

PROVIDENCE REFORMED CHURCH OF WINNIPEG
COUNCIL MINUTES SUMMARY
April 7, 2021

1) **Devotions:** Tom Hordyk opened by reading 1 Thessalonians 5 and then led in prayer.

2) **Business Arising from Minutes/ New Business**

Additional insurance issues were discussed.

Reports for various members correspondence was given.

Nominations for Elders and Deacons were discussed. An announcement is to be placed in the bulletin requesting nominations from the congregation.

Prayer Day service is to be held Sunday, April 18th at 4PM.

Current services discussed. Pastor Anjema will continue to preach an extra service at 11:30 AM. Optimization of seating was discussed.

A policy regarding church use was approved.

Council Book Study: Chapter 5 of Faithful and Fruitful: *Elders and Deacons as Hospitality Leaders* was reviewed and discussed. We were reminded that hospitality is a major pathway to sharing the gospel, that we need to be outwardly focused and prepared for hospitality. Being hospitable is a qualification for office bearers. It was suggested that some office bearers be present in the foyer before services to greet and connect with members and visitors. Pastor Anjema will lead Ch 6: *Ministering to the Sick and Dying* at the next council meeting.

Correspondence:

Various mail received for information

Classis Western Canada Home Missions Committee newsletter about the ministry to Fort Hope, Ontario will be distributed to the congregation.

A job posting for *Cornerstone House Manager* will be posted on the bulletin board.

Uganda update received from Pastor James Folkerts

Letter received requesting more information regarding church use.

Reports:

Deacon Reports: Financial support is being provided to some members of the congregation. Monica DeRooy has been given an email address as church secretary: secretary@providencereformed.net. Church directory information is being updated for the new electronic church directory. Income tax receipts have been distributed. The deacons have contacted ushers to determine if they can resume their duties. The deacons will provide orientation for ushers regarding COVID-19 precautions and seating requirements. The deacons have sent out various cards to church members on behalf of council and the congregation.

Elder Reports: Elders continue to make contact with their districts.

Pastor's Report: Pastor Anjema continues to lead New Members classes. The baptisms of Bethann Kamstra and Isla Kamstra are scheduled for April 11 at 4PM. Pastor Anjema attended Classis Manitoba CanRc on March 26th. Various pulpit exchanges are planned.

Closing: Luke Vandenberg closed in prayer.