

Voters Meeting Minutes: April 11, 2021 (as approved 11-1-2022)

Subject/Purpose: Special meeting to consider calling Pastor Michael Eckelkamp as Director of Ministries (DoM)

Place: South Ministry Center

Day/Date: Sunday, April 11, 2021

Time: 12:30 PM

Duration: 1 hr. 10 min.

Chair: Tom Lorenz

Recorder/Secretary: Rick Stowell

Participants: ☒ indicates attendance

LLB Members: ☒ Tom Lorenz (Chair), ☐ Vacant (Vice-Chair), ☒ Rick Stowell (Secretary), ☐ Kyle Kaldahl (Treasurer, NV)

☒ Chris Cox, ☒ Heidi Cuca, ☒ Jud Jesske, ☒ Jeff Lake ☒ Gary Pickering, ☒ Kristy Plander, ☒ Shayla Reed

Call Committee: ☒ Tony Saeger (Chair), ☒ Chris Cox, ☒ Heidi Cuca, ☒ Mark L'Heureux, ☒ Tom Lorenz ☒ Gary Pickering,

☒ Kristy Plander, ☒ Shayla Reed, ☒ Rick Stowell, ☐ Ryan Wittman

Congregational members signed in for voting purposes.

Desired Outcome of the meeting: Extend call to Rev. Michael Eckelkamp as Director of Ministries

Agenda

Call to order / Opening prayer Chair Tom Lorenz called meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.
Pastor Luke Schnake gave opening prayer.

Business Item:
(led by)

Purpose: Inform/Discuss/Decide

Notes provided prior to meeting

Expected Duration

1. DoM call (Tom L. and Tony S.)

Decision on extending a pastoral call to Rev. Michael Eckelkamp

Discussion:

Introductory items:

- Tom highlighted background of the search and the purpose for this meeting.
- Tony described the DoM position and highlighted the responsibilities under the position description.
- Tom then highlighted the strengths of Christ Lincoln and stated how the DoM will function to build upon and direct continued growth and ministry.
- Kristy walked through the call committee process.
- Tony elaborated on Pastor Eckelkamp's background and strengths.

Q&A:

- Preaching at congregations: what will that look like? Tony explained the intent for the DoM to preach at all locations on a periodic basis, but not to be an every-week, campus pastor. Pastors Schnake and Reek will continue to preach on a vacancy pastor basis in Sanctuary worship.
- How did we arrive at who would be the optimal fit? Kristy and Tom responded: Key strength areas for Rev. Eckelkamp were relational strengths, focus on pastoring our staff (n=187).
- Remarks were made endorsing the process and/or Pastor Eckelkamp. Paul Peter described the pre-call study that was conducted under his leadership and his positive perspective on the call committee's transition from searching for a 'lay member CEO-type' individual to a called minister with high-level administrative skills.

Votes:

- Jud Jesske moved (Heidi Cuca 2nd) that Christ Lincoln extend a call to Rev. Michael Eckelkamp to be Director of Ministries. Motion carried by ballot vote (over 80% of 120 ballots cast).
- Curt Snoberger moved (Michael Jank 2nd) to extend the call to Michael Eckelkamp as a unanimous vote. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Decisions/Recommendations: Approved calling Rev. Michael Eckelkamp as Director of Ministries.

Adjourn / Closing prayer: Pastor Schnake closed us with prayer at 1:40 p.m.