

# 2017 ELECTION SLATE WITH ANTICIPATED VACANCIES

## RECOMMENDATION

We recommend the acclamation of the nominees on the election slate.

LEADERSHIP BOARD (2 YEAR TERM)			
			Term
Moderator	Ruth Schellenberg	Incumbent	2019
Assistant Moderator	Abe Klassen	Incumbent	2019
Members at Large			
	Yohannes Engida	Vacancy	2019
	Nathan Koslowski	Vacancy	2019
	Stan Pauls	Vacancy	2019
	Jeremy Penner	Incumbent	2019
	Karen Taylor	Vacancy	2019

PARTNER AGENCIES			
			Term
CMU Council (3 year term)			
	Viola Labun	Incumbent	2020
Mennonite Disaster Service (3 year term)			
	David Wiebe	Incumbent	2020

## NOMINEE PROFILES

### LEADERSHIP BOARD

#### MODERATOR:

#### RUTH SCHELLENBERG, INCUMBENT

Ruth has served as pastor of children's ministry at Fort Garry MB Church for the past 11 years. Previously she was a missionary with *Youth for Christ* for 15 years. Ruth is married to David Sawatsky and they have two sons, Jordan and Caleb.

#### ASSISTANT MODERATOR,

#### ABE KLASSEN, INCUMBENT

Abe has over 20 years of experience as a pastor. He is the current lead pastor at Fourth Avenue Bible Church (Niverville). He and wife Kathy have two married sons, and six grandchildren. Next to being with their grandchildren, Kathy and Abe enjoy camping in the summer.

### LEADERSHIP BOARD (MEMBERS AT LARGE)

#### YOHANNES ENGIDA

Social worker and pastor (House of Covenant International Church), Yohannes Engida has over 15 years of ministry experience. He and his wife Mihiret Teklemariam have three sons: Nahum 10, Israel 7 and Isaac 4.

#### STAN PAULS

Stan Pauls is VP of sales and marketing at Decor Cabinets Ltd. He was blessed to have Godly parents and a father who—as a carpenter—nurtured Stan's lifelong passion for woodwork. Stan has been on the boards of charities including Square One World Media, where he served as chair. He has been a member of Winkler MB Church since November 1991. Stan and his wife Connie have three adult children: Zach, Charity and Jordan. They have three grandchildren: Ethne, Levi and Cohen. He enjoys traveling, reading and spending time at the cottage with his family.



**JEREMY PENNER, INCUMBENT**

Since 2007, Jeremy has been the director of worship and media at Portage Avenue Church. He has been happily married to Jessica, a registered dietitian, since 2010. Together they have a son, Judah.

**KAREN TAYLOR**

Karen Taylor is a member of McIvor MB Church. She has served there in various council executive capacities including several years as moderator. She has a passion for prayer and believes strongly in denominational work. In her retirement, she and her husband Dave love spending time with their children and grandchildren and enjoying Manitoba summers.

**NATHAN KOSLOWSKY**

Nathan is the current moderator of River East MB Church. He has undergrad and graduate degrees from Canadian Mennonite University and works in labour relations in the construction sector. He and wife Danielle have three sons.

**CMU COUNCIL**

**VIOLA LABUN, INCUMBENT**

Viola started her career as a Mathematics teacher, teaching in Australia and Winnipeg 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, then as the Assistant Executive Director of

the Stanton Yellowknife Hospital in Yellowknife, NWT.

In 1995, she took on the role of VP corporate services at Cancer Care Manitoba (CCMB) and was responsible for a number of non-clinical support services such as finance, human resources, information services and technology and clinical support services. From 2003 to 2008, Viola was the chief operating officer at Diagnostic Services of Manitoba (DSM), a non-profit corporation responsible for all laboratories in Manitoba hospitals as well as diagnostic imaging in rural hospitals.

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

**MENNONITE DISASTER SERVICE**

**DAVID WIEBE, INCUMBENT**

Semi-retired dairy farmer David Wiebe is a member of Elm Creek MB Church. He is married to Anna, and they have five married children and seven grandchildren. David's recent involvements include being the youth leader, MDS contact and MCC representative at Elm Creek. 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 six years.