Community of Christ in Canada

Canada Mission Centre Organizational Meeting

2026 Online Organizational Meeting
Saturday, January 17, 2026
MINUTES

Meeting Chair: **Apostle Shannon McAdam**

1. **Call to order** (12:42 pm Pacific)

   Opening prayer (Apostle Lachlan MacKay)

2. **Greetings to the Conference**

   Janeé Grover, member of the First Presidency and counselor to the president, Apostle Lachlan MacKay and Apostle Art Smith.

3. **Voting system test**

   The meeting will follow the guidance of an All Member Conference which is the default voting procedure for Mission Centre Conferences. Members of a Canadian congregation or non-resident members (membership is with the Mission Centre) can vote in this conference. Voting will take place using Poll Everywhere or at an in-person location where votes will be counted.

4. **Motion to Approve Conference Officers**

   Resolved,

   a. That **Shannon McAdam**, Apostle, preside over this conference.

   b. That **Lisa Neudorf** be Secretary of the Conference.

   c. That **Darrel Kennedy** be Parliamentarian for the Conference.

   Moved: Sandra Hunter (Non-Resident). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-001**

5. **Approval of Agenda**

   Resolved, That the Agenda for the Canada Mission Centre Business Meeting for January 17, 2026, be approved as circulated (or, as amended).

   Moved: Leandro Palacios (Toronto). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-002**

   In agenda item 7(e), Sariah Middleton should be correctly described as Sariah Boeve-Middleton.

6. **Approval of Minutes from previous meetings**

   a. ***Resolved,*** That the Minutes of the Canada West Mission Centre Business Meeting of September 13, 2025, be approved as circulated (or, as amended/corrected).

b. ***Resolved,*** That the Minutes of the Canada East Mission Centre Business Meeting of September 20, 2025, be approved as circulated (or, as amended/corrected).

Moved: John Hamer (Toronto). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-003**

7. Mission Centre Appointments

a. Mission Centre Financial Officer and Mission Centre President

Resolved, That **Sam Smalldon** be sustained as Canada Mission Centre President of Record and Financial Officer. *Submitted by First Presidency*

Moved: Vonda DenBoer (LaSalle Rd). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-004**

b. Counsellors

Resolved, That **Vonda DenBoer, John Hamer, Leandro Palacios,** and **Lanette Vawter** be sustained as counsellors to the Mission Centre President.

Counsellors have program roles and will work together with Sam as the Mission Centre Leadership Team. The specific program roles are Lanette Vawter (Director of Leadership Development), Leandro Palacios (Director of Communications), John Hamer (Director of Outreach & Innovative Mission), Vonda DenBoer (Director of Camping & Campgrounds).

Moved: Sam Smalldon (Calgary). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-005**

c. Historian

Resolved, That **John Hamer** and **Stephen Thompson** be sustained as Mission Centre Historians.

Moved: Riley Malott (Wabash). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-006**

d. Recorder

Resolved, That **Janine McCully** and **Heather Huffman** be sustained as Mission Centre Recorders.

Moved: Bryce Taylor (Gathering Place). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-007**

e. Mission Centre Council

Resolved, That **Jae Senga, Jada Middleton, Sandra Hunter, Bryce Taylor, Karen Hewitt, Sariah Boeve-Middleton**, and **Riley Malott** be sustained as the Mission Centre Council.

Moved: Lanette Vawter (Vancouver). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-008**

8. Financials and Budget

a. Consideration of 2026 Proposed Budget amalgamation.

***Resolved**:* That the Canada West Mission Centre Budget for 2026 and Canada East Mission Centre Budget for 2026 be combined to form one Canada Mission Centre budget to be approved as presented.

The budgets which were approved at CWM and CEM Mission Conferences in the Fall of 2025 including all revenue and expenditure lines will remain the same, the motion is to simply amalgamate the two budgets.

Moved: Sam Smalldon (Calgary). Seconded. **Carried CMC 2026-009**

9. **Adjournment** (1:43 pm Pacific)