



## EVANGELICAL FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

An Evangelical Covenant Church of Canada

"We strive to follow, love & share Jesus by being a community of care"

### Summary of the Congregation Information Meeting Minutes - September 7, 2022

- A brief synopsis of EFC's pastoral search process was presented, leading up to inviting Pastor Manfred Boller to candidate on July 17 and September 4.
- Pastor Manfred's characteristics and strengths would help support EFC's strategic vision and goals. Pastor Manfred has a passion for mentorship, discipleship, and relationship/community building. He has background in street ministry and being a connections pastor. He is action oriented, a good story teller and a good teacher & preacher.
- Pastor Jesse has many strengths, displayed growth & has much potential. He helped shape Church Council policies and processes, streamlined Council meetings, and assisted with strategic planning. Pastor Jesse has much enthusiasm & love for EFC, and visiting congregants is one of his favourite activities. He has also already done much to build relationships between EFC and the Queen Alexandra neighbourhood and the Old Strathcona district, and he engaged in various outreach activities that are having positive results.
- Pastor Jesse & Pastor Manfred would be a good a team that would help us reach our local community, try new ideas, and go where God is guiding us. Through achieving those goals, EFC will hopefully also experience revitalization and growth.
- Council confirmed that the church is able to support two full-time pastors at this time. It is hoped that as EFC works towards its vision and goals, we would eventually increase our membership and thereby increase future offerings.
- According to the revised EFC Constitution, pastor contracts have no expiration/renewal date, and pastors are voted in and voted out by a majority of at least 2/3 of voters. One would expect a prospective pastor to prayerfully consider whether God is calling them to our church if there isn't a significant majority.
- Some congregants stated they would like a formal dress code for pastors. Others spoke out against a dress code because it might make the pastors seem less approachable to newcomers and make the church feel less inviting and less comfortable.
- A Voting Committee was established: Melissa Wood, Les Sather, Terry Neumann and Ian Wood. Voting will take place on September 7, 11 and 14. Each member in good standing will be given two ballots: one regarding offering Pastor Manfred a contract and one regarding amending Pastor Jesse's contract. The Voting Committee is charged with keeping the ballot box secure after the meeting and until the last vote is cast on September 14. The Voting Committee will count the ballots on September 14.

The complete approved minutes can be accessed on the EFC website at this location:

<https://www.efcedmonton.org/>. Click the "For Members" link at the top of the screen and sign in to the Guest Area with the password: EFC1953