

AGENDA

Annual General Meeting of Friends of the Centre for Christian Studies Canada Inc.

Thursday March 2, 2017 6:00-8:00 p.m. CST by phone

Educating leaders for compassion justice and transformation.

1. Opening
 - 1.1 Welcome, Attendance
 - 1.2 Worship and In Memoriam – Charlotte Caron
 - 1.3 Acceptance of Friends

MOTION: that all those present, not already a Friend of the Centre for Christian Studies (member of Council or committee, current student, current staff, graduate, donated in past two years, graduate of the Western Field-Based Program for Diaconal Ministry), be made a Friend of the Centre.
 - 1.4 Agenda Review
 - 1.5 Approval of Minutes of AGM February 18, 2016
 - 1.6 Business Arising from Minutes

2. Reports
 - 2.1. Business from Annual Report

Highlights :

 - i) Program Review
 - ii) New Branding Reveal: Del Sexsmith
 - iii) Search for Principal; Interviews March 13, 14:
 - iv) Confirmation of LTD approved for Ann Naylor
 - 2.2. Committee Reports Received for Information
 - 2.3. Financial Report – Tim Sale

MOTION: that the financial reports contained in the Annual Report be received.
MOTION: that the audited financial statements for 2016 be approved.
MOTION: that the Osborne Accounting Group be appointed as auditor for the year ending December 31, 2017
MOTION: that the current signing officers remain in effect until replaced by Central Council.
 - 2.4. Nominations Report – Bob Osborne on behalf of Carolynne Bouey Shank, Chair of Volunteer Recruitment and Support Working group

MOTION: that nominations for Central Council for the 2017 year be closed.
MOTION: that the slate of nominees for Central Council for 2017 be approved.
MOTION: that the slate of nominees for Committees and Working Groups be approved.

3. Tribute to Ann Naylor

4. New Business
5. Thank you
6. Closing Prayer – Charlotte Caron
7. Adjournment

WORSHIP for the 2017 Annual Meeting

Preparation and Centering

Leader: The Centre for Christian Studies is 125 years old this year. We gather tonight to give thanks to God for that rich heritage and to proclaim hope for the future.

We give thanks for the vision those who conceived the idea of a place for women to study and become prepared for mission work. We also give thanks for their hard work in teaching, feeding, housing the students, as well as offering medical, educational and poverty-reducing ventures to the women, children and men in the communities around them. And we give thanks for those women who were the earliest students—women who felt called to diaconal and missionary work at home and abroad.

Eastern Voice: We give thanks for the Anglican and United Churches which have supported the Centre for Christian Studies in its various manifestations over the past 125 years—starting as the Church of England Deaconess and Missionary Training House, the Methodist National Training School, and the Presbyterian Deaconess and Missionary Training Home--and transforming through various forms and names into the Centre for Christian Studies since 1970.

Ontario Voice: We give thanks for all of the teachers, administrators, council members and countless volunteers who have served CCS and its predecessors.

Winnipeg Voice: We give thanks for the great celebration for the 120th Anniversary of CCS—one of the rare occasions when a broad community of alumni/ae, former employees and friends gathered together to give thanks for all that CCS has meant in their lives and to the churches and world, and to give praise to God for CCS and each other.

Western Voice: Tonight we give thanks for the accomplishments of 2016. And we remember the lives of our colleagues who have died since the last Annual Meeting:

Margaret Avison, George Butler, Brad Elliott, Margaret Etter,
Nancy Fraser, Betty Garrett , BJ Klassen, Rolly MacLean,
Ruth McPhee, Violet Naylor, Junghee Park, Marjorie Powles,
Alison Sheppard, Doug Smith, Etta Snow, and Audrey Tobias.

Worship Leader: We give thanks for the current staff and students at CCS and for their vision of a world with just relations and well-being for all. We especially give thanks for the ministry of Ann Naylor—her dedication to CCS during her years in the United Church General Council office and of being on the staff at CCS, her wisdom, and her love of learners with whom she worked.

Everyone: May this rich heritage of all who have supported CCS in the last 125 years be remembered and sustained! Amen

Scripture: Matthew 13: 31-32

Reflection

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PRAYER at the conclusion of the meeting

Gracious God, bless the work done here this night. Place enough longing for justice, compassion and transformation in our hearts that we continue to work diligently and in good faith for CCS and its ministry.

And may we go from this meeting with a sense of well-being and companionship to rest this night in peace and begin again tomorrow to plant seeds growing toward hope, justice and the reign of God wherever we are able. Amen.