



**THE ALBERTA CONFERENCE**  
OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

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## Article I Name and Purpose

### 1.1 Official Name

The name of this corporation shall be “The Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches” (“Conference”).

### 1.2 Naming

This corporation may be referred to as “The Alberta Conference” and such reference shall be deemed to mean “The Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.”

### 1.3 Details of Incorporation

The Conference is incorporated by the 1957 Private Act, *An Act to Incorporate the Alberta Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches* (“the Act”) of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, c. 110, assented to on April 11<sup>th</sup>, 1957. The Act sets out the objects of the Conference, its power to make bylaws, the management of the Conference, the incidental powers of the Conference, the borrowing powers of the Conference, and matters pertaining to the investment of Conference funds. The Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference will comply with the provisions of the Act.

### 1.4 Purpose

The purpose of the Conference shall be to:

As defined by the Act (*see 1.3*), section 5, the objects of the Corporation (i.e. Conference) shall be:

- a) To promote, maintain, superintend and carry on in accordance with the doctrinal laws, constitution, acts and rulings of the Mennonite Brethren Church of North America, any or all of the work of that body,
- b) To acquire all the rights, properties and liabilities whatsoever of the Conference as presently constituted,
- c) To organize, maintain and carry on charities and missions and to erect, maintain and conduct therein churches, schools, Bible schools, colleges, orphanages, hospitals, homes for the aged, farms, residences, boarding schools and such other places or things as may be deemed advisable in order to further the work and purpose of the Corporation,
- d) To advance in any other lawful ways education, religion, charity and benevolence,
- e) To administer the property, business and other temporal affairs of the Corporation,
- f) To organize and carry on in furtherance of the lawful objects of the Corporation and not otherwise, the business of printing and publishing,
- g) To carry on home and foreign missionary work for the spread of the Gospel.

Our Mission Statement is “to multiply Christ-centered churches to see Alberta transformed by the good news of Jesus Christ.”

The activities of the Conference shall be carried on without the purpose of financial gain for its members, and any profits or accretions to the Conference shall be used in promoting its purposes. The core ministries are provincial expressions of the Canadian Conference.

- a) Building Community: Nurturing healthy relationships and partnership among our MB family of churches.
- b) Developing Leaders: Identifying, training and resourcing church leaders.
- c) Multiplying Churches: Planting new churches and helping existing churches to multiply.
- d) Resourcing Ministry: Providing the tools and resources necessary for churches to achieve their mission.

## **Article II Confession of Faith**

### **2.1 Confession of Faith**

The Confession of Faith of the Canadian Conference of MB Churches (“Canadian Conference”) shall serve as the Confession of Faith of the Alberta Conference. Neither the Alberta Conference nor its member churches (as defined in the General Operating Bylaws) shall pass or accept resolutions or practices which are in conflict with this Confession of Faith; all resolutions and practices shall be consistent with the understanding of the Bible developed under a community hermeneutic as reflected in this Confession of Faith.

## **Article III Amendments to the Constitution**

### **3.1 Amendment Procedure**

All proposed amendments to the Constitution shall be referred to the Executive Board. Before any amendment to the Constitution or Bylaw can proceed, the Executive Board must provide notice to member churches of the proposed amendment to the Constitution at least 60 days in advance of the meeting for the proposed vote on the amendment. Notice of motion for amendments to the Constitution with an accurate statement of the proposed amendment may be made at any Conference convention, for disposition at the next convention. The Constitution of the Conference may be amended by a two-thirds-plus-one vote of delegates at any convention of the Conference.

Quorum for any amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Conference shall be obtained when:

- a) there are number of voting delegates that is at least equal to twice the number of member churches in good standing;
- b) and the voting delegates represent at least 50% of member churches in the Conference;
- c) where no one church is allowed more than 20% of the delegates eligible to vote.

For example: If there are 20 member churches in good standing, then 40 voting delegates are needed where at least 10 different churches are represented by these delegates. If 40 delegates were present, no church is allowed more than 8 delegates.