

Minutes

The 73rd District Conference of the Central Canadian District

MISSISSAUGA CHINESE ALLIANCE CHURCH, Mississauga, Ontario

Tuesday, June 5, 2007, 1:30 p.m.

Conference Business

1. We began our conference with a time of worship. Afterwards, delegates were welcomed and introduced to this year’s theme of “Journey” by Dr. Steve Conway, our Assistant District Superintendent. Delegates were invited to interact briefly on their own spiritual journeys.
2. Moderator Rev. David Freeman explained procedural details for the conduct of business and the round table discussions. He then called the meeting to order.
3. **Report of the Committee on Program**
The Agenda was displayed via data projector. Its adoption was **MOVED** and seconded and **CARRIED**
4. **Report of the Committee on Committees**
It was **MOVED** and seconded that the persons presented by the DEXCOM be appointed to the committees. The motion was **CARRIED**.
5. **Report of the District Superintendent**
District Superintendent Dr. Ron Bonar was called upon to present his report. Dr. Bonar highlighted his report, specifically focusing on three areas:
 - Growing leaders
 - Growing healthy churches, and
 - Growing the harvest

At several points throughout the report, Rev. Brent Farquhar led delegates to pray together for these key areas.

Dr. Bonar concluded his report by reinforcing our need to commit to our call make disciples of Christ and our President, Dr. Franklin Pyles led in prayer. It was **MOVED** and seconded that the report be forwarded to the appropriate committee. **CARRIED**
6. Following a number of announcements by the Moderator, a brief recess was declared.
7. Upon reconvening business, a number of special guests were welcomed including: Rev. Richard and Hope Reichert, Rev. Michel Dubé, Dr. Mark Chapman from Ambrose University College – Toronto, and Mr. Gordon Nelson

who will soon serve in our district to assist our church members in planning their charitable gift donations.

8. Partial Report of the Nominating Committee

The first reading of the report of the Nominating Committee was called for and read by committee secretary, Rev. Brian Reynolds.

9. Report of the District Executive Committee

DEXCOM Secretary, Rev. Doug Doyle, **MOVED** that the entire report be directed to the appropriate committees for their consideration. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**

10. Report of the President

Our moderator invited Dr. Franklin Pyles to highlight his report. He **MOVED** and it was seconded that the written report be directed to the appropriate committees for their consideration. The motion was seconded and **CARRIED**

An audio/visual presentation followed highlighting several things related to both the unchanging and changing faces of Alliance missions.

11. Following a number of announcements by the Moderator, the Business Session was adjourned at 4:45 p.m. and the delegates were dismissed for dinner.

Wednesday, June 6, 2007, 9:30 a.m.

Conference Business

1. At the conclusion of the morning worship session, Moderator David Freeman called the meeting to order and read through the day’s agenda. It was **MOVED** and seconded that the agenda be adopted. **CARRIED**

2. Report of Ambrose University College

Dr. George Durance was invited to highlight his report. He shared many highlights relating to:

- the development of the new campus
- the name change of the school
- changes to the manner in which AUC offers ministry training and life-long learning to and within local churches

In conclusion, Dr. Durance thanked our district churches for their ongoing support, prayer, and engagement in the process of developing AUC. It was **MOVED** and seconded that the report be referred to the appropriate committees. **CARRIED.**

3. At 10:00 a.m., the business session was recessed so that delegates could attend to committee work in round table sessions.

4. Following the recess for committee work, Moderator David Freeman called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.

5. Report of the Committee on Finance

The report of the Committee on Finance was called for and read by Secretary Mrs. Jane Morrison. The following recommendations were moved:

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE RECOMMENDATION # 1

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the circulated audited financial statements for the Central Canadian District and for CAMA Woodlands for the year ending March 31, 2007 be approved.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE RECOMMENDATION # 2

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the budget for the Central Canadian District for the year ending March 31, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE RECOMMENDATION # 3

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the budget for CAMA Woodlands for the year ending March 31, 2008 be approved.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE RECOMMENDATION # 4

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That DEXCOM be directed to consider allocating funds in the 2008/2009 budget for the support of pastoral care and crisis intervention.

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the report of the Committee on Finance be adopted.

CARRIED

6. Report of the Committee on Nominations

The second reading of the report of the Nominating Committee was called for. Committee secretary, Rev. Brian Reynolds read the report and reminded delegates that biographical sketches are available for their consideration. There were no additional nominations to the positions of Secretary, Treasurer, DEXCOM members, the Committee on Nominations for 2008 General Assembly, the Committee on Nominations for the 2009 District Conference, and the tellers and so the Moderator declared that nominations for all these positions be closed.

The Moderator called for the immediate election of tellers.

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the ballot be waived and the nominated delegates for the position of Teller be elected.

CARRIED.

7. DEXCOM chairman, Brendon Stacey, was granted a point of privilege to make a statement on behalf of the DEXCOM. He read:

“DEXCOM has unanimously agreed to make the following statement.

An administrative action taken by our district superintendent was of a serious enough nature that the chairman and secretary of DEXCOM brought the issue to the attention of our president for investigation.

The president conducted an investigation as the supervisor of the D.S. and responded back through a letter to the chairman who reported that letter to the DEXCOM.

DEXCOM, on receiving that letter, undertook long and prayerful deliberation. DEXCOM decided that additional action was necessary and made the following motion passed by majority vote:

“In response to the situation outlined in a letter to DEXCOM from President Pyles we recommend that the resignation offered by Ron Bonar be accepted.”

The president complied with this motion.”

Discussion for clarification of this statement ensued and an additional meeting for clarification of this matter, to be led by Dr. Pyles, was scheduled for 4:00 p.m. this afternoon.

8. Following a few announcements by the Moderator, the Business Session was adjourned at 4:00 p.m. and the delegates were dismissed.

Thursday, June 6, 2007, 11:00 a.m.

Conference Business

1. Moderator David Freeman reminded delegates that the business session is part of the spiritual journey of our district and an opportunity to see the hand of God at work. He implored delegates to pray that God’s spirit of unity and fellowship would be evident throughout the day. Following prayer by Solomon Chiang, the Moderator then called the meeting to order and read through the day’s agenda.

Rev. Dan Ralph **MOVED** and it was seconded that an additional item of exhortation be added to the agenda. **CARRIED**

The motion to adopt the agenda, as amended, was **CARRIED**.

2. **Report of the Committee on Education**

The Report of the Committee on Education was called upon to submit its report. Chair Mr. Nathan Barnes read the report and made the following recommendations:

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION RECOMMENDATION # 1:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the interim goal of one trained coach for every Network be referred to the District Superintendent with a report back at the next District Conference.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION RECOMMENDATION # 2:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That there be increased communication, support and direction from the district office to the Network facilitators in order that the Networks increase in accountability, intentionality and effectiveness.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION RECOMMENDATION # 3:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That a system be developed by district administration to allow the easy exchange of resources between district churches.

CARRIED

Moderator David Freeman took a moment to explain some of the rules and procedures of discussion and debate within a formal business session.

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the report of the Committee on Education be adopted.

CARRIED.

3. **Report of the Committee on Church Ministries**

Moderator David Freeman called for the Report of the Committee on Church Ministries to submit its report. Chair Greg Fryer read the report and made the following recommendations:

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MINSTRIES RECOMMENDATION # 1:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That every church develop a clear plan for spiritual formation (deeper life) so that everyone continues moving forward in their spiritual journey.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MINISTRIES RECOMMENDATION # 2:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the district administration ensure that the definition, understanding and assessment of a “Healthy Church” be clarified and communicated within and throughout all of the CCD churches.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MINISTRIES RECOMMENDATION # 3:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That district administration increase the development and promotion of Intra Church (or sister church) Networks to facilitate the sharing and multiplication of resources, ideas and strategies.

CARRIED.

The whole report of the committee on Church Ministries was opened for discussion and a delegate **MOVED** an additional recommendation. The recommendation stated:

“That as soon as possible after conference that COMMITTEE ON CHURCH MINISTRIES RECOMMENDATION #1 be communicated to the churches.”

The motion was seconded.

LOST.

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the report of the Committee on Church Ministries be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Following a series of announcements by the Moderator, the business session was recessed at 12:00 p.m.
5. The Business session was reconvened at 1:30 p.m. and our Moderator David Freeman called us to order and noted that elections will be held at 1:30 p.m.
6. **Report of Committee on Credentials**
The Moderator read the Report of Committee on Credentials, noting that the number of Official Delegates is 89, of Lay Delegates is 20 for a total of 109 delegates.

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the report of the Committee on Credentials be adopted.

CARRIED.

7. **ELECTIONS**

a. **DEXCOM**

The Moderator explained the process of election and then called for the election of the DEXCOM.

It was **MOVED** and seconded that the ballot be waived.

LOST.

Ballots were distributed and votes cast. The election for positions to DEXCOM was declared closed.

b. **General Assembly 2008 Nominating Committee**

The moderator called for the election of the General Assembly 2008 Nominating Committee.

It was **MOVED** and seconded that the ballot be waived.

CARRIED.

- **Darryl Buckle, Duncan MacDonald, Kendle Schmitke, and Ming Wong were declared elected to the Committee on Nominations for General Assembly 2008.**

c. **District Conference 2009 Nominating Committee**

The moderator called for the election of the District Conference 2009 Nominating Committee.

It was **MOVED** and seconded that the ballot be waived.

CARRIED.

- **Brian Reynolds, Jack Ninaber, and Faith Lee were elected to the Committee on Nominations for District Conference 2009.**

In preparation for a vote for district superintendent, the Moderator gave specific instructions and took questions on procedure from delegates. He then invited Dr. Ron Bonar to address conference delegates for up to 15 minutes. Following Dr. Bonar’s address, delegates were given 15 minutes to prayerfully reflect and discern God’s wisdom and direction in preparation for their vote. The Moderator then called for the ballots to be distributed and a vote was cast. The election District Superintendent was declared closed.

8. **Report of the Committee on Missions (Multiplied Harvest)**

Moderator David Freeman called for the Report of the Committee on Missions to submit its report. Secretary Rev. Dan Degaris read the report and made the following recommendations:

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS RECOMMENDATION # 1:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That we will, as local churches, continue to cooperate with the District Missions Consultant (DMC) in the promotion of adult short term mission trips from within the local church and from among regional Alliance Churches.

CARRIED.

COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS RECOMMENDATION # 2:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That we will, as local churches, cooperate with the DMC in the development and implementation of greater opportunities for our youth and college students to participate in short term mission trips as a way of developing a lifelong commitment to missions.

CARRIED.

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the report of the Committee on Missions be adopted.

Steve Kerr presented the following motion from the floor to be added to the report of the Committee on Missions:

RECOMMENDATION:

It is **MOVED** and seconded

That a system be developed by District Administration to enable and encourage Alliance Church members to fund viable Church Multiplication Projects in the CCD.

CARRIED.

The motion to adopt the report of the Committee on Missions was **CARRIED.**

9. **Report of the Committee of General Legislation**

Moderator David Freeman called for the Report of the Committee on General Legislation to submit its report. Secretary Hennie Cawthra read the report.

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the text of the recommendations that would be forwarded to DEXCOM be added to the report of the Committee on General Legislation.

CARRIED

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That the report of the Committee on General Legislation be adopted.

CARRIED

10. Rev. Dan Ralph was invited to share his recommendation for the delegates.

RECOMMENDATION:

It was **MOVED** and seconded

That District Conference urges the District Executive Committee, the District Superintendent and our President to find better methods of conflict resolution when it comes to issues involving district office personnel, such as a Christian Reconciliation Ministry.

A substitute motion was **MOVED** and seconded to amend the recommendation. It read: That District Conference request the DEXCOM to create a conflict management system within this district and a conflict resolution team.

LOST

The original **MOTION** was returned to the floor.

That District Conference urges the District Executive Committee, the District Superintendent and our President to find better methods of conflict resolution when it comes to issues involving district office personnel, such as a Christian Reconciliation Ministry

CARRIED.

11. The Moderator called for a motion to refer the reading of the Minutes of the Business Sessions of District Conference 2007. Conference Secretary Rev. Allan Langlois **MOVED** that the reading of the Minutes be waived and that they be referred to DEXCOM to be examined, corrected if necessary, approved and added to the official record of District Conference, 2007. The motion was seconded.

CARRIED.

12. **Report of the Tellers**

The Moderator called for the report of the teller.

DEXCOM

90 ballots were cast

3 votes were received for individuals not on the ballot

- **Allan Langlois was declared elected as DEXCOM Secretary.**
- **Darryl Chapman was declared elected as DEXCOM Treasurer.**
- **Jacob Birch, Tim Brown, Dan Degaris, Brent Farquhar, Greg Fryer, and Brian Reynolds were declared elected as Members of DEXCOM.**

DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

91 ballots cast

47 votes were required for a 50% + 1 vote. Thus, as there were 52 in favour 39 opposed:

➤ **Dr. Ron Bonar was declared elected as District Superintendent.**

13. The Moderator offered thanks to a number of people for their work at District Conference 2007.

Steve Conway thanked our Moderator, David Freeman, on behalf of the conference delegates.

14. **15-Year Service Awards**

Our District Superintendent presented each of: **Moe Gillard, Ram Kalap, Orlando Olano, and Brian Reynolds** with a 15-year service awards.

15. **25-Year Service Awards**

Our President presented Mike Wilkins with a 25-year service award.

16. President Pyles invited our new District Leadership to the stage. Dr. Bonar shared a few words and then Dr. Pyles led delegates in prayer.

17. Following a time of worship the business session was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Allan Langlois,
Conference Secretary,