

Some key motions and resolutions by delegates at the Edmonton 2006 Mennonite Church Canada Assembly

MOTION: The delegates of MC Canada resolve that we help to build a strong scripture foundation for our church by:

- choosing a single foundational scripture
- using these texts
- developing

Moved by Resolution Committee/Randy Klassen

Carried with 10 opposition.

MOTION: The delegates of MC Canada resolve that the foundational scripture for Mennonite Church Canada be 1 Cor 3:11 (NRSV translation).

Moved/Seconded: Resolutions Committee / Ron Braun

Carried with 20 opposition.

MOTION: Be it resolved that Mennonite Church Canada delegates affirm that Area Conferences who establish categories for congregational membership that do not automatically include membership in Mennonite Church Canada, do not affect or jeopardize their own membership status nor the membership of its “constituent congregations” in Mennonite Church Canada.

Moved/Seconded: Esther Peters/Rudy Baergen

AMENDMENT: Be it further resolved that mc Canada establish categories for congregational membership that do not automatically include membership in area conferences.

No discussion.

Moved/Seconded: Franz Wiebe/ JD Penner

Defeated.

Ballot was called for.

234 yes; 58 no, 4 abstained.

Carried.

MOTION 9: The delegate assembly approves the budget presented for the fiscal year ending January 31, 2007, as well as the projected budgets presented for fiscal year ending January 31, 2008.

Moved/Seconded: Esther Peters/Steve Plenert

Carried

Conscientious Objector Status Resolution

Whereas the government of Canada

- Is moving Canada's military from peacekeeping duties to direct military interventions
- Is significantly increasing spending for the military
- And whereas current legislation forces conscientious objectors to contribute to the military budget through taxation

Be it resolved that this assembly mandate the General Board to make representation in consultation with our partners (for example: Mennonite Central Committee, Project Ploughshares) to the Government of Canada, urging the government to enact legislation which would allow conscientious objectors to direct the military portion of their taxes to activities of development and peace.

Moved/Seconded: Harold Peters-Fransen / Willie Friesen

Carried with 5 oppositions

Resolution of Thanks

We recognize the significant amount of organization and work necessary for a successful assembly. This week we have been inspired and challenged. We have worked together and played together. We have listened to stories, sung of our faith and made progress in being *God's People Now!*

- Thank you to the staff of MC Canada and to every person on each committee that planned this assembly.
- Thank you to the local congregations who have welcomed and embraced us with open arms, and for their many hours of careful planning and implementation.
- Thank you to those who planned and resourced the Ministers' Conference and those who assisted in providing transportation, child care and food for the body.
- Thank you to the many volunteers who always greeted us cheerfully and provided information and direction as needed.
- Thank you to the DVBS Troup and child care workers who eased our minds and provided learning and entertainment for our children.
- Thank you to all the members of the boards and councils and especially the Moderator and the General Secretary.

- Thank you to the leaders of worship and those who spoke words of exhortation and inspiration to us.
- Thank you to the seminar leaders who educated and informed us.
- Thank you to the staff of the Delta Hotel and Coast Terrace Inn for their consideration of our needs.

All have contributed tirelessly to the ongoing work of being *God's People Now!*

Affirmed with round of applause.
