

Highlights from the January 2021 Charis Fellowship Council Meeting Online

Overview: The Charis Fellowship Council met online over two days due to COVID restrictions.

Tom Avey shared the devotional in his last meeting with the council. Tom retires after July 31, 2021. Tim Hodge is the new Charis Fellowship Coordinator

Groups council members met with executives of Charis Fellowship National Ministries separately to receive updates from those ministries. A representative from each group reported to the full council.

The Executive Director (Phil Sparling) shared concepts for the expansion of the Charis Fellowship national office.

MOTIONS PREVAILED

- to recognize the creation of the Eagle Commission as a separate corporation effective January 1, 2021, and approves the transfer of all funds held for the Eagle Commission to this new corporation and encouraged the Eagle Commission to seek official recognition as a National Ministry of the Charis Fellowship.
- to recommend the extension of Phil Sparling's term as Executive Director for one additional year since he got short-changed because of Covid.
- to approve a process for the granting of National Ministry status to ministries and approved some related amendments to the Manual of Procedure.
- to affirm that the Charis Fellowship Office become the central hub of communication and information for the Charis Fellowship.
- to affirm that the Charis Fellowship Office become the central hub for collaborative conversations regarding visionary thinking, strategic planning, and integrated communication for the Charis Fellowship.
- that as a means of moving the hub of Charis Fellowship communication and information into the Fellowship Office, and as a means of perpetuating the wonderful work BMH does within our Fellowship, the Fellowship Council requests that BMH, with all its entities, merge into and under the control of the Charis Fellowship Office.
- that as a means of moving the hub of Charis Fellowship Visionary Thinking, Strategic Planning, and Integrated Communication into the Fellowship Office, the Fellowship Council affirms pursuing the hiring of an additional staff person to carry out this expanded the role of the Fellowship Office.

In addition to the January 2021 online meeting, the Fellowship Council also met online on May 19 and on July 1 to continue discussions related to the BMH merger proposal, the hiring of an additional staff person for the Fellowship Office, and recommendations regarding two National Ministry applications.

- A MOTION PREVAILED to recommend to the delegates that ASSIST CHURCH EXPANSION and THE EAGLE COMMISSION each be given National Ministry status.