

1 Camps Working Group

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4 1) Questions Asked

5 a) The Camp Programmes Working Group will look at the camp programmes within the larger
6 national context of the church and develop a model for linking the camps to the overall mission
7 of the church.

8 b) In completing this task the Working Group will pay attention to the following questions.

9 i) In what ways might the camps be seen as part of a national strategy for leadership
10 formation?

11 ii) How do the camps name their most significant impact? How would the camps articulate
12 their core purpose? To what extent is there commonality across all the camps? What might
13 the camps articulate as the core common purposes of the camps?

14 iii) How can the camps help congregations be more missionally engaged? How do the camps
15 link the “God of camp” with the “God of the congregation?”

16 iv) Is there interest or need related to creating a national platform among the camps?

17 2) Guidance Given

18 a) The Working Group had several conversations. These focused around the questions of whether
19 there was interest in creating a national platform among the camps.

20 b) While there were some camps that might have had interest in such a platform, others saw no
21 need.

22 c) It was noted in a conversation between the chair of the working group and the transition
23 coordinator that there were already a number of platforms for connection

24 i) In those provinces with more than one camp, there were important relationships among
25 them.

26 ii) Mennonite Camping Association provides a cross border platform for interaction among the
27 MC Canada related camps as well as many others.

28 iii) The Christian Camping Association creates connections between the MC Canada related
29 camps and a much larger group of camps, both independent and affiliated with many other
30 denominations.

31 d) In light of these connections and differing needs, it was reported that there was insufficient
32 interest in creating an MC Canada related platform.

33 e) In light of this the Working Group did no more work on the other questions in the terms of
34 reference.

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