**NORTHERN ALBERTA DIACONAL CONFERENCE**

**OF Classis Alberta North CRC**

**GENERAL BOARD MEETING -- minutes**

7:00 pm – Thursday, February 10, 2022 via Zoom link

In attendance: Anja, Wilma, Marg, Lucinda, Jesse, Erika, Genny, Karissa, Luuk, Keith, Lynette, Margo, Ritta and Theresa.

1. **OPENING:** Welcome – Wilma McLaughlin
2. **DEVOTIONS:** – Diaconal Ministries Canada – Lucinda – Listening to God’s voice; Diaconal Ministries devotional series from 2021. www.diaconalministries.com
3. **INTRODUCTIONS:** What gives you joy/ who would you like to hold up in prayer?
4. **AGENDA:** Review and adopt agenda – any additions? No additions
5. **MINUTES:** adopt October 7, 2021 Board Minutes (additions, corrections, deletions?) Adopted as presented.
6. **BUSINESS:**
   1. Anja Attema (Financial Life Coach) [www.anjaattema.com](http://www.anjaattema.com) [anjafinancialcoach@gmail.com](mailto:anjafinancialcoach@gmail.com) (see video of presentation at [www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc](http://www.classisalbertanorth.ca/nadc) )
   2. NADC advisory committee members needed – consider asking someone in your congregation who is passionate for justice and other diaconal service. They do not have to be an ordained deacon to serve in this role. Contact yournadc@gmail.com
7. **REPORTS:**
   1. World Renew – no representative, news shared of Canadian director Ida Kaastra-Mutoigo taking a new job in the US.
   2. Diaconal Ministries Coach – Lucinda Klapwyk & Marg Hoogland updated their activities and availability to connect with church diaconates and chairs for resourcing and training. Lucinda for Edmonton area and north, Marg for Central Alberta.
   3. Cuba Connection – John Strikwerda was not available but see updates on the classis website. www.classisalbertanorth.ca
   4. NADC Consultant – Jesse Edgington – Reported on the Day of Encouragement, Hearts Exchanged, refugee sponsorship news and activities to come in the new year. See upcoming classis reports in March for more details.
8. **CARING AND SHARING:** Sharing joys and concerns – This time of round table check in is the opportunity for deacons to share what is happening within their ministry involvement and diaconates or express personal joys or concerns.

**-**We enjoyed hearing about plans to gather representatives from many churches refugee committees to help share and learn from each other. Trinity was interested in getting connected in this way and Lucinda will be in touch. St. Albert was blessed to again distribute Christmas hampers and connect with the church and community around them. Woody Nook deacons have done the background work to be able to offer micro loans to the community and look forward to seeing if this opportunity can be a blessing and grow. Connections to partner ministries continue as well, like the one West End has with the Christian Care Centre and north end churches have with the Mosaic Centre. New refugee sponsors have arrived to churches like the River, Inglewood and Fellowship.

1. **CLOSING Prayer:** Next meeting date: May/June 2022

Common Abbreviations: CAN: Classis AB North. CIC: Classical Interim Committee. DOE: Day of Encouragement.

DMC: Diaconal Ministries Canada. WR: World Renew. DRS: Disaster Response Services.