



118th ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
THE EVANGELICAL COVENANT CHURCH OF CANADA
APRIL 30, 2022 | Strathmore, AB

Saturday @ 9AM MDT

Worship: Cody Anderson

1. Welcome:

Call to Order and Remarks: Chair Terence Barg

- a. Terence called the meeting to order at 9:20 am MDT
- b. Chair remarks: The past few years have been like a harsh prairie winter, with a few reprieves of warmth and sunshine. But every winter moves into spring, bringing new life, even as the reminders of the hard winter remain. With spring comes a reminder of God's faithfulness. There is hard work to be done, and there is great hope, filled with wonderful possibilities. May we begin to sense that spring is in the air, and that new life is rising even as we deal with the remnants of the Covid winter.
- c. Thanks extended to Hope community, all the delegates, and our staff at the ECCC: Glenn Peterson (Superintendent of the Canada Covenant), Hanne Pihowich (Administrator), Rob Peterson (Assistant Superintendent), Adam Furfaro (Director of Operations), Brandi Bobee (Finance Manager).

2. Organization of the Meeting

- a. Acceptance of Agenda

MOVED: Jen Fetch moved and Andy Gilkinson seconded that the agenda be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

- b. Credentials Committee Report: Marjonne Eygenraam
 - i. 41 General Delegates
 - ii. 30 pastors
 - iii. 3 Affiliated Ministry Delegates
 - iv. 6 Leadership Board Delegates

- c. Standing Rules of Order

The Credential Report was accepted as presented by unanimous consent.

MOVED: Andy Gilkinson moved and Jesse Kane seconded that the Standing Rules of Order be accepted as presented. **CARRIED.**

3. Approval of Consent Agenda

- a. Acceptance of the 117th AGM Minutes
- b. Approval of Affiliate Ministries (can vote)
 - Covenant Bay Bible Camp (Pigeon Lake, AB)
 - City Collective Church Plant (Langley, BC)
 - Encounter Covenant Church (Mississauga, ON)
 - Stonehouse Covenant Church (Steinbach, MB)
 - Zoe (Toronto, ON)
- c. Approval of Advisory Delegates (has voice but no vote)



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- Brandi Bobee – Staff, ECCC Finance Manager
Adam Furfaro – Staff, Director of Operations
Hanne Pihowich – Staff, Administrator
Paul Lessard – Guest: ECC Executive Director of Start & Strengthen Churches
- d. ECC Delegates
Eric Hedberg
Tom Fetch
- e. Committees
Minutes Approval: Tahra Drebert, Judy Dickieson
Parliamentarian: Marc Vandersluys
Tellers: Rachel Kilbreath, Scott Beehler
Sargeant at Arms: Phil Adkins, Corey Nelson
Credential Report: Marjonne Eygenraam

The Consent Agenda was ACCEPTED by general consent as presented.

4. Reports

- a. ECC Greeting: Paul Lessard (Executive Minister of Start and Strengthen Churches)
- i. Greetings from the ECC President John Weinrich and the ECC.
 - ii. Thank you for staying faithful, for your resilience, for your prayers, for your participation. The Canada Covenant is a small conference, but your presence in the ECC is large. There is much change in the ECC Offices, with a new President, two new Executive Ministers and two new Superintendents. These are good people seeking to attend to the ministry of the ECC church. Pray that we may become more fully the church that God is calling us to become, as we seek to discern that path forward.

Prayer for ECC: Jennifer Fetch and Jeff Anderson

- b. Superintendent/President Report: Glenn Peterson
- i. Reflect: What month/season do you find yourself in? May we have greater clarity about where we are, who we are, and what/who God has called us to do and be.
 - ii. Hopeful Realism: “Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow” even in the midst of difficult realities. This season has allowed even deeper connection with the churches, and new life is emerging from the brokenness.
 - iii. Focus and Clarity: The Canada Covenant exists to equip the local church across Canada for the sake of the world. We are created for presence, but how can we leverage connection with technology AND in-person meeting together? This is a question we will consider moving forward.
 - iv. Catalyze: 11 years ago we had a vision to start 20 new ministries. Today we can say that this wild vision has been more than realized. We are looking forward to the future, where all churches identify as either Plants, Parents, or Partners that are flourishing and growing.
 - v. Our vision for Discipleship is to Identify, Equip and Empower 20 vocational Kingdom leaders. To support this initiative, our financial goal is to raise \$750,000 over the next 5 years by identifying 20 churches who identify 20 people who will give \$20 each year over the next 5 years.



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- vi. Grateful for Church Planting Pastoral supporters across the country and for our Mission partners, including Haiti, Ecuador, MENA, Tear Fund, Kids Congo Canada, Kernels of Hope and more.
- vii. We have several churches looking for pastoral leadership. Can we ask that out of the abundance of God's goodness that he will raise up pastors in his time, and trust that he will provide?
- viii. Love Justice, Do Mercy: an updated Handbook for Domestic Violence and Abuse for the Canada Covenant is available. Thanks to Brenda Impey and her team.
- ix. Glenn expressed that he is "all-in" to continue for the next four years as the President/Superintendent of the Canada Covenant, pending the outcome of the vote. "I have missed you. I care about you. I am thankful for your partnership in the gospel." Glenn will be taking a sabbatical and holiday time in July, August and September of this year.

Video: Bethany Abramson is working with the Canada Covenant in the area of Serve Globally, and living in New Market, ON, where her husband is planting a church.

Trellis: Phil Adkins, Chair, and the Trellis Board, continue to use funds from the CBC closure to strategically support discipleship initiatives.

ECC Nominations Committee: Julia Sandstrom identifies people from the Canada conference who will serve in the ECC.

- c. Finance Report: Adam Furfaro (Director of Operations)
 - i. 2021: Very thankful for God's provision and for the faithful giving this past year.

Total Income:	\$1,814,302.16
Total Expense:	\$1,775,603.42
Net Income:	\$40,047.34
 - ii. 2022 Budget: Seeing positive trends and trusting God to provide. We will be looking at how to invest resources in the coming year.

Total Income:	\$1,837,250.16
Total Expense:	\$1,864,352.80
Projected Income:	\$14,382.20

COFFEE BREAK

Video: Joel and Kim Delp (Ecuador) – All areas of ministry are doing well after traumatic events in the Covid season. Joel and Kim are looking forward to sabbatical time.

5. Essential Business

a. Presentation of Superintendent/Presidential Ballot

In the fall a leadership review of Glenn Peterson, by both the ECC and a wide variety of people in the Canada Covenant took place. The results revealed that he is well-rounded, spirit led, effective and catalytic leader, who has become a stabilizing presence in the Canada Conference. The ECC Executive Board unanimously approved Glenn's nomination for a second term.

Glenn Peterson was unanimously APPROVED by ballot vote for a second term as Superintendent/President of the Canada Covenant.



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- b. Approval of 2021 Financials

The Financial Report was presented for approval as recommended by the ECCC Leadership Board. APPROVED.

- c. Approval of 2022 Budget

The 2022 Budget was presented for approval as recommended by the ECCC Leadership Board. APPROVED.

- d. Presentation of the 2022 Leadership Board Ballot: Natasha Westerhoud

Jenell Pluim is recommended for a three year term (2022-2025) on the ECCC Leadership Board. AFFIRMED unanimously by ballot vote.

Prayer for Glenn Peterson: Erik Anderson and the Body

- e. Committee on Ministerial Standing Report (COMS): Julia Sandstrom

- i. The Ministerium recommends **2** first term licenses.: Jesse Kane and Alex Song
The Ministerium recommends **15** licenses for renewal.

Prayer for Pastors: Rob Peterson

The ministry licenses recommended by the Ministerium, as listed in the Committee On Ministerial Standing Report was presented for approval. APPROVED.

Prayer for Leadership Board: Glenn Peterson - Thanks to Terence Barg and Laverne Arndt for their 6 years of service on our ECCC Leadership Board.

- f. Bylaw Amendment: Amendments to the Bylaws, which offer greater clarity to the reality of hosting the Annual Meeting using electronic means, were presented.
- i. Section 2.1 Proposed Text: The Leadership Board shall designate the time, place, and medium of each Annual General Meeting, which shall be held prior to the ECC Annual General Meeting.
 - ii. Section 2.6.a. Proposed Text: The Leadership Board of the ECCC shall determine when the AGM shall be held in regionalize centres.
 - iii. Section 2.6.b. Suggested Edit: Oversight. A member of the Leadership Board shall be present at each regionalized site. The gatherings shall be coordinated by the Leadership Board. ECCC staff will also be distributed between sites. If possible, the President/Superintendent will visit each site.
 - iv. Remove Section 2.6.c. Frequency. Regionalized gatherings shall not happen in successive years. (to be removed)
 - v. Section 2.6.d. Suggested Edit: Technology. Both audio and video technology must be utilized during times of official voting during regionalized meetings. Electronic means may be utilized for voting.



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- g. Women's Ministry Wind-Up: Although formal ministry has ended, it is clear that women's ministry in the Canada Covenant churches continues.

MOVED: With gratitude, we move to accept the recommendation of the Women's Ministry Leadership in 2019 to end Canada Covenant Women Ministries. The ongoing and lasting purposes of the Canada Women Ministries will be enfolded into the ministry priorities of the ECCC and its leadership. **CARRIED.**

Prayer for Women Ministries: Glenn Peterson

6. Closing Prayers and Doxology
7. 119th Annual General Meeting will be held May 5 – 7, 2023.
8. Adjournment

Terence Barg declared the meeting adjourned at 12:06 pm MDT.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Snoxell
Secretary to the ECCC Leadership Board