

# GENERAL CONFERENCE 2014 AGENDA

*"We have everything we need?!"* 2 Peter 1:3

## FRIDAY

## MAY 16, 2014

PM	3:00 - 6:30	<b>Registration</b>	<i>Dixon Room</i>
	4:30 - 5:30	<b>Newcomer Orientation</b>	<i>British Columbia Room</i>
	7:00 - 8:15	Worship <b>Dr. Will Willimon</b>	
	8:15 - 8:45	<b>Organize Conference</b> <b>Goals for General Conference</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Worship and pray</li> <li>• Inspire involvement/ Build momentum</li> <li>• Teach leaders/influencers</li> <li>• Build relationships</li> <li>• Celebrate diversity/accomplishments</li> <li>• Attend to matters of the Corporation</li> </ul>	
		<b><i>Nominating Committee report</i></b> ( <i>Election of the General Conference Secretary</i> )	
	8:45 - 9:45	<b>Study Team Resourcing Sessions</b> 1. Board of Administration/NLT	<i>Quebec Room</i>
		Prayer Room available 24 hours Ministry Centre office	<i>Hudson Bay Room</i> <i>Carlingview Room</i>

## SATURDAY

## May 17, 2014

AM	7:00	Cash and Carry breakfast in foyer	
	8:00 - 8:30	Worship/Prayer	
	8:30 - 9:15	Word: <b>Dr. Will Willimon</b>	
	9:15 - 10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Roll Call, orientation to the day</li> <li>• <b>Board of Administration/ National Leadership Team Report</b></li> </ul>	
	10:00 - 10:30	Coffee break	
	10:30 - 12:00	<b>Board of Administration/ National Leadership Team Report (continued)</b>	
PM	12:00 - 1:00	<b>Lunch</b>	
	1:00 - 1:45	Worship and Memorial Service	
	1:45 - 2:00	<b><i>Nominating Committee report</i></b> ( <i>Election of BOA, SCOD, NMEGaP</i> ) <b><i>Election of Bishop</i></b>	
	2:00 - 3:00	<b>Discussing Emerging Issues Identified in the Regional Gatherings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ministry to Children and Youth</li> <li>• Engaging with our Communities</li> <li>• Building Spiritual Passion together in our movement</li> </ul>	



- The FMCiC what do we need from it...does it need from us?

3:00 - 3:30	Coffee Break
3:30 - 4:45	<b>Discussing Emerging Issues (continued)</b>
4:45 - 5:00	<b>Announce results of elections – BOA, Committees, Bishop</b> Announcements
5:00 - 7:00	Dinner (on your own) (BOA caucus)
7:00 - 8:00	Word: <b>Dr. Will Willimon</b>

#### **Study Team Resourcing Sessions**

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| 1. Board of Administration                                     | <i>British Columbia Room</i> |
| 2. Developing Leaders for Today & Tomorrow Study Team (NMEGaP) | <i>Quebec Room</i>           |
| 3. Careful Thinking about God's Truth Study Team (SCOD)        | <i>Alberta Room</i>          |

## Sunday

May 18, 2014

AM	10:00 - 12:00	Worship Service Bishop – Message and Communion	
PM	12:00 - 2:30	Lunch (on your own) <b>Retirees Luncheon</b>	<i>The Forum</i>
	2:30 - 5:00	<b>Workshops and Displays</b> • 2:30 – 3:30 <b>Session 1</b> Workshops • 3:45 – 4:45 <b>Session 2</b> Workshops	
	5:00 - 6:30	Dinner (on your own)	
	7:00 - 8:30	Worship Service: “Love is an Orientation: <i>Starting a conversation about reaching different-from-me people</i> ”	

## Monday

May 19, 2014

AM	7:00	Cash and Carry breakfast in the foyer	
	8:00 - 8:30	Worship/Prayer	
	8:30 - 9:00	Word: Jennifer Wagar; Dennis Camplin; Jason Tripp	
	9:00 - 9:30	• Roll Call <b>“Careful Thinking About God’s Truth” Study Team Report</b> (Study Commission on Doctrine - SCOD)	
	9:30 - 10:00	Coffee Break	
	10:00 - 10:30	<b>“Careful Thinking About God’s Truth” Study Team Report</b>	
	10:30 - 11:30	<b>Recommendations from BOA, NMEGaP, SCOD</b>	
	11:30 - 11:45	<b>Foundations (Free Methodist Foundation, Lorne Park Foundation) Reports</b>	



	11:45 - 12:00	Announcements
PM	12:00 - 1:00	Lunch
	1:00 - 1:15	Worship
	1:15 - 2:45	<b>“Developing Godly, Competent Leaders for Today and Tomorrow” Study Team</b> (National Ministerial Education Guidance and Placement Committee-NMEGaP)
	2:45 - 3:00	Complimentary Resolutions – Miscellaneous
	3:00	Adjournment & closing worship

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## GLOSSARY OF TERMS (ACRONYMS)

**BOA** - Board of Administration

**NLT** - National Leadership Team

- Bishop Keith Elford
- Administrative Services – Mark Molczanski
- Church Health – Marc McAlister
- Church Planting – Jared Siebert
- Global and Intercultural Ministries – Dan Sheffield
- Personnel – Kim Henderson

**NMEGaP** - National Ministerial Education, Guidance and Placement Committee

**SCOD** - Study Commission on Doctrine

**CEUs** – One of The Free Methodist Church in Canada core values is life-long learning. Since September 2004, Continuing Education Units are required for all members of conference (except retired ministers) and all honorary members who have completed their tracking (Commissioned Ministers).

**ICCM** – International Child Care Ministries

**JDPAS** – Job Description Performance Appraisal System is a process used to evaluate the pastor according to the fulfillment of his/her job description

**LDP** – Leadership Development Plan is a parallel approach to the MEGaP process for discerning the suitability and readiness for candidates to be considered for credentialed ministry, where the local church helps carry the responsibility of conducting interviews in a timely manner

**LifePlan** is a user-friendly process developed to help churches evaluate their ministries. It is a cycle that focuses on six key areas. These involve research, prayer and fasting, conversations as a community, dreaming and planning, focusing the pastor’s job description according to the plan, and staying focused.

**Ministry Map** is a simple group exercise designed to discern where a church’s ministry energy is going. Once completed this overview shows areas of under focus and over focus which is helpful when navigating toward a more healthy profile.

**MCDUFF (Major Cities Designated Urban Footholds Fund)** is a fund established in 2005 to help urban churches get a foothold in the core of our major cities by subsidizing a portion of their rental expenses for a limited number of years.

**NCD - Natural Church Development** is a survey that churches use to measure eight characteristics of health within their congregations. It is one of several tools used for evaluating where the church is at when using the Lifeplan.

A **Network Leader** is a pastor who leads a group of pastors for the purposes of meeting on a regular basis for fellowship and encouragement, accountability, and the reviewing of five key themes.

A **Network Leader Mentor** coaches several Network Leaders, receives updates on the pastors and churches in their networks and communicates with the Bishop on how the networks are going.

**PLTF** – **P**astoral **L**eadership **T**ask **F**orce is chosen by the local board of a church in transition to work with the Director of Personnel in the selection process of a new lead pastor.

**SATT** – Systems Analysis Task Team