

1 Church Board Minutes 2021 12 06

2 Special Meeting

3 **Bethel College Mennonite Church Board Minutes *Pending approval at January 6, 2022***  
4 **Board Meeting**

5 *Our faith in a God of love leads us, by the power of the Spirit, to follow Jesus*  
6 *in doing justice, loving mercy, and walking humbly with God.*

7 **Board Members Present:** Elizabeth Schmidt (moderator), Ada Schmidt-Tieszen (moderator-  
8 elect), Glen Ediger, Judy Friesen, John Kliewer, Cynthia Linscheid, Lois Preheim, Adam Robb, Dale  
9 Schrag, Bill Swartley

10 **Board Members not present:**

11 **Staff Present:** Nathan Koontz (pastor), Renee Reimer (pastor)

12 **Staff not present:**

13 **Others attending:** None

14 1. **Opening and Centering Prayer** – Moderator Elizabeth Schmidt opened with prayer, praying:

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16 *God, whose arrival we remember*  
17 *and anticipate anew this Advent season,*  
18 *Gather us into watchful wonder.*  
19 *Lead us, that we may recognize your presence*  
20 *within and around us.*  
21 *Open us all to the leading of your Spirit.*  
22 *Guide us to seek first your kin-dom*  
23 *Of loving, just, and right relationships.*  
24 *May we trust that you are looking after our congregation,*  
25 *And trust in your divine care,*  
26 *That we can know, with assurance,*  
27 *That all will be well.*  
28 *May it be so.*  
29 *In Jesus' name,*  
30 *Amen.*

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32 The meeting then entered executive session at 7:05 pm which ended at 7:55 pm.

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34 2. **Motion to Invite Todd Schlosser as Interim Pastor At BCMC:** The Board took action to  
35 invite Todd Schlosser to serve Bethel College Mennonite Church as interim pastor on the  
36 pastoral team, focusing primarily on administrative and pastoral care roles, to be mutually  
37 evaluated every six months while BCMC searches for a settled pastor. The Board asks that the  
38 Staff Congregation Relations Committee write a memorandum of understanding to that end  
39 which the Board can then present to Todd for his agreement. Dale Schrag so moved and Ada  
40 Schmidt-Tieszen seconded the motion which subsequently carried.

41 3. **The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.** Next meeting is January 6, 2022 at 7:00 pm.

42 Submitted by John Kliewer, Temporary Clerk

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