



**MNO SYNOD COUNCIL  
E-MAIL VOTE  
Wednesday, December 13, 2017  
Manitoba/Northwestern Ontario Synod**

The meeting was called to order by Heather Howdle (Chair).

The following were in attendance:

Bishop Elaine Sauer  
Neil Miller (Treasurer)  
Carol Janke (Secretary)  
Haakon Dagsvik  
Jim Mair  
Tom Brook  
Linda Hettrick  
Matthew Diegel  
Bart Coleman  
Diana Fosty

**MSC SC 2017 20E**

**that Synod Council accept the Governance Committee's updated December 2017 draft of the Canadian Mission's Committee and the Global Companion Committee's terms of reference as attached.**

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Janke  
Secretary

## STANDING COMMITTEES of MNO SYNOD COUNCIL

### Terms of Reference (Updated December 2017)

*Please refer to Committees of Synod Council Policy adopted by SC 72-09-20 for generic responsibilities and other governance stipulations (e.g., reporting to Synod Council, budget submissions, appointment of sub-committees and task forces) that apply to all committees of synod council.*

*Committee chairs are responsible for notifying the Synod Council Chair when a vacancy occurs in committee membership.*

#### **Canadian Missions Committee**

The Committee for Mission shall consist of **at least four but no more than six members**. The Assistant to the Bishop shall provide staff support to the committee. The committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) provide guidance and assistance to congregations and pastors in new ways of community engagement and witness;
- b) seek new opportunities for mission development in the MNO Synod. Assist in planning, establishing and supporting new congregations and special ministries, and in organizing new congregations;
- c) vision and suggest strategies for mission work in developing special interest, isolated, urban, rural, and town and country ministries;
- d) review applications and approve grants for mission-based initiatives.

#### **Global Companion Committee**

The Global Mission Committee exists to carry out our partnership with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon (EELC). The terms of reference are to be revised in the future should the scope change.

The committee shall consist of at least **four but no more than six members**. The Mission Consultant shall provide staff support to the committee and act as liaison between the committee and the synod council.

The committee shall have the following responsibilities:

- a) promote and build awareness within the MNO SYNOD of our partnership with the EELC;
- b) provide leadership on the agreed-upon areas of partnership with the EELC, striving for mutuality in sharing gifts, offering support and learning together;
- c) provide opportunities for face-to-face relating with our partners, Global Mission exposure trips, partnership trips in either direction (Canada/Cameroon), etc.;
- d) provide assistance with the planning of travel, applicant selection, orientation and debriefing;
- e) oversee the synod's partnership with "Kids in Cameroon" through the Protestant Hospital in Ngaoundéré