

# Joining another Denomination

## Discussion Point

### Article 3, Section 2.2 & Section 4.1 & 4.2

#### Point of Discussion

- First draft of the 2021 Constitution stated that a church could not be part of two denominations and that this would be grounds for termination either voluntary or automatic.

#### What we heard

- This current writing was too strict. We currently have churches a part of two denominations and there might be good reasons for others to choose this path.

#### How we are responding

- We created a "Grandfather Clause" to respond to Section 2.2 which states

2. A Congregation may not be a member of any other denomination. This does not apply to a Congregation that is already a member of another denomination on December 31, 2021.

- We have a clause in Section 3.2 under the title Automatic Termination of Membership that allows the Board to make exceptions:

"Unless granted special dispensation as acknowledged by a resolution passed by the Board, membership in The Manitoba Conference automatically terminates upon the occasion of any of the following events"

- This exception is important because it provides the decision to be made on the basis of relationship.