

Midlands Mission Center
October 16, 2022 Conference Minutes
Held Via Zoom and in person groups gathered at the
Mission Road and Webb Road Congregations at 2:00 p.m.

Call to Order

After the singing of hymn CCS #77, *Gather Your Children*, and an opening prayer by Sharon Spaans, the Midlands Mission Center Conference was called to order by mission center president team member, Kat Hnatyshyn. Sharon Robertson has agreed to serve as secretary. Minutes of the previous business meeting, October 20, 2021, are available on the website and were approved by the Leadership Advisory Council.

Audits

2020 audits for Midlands Mission Center and Chihowa Retreat Center were presented. Motion was made by Aaron Laughlin to accept both audits and the motion was seconded. Discussion was called for and there was none. The vote was called for and the audits were accepted.

Mission Center Leadership

The floor was turned over to Apostle Janné Grover for consideration of mission center leadership for 2023. Apostle Grover brought greetings on behalf of the field leadership team and on behalf of the first presidency. She expressed thanks to all those that made this hybrid meeting possible.

Apostle Grover announced that Wim van Klinken will be joining the presiding bishopric and expressed gratitude for his work in the mission center and support for his new calling. She also announced the Sharon Spaans will be leaving the mission center presidents team and expressed gratitude for the ministry and leadership that she has given over the past few years.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from President Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency, authorizing the sustaining of Kat Hnatyshyn (Chair), Allen Keehler, and Stan Troeh to serve as the Mission Center President Team for the year 2023. Wim van Klinken moved that this motion be approved, and it was seconded and carried by raised hands in person and via Zoom.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter written by Scott Murphy on behalf of the First Presidency and Stassi Cramm on behalf of the Presiding Bishopric recommending the sustaining of Steve Beckman (Chair), Emily Hidy, and Kristine Shipley to serve as the Mission Center Financial Officer Team for the year 2023. Aaron Laughlin moved this motion be approved, and it was seconded and carried by raised hands in person and via Zoom.

Apostle Grover called attention to a letter from herself in support of Craig Hidy to serve as Mission Center Invitation Support Minister for the year 2023. Dave Hall moved that Craig be sustained. It was seconded and passed by raised hands in person and via Zoom.

The floor was returned to Kat Hnatyshyn who called attention to a letter from herself recommending a Mission Center Leadership Advisory Council of Virginia Adams, Sharon Diddle, Josh Huyett, Emily Hartford, Ron Millard, Sarah Marolf and Sally Roth. Debbie Campbell moved that the leadership advisory council, as presented in the letter, be sustained. It was seconded and passed by raised hands in person and via Zoom.

World Conference Updates

The floor was turned over to Apostle Janné Grover for world conference updates. Due to moving World Conference back a year, it will be four years since we have been together. This World Conference will feel different, that does not mean that it will be less than. We will operate in a hybrid situation. There was a change in the date, conference will begin on Friday instead of Saturday. Legislation will begin on Saturday. The change was made because Graceland Graduation is the final weekend of Conference. There will be different opportunities to register, you can register as a delegate, as a participant or to be an on-line participant and receive links for streaming experiences. We want as many participants as possible in as many ways as possible. We will have three remote locations, one in Honduras, one in Congo, DR and one at Graceland (because that is finals week).

Apostle Grover made us aware of the legislation that can be found on the church's website (www.cofchrist.org) on the home page search world conference 2023 and scroll down to legislation and it will pull up the legislation. Everybody is invited to participate in a survey of prioritizing legislation. A link to this survey which will be activated today will be shared by the Mission Center Leadership Team. The survey will be open until February 1, 2023.

World Conference Delegates

The floor was once again turned over to Kat Hnatyshyn who presented the names of persons who have applied to be delegates for World Conference 2023. Midlands Mission Center has been allotted 67 delegate seats. We have 58 names that have been submitted and Kat asked for names from the floor to be added. The delegate list will be updated with these names and an updated list will be presented at the afternoon business session when we will vote.

Affiliate Board Seats

Kat called for a motion to approve the following affiliate board seats:

Chihowa Retreat Center	HUD – Prairie Development and Westward Development
3-year terms	2* or 3-year terms
Guy Hedrick	Kerri Booth
Maggie Summers	Bob Billings
Open three year term	Jane Landrum*
Central Avenue Center of Hope	SHARE, inc.
3-year terms	3-year terms
Barbara Freund	John Mueller
Angie Ricketts	Sandra Billings
Rachael Shoffstall	
CPCI	
3-year term	
Anne Marie Hays	

Blake West moved that these seats be approved. It was seconded and carried.

Suspension of Business

Business was suspended for a 15-minute break.

Conference Reconvened

The Conference was reconvened by president team member, Allen Keehler. Sharon Robertson will continue to serve as secretary and the meeting is being recorded. We will consider the 2023 budgets for Midlands Mission Center, Center of Hope, Chihowa Retreat Center, and CPCI as well as vote on delegates for 2023 World Conference.

Budgets:

Resolved that the proposed 2023 budget for Midlands Mission Center be approved. Laura Beckman moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved.

Resolved that the proposed 2023 budget for Central Avenue Center of Hope be approved. Dawn Pagat moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved.

Resolved that the proposed 2023 budget for Chihowa Retreat Center be approved. Steve Campbell moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved.

Resolved that the proposed 2023 budget for CPCI be approved. Wim van Klinken moved that the motion be approved. It was seconded, and the motion was approved.

World Conference Delegates

Midlands mission center has been allocated 67 seats for world conference delegates. 60 names have been submitted to serve as delegates. Allen called for a motion to approve the current slate of delegates. Roxann Kosmicki moved that the current slate of delegates be approved. It was seconded by Laura Beckman and carried.

Allen recognized Sharon Spaans for her service on the midlands mission center presidents' team for the past three years and Wim van Klinken for his service as team leader of the mission center finance team and for the many hats that he has worn during his service.

New Business & Adjournment

Allen called for new business and hearing none the conference was adjourned by president team member, Allen Keehler with the singing of hymn CCS #560, *Community of Christ Sings*. The session was followed by a time of worship.

Respectively Submitted,

Sharon Robertson