



DIACONAL MINISTRIES
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Annual General Meeting (AGM)

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Kings University, Edmonton, Alberta

November 4, 2017

To: The Deacons of the Christian Reformed Churches in Canada
From: The Board of Diaconal Ministries Canada (DMC)
Date: Saturday, November 4, 2017: 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.
Attendance: 12 in-person ballots and 12 electronic ballots

1. Opening:

Erica Snippe-Juurakko, DMC Board Chair, opened the meeting by welcoming all participants and introducing both staff and board members in attendance. She introduced herself as the board director representing Classis Lake Superior. DMC Board of Directors present at the meeting included: Norm Haayema (Classis Albert North, Secretary of the Board) and Jane Adema (Classis Chatham, Member of the Board).

National Director, Ron Vanden Brink, began the meeting the meeting agenda by explaining the role of the Deacon at the AGM and the AGM as a whole.

2. Minutes of 2016 AGM Ancaster:

Moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the Saturday, October 15, 2016, Annual General Meeting (AGM).

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

3. DMC Annual Report 2016-17:

The National Director reviewed the DMC Annual Ministry Report for 2016-17. Targets have always been to reach every deacon across Canada. The National Director highlighted some of the targets reached specifically (outlined in the annual report). The report also contains stories about the work of DMS staff who collaborate with churches and deacons across the country.

Moved and seconded to approve the work of the DMC in 2016-17 as reported in the Annual Report.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

4. Overview of DMC vision (Strategic Plan):

The National Director walked the deacons through the reasoning behind conducting a Strategic Planning process for the 2016-17 year. With the rise of the *"Diakonia Remix"*, mandates for deacons have changed, restructuring the focus of what deacons are doing. It has provided the opportunity for deacons to attend Classis and Synod. DMC needed to adjust with these changes, therefore conducted a research project and comprised a new Strategic Plan for 2017-2020. He walked the deacons through a newly outlined vision and strategic areas in the plan.

Moved and seconded to approve the new Strategic Plan for DMC 2017-2020.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

5. Budget for 2017-18 and Audited Statements for 2016-17:

The National Director reviewed the 2017-18 proposed budget. With representations for each Classis on the Board of Directors, the same model has been adapted as previous years, billing churches for Ministry Shares on a standard rate of \$8.25 per confessing member. Ministry Shares are not bi-national (it is strictly Canadian), and it was agreed at the time of formation that Ministry Shares requests to churches is how DMC would be funded. Operation Manna is a program within DMC, but has a separate funding stream and funded through good-will offerings of all national CRCs.

Moved and seconded to approve the budget for 2017-18 as presented.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

The National Director reviewed the 2016-17 financial statements prepared by the auditor, which show DMC's financial condition to be stable. DMC remained in a financially positive position at year-end. While the Operation Manna funding has decreased over the years, the Director encouraged deacons to promote Operation Manna within their churches.

Moved (Norm Haayema) and seconded (Hanz Huizinga) to approve the audited financial statements @ June 30, 2017, and appointment of DBK Accounting as auditor in 2018.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

6. Approve DMC Board of Directors:

Information regarding Board of Director changes to AGM participants:

- Erica Snippe-Juurakko will replace Melissa Van Dyk as DMC Board Chair
- Martin Slofstra will replace Peter Kralt as DMC Board Vice-Chair
- Norm Haayema will replace John Knibbe as DMC Board Secretary
- Peter Kralt, John Knibbe, and Coby Suurdt will remain on the board as general members until February 2018
- Melissa Van Dyk completed her term as a DMC Board Member in September 2017

Moved and seconded to approve the DMC board of directors as listed in the Annual Report for 2016-17.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

7. Operation Manna Partners Report

Ken Douma of West Yellowhead Pregnancy Care Centre gave an update on ministry that has been supported by DMC.

Highlights from the presentation include:

Approximately 1 year ago, the West Yellowhead Pregnancy Care Centre was in an economic crisis. The centre was no longer eligible at that time to receive funding from the town councils. Donations overall had depleted and staff were being let go. At that time, the centre approached DMC about the possibility of Operation Manna partnership and funding. With dedicated support from Edson-Peers CRC, the ministry received Operation Manna funding.

At this time, the ministry is implementing a new "Steps for Sexual Health" program (workshops that are being conducted in local schools).