

SASKATCHEWAN CONFERENCE OF MENNONITE BRETHREN CHURCHES

Date: January 31, 2008

To: Churches of the Saskatchewan Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches

Attn: Pastors, Moderators, Church leaders, and potential delegates

Re: 2008 Proposed Constitutional changes

At the March 2004 general convention, a revised constitution was approved by the convention delegates. In the years following, there have been numerous decisions, motions, and minor changes, thus requiring a constitutional revision. This proposed revision will bring our constitution up to date, reflecting our current structure and operations.

In accordance with *Article XI; Section 2.1 - Amending the Constitution*, the Conference Executive will be recommending the acceptance of the revised constitution as attached to this covering letter. The Executive asks that your church administrative body review the attached document and ensure that the delegates attending the 2008 Convention are familiar with the recommendation.

Summary of Changes

To further aid in your review, a brief summary of the proposed changes has been prepared. There are 2 specific changes, as well as some additional housekeeping items that reflect the past motions and decisions.

1. House keeping items: these reflect minor changes to the constitution as a result of some motions and decision items that have occurred since the last constitution revisions in 2004.
2. Harvest Saskatchewan: formal inclusion of the Harvest Saskatchewan Team and the removal of the Board of Church Extension. The Harvest Saskatchewan Team has been operating as a separate committee accountable to the Executive over the past three years. Their task has been to review our leadership development and evangelism strategy. Over the past few years, they have brought numerous recommendations to the floor outlining a long term vision that has been met with overwhelming approvals.
3. Nominations Restructuring: Please refer to separate Nomination Restructuring Substantiation document (also attached)

Proposed 2008 Constitution Revisions

1. Article I, Section 4.2 – Delete – Nominations Restructuring
2. Article I, Section 4.5 – Revised wording – Nominations Restructuring; voting in lieu of ballot – housekeeping.
3. Article I, Section 4.6 – added member - housekeeping
4. Article I, Section 4.8 – Delete – Nominations Restructuring
5. Article I, Section 6.1 – Revisions – housekeeping
6. Article II, Section 2.3 – Added - housekeeping
7. Article II, Section 2.8 – Delete – Nominations Restructuring
8. Article VI, Sections 1 & 2 – Revisions from Board of Church Extension to Harvest Saskatchewan Team
9. Article VIII, Section 1.1.2 – Delete – housekeeping. National Conference restructuring.
10. Article X, Section 1.1 – Revisions – Nominations Restructuring

If there are any questions, please feel free to call me. My home telephone number is (306) 545-0068.

Yours in Christ,
Ron Dyck ~ Moderator
Saskatchewan Conference Executive



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