

## Northern Congregation Special Funding

### **Preamble:**

The Mennonite Brethren Church of Manitoba includes four northern congregations as self-supporting churches. All qualify for sending delegates to the conventions called by the conference, typically two per year. The Assembly of Congregations (our annual convention) usually happens in the late February / early March timeframe, alternating between a rural and a Winnipeg location. Churches elect or appoint delegates on a 1 per 15 members basis. The Council of Representatives convenes generally in October and includes the pastors, moderators (or equivalent) and one other member of the congregation. Agenda for both conventions is arranged by the Executive of the conference.

The Conference recognizes the additional effort and costs for delegates coming from northern congregations, and agrees to offer support and encouragement by way of an equalization grant.

### **It shall work by the following guidelines:**

1. Support for delegates: **\$100 per delegate** (including pastors) per convention.
2. Support for **transportation providers: \$350** per convention; limit to one vehicle per congregation, with an encouragement to pool as is reasonable.
3. Delegates will apply for this support from their congregations.
4. Payment to the congregations upon receipt of an invoice, providing the delegate names and transportation providers.

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