

1                   **BETHEL COLLEGE MENNONITE CHURCH Congregational Meeting MINUTES**

2                   **Special Meeting to Vote on the Abuse and Prevention and Response Policy**

3                   **Sunday, November 21, 2021, 10:45 am, via ZOOM and In-Person**

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

6   **1. Call to order and Centering Prayer:** Moderator Elizabeth Schmidt called the hybrid in-person  
7 and virtual meeting to order and followed with an opening prayer. She then announced that a  
8 quorum was present and welcomed all who were in attendance in-person and virtually. She  
9 thanked Pastor Renee for managing the virtual broadcast and Pat and Chuck Friesen for  
10 counting virtual attendees to help establish that a quorum was present. She also thanked the  
11 Abuse Prevention and Response Policy Committee members Dawn Yoder Harms, Yolanda  
12 Kauffman, Nathan Koontz, Renee Reimer, Jill Robb, Bethany Schrag, Dale Schrag, and Wes  
13 Schmidt-Tieszen, for their hard work creating and establishing the policy.

14 **2. Vote to Accept or Reject the Abuse Prevention and Response Policy:** Opportunity for  
15 discussion having been made available during several weeks prior to the meeting, some ballots  
16 were mailed out and returned previous to the meeting, and other ballots were distributed to  
17 those in attendance at the meeting, filled out and collected by board members Ada Schmidt-  
18 Tieszen and Dale Schrag. Virtual attendees were simultaneously invited to vote by the Zoom  
19 meeting means provided. A total of 102 ballots were submitted including those submitted by  
20 mail, via Zoom and in-person. The final ballot count after meeting adjournment yielded 94 YES  
21 votes and 8 NO votes.

22 **3. Moderator Elizabeth Schmidt adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am local time.**

23   Respectfully submitted,

24   John Kliewer, interim clerk