
Town Hall for the Review of Recommended Changes to the MBCM Constitution

October 27, 2021

At the end of October, a review team introduced and discussed recommended changes to our constitution with a group of MBCM moderators, pastors and leaders. This Town Hall was the first opportunity for the review team to receive feedback from you, members of the MBCM.

We really value your thoughtful contributions and discussion as it is opportunities like these that allow us to more accurately reflect the MBCM body. Below is a summary of what we heard.

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- Some of the language used in the recommended changes instigated by the need to align with the new CCMBC bylaws reads less like a body of the church and more like a need to align with 'right thinking.' Was this an intentional shift in language?
- Article 3
 - regarding congregations that are members of two denominations. This needs to allow for a clause that permits the already existing church(es) to remain.
 - Request for clarification on 'writing in members' section.
- A general request for guidance for local churches who are developing and adjusting their constitutions.
- A few questions regarding the composition, appointment and purpose of the Provincial Faith & Life Team.
 - The National Faith & Life team is listed in our constitution. Noting that change.
 - Can credentialed members of our churches join the PFLT? (if they are not pastors)
 - Potential PFLT members used to receive more input from the Assembly. Is the Leadership Board being given too much autonomy/responsibility in PFLT appointment?
 - Could the PFLT be overworked?
 - Does the PFLT exist to mainly open the scriptures or to resolve conflict?
- Noted that the MBCM Staff is smaller than it used to be – has there been a careful eye on what are healthy expectations?

For more information and understanding on these areas, please refer to our website mbcm.ca/constitution-review. You will find a handful of documents that you might find useful as well as the entire Town Hall recording.

