



Oct. 3, 2013

Dear BCC family,

EMCC (Evangelical Missionary Church of Canada) is encouraging the incorporation of all 150 of their churches, including BCC. This means BCC will become a legal entity as a registered society in Alberta under the Alberta Societies Act. Currently BCC is organized as a branch of EMCC after incorporation BCC will be legally separate from them but will still be a member of EMCC. For further information on the reasoning behind this please read the document “**Incorporation Template Notes**” found at the link below.

<http://www.beaumontcommunitychurch.ca/communicationevents/resources>

EMCC has a good process for churches to follow to complete the task of incorporating. BCC will be following these guidelines; using their documents, check lists and the bylaw template. The Elders have put together an Incorporation Committee to head this up, consisting of Bruce Archer (ex officio), Marlene Seutter, Elaine Roemmich and Sheila Hlushak.

Incorporating the church and drafting bylaws may not be the most exciting project to engage in, but it is a very important one. Although bylaws are legal documents that must meet certain technical requirements, and may seem restrictive and onerous, they exist to enhance an organization’s efficiency, not to impede it. The purpose of a bylaw is to provide internal rules and procedures, and if well-drafted and consistently followed, bylaws will help our organization operate smoothly, avoid litigation, and ultimately fulfill our church’s mission. This means on the outside or what you see and experience each Sunday will not change but what happens on the business end of operating the church will change.

As a go forward from here the Incorporating Committee will be meeting over the next 3-4 weeks and would like to invite all other interested parties to join the discussion. We are encouraging consistent attendance at all the meetings to help get the bylaws drafted. These can be scheduled around the group’s availability for dates and times; currently we are looking at Wednesday evenings at the church. If you have prior experience in a Society, would like to learn more or just feel the Lord leading you to become involved please email Sheila Hlushak treasurer@beaumontcommunitychurch.ca and we will make sure you are included in the emails and meeting notices.

We will be presenting the drafted bylaws to the congregation as a whole upon completion at a specially called meeting. The meetings we are inviting you to now will be to discuss and decide what will go into the bylaws to be presented to the church family.

Our first meeting will tentatively be next week (Oct. 9th) at 7 pm in the boardroom, please let us know ASAP if this is something you would like to be involved with and we can try to schedule to meet everyone’s availability.

In His service,

The Incorporation Committee;

Marlene, Elaine and Sheila

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