



Interim Council

Mennonite Church Canada

Mennonite Church British Columbia

Mennonite Church Alberta

Mennonite Church Saskatchewan

Mennonite Church Manitoba

Mennonite Church Eastern Canada

Governance Reference Group

- 1) The Governance Reference Group will respond to initial work done by Executive Staff Group regarding governance.
- 2) In doing its work the group will:
 - a) Pay attention to the questions of feasibility and practicality so as to ensure appropriate governance for Area Churches and the National Church;
 - b) Pay particular attention to Addendum item 2 in the context of Area Church ownership and governance of the national agenda.
 - c) Pay particular attention to Addendum item 3, so that the governance model supports the nurturing of a national identity.
 - d) Identify gaps in the model;
 - e) Identify assumptions in the model and speak to the reliability of those assumptions;
 - f) Identify additional assumptions that may need to be identified; Identify any additional information that may be needed to assess the model;
 - g) Provide opinions on these and other related matters as identified.
- 3) In completing this task the Working Group will be attentive to the following questions.
 - a) How would national agenda arise from individuals be dealt with by the National Church? Two instances that could be used as examples would be the Israel and Palestine, and Doctrine of Discovery motions at Saskatoon 2016.
 - b) How would bottom up initiatives as well as initiatives arising at the board level move across the whole national church and be picked up and acted on by congregations?
 - c) How would large scale national discernment initiatives such as the Being Faithful Church process be finalized in the new structure?