

Nominating Committee Report

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The Nominating Committee of the Mennonite Brethren Churches of Manitoba (MBCM) Conference as always, has been in prayerful and diligent consideration of nominees for the boards and committees with MBCM representation in preparation for Assembly 2014. In order to be able provide the Election Slate, it is always a time of concentrated deliberation and effort and the congregational support in recommendations is vital to fulfilling this role!

The Nominating Committee begins anew following each Assembly with the annual mandate of looking at the upcoming terms and eligible incumbents as well as vacancies for each of the MBCM represented boards and committees, and seeking Divine guidance in filling positions for the upcoming Election Slate.

The role and responsibility of providing cross-sectional representation of the MBCM churches for godly leadership in the various roles on the boards and committees is a challenging privilege! The significance of each congregation's contribution for recommendations to these positions cannot be overstated in the enabling of the Committee to provide a comprehensive election slate for acclamation at each Assembly.

With heartfelt appreciation we gratefully acknowledge those churches that take an active role in providing guidance to the Committee to identify the people who will help lead in their Conference representation with these various ministries. We would also like to encourage other churches to participate and "open the door" to blessings and the wonder of corporately experiencing God's faithfulness in provision for all of His "Kingdom work" – He is more than able! - to provide workers for His harvest!

The Lord is always faithful to lead and guide and provide! And we are once again grateful to be able to present a nearly full election slate.

Each year new opportunities present as vacancies, and we would like to emphasize that we need each other - and request your congregational input in identifying suitable candidates from your congregations – those with the gifts and attributes appropriate to serve on the various boards or committees.

As we enter a new Assembly year, please review the Anticipated Vacancies for Assembly 2015 and prayerfully consider how your congregation may be involved in the larger "Kingdom work" of the Lord's harvest - in the Conference representation in these ministry opportunities through facilitating godly and capable leadership on these boards and committees.

With our sincere appreciation of your involvement in nominations for the various upcoming opportunities and anticipation of your continued contributions - Blessings on behalf of the MBCM Nominating Committee: Ed Schroeder (Elm Creek); Val Foord (Snow Lake); Cory Normand (Eastview), Ex-officio Leadership Board; and my sincere gratitude for their insight, support and efforts, and to the MBCM Leadership Board for the privilege of serving on this committee - Margarete Schulz (Eastview), out-going Chair.

With sincere appreciation also for the Leadership Board in their continued efforts for the seamless continuation of the Nominating Committee.

Recommendation

We recommend the acclamation of the nominees on the Election Slate.

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Election Slate 2014

	Incumbent	Nominee	Term
Leadership Board: (2 year term)			
Moderator	Gerald Dyck	Continuing	2016
Treasurer	Glyn Allen	Continuing	2016
Members at Large			
	Pat Kroeker	Continuing	2016
Other Agencies			
CMU Council (3 year term)			
	Marvin Dyck	Grace Klassen	2017
	George Klassen	Viola Labun	2017
	Mary Reimer	Rob Penner	2017
Eden Health Care Services (3 year term)			
	Joan Muehling	Vacancy	2015
	John A. Janzen	Vacancy	2017
Mennonite Central Committee (4 year term begins Sept. 1)			
	Barry Dyck	Continuing	2018
	Delayne Toews	Dan Block	2018
Mennonite Disaster Service (3 year term)			
	Dave Wiebe	Continuing	2017

Anticipated Vacancies for Assembly 2015

Board	Potential Vacancy (Eligible for term) / and/or Vacancy (not Eligible)
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Leadership Board: (2 year term/limit 3)

Executive

Moderator Harold Froese

Secretary Cory Normand

Members-at-large

Abe Klassen

Val Willems

Wayne Eisbrenner

Jeremy Penner

Ruth Schellenberg

Other agencies:

CMU Council (3 year term/limit 3)

Howard Falk

Mary Friesen

Ron Malech

Fred Pauls

Eden Health Care Services (3 year term/limit 3)

Vacancy

Vacancy

Carole Clark

Mennonite Central Committee (4 year term/limit 3)

John Wieler

Mennonite Disaster Service (3 year term/limit 3)

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Nominee Profiles

Leadership Board

Assistant Moderator: Gerald Dyck, Incumbent

Gerald has been on staff at Westside Community Church in Morden since 2000 and is currently the Family Life Pastor. He also grew up at Westside Church. Gerald is married to Rachel and together they have three children. He is involved in many activities including coaching sports teams that his children are a part of, and this past year he has been the chaplain to the Winkler Flyers.

Treasurer: Glyn Allen, Incumbent

Glyn has been a member of Westwood Community Church since 1987 where he has served in a variety of positions including Moderator, Chair of the Finance Committee, deacon and Chair of the Communicate Commission. He has served on finance boards for the Manitoba and Canadian conferences and presently serves as Treasurer and Board member of the International Mennonite Health Association as well as board member for Inter- Varsity Christian Fellowship. Glyn is a semi- retired banker. He just celebrated 36 years of marriage to Janet and has four adult sons.

Members-at-Large:

Pat Kroeker, Incumbent

Pat has been a member of Community Fellowship Church in Newton for over 25 years. Recently serving as chairperson of the Nominating Committee (2009 and 2010). She plays piano on a worship team and, along with her husband Bob, is an active member of a small group. Past areas of service include teaching in Sunday School, Children's Church, and Mid- Week kids' club, as small group leader/host together with her husband, and as a member of the pastoral search team. Pat received her Canadian Human Resource Professional status in 2010 and currently works as Human Resources Officer for Newton Enterprises/ RONA in Portage la Prairie. She and Bob have been married for almost 32 years, and they have three grown children, two sons and a daughter.

CMU Council

Grace Klassen

Grace is a member of Crossroads M.B. Church in Winnipeg, and is presently involved on a team of Mission Mobilizers who seek to mobilize their congregation in community outreach, national and global mission. Involvement with the church's Refugee and Immigration Support Team and with CHAI, a Christian community organization brings Grace much joy. Especially as she relates to newcomers to Canada from diverse nationalities and cultures.

Grace retired from nursing in 2012 in order to be more available to serve God when and where He provided the opportunities. The following year, she spent 3 weeks in Kinshasa, DR Congo, as the community health resource person with a medical team of doctors and nurses. She served 3 months as Global Servant with MB Mission, teaching English and serving the church in Japan.

She has a deep desire to be a life-long learner. In part, this is the result of many years in post-secondary education, including a graduate degree in nursing. Grace holds education — Christian education in particular — in high esteem and considers CMU to be an amazing opportunity for university education in a Christian environment.

Viola Labun, B.Sc (1972), Certificate of Education (1973), MBA(1981)

Viola started her career as a Mathematics teacher, teaching in Australia and Winnipeg(6.5 years) before returning to university to complete her MBA. Viola switched to Health Care Administration, starting as a manager in the Finance Department of St. Boniface General Hospital (10 years), then as the Assistant Executive Director of the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital (3.5 years) in Yellowknife, NWT.

In 1995, she took on the role of Vice-President Corporate Services at Cancer Care Manitoba (CCMB) and was responsible for a number of non-clinical

support services such as Finance, Human Resources and Information Services & Technology and clinical support services such as the Laboratory. From 2003 to 2008, Viola was the Chief Operating Officer at Diagnostic Services of Manitoba (DSM) a new non-profit corporation responsible for all the laboratories in Manitoba hospitals as well as Diagnostic Imaging in rural hospitals.

After retiring in 2008, Viola has pursued contract and service work, which includes serving on the Board of Concordia Hospital and serving with the Mennonite Church Canada for a one year term in China, teaching English.

Rob Penner

Rob was born into a Christian family and grew up in the Portage Ave MB Church. He and his wife of 30 years, Shirley have three adult children. They have been attending Eastview Community Church since 1997. his leadership style is that of servant-leadership and he has recently completed a term as Moderator.

Rob currently holds a position as a director on the Board of Directors for Steinbach Credit Union. He has been in the transportation industry for 33 years and currently work as a Director of Linehaul for Gardewine.

Eden Health Care Services

Kathy Baerg, Incumbent

Kathy is married to Wayne and lives in Winkler where they have raised five children. Having grown up in another culture and later being blessed with two uniquely gifted children has made her more sensitive to different folk. God has placed a variety of people in her life that others may consider handicapped — intellectually, culturally, linguistically, emotionally, even spiritually. She's learning that we are all handicapped (depending on one's perspective), but that it's okay to be different and that God loves us anyway. Connecting with all types of people is fascinating. Being on the Eden Health Care Board is part of the learning/serving process.

Mennonite Central Committee

Barry Dyck, Incumbent

Barry is a member of the Steinbach MB Church. He served as former moderator of MBCM and has been on various MBCM boards and numerous boards and committees in his home church. Barry is Executive Director of the Mennonite Heritage Village in Steinbach. He formerly held various management positions at Loewen Windows

Dan Block

A member at River East MB Church, Dan taught at MBCI for 7 years, worked in development for 8 years at Concord College and in a consulting firm; with my wife and 3 young children spent 3 years in Kentucky with MCC as administrator of the Appalachian program; worked 12 years at MB Communications (now FLN) in promotion and administration; was administrator of the MB conference (Manitoba) until retirement. Currently volunteer at the MCC Furniture Thrift Store and in the MCC Service Opportunities (SOOP) program and enjoy travel.

Mennonite Disaster Service

Dave Wiebe, Incumbent

David is a member of the Elm Creek MB Church. He is a semi-retired dairy farmer. He is married to Anna, and they have 5 married children and 7 grandchildren. David's recent involvements include being the youth leader, MDS contact person, and MCC representative at the Elm Creek Church. He has also served as a Carman MCC thrift store volunteer and day manager, and worked as the MDS project director and construction foreman at 12 or more sites in the last 6 years.