

EXECUTIVE RECOMMENDATIONS

RE: Affiliate Agency Nomination Procedures

Recommendation

The Executive recommends that Carmel House, MCC Saskatchewan, Menno Homes of Saskatchewan Inc., and Mennonite Trust Ltd. assume primary responsibility for providing SKMB nominees for their respective boards to the Executive. Upon review and discernment, the Executive will present these nominees to the Conference for election. All terms of positions for any affiliate agency shall be in accordance with the affiliate agency's governing bylaws, constitution, or other such legal documents.

Rationale of Recommendation

Currently the Saskatchewan Conference elects board members to the governing Boards of Directors of Mennonite Central Committee - Saskatchewan, Mennonite Trust Ltd., Carmel House, and Menno Homes of Saskatchewan Inc.

The Conference Executive Board believes that this resolution will benefit both the SKMB Conference and each of the above named affiliate agencies. The agency will be able to discern and canvass individuals from our constituency that have a passionate interest in the vision and purpose of the agency. Through initial dialogue and prayerful discernment with a potential candidate, the agency will be better able to align required leadership skill sets with the current issues or initiatives that are before them at any given time. The agency will also be able to gain board member continuity by having the SKMB representatives terms of service align with their constitution, governing bylaws, or policy and procedures. Currently there are conflicts between agency and SKMB Conference election terms of office that result in confusion for the Conference, the agency, and the elected board members. The SKMB Conference will also benefit with the knowledge that the elected members have been discerned according to the gifts and talents that the agency requires in fulfilling its vision and mandate.

A letter of intent was sent in December of 2005 to each of the above named affiliate agencies. Dialogue has also occurred with a few of the agencies, clarifying this recommendation and affirming the desire to maintain ongoing partnerships.

Re: Ministry Leadership Development Team

Recommendation #1

We recommend that within the context of our present objective of "*healthy growing churches and ministries reaching their worlds for Christ*" we as a Saskatchewan Conference pursue the direction of developing leaders and multiplying churches along two tracks:

- Track #1 – Provide ongoing resources for leadership development in conventional programs and for leaders in non church planting contexts.
- Track #2 – Leadership development and church planting within the context of a Multiplying Church Model where churches plant churches.

Recommendation #2.

The Saskatchewan Conference Executive will establish a task force accountable to the Executive, which will develop a 'Key Communities' proposal for Saskatchewan. This task force will include some members of the MLDT and the Board of Church Extension.

Re: Ministry Leadership Development Team (continued)

Recommendation #3. We recommend that we invite the Canadian Conference to partner with us in the Key Communities Initiative in order to help us to accomplish Track #2.

1. In this invitation we invite them to partner with us in focusing three priorities:
 - a. Initiate a vision for a multiplying church culture among our churches.
 - b. Initiate leadership recruitment and training with a multiplying church direction
 - c. Initiate practices and processes that will increase our capacity to multiply churches through churches in Saskatchewan
2. Move the initiative forward in three phases

Phase I	Present an invitation to the Canadian Conference	January – March 06
	<ol style="list-style-type: none">a. State the broad priorities of the initiativeb. Gain support from our boards and conventionc. Form a team to direct the initiative	
Phase II	Create the details of proposal together with the Canadian Conference	March 06 – March 07
Phase III	Implement the proposal	2007 – 2011

BOARD RECOMMENDATIONS

BOARD OF FAITH & LIFE

Recommendation

That Tony Martens be approved for ordination within the Mennonite Brethren Church.

BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

Recommendations:

1. To accept the Auditor's Report for 2005
2. To accept the Financial Statements for 2005
3. To accept the suggested Conference norm of \$55.00 for 2006
4. To accept the 2005 Operating Budget as presented
5. To adopt the Safe Place Policy as a standard for all member churches