



## **A CCMBC Governance Proposal for More Effective Missional Collaboration**

### **February 2026 update for Provincial Gatherings**

At Equip 2025 last October, the CCMBC Executive Board presented to attendees a governance proposal for discussion and initial feedback. Our November 2025 National Council engaged in further discussion, and the CCMBC Governance Committee has continued to develop the new model based on all the feedback received. We now bring this revised and updated proposal to the 2026 provincial gatherings for further input and feedback from our churches.

#### **Proposal in Summary**

The Executive Board is recommending that we, as a national family of churches, embrace the intended governance structure that was already accepted when the delegates approved the collaborative model in 2019 and the Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP) in 2021. The collaborative model and the CUSP made the member organizations full and voting members of CCMBC. In this new model, CCMBC is working increasingly behind the scenes like a logistics organization, facilitating and encouraging services, programs, and mission initiatives while the member organizations deliver these directly to local MB churches.

Our present governance structure already reflects the collaborative model in the Executive Board, National Ministry Team, and National Faith and Life Team composition; however, CCMBC's National Assemblies/AGMs do not, as they are a hybrid of church delegates and member organization delegates. In the Executive Board recommendation presented here, future National Assemblies/AGMs would be made up exclusively of member organization delegates. If this proposal is approved, local MB churches will still be full members of CCMBC, but they will be represented at CCMBC's National Assemblies/AGMs through their provincial conference delegates. This proposal recognizes that in recent years only 15 – 20% of member churches have been sending delegates to the National Assembly/AGM.

#### **1) What things will change if the delegates approve the CCMBC Governance Structure Proposal?**

All local MB churches in good standing with their provincial conference will continue to be members of CCMBC. That will not change. However, because of the 2019 decision that CCMBC is now a “conference of conferences” working primarily with its member organizations, when member church delegates affirm their provincial conference board members, they are also authorizing these board members to vote on their behalf regarding yearly CCMBC operations (e.g. reports, strategic plans, yearly budgets). These elected boards have representatives sitting on CCMBC's Executive Board, have delegates present at CCMBC's delegate assemblies (National Assembly/AGM), and have staff members present on both the National Ministry Team and the National Faith and Life Team. These member organization board members are the most well-informed to provide missional, financial, and program oversight and accountability for CCMBC.

If member churches have any concerns about CCMBC in any area (e.g., mission, finances, programs, etc.), church delegates can communicate those concerns to the duly elected board members of their provincial conference who have the responsibility of representing their member churches well in these accountability contexts. CCMBC has always existed – and will continue to exist – so that member churches (who make up the provincial conferences) can thrive and flourish as healthy disciple-making churches.

Some might be concerned that CCMBC is losing accountability to the member churches. However, the board members of each provincial conference (BCMB, ABMB, SKMB, MBCM, ONMB, AEFMQ) and from the member agencies (MB Seminary, Multiply, Legacy Fund) have the most at stake when it comes to ensuring that CCMBC functions faithfully to both its mission and its fiscal commitments. As a result, accountability should increase rather than decrease in this new model.

**2) Will local MB churches lose their ability to influence and speak into changes to the MB Confession of Faith?**

Because the MB Confession of Faith is essential in the covenant relationship of members in a member church—as well as in the covenant relationship of that member church to its provincial conference and to CCMBC—any revisions to the MB Confession of Faith are of great importance to the health and flourishing of these relationships.

**The Executive Board is recommending that any CCMBC bylaw change ensures that each and every local MB church in good standing with its provincial conference can speak into and vote on any recommended revision to the MB Confession of Faith.** This means that an “Extraordinary CCMBC Delegate Assembly” would be called to approve any MB Confession revision. This assembly would recognize duly appointed member church delegates (one pastor delegate per member church and one additional delegate per 25 members), as well as duly appointed member organization delegates, based on the composition for any regular CCMBC delegate assembly. In order to allow maximum Canada-wide participation, this extraordinary CCMBC delegate assembly would be held as either a hybrid (in-person and online) or online-only gathering. Any MB Confession of Faith amendment would need to be approved by a 2/3 majority of votes cast. The new bylaws would set a minimum quorum.

**3) How will the number of voting members for delegate assemblies be divided up between CCMBC’s various member organizations?**

For all CCMBC delegate assemblies, other than the extraordinary ones where a Confessional amendment is on the agenda, the voting members would be from the boards of the nine Member Organizations and from the Executive Board. The goal is to avoid political power dynamics while encouraging collaboration and the collective impact made possible when working together well. However, it is still important to recognize the differences between the two types of Member Organizations (provincial conferences and member agencies) and the significant variation in size between the provincial conferences. At the same time, CCMBC’s delegate assemblies must be a limited and manageable size (e.g., 30-40) so that they do not become such a burden on these boards that they are unable to find individuals willing to take on those roles.

**The Executive Board’s recommended model recognizes differences between member organization types (provincial conferences versus member agencies) and recognizes differences in size between provincial conferences.** This model begins with appointing two delegates to each of the nine member organizations but then gives the six provincial conferences additional delegates based on the number of member churches they oversee (e.g., 1-15 member churches plus 1; 16-23 plus 2; 24-40 plus 3; 41-50 plus 4; 51 and above plus 5). The Executive Board would be given four delegates to allow for participation by the four members of the Executive Committee (viz., Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Secretary, Treasurer).

If this proposal were to be approved, here is a chart showing the makeup of delegates for a regular CCMBC delegate assembly:

Legacy	MB Seminary	Multiply	BCMB	ABMB	SKMB	MBCM	ONMB	AEFMQ	Executive Board	Total
2	2	2	7	4	5	6	5	3	4	40

The quorum for a regular delegate assembly would be 67% or 27 of the maximum number of delegates (40).

**4) Will this change help produce stronger accountability for CCMBC so it doesn’t repeat some of the financial and budget mistakes made over the last decade?**

As many in our MB family know, at our National Assembly during Equip 2019, CCMBC openly shared the “Telling Our Financial Story” document which offered an apology for various funding decisions, shortfalls, and depletions of CCMBC’s reserves from 2013-2018. (A short summary report of that meeting is available [here](#).) CCMBC pledged to increase its financial and organizational transparency going forward.

Having the voting delegates for CCMBC’s regular delegate assemblies coming from member organization boards—who exercise fiscal responsibility for their own budgets—should increase rather than decrease the level of questioning and financial accountability for CCMBC. These boards also have voting members on CCMBC’s Executive Board which receives financial updates multiple times through the fiscal year. Financial discrepancies or budget overspending cannot be hidden from these individuals.

One of CCMBC's core values (see [here](#)) is to “**steward resources on God's behalf**... As stewards we therefore serve the MB churches and ministries in Canada responsibly and competently, exercising care and integrity as we oversee the funds and all other assets entrusted to the church for its ministries. We expect all who oversee the church's resources to demonstrate accountability and transparency.” We believe that this present proposal represents an even greater commitment to this value.

### **Next Steps**

- We encourage the open discussion of this proposal at each of our provincial gatherings.
- We will hold online National Town Halls this spring so that anyone from our churches and organizations can provide feedback to the Executive Board.
- While it will depend on the feedback received in the coming months, we hope to seek approval for the new bylaws at our CCMBC AGM on June 18, 2026. We are committed to an open and transparent process, and this timeline is flexible as we move forward on this important change.

You can send feedback to [questions@mbchurches.ca](mailto:questions@mbchurches.ca). We invite you to pray for wisdom and discernment, and to bring feedback, encouragement and suggestions so that we can do this well as a national family.