

# FELLOWSHIP OF CHRISTIAN ASSEMBLIES

## Connecting to Advance God's Kingdom

## MEMBERS MEETING Thursday, February 18, 2021

## MINUTES

This meeting was open to all FCA members.

Members: Trevor Hoskins (Executive Director), Glenn Breitkreuz (Chairman), Gene Enns (Secretary-Treasurer), Bryan Swash, Duane Siemens, Glen Forsberg, Paul Riech, Leslie Pamenter (Recording Secretary), Murray Steacy, Gloria Steacy, Ralph Collins, Raphael Jansen, Ron Short, Shannon Payne, Teck Uy, Paul Vallee, Olivia McClure, Adrienne Toews, Wilson Kadavil, Wayne Kent, Rick Steingard, Roger Armbruster, Sedrick Brown, Steven Paulson, Lewis Smith, Jim Williams, Cory Rosenfeldt, Crystal Bjornson, Paul Dyck, Jeffery Ingram, Joseph Ziwa, Jim Reimer, David Reimer, Paul Belcher, Dr. John Lucas II, James Weller, Chad Trivett, MaryAnn Ward, Terry Thiessen, Ralph Kassen, Earl Toews, Susan De Gracia, Wes McLeod, Brad Montsion, Sharon Montsion, Steve King, Stephen McAllister, Ed Simmons, Randy Casillan, Lovelace St. John, Ralston Evans, Trevor Scott, Yasuo Tano, Robert Parmenter, Karen Bidell (Wildwood Chapel), Orim Meikle

Non-members: Autumn Sellen (Executive Assistant)

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm MT.

MM 21.02.18-01 Call to Order: Trevor welcomed everyone.

Paul Vallee opened in prayer.

- MM 21.02.18-02 Approval of Agenda: It was Moved and Seconded that the circulated agenda for the February 18, 2021 meeting be approved Moved: Ron Short Seconded: Glen Forsberg CARRIED
- MM 21.02.18-03 **Approval of Minutes:** It was Moved and Seconded that the minutes for the January 21, 2021 meeting be approved. *Moved: John Lucas II Seconded: Wayne Kent CARRIED*
- MM 21.02.18-04 **Convention Update:** Trevor mentioned that the 2021 Convention is set for May 4-5 and that registration is now open. He noted that the convention is not limited to members only, but can be extended to church members, board members, etc. We have good speakers and workshops. The cost is \$50 per person for early bird pricing.

Each evening is 5  $\frac{1}{2}$  hours, there will be breakout rooms, pre-service prayer, fellowship sessions.

Jim Riemer said that we wanted to create a convention that fits with the values of the FCA, so we will be having zoom rooms in which we can connect. We will need volunteers to help with prayer and ministry times. The start time is in the afternoon mountain time so that those across the country can all be involved. There will be 8 spotlights on ministers.

Trevor noted that Glen Forsberg is the chair of the committee and has done a lot of work along with members. Trevor made an appeal to register for the convention early and for everyone to get involved.

#### MM 21.02.18-05 Need for More Endorsing Churches & Increased Member Collaboration:

Trevor said that we have fixed our minister and ministry renewal process this year, and the administration team is thankful for how smoothly the process has been. Now it's time to move on to the next area in which we want to grow:

- 1. Cultivating Personal Well-being
- 2. Equipping Spirit-led Leaders and working with Clearwater college and collaborating with those in our fellowship.
- 3. Collaborating in Kingdom Mission

Our mission is two-fold; we need more endorsing churches and need to increase our member involvement so that we can look at what God can do through us so that we can grow together.

Paul Vallee shared that he is part of a small team working towards building the number of our endorsing churches. This is critical because of theological reasons and not just administrative reasons. We are disciples of Jesus, and as leaders, we are disciple-makers, too. We must move from just receiving to giving. When every member does their part, everyone benefits.

We have very few churches that endorse. We need to have churches that become disciples-making churches. What makes a mature church? It's helping people become leaders and disciple-makers. The local (endorsing) church is responsible for raising up, training, sending out and endorsing ministers. This is the model the FCA has. Every church should have a goal of being a disciple-making church, but then step it up to become a reproducing church.

Paul thinks that we have come into an administrative model instead of a mature, reproducing church model. We have become more concerned with numbers coming in and not as concerned with the responsibility of growing leaders. We should ask, *"what is happening to the people in the pew?"* Are they becoming disciple-makers? How are we facilitating that development? We should be raising young leaders up from within.

What are some of the tools we can develop?

- 1. Develop a video 5 minutes for our church board meeting where we are sharing some of this vision of the FCA by the FCA elders
- 2. Help people carry the vision. Maybe develop some template where you ask different questions to monitor their spiritual development. This template could be called an Activity Report

What other tools can we develop to help you become an endorsing church? What are some things preventing you from becoming an endorsing church? Check-in with others to see if they are able to move past some of the hurdles.

We need to identify people who are potential leaders and work to develop them. We have a high level of administration and a low level of involvement. We need to think of it in a biblical way and be driven by what the Bible directs us to do.

In your breakout rooms please discuss: what keeps you from being an endorsing church?

- MM 21.02.18-06 **Breakout Rooms:** Those present were divided into 6 breakout rooms for 20 minutes to discuss ways to help increase the number of endorsing churches and increase member involvement.
- MM 21.02.18-07 Poll: Trevor asked that everyone take the online zoom poll so that we can know what meeting times people are able to join. Question: "What meeting time are you able to join?" Results: 46 votes 1.) I can ONLY attend 9:00 AM MT = 5 votes (11%)\* 2.) I can ONLY attend 4:30 PM MT = 9 votes (20%) 3.) Both times work for me = 32 votes (70%)
  - \*It should be noted this poll was taken at a 4:30 PM MT meeting.
- MM 21.02.18-08 **Feedback from Breakout Rooms:** Trevor opened the discussion up for anyone who wanted to share feedback from their breakout room. Chad Trivett asked for those who took notes to email them in so that what was discussed is communicated. Trevor asked for notes to be sent to <u>office@fcaministers.com</u> and we will post them on Google docs.

Ralston Evans said that he had never thought of becoming an endorsing church until the issue was brought up today. He asked if it would be feasible for those that are currently endorsing churches could help raise up some of their endorsed ministers to become endorsing churches. He said the idea came from Earl Toews. Trevor agreed that is something that has been talked about and will look into how we can implement it.

Jim Reimer suggested creating a template to offer to the endorsing church and to suggest they have meetings once a month. We could have them submit a report as a way to connect with one another so that we can get to know one another. Make it easier to connect.

MM 21.02.18-12 **Closing:** Trevor asked the group to invite those who are not involved yet to join our monthly meetings so that we can have an increase in membership participation.

He thanked the group for joining.

Adjourned at 5:30 PM MT.

### The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 18, 2021, at 9:00 AM MT.

Minutes submitted by Leslie Pamenter, Recording Secretary.