

## FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLIES

## Pursuing Christ-Centered Community

## MEMBERS MEETING Thursday, January 21, 2021

## **MINUTES**

This meeting was open to all FCA members.

Members: Trevor Hoskins (Executive Director), Glenn Breitkreuz (Chairman), Gene Enns

(Secretary-Treasurer), Bryan Swash, Beverly Fawcett, Paul Reich, Duane Siemens, Glen Forsberg, Leslie Pamenter (Recording Secretary), Murray Steacy, Gloria Steacy, Ralph Collins, Raphael Jansen, Joy Presland, Stephen Sweetman, Ron Short, Shannon Payne, Teck Uy, Paul Vallee, Olivia McClure, Adrienne Toews, Wilson Kadavil, Wayne Kent, Kowsilla Ramsaran, Winston Ramsaran, Rick Steingard, Roger Armbruster, Sedrick Brown, Steven Paulson, Lewis Smith, Allen Lagore, Jim Williams, Cory Rosenfeldt, Crystal Bjornson, Ralph Sasse, Paul Dyck, Jeffery Ingram, Trevor Scott, Raymond McLean, Vincent Duterte, Jen Ahuja, Joseph Ziwa, Richard Ebofin, Kim Penney, Angelma Detecio, Trevor Miller, Gordon Ponak, Keith Ward, Orim Meikle, Benjamin

Johnson, Jim Reimer

Non-members: Autumn Sellen (Executive Assistant)

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 am MT.

MM 21.01.21-01 **Call to Order:** Trevor welcomed everyone. Trevor asked for prayer requests.

Leslie Pamenter opened in prayer.

MM 21.01.21-02 Approval of Agenda: It was Moved and Seconded that the circulated agenda for the

January 21, 2021 meeting be approved

Moved: Ron Short

Seconded: Glen Forsberg

**CARRIED** 

MM 21.01.21-03 Approval of Minutes: It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes for the November

19, 2020 meeting be approved.

Moved: Ralph Collins

Seconded: Cory Rosenfeldt

CARRIED

MM 21.01.21-04 Clearwater College: Gene Enns spoke about the courses that Clearwater College is

offering free for FCA members and some courses that are offered at a substantially reduced rate. The link is on the FCA member website and new courses are available. To celebrate Clearwater College's 50th anniversary, they are offering \$1000 off for every student from an FCA church, as well as a \$5000 grant funding for students

studying in person. They have increased bursaries with the goal of removing barriers for people to be equipped for ministry, this includes providing online courses as well. Adrienne Toews spoke about the Old Testament Survey she took from Clearwater College and how it was excellent and a good update for her previous bible school degree, and she recommended the courses.

MM 21.01.21-05

**FCA Month of Prayer Update:** Ron Short said that the support and partnering across the nation in prayer is incredible. It has been on his heart to do a tour across Canada on prayer. Ron thanked those who had written devotionals for the Month of Prayer and encouraged anyone else who is interested in writing one to get in touch with him. He encouraged everyone to log in to the website and join the Prayer Group so they receive the notifications. Ron also indicated that he had received an invitation from the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada as part of the week of Christian unity and prayer on Jan 25.

MM 21.01.21-06

**2021 Convention:** Glen Forsberg gave an update on the Convention. The plan is to go virtual because there are too many risks to make it in person. There will be an adjusted schedule to accommodate the new format. Pastor Paul and Red Deer staff have offered to host for recording and live-streaming.

The dates will be May 4-5, 2021, 4:00 pm - 9:30 pm EST. The cost will be \$50. Glen encouraged the members to invite their elders, workers and leaders to be a part of the convention. Dominic Russo, Lovelace St. John and Anita Pearce are still scheduled to be speakers. There will be 4 workshops, with a possibility of more. Gordon Ponak will be the worship coordinator for the pre-recorded worship sessions. Trevor Hoskins is looking after the promotional. The FCA office will be handling registration. Gene Enns and Wilson Kadavil will be overseeing budgeting.

Glen encouraged members to attend the American virtual convention in February, details are online.

MM 21.01.21-07

**Missions Committee Update:** Beverly Fawcett is excited that we will be featuring our missionaries at the convention and we will be able to learn more about them. She reached out to churches to find out who their missionaries are, but they didn't respond, so we will start with those who are registered as missionaries. We are building a map so that we can click and find out who they are and where they minister. Steve Paulson is leading a sub-committee to gather information.

MM 21.01.21-08

**Soul Care:** Bryan Swash requested those with experience in life coaching or spiritual formation contact him or Duane to collaborate in the ongoing work. It's an opportunity to strengthen ministries by sharing resources; they are working towards establishing podcasts, webinars and free teachings. Contact them by email:

Bryan Swash: <a href="mailto:bryanswash@outlook.com">bryanswash@outlook.com</a>;
Duane Siemens: <a href="mailto:duane.thewave@mymts.net">duane.thewave@mymts.net</a>.

MM 21.01.21-09

**RightNow Media:** Autumn Sellen spoke about RightNow Media and that some people have not activated their accounts. It's a great and free resource for you and your family, like a Netflix of Bible studies. If you have any questions, contact our office at office@fcaministers.com.

MM 21.01.21-10

Ad Hoc Study Group Update: Paul Vallee thanked everyone for their comments and participation. Glenn Breitkreuz brought order to the information. The online platforms are working because we all have access, there are varying degrees of commitment with the intent to move people from a lower degree of participation to a higher degree of participation.

Purpose of Monthly Meetings: Trevor noted that we weren't having break-out sessions during this meeting today because we have discussed most issues. Our purpose is to declare the pillars, not just for 2021, but for the long-term future. Our meetings are about membership and engagement; to reestablish our identity and be accountable to our identity. We want to model excellence and have greater support for our ministers, missionaries and church and parachurch ministries.

Trevor encouraged members to contact members who aren't in attendance and indicated that we were going to alternate between 9:00 AM meetings and 4:30 PM meetings to accommodate bi-vocational ministers to see if that format works for more ministers.

MM 21.01.21-12 **Closing:** Trevor thanked everyone for their time and attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 AM MT.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 18, 2021, at 4:30 PM MT.

Minutes submitted by Leslie Pamenter, Recording Secretary.