



## **EMCC Family Chat Agenda – April 13, 2021**

Theme: Preparation for Online General Assembly April 30, 2021

### **1. Assembly registration, meeting and voting Instructions (Lillian Whitmore)**

The 2021 General Assembly Book will be available online prior to April 13, 2021.

Individual member and corporate member delegates must register for the Zoom meeting. If you believe you are a voting member and haven't received your email Notice of Meeting with the opportunity to register, contact [communications@emcc.ca](mailto:communications@emcc.ca) right away. Corporate members must complete the Delegate Appointment Form and submit it to [assembly@emcc.ca](mailto:assembly@emcc.ca) before church delegates can register. We have a hard registration deadline - Monday, April 26 at 12 pm ET. We cannot take registrations after this due to the email voting format. Everyone who is registered will receive detailed information from the EMCC on April 27 and receive voting instructions from SimpleSurvey on April 29.

Please check into the meeting early (opens at 11 am). Only voting delegates (individual members and church delegates) will be attending the Zoom Assembly. All others can view Assembly on YouTube.

Votes will be cast for the Proposed Standing Rules; Consent Agenda; 4 Bylaw Amendments; Election of Directors and the Election of the President.

### **2. EMCC Presidential Nomination (Scott Clubine)**

Over the past six months, the EMCC Board of Directors has been diligently managing the search process for the next EMCC President to serve for the next four years. Beginning with a discernment process in regards to a clear picture of the EMCC's present reality and immediate needs, the EMCC Board of Directors formed a sketch of the kind of leadership qualities that would be needed in a President over this next season. In December 2020, prospective members of the Presidential Search Committee were contacted to gauge interest and availability in participation on this team and ultimately a team consisting of Wayne Smele and Scott Clubine from the EMCC BoD, along with Ruth Esau, Isaac Illankeswaran, Andrew Mills, and Alan Shantz was assembled. The mandate given by the EMCC Board of Directors was, if at all possible, to present a single nomination for president to the General Assembly of 2021 as outlined in our bylaws. In January 2021, the committee worked through the application package and developed some groundwork for the selection of a presidential candidate. The application package was completed and published on January 27, 2021 and clear understandings of our present reality and how a successful presidential candidate might fit within these realities was



established. After publishing the application package, a Key Values and Skills document to help guide our selection process was created, a number of interview questions for use with potential candidates were drafted and an interview format and process were agreed upon. Upon receiving two application packages, we followed the same interview pattern with each candidate, including the use of a Kolbe Index report on each candidate. After much prayer, in March 2021, the committee was unified in making the following recommendation:

*“It is our recommendation that the EMCC National Board of Directors present Rev. Dr. John Cressman as the nominee for EMCC President to the EMCC General Assembly on April 30, 2021 for appointment by way of a vote.”*

This recommendation of the Presidential Search Committee was subsequently approved by the EMCC Board of Directors. The next step in the Presidential Search Process is to present the candidate for a vote of election at General Assembly 2021, understanding that a first-term election of a President shall require the majority approval of votes cast at a General Assembly or other such meeting considering the matter, as the case may be (EMCC Bylaw 6.3.1).

### **3. Update from Theology Commission on Articles of Practice Review (Graham Gaessler)**

Thanks to the questions and feedback of those who participated in the Family Chat in February, as well as in consultation with and clarification from denominational legal representation, the Theology Committee is revising the proposal regarding the placement of Articles of Practice as presented at the February Family Chat. The proposed revised course is now to simply separate the Articles of Faith and Practice into two separate documents primarily for the sake of clarity. Therefore, the motion before our 2021 General Assembly will be to separate Articles of Faith and Practice into two Appendices – Articles of Faith as Appendix 1 and Articles of Practice as Appendix 3, both will remain attached to our Bylaws by reference.

We will begin a regular, alternating cycle of review of both documents with the approval of any revisions proposed by the Theology Commission to be brought to the constituency for approval, as per our current practice. It remains the intention of the Board of Directors and Theology Commission to conduct a review of the Articles of Practice at this time. This will be hopefully a two-year process, with numerous opportunities for engagement, dialogue, and feedback leading to a finalized draft submitted for approval of the constituency at General Assembly 2023.

### **4. Breakout Rooms:**

We will conclude the Chat with an opportunity for fellowship and prayer in breakout rooms.