

Pacific Northwest Mennonite Conference
PNMC Board Meeting Minutes via ZOOM
Saturday, March 27, 2021
8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. PST

Present: Dianna Eshleman (Moderator), Kevin Chupp (Moderator-Elect), Katherine Jameson Pitts (ECM), Twila Lehman (Secretary), Jan Yoder (At-Large), Deren Kellogg (Appointed), Megan Ramer (At Large), Kiara Yoder (At Large), Nelly Moran-Ascencio, (CIHAN Representative) Barb Buxman (Administrative Assistant), Dave Hockman-Wert (Treasurer), Leonard Nolt (At-Large)

Absent: Jeryl Hollinger (Past Moderator)

Welcome and Opening

Dianna opened the meeting at 8:30 a.m. PST. We took a few minutes to share a bit from our personal lives.

Constituency Leadership Council (CLC) Recap

Katherine, Dianna, and Kevin gave a review of the Constituency Leaders Council (CLC) of Mennonite Church USA's (MC USA) online meeting held March 12-13, 2021. CLC recommended two out of four proposed resolutions (retirement of the Membership Guidelines & Accessibility) and several bylaw changes be forwarded to the Delegate Assembly.

The Resolutions Committee processed the CLC's feedback on all four resolutions at its virtual meeting on March 24, 2021. The Resolutions Committee will then make the final determination on whether to forward the church statement resolutions on accessibility, LGBTQIA inclusion and justice in the U.S. criminal legal system to the Delegate Assembly for in-person deliberation at a special session tentatively proposed for late spring 2022.

At its virtual meeting on April 16, 2021, the MC USA Executive Board will finalize the proposed bylaw changes and determine whether the organizational resolution on the proposed retirement of the Membership Guidelines will be submitted to the Delegate Assembly for deliberation in 2022.

Board Education (9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.)

Duncan Smith reviewed the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) process and the results of the PNMC Board (as a whole) were discussed. Duncan will begin meeting (by phone) with individuals within the next couple of weeks to discuss each person's results. Duncan will send group and individual results to us before he meets with us individually. Time will be added to our next meeting to discuss next steps as a Board.

Closing

Dianna adjourned the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Next meeting: May 15, 2021, 8:30 a.m. PST via Zoom.

Submitted by Twila Lehman
PNMC Secretary