the Schmidt Estate to 5% for all future disbursements received by MCEC

Resolutions of March 17 2020 Meeting

- a. Approved minutes of January 21, 2020 meeting
- b. Approved the option of three consecutive terms for MCEC appointments to the Conrad Grebel University College Board
- c. Authorized staff to divest Blenheim Cemetery and Retreat Centre
- d. At the written request of Kingsfield Zurich & Clinton Mennonite Church, Maple View Mennonite Church, and Living Water Community Christian Fellowship, Executive Council authorized the removal of the congregations' memberships from MCEC
- e. Approved provisional membership for Mennonite Disciples Mission Joliette
- f. Approved provisional membership for Goshen Mennonite Church
- g. Adopted the Audited Financial Statements for Fiscal Year End 2020 as printed for delegate approval at the 2020 Annual Church Gathering
- h. Approved recommending PricewaterhouseCoopers as Auditors for Fiscal Year End 2021 for appointment at the 2020 Annual Church Gathering
- i. Approved the transfer of \$40,937 from the Faithful Steward Fund and the required changes to audited and internal statements. A revised statement will reflect the transfer and delegates will be informed of the deficit.
- j. Adopted the 2021 Spending Plan for delegate approval

- k. Supported development of the French translation and worship resource Legacy Initiatives Fund proposals.
- l. Supported the development of a Legacy Initiatives Fund (LiF) proposal for a dedicated and passionate visionary who can influence a cultural change for youth ministry
- m. Unanimously accepted the search committee's recommendation to hire Leah Reesor-Keller as the new Executive Minister of MCEC
- n. Approved, in principle, the addition of the definition of Affiliated Organization to the bylaw, pending feedback from affiliated organizations