

慕迪港頌恩堂

Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church

浸禮申請表 APPLICATION FOR BAPTISM

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姓名 NAME	性別 SEX	出生日期/地點 DATE / PLACE OF BIRTH	職業 OCCUPATION
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地址 ADDRESS :		電話 Telephone :	電郵 Email Address :
首次參加本會日期 DATE OF FIRST ATTENDING THIS CHURCH :			
首次邀請閣下到本教會者姓名 INVITED TO OUR CHURCH BY :			
決志信主日期 DATE OF CONVERSION :			
父親姓名 NAME OF FATHER :	宗教信仰 RELIGION :	<input type="checkbox"/> 歿 DECEASED	
母親姓名 NAME OF MOTHER :	宗教信仰 RELIGION :	<input type="checkbox"/> 歿 DECEASED	
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慕迪港頌恩堂乃以聖經為信徒信仰和生活的基礎，本教會聯於門諾弟兄聯會，並接納聯會根據聖經而出版之信仰宣言。該宣言及本會會章則可隨意索閱。

本人已詳閱門諾弟兄會之信仰宣言，並接納其信仰，謹願意加入慕迪港頌恩堂為會友與眾信徒聯絡，同心合意敬愛事奉真神，支持慕迪港頌恩堂所有政策與決定，並填寫申請書如上。

The Holy Scriptures form the basis of faith and practice for members of the Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church. The General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, of which this church is an affiliate, has set forth its understanding of the Scriptures in a Confession of Faith. Copies of the same and the church By-Laws are available.

I have already read and subscribe to the MB Confession of Faith statements and do hereby wish to become a member of Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church and shall love and serve God together with the community of believers. I also pledge to support all policies and decisions by the Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church.

日期

Date : _____

申請人簽名

Signature of Applicant: _____

子女資料 Information of Children :

(1) 姓名 Name _____ (中文 Chinese) _____ (英文 English)

性別 Sex _____ 所屬團契 Fellowship _____ 出生日期 Date of Birth: Y/M/D _____

(2) 姓名 Name _____ (中文 Chinese) _____ (英文 English)

性別 Sex _____ 所屬團契 Fellowship _____ 出生日期 Date of Birth: Y/M/D _____

(3) 姓名 Name _____ (中文 Chinese) _____ (英文 English)

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(4) 姓名 Name _____ (中文 Chinese) _____ (英文 English)

性別 Sex _____ 所屬團契 Fellowship _____ 出生日期 Date of Birth: Y/M/D _____

(此欄必須填寫) (This box must be checked)

是 否 : 你是否願意將閣下之通訊資料刊登於本會之會友通訊錄中?

Yes No : Would you like to include your contact information in our church directory?

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(1) 問信德 BAPTISMAL INTERVIEW

教牧同工/執事代表簽名
Signature of Pastor/Deacon: _____

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Signature of Pastor/Deacon: _____

日期
Date: _____

(2) 浸禮 BAPTISM

施浸牧師/傳道姓名
Name of Officiating Pastor: _____

簽名
Signature: _____

受浸日期
Date of Baptism: _____

Membership Covenant of Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church
門諾弟兄會慕迪港頌恩堂會友信約

1. I accept Jesus as my personal Saviour and Lord. And also I recognize the whole Bible including New and Old Testament scripture as the highest authority and standard of my faith (II Tim 3:16)
我願意接受耶穌基督為我個人的救主及生命的主，立志一生跟從主，並接受新舊約聖經為最高的信仰權威和標準 (提後 3:16)。
2. I desire to grow in my understanding of Christian faith. I will take personal responsibility for being regular in Bible reading and prayer. I will regularly attend fellowship and Sunday worship, and to serve God through the application of my spiritual gift(s). As being a member through baptism, I will faithfully fulfil my responsibilities (Acts 2:41-47; Hebrews 10:19-25).
我願意在信仰上竭力追求，殷勤讀經和禱告，恆常出席團契和主日崇拜，及按恩賜參與事奉。藉水禮加入教會，我願意忠心履行會友的責任(徒 2:41-47; 來 10:19-25)。
3. I gladly assume a degree of responsibility for the spiritual well-being of my fellow sisters and brothers in Christ. I will be patient and eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in peace. I will seek to encourage, admonish, and bear the burdens of others so that we might grow together in the Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 4:1-2; Philippians 2:1-4; Galatians 6:1-6).
我願意竭盡所能維護教會的合一，在主裏互為肢體彼此守望，彼此相愛，互相勸勉，建立基督的身體 (弗 4:1-2; 腓 2:1-4; 加 6:1-2)。
4. In this Spirit, I commit myself to be submissive to the authority of the body of Christ for encouragement, admonishment, and discipline. (Matthew 18:15 -20)
我願意在聖靈裏順服教會的權柄、接受勸勉、督責及紀律 (太 18:15-20)。
5. I shall contribute, as the Lord directs, a regular portion of my income to the support of the church, the relief of the needy and the evangelization of all peoples (1 Corinthians 16:2; 2 Corinthians 8:1-3).
我願意按主的吩咐奉獻金錢支持教會，幫助有需要的人及完成向萬人傳福音的使命 (林前 16:2; 林後 8:1-3)。
6. As a Christian I will try to live an exemplary life of holiness, walking uprightly and honestly before a watching world, denying all ungodliness and worldly lusts (Ephesians 5:1-21; Galatians 5:16-26).
我願意活出基督徒聖潔生活的榜樣，行事正直無偽，並拒絕一切不敬虔和世俗的情慾(弗 5:1-21; 加 5:16-26)。
7. I support the vision and aims of the General Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, and I am willing to submit to its confession of Faith and to the constitution and By-law of Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church.
我願意支持門諾弟兄會的使命和宗旨，並接納其信仰及慕迪港頌恩堂的憲章及章程。

Led by the Holy Spirit, I, _____, willingly commit myself to be a formal member of Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church under the Mennonite Brethren Conference. And by the grace of God, I hereby commit to this covenant, and to unify with the body of Christ in worship, fellowship, and witnesses.

靠著聖靈的感召，我_____願意加入門諾弟兄會慕迪港頌恩堂成為正式會友，並靠著主的恩典遵守此信約，在敬拜、團契及見証上追求合一。

Signature 簽署: _____ Date 日期: _____

Constitution of Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church

Article I NAME

This body was duly organized on February 12, 1995 as the Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church.

Article II MISSION and PURPOSE STATEMENTS

- a.) To develop and maintain a church body of believers in accordance with the Holy Scriptures, dedicated to doing the will of God on earth;
- b.) To promote the spiritual and physical welfare of its members and adherents, individually and collectively, equipping each other to maturity and assisting each to find his or her place of ministry in the body of the global church;
- c.) To spread the gospel of Jesus Christ;
- d.) To engage in preaching, teaching, ministering, counseling, witnessing, missions and soul winning for the Lord Jesus Christ;
- e.) To collect and receive contributions, gifts, legacies, bequeaths and endowments, consisting of money or property, whether real, personal or mixed.

Article III STATEMENT OF FAITH

The Church shall adopt and shall maintain and conduct its affairs in a manner consistent with a Statement of Faith, which shall at all times be identical to the Statement of Faith of the Canadian Conference (as defined in Article IV), as amended from time to time. The Church accepts in totality the confession of faith of the Canadian Conference. The Church accepts the Scriptures as the supreme and final authority in all matters of faith and conduct, and will conduct its affairs in a manner consistent therewith. .

This Article III shall be alterable by special resolution, subject to the provisions of the Bylaws of the Church.

Approved on December 22, 2013 by Ballot

Constitution of Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church

Article IV COVENANT OF AFFILIATION

This Church shall at all times be a member in good standing with The British Columbia Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, or its successor entity (herein referred to as the "B.C. Conference"). The Church is also and shall remain affiliated with the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, or its successor entity (herein referred to as the "Canadian Conference") (together the B.C. Conference and Canadian Conference are referred to herein as the "Conferences"). The Church covenants with the Conferences to support the ministries of the **Conferences**, assist the Conferences with fulfilling the Conferences' objectives and goals, and support the Conferences financially, as prescribed by the Church's membership and affiliation with the Conferences and affirmed at each annual convention. The Constitution, Bylaws, Statement of Faith and policies of the Church shall be consistent with, and not in conflict with, the constitutions, bylaws and Confessions or Statements of Faith of the **Conferences**.

Article V NOT FOR PROFIT CLAUSE

The activities of the Church shall be carried on without purpose of gain for its members and any profits or other gains to the organization shall be used in promoting its purposes and objectives. No directors shall be paid any remuneration for services rendered to the Church in his or her capacity as a director of the Church, but may be paid his or her reasonable expenses for and in relation to acting as such.

Article VI REAL PROPERTY

Real property may be acquired, disposed of or encumbered by the Church by special resolution of the Members, subject to the approval of all the Boards of the B.C. **Conference** responsible for real property and in conformity with the laws of the province and districts where the real property is situated. For as long as this Church is not registered as a separate society, fee simple title to all real property shall be registered in the name of the B.C. **Conference**.

Article VII DISSOLUTION

The real and personal property and assets of the Church are irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes, and shall not be distributed amongst the members, and upon liquidation, dissolution, winding-up, abandonment and after all financial liabilities have been paid in full (including the cost and expenses incurred in the liquidation, dissolution, winding-up or abandonment of the Church), the Church Board shall, within one (1) year of such date of liquidation, dissolution, wind-up, abandonment or breach of Article IV, transfer the property and assets of the Church to or as directed by the B.C. **Conference**.

慕迪港頌恩堂憲章

條款一 名稱

本團體正式成立於 1995 年 2 月 12 日，定名為慕迪港頌恩堂。

條款二 使命及目標宣言

- a.) 依據聖經，發展並維持一個由信徒組成的教會團體，致力於在地上遵行神的旨意；
- b.) 提高其會眾和信徒的屬靈及肉身益處，無論是在個人層面或是在團體層面上彼此裝備、成熟長進，並協助各人找到在普世教會中的事奉崗位；
- c.) 廣傳耶穌基督的福音；
- d.) 進行講道、教導、服事、輔導、見證，及宣教等事工，並為主耶穌基督贏得靈魂；
- e.) 收集和接受捐贈、禮物、遺產、遺贈及捐贈基金，當中包括金錢或產業，不論是不動產、個人財產或二者的結合。

條款三 信仰宣言

教會採納、維持和處理事務的方式應與信仰宣言一致，而信仰宣言應始終與加拿大聯會的信仰宣言相同（於條款四中所定義的），隨時參照其修訂版。教會完全接受加拿大聯會的信仰宣言。在有關信仰和行為的一切事上，教會接受聖經為最高和最終權威，並將採用與其一致的方式去處理事務。

本條款三需通過特別決議案而進行修改，並受教會會章規定的約束。

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條款四 從屬關係的盟約

本教會應始終作為門諾弟兄會 BC 聯會或其後繼組織 (簡稱「BC 聯會」) 的成員，並與其保持良好關係。教會也隸屬於並應繼續隸屬於門諾弟兄會加拿大聯會或其後繼組織 (簡稱「加拿大聯會」) (BC 聯會和加拿大聯會合稱為「聯會」) 。教會與聯會訂立盟約，支持聯會的事工，協助聯會實現聯會的短期及長期目標，支持聯會的財務需要，正如教會會籍制度及與聯會從屬關係中所規定的，亦如各屆年度大會所確認的。教會的憲章、會章、信仰宣言和政策應與聯會的憲章、會章、信仰聲明或宣言相一致，且無衝突。

條款五 非牟利條款

教會舉行活動的目的不應是為會友帶來收益，機構所獲得的任何利潤或其他收益應用於促進其宗旨和目標。理事不可因擔任教會理事職務、為教會提供服務而獲得任何報酬，但可以報銷合理的相關開支。

條款六 不動產

經會友提出特別決議案，並經過 BC 聯會負責不動產的所有執事會批准，和符合省及不動產所在地區的法規，教會可以收購、出售或擔保不動產。只要本教會沒有註冊作為一個獨立的社團，所有不動產的土地絕對所有權必須以 BC 聯會的名義登記。

條款七 解散

教會的不動產、個人財產以及資產應始終致力於慈善目的，不可在會友中進行分配。當出現清盤、解散、終結和放棄的情況，在所有財務負債全額付清後 (包括教會因清盤、解散、終結或放棄所出現的成本和費用) ，教會執事會必須在清盤、解散、終結、放棄或違反條款四之日期的一年內，將教會的財產與資產轉移到 BC 聯會，或按照 BC 聯會的指示進行轉移。

門諾弟兄會的歷史

門諾弟兄會根源於十六世紀基督教改革時期，當時改革人士計有馬丁路德 (Martin Luther) 慈運理 (Zwingli)，約翰加爾文 (John Calvin)，門諾西門 (Menno Simons) 等等，他們要求回復到新約教會的信仰，他們一致強調世人不能靠好行為得救，唯有信靠耶穌基督才能得救。

1533-1535 年間，門諾西門斯深深相信他必須離開天主教，故在 1536 年他重新受浸，充任重浸派的牧師。雖然門諾西門斯並不是「門諾教派」的始創人，但由於他的領導才能及以聖經為本的教導，在短期內卻吸收了極多的跟隨者。當時的統治者稱他們為「門諾教派」但他們卻喜歡以「弟兄」，或「基督徒」，彼此稱呼。然而，「門諾教派」此名稱已廣範被接納。

致於門諾弟兄會則由門諾教派演變產生。十九世紀中葉在俄國烏克蘭 (Russian Ukraine) 門諾弟兄會隨著宗教復興而興起，由於研讀聖經和靈性復興，在一八六零年一月六日，有十八個家庭組織了一個教會，這十八位家主致力於新約信仰的原則，他們繼承聖經單純的信仰和深度敬虔的精神。

這個剛成立的門諾弟兄會為著他們中間新的屬靈生活而興奮，每個會友都很關心他的朋友和鄰居的靈性，在十二年內會友由十八增至六百。他們早期強調悔改歸信基督乃一生的轉捩點，更強調一個人重生後有得救的確據，信徒承認他的信仰後，隨之受浸加入教會，聚會裏公開祈禱和唱福音詩，享受團契的生活。

而美加的門諾弟兄會乃是由一系列的事件與人物而產生的，包括重浸派復興運動時期，移居普魯士 (Prussia) 與及後移往俄國 (Russia) 之門諾派人士，他們被聖靈引導努力過著有生命的基督化生活；當時俄國政府對這新團體的態度，十分重視。滿懷異象的信徒，渡過海洋，把這種精神移往美加。

現今門諾弟兄會所擁有的是遠超過以上的遺產，因著北美福音派主流的影響及美加文化和政治的趨勢，不少本地基督徒加入本會，並有外地基督徒移居美加而加入本會。這些人士形成今天的門諾弟兄會，在廿世紀裏作基督的門徒。

A Brief History of the Mennonite Brethren Denomination

The root of the Mennonite Brethren found its beginning in the Reformation period during 16th century. Leaders of the movement include Martin Luther, Zwingli, John Calvin and Menno Simons. They demanded the returning of New Testament church's practice of faith. They agreed emphatically and unanimously that people obtain salvation not by good works, but solely through Jesus Christ.

During 1533-1535, Menno Simon was deeply convicted to leave the Roman Catholic Church. Subsequently, he was re-baptized in 1536 and later became an Anabaptist pastor. Although Menno Simon was not the founder of the "Mennonite Denomination", due to his exceptional leadership skills and biblically based preaching, he attracted a great number of followers. Civil authorities then started to call them the "Mennonite Denomination". Though they liked to address each other as "brother" or "Christian", the name "Mennonite Denomination" had been widely known and accepted.

The "Mennonite Brethren Denomination" was derided from that root of the "Mennonite Denomination". The fire of the great Reformation in the 19th century gave rise to the "Mennonite Brethren" in Russian Ukraine. Through Bible study and spiritual awakening, there were eighteen families joined together to form a church in June 1860. The heads of those eighteen households dedicated themselves to the spiritual principles of the early church in the New Testament. They maintained the purity of their faith and a deep commitment to true godliness.

Through her new and simple approach to faith, this newly formed church of the Mennonite Brethren Denomination was revived. Each member was demonstrating real concern to the spiritual well-beings of his or her friend and neighbor. In twelve years, the congregation of eighteen grew to 600. They strongly emphasized that a person obtains salvation only through faith in Christ and it is major turning point of one's life. Furthermore, they stressed the assurance of a born-again Christian. Upon their declaration of faith, believers were baptized into the church, the Body of Christ. They openly prayed and sang hymns in their meetings; thereby enjoying Christian fellowship.

The Mennonite Brethren Denomination in North America came about through a series of events and key people including those who moved to Prussia and those who subsequently migrated to Russia during the Anabaptist Reformation. They were striving to lead a Christ-centered life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The Russian government highly regarded this group. Believers with vision sailed across the ocean to bring this movement to North America.

Now the legacy of the Mennonite Brethren Denomination has long exceeded its own expectation. Because of the influence of the Evangelicalism movement in the mainstream and the cultural and political trends in North America, many have joined the denomination. Immigrants from other parts of the world to North America have been joining it. These people became the base of the denomination, and they are seeking ways to live as Christians in the 20th century.

Confession of Faith

Digest version

1. God

We believe in the one true God, the source of all life, who reigns over all things as Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and who lovingly cares for all creation. God the Father planned the redemption of humanity and sent Jesus Christ the Son to be the Savior of the world. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God, bringing good news to the poor and triumphing over sin through His obedient life, death, and resurrection. God the Holy Spirit empowers believers with new life, indwells them, and unites them in one body.

2. Revelation of God

We believe God has made Himself known to all people. Beginning with creation and culminating in Jesus Christ, God has revealed Himself in the Old and New Testaments. All Scripture is inspired by God, and is the authoritative guide for faith and practice. We interpret the Scripture in the church community as guided by the Holy Spirit.

3. Creation and Humanity

We believe God created the heavens and the earth, and they were good. Humans, God's crowning act, were created in the image of God. Sin has alienated humanity from the Creator and creation, but God offers redemption and reconciliation through Jesus Christ.

4. Sin and Evil

We believe sin is individual and corporate opposition to God's good purposes and leads to physical and spiritual death.

5. Salvation

We believe God saves all people who put their faith in Jesus Christ. By His obedient life, sacrificial death and victorious resurrection, Christ delivers people from the tyranny of sin and death and redeems them for eternal life in the age to come. All creation eagerly awaits its liberation from bondage into the freedom of the glory of God's children.

6. Nature of the Church

We believe the church is the covenant community called by God through Jesus Christ to live a life of discipleship and witness as empowered by the Holy Spirit. The local church gathers regularly for worship, fellowship and accountability, and to discern, develop and exercise gifts for ministry.

7. Mission of the Church

We believe the mission of the church is to make disciples of all nations by calling people to repent, to be baptized, and to love God and neighbor by sharing the good news and doing acts of love and compassion.

8. Christian Baptism

We believe baptism by water is a public sign that a person has repented of sin, received forgiveness, died with Christ and has been raised to new life through the power of the Holy Spirit. Baptism is also a public declaration of a believer's incorporation into the body of Christ as expressed in the local church.

9. Lord's Supper

We believe that in obedience to Christ, the church observes the Lord's Supper as a remembrance of His atoning death and to celebrate forgiveness, new life, and the fellowship and unity of all believers.

10. Discipleship

We believe Jesus calls people who have experienced the new birth to follow Him in a costly life of service to God. The power of the Holy Spirit transforms believers from the unrighteous pattern of the present age into a life of joyful obedience with God's people.

11. Marriage, Singleness and Family

We believe that singleness and marriage are honored by God and should be blessed by the church. God instituted marriage as a lifelong covenant between a man and a woman for the purpose of companionship, encouragement, sexual intimacy, and procreation. Children are a gift from God and should be nurtured by parents in the ways of God.

12. Society and State

We believe that God instituted the state to promote justice and to maintain law and order. Christians' primary allegiance is to Christ's kingdom. Believers are called to witness against injustice, exercise social responsibility, and obey all laws that do not conflict with the Word of God.

13. Love and Nonresistance

We believe that God in Christ reconciles people to Himself and to one another, making peace through the cross. We seek to be agents of reconciliation, to practice love of enemies, and to express Christ's love by alleviating suffering, reducing strife, and promoting justice. Because violence and warfare are contrary to the gospel of Christ, we believe that we are called to give alternative service in times of war.

14. The Sanctity of Human Life

We believe that God is creator and giver of life, and highly values each person. Procedures designed to take human life are wrong. We oppose all attitudes which devalue human life, especially the defenseless lives of the unborn, disabled, poor, aging and dying.

15. Stewardship

We believe the universe and everything in it belong to God the Creator and that we have been entrusted by God to manage its resources. All God's gifts, including money, time, abilities and influence, are to be received with thanksgiving, used responsibly, and shared generously.

16. The Lord's Day, Work and Rest

We believe God's act of creation provides the model for work and rest. In work, we use our abilities to glorify God and serve others. In rest, we express thanks for God's provision and trust in God's sustaining grace. In worship, we gather to commemorate the resurrection through worship, instruction, fellowship, and service.

17. Christianity and Other Faiths

We believe God's atoning work in Jesus is the only means of reconciling people with God. God has not left any without a witness to the Creator's goodness and power. Christians treat people of other faiths with respect, but urgently proclaim Christ as the only way of salvation.

18. Christ's Final Triumph

We believe that the Lord Jesus Christ will return triumphantly at the end of this age to destroy all evil powers, condemn all who have rejected Christ to eternal punishment, and unite believers with Christ to reign forever with God in glory.

信仰宣言

1. 神

我們相信獨一的真神，是所有生命的源頭，祂作為聖父、聖子及聖靈統管萬有，並以慈愛照顧所有被造物。聖父訂下了人類的救贖計劃，並差派聖子耶穌基督成為世界的救主。耶穌宣揚神的王權，將福音帶給心靈貧乏者，並藉祂順服的生命、受死及復活向罪惡誇勝。聖靈使相信的人得著新生命，住在他們裏面並將他們連成一體。

2. 神的啟示

我們相信神曾向全人類顯示祂自己，神藉新舊約聖經，從創世開始啟示祂自己，並以耶穌基督為啟示的巔峰。聖經都是神所默示的，是信仰及行為的權威指引。作為教會整體，我們應按著聖靈的引導，對聖經作解釋。

3. 創造及人類

我們相信神創造了天和地，它們原都是美善的。人類是神創造中的傑作，是按著神的形像被造。罪惡使人類與神及被造物隔離，但神藉耶穌基督提供了救贖及復和的途徑。

4. 罪惡

我們相信罪就是個人及整體對神美善旨意的背離，並因而引致肉身及靈性的死亡。

5. 救恩

我們相信神拯救所有相信耶穌的人，基督透過祂順服的生命、犧牲的死亡及得勝的復活，將人從罪惡及死亡的極權統治釋放出來，在將來要得著永遠的生命。所有被造物均熱切期待著從綑綁中獲釋，進到神兒女的榮耀自由裏。

6. 教會的本質

我們相信教會是神透過耶穌基督呼召出來的一個立約群體，從聖靈得著能力，過門徒生活並成為見證。地方教會經常聚集，進行敬拜、團契及彼此問責，辨明、建立及運用各人服事的恩賜。

7. 教會的使命

我們相信教會的使命是使萬民作門徒，呼召人悔改、受浸、並以分享福音及愛心行動具體地實踐對神及鄰舍的愛。

8. 基督教洗禮

我們相信以水施洗是公開顯示一個人悔罪、得著赦免、與基督同死，並藉聖靈的能力得著新生命。洗禮亦是信徒公開宣稱加入基督身體的具體表現。

9. 聖餐

我們相信教會應按照基督的吩咐遵守主餐，藉此記念祂受死代贖，慶祝獲得赦免、新生命與全體信徒的團契及合一。

10. 門徒生活

我們相信耶穌呼召所有經歷重生的人，跟隨祂過一個付代價及服事神的生命。聖靈的能力使信徒脫離當代不義的生活模式，改變成與神子民共享的喜樂順服之生命。

11. 婚姻、獨身及家庭

我們相信獨身及婚姻均為神所尊崇，並應蒙教會祝福。神設立婚姻作為一男一女終身的信約，目的是互相作伴、彼此鼓勵、性親密及生育下一代。兒女是從神而來的恩賜，須由父母按照神的方式教養。

12. 社會及國家

我們相信神設立國家，目的是要申張公義，維持法律及秩序。基督徒首要是忠於基督的國度，信徒奉召是要指證不公正的事、履行社會責任，並且遵守一切不與神的道相違背之法律。

13. 愛及不抗爭

我們相信神藉著十字架建立和平，在基督裏使人與祂自己和好，也使人類彼此相和。我們應尋求成為和平使者，實踐愛敵人的教導，以消弭痛苦、減少紛爭及申張正義來彰顯基督的愛。由於暴力及戰爭與基督的福音相違背，我們相信在戰爭期間，我們的召命是提供其他服務。

14. 生命的神聖

我們相信神是生命的創立者及施與者，並高度珍惜每一個人，任何設立用予奪取生命的制度均屬錯誤。我們反對貶低人類生命價值的態度，特別是對毫無抵抗能力的未出生胎兒、殘障人士、貧困者及垂死者。

15. 管家職事

我們相信宇宙及其中所有事物均屬於神這一位創造主，我們蒙神交託負責管理其中的資源。所有神的賜予，包括金錢、時間、才幹及影響力均應以感謝的心領受，忠誠地運用，無私地與人分享。

16. 主日、工作及休息

我們相信神的創造提供了工作及休息的典範。在工作上，我們運用我們的才能來榮耀神及服事人。休息時，我們表達對神供應的感謝及靠神維持的恩典。在崇拜內，我們一同聚集以敬拜、教導、團契及服事來記念復活。

17. 基督教與其他信仰

我們相信神在耶穌裏的救贖工作是唯一使人與神和好的方法，神並沒有遺下任何人，使他們無法體驗創造主的美善及能力。基督徒應尊重持有其他信念的人，但仍迫切地宣揚基督是救恩的唯一途徑。

18. 基督最終的勝利

我們相信主耶穌基督會在這世代的終結時凱旋再來，粉碎所有邪惡勢力，判決所有拒絕基督者受永遠的刑罰，使信徒與基督合一，與神在榮耀裏永遠作王。

BYLAWS OF PORT MOODY PACIFIC GRACE MB CHURCH

PART 1 DEFINITIONS

1. In these Bylaws, unless the context otherwise requires:
 - a) “**Church**” shall mean Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church;
 - b) “**Lead Pastor**” also includes Senior Pastor, Acting Lead Pastor, or Interim Lead Pastor;
 - c) “**Deacons**” mean those persons elected or appointed to serve on the Church Board pursuant to these Bylaws and “**Deacon**” means any one of them;
 - d) “**Church Board (CB)**” means the members of “Pastoral staff” and the “elected Deacons”;
 - e) “**Chairperson of the Board**” means the deacon elected by the membership and elected by the **Church Board** to serve and act as Chairperson of the **Church Board**.
 - f) “**Moderator**” means the person elected or appointed by the Church Board as Chairperson to lead Annual General Meeting (AGM), Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM), or any other informal congregational meetings.
 - g) “**Members**” mean those persons accepted into membership by the Church pursuant to these Bylaws and “**Member**” means any one of them;
 - h) “**Active member**” means **Member** who regularly attends the **Church** as defined by the Church Policy Manual and whose membership status is not inactive, suspended, or removed in the record of the **Church**. “**Active members**” mean the plural of it.
 - i) “**registered address**” means the members’ addresses as recorded in the register of members;
 - j) “**Special Resolutions**” mean a resolution that requires approval by a seventy-five per cent (75%) of the votes of persons authorized to vote and present at a general meeting.
2. Wording importing the singular includes the plural and vice versa, and wording supporting a male person includes a female person and a corporation.

(Note: all words in the following parts of the document that are bold and italics refer to the definitions in Part 1 of these Bylaws.)

PART 2 MEMBERSHIP

3. **Church** membership is open to anyone who believes Jesus Christ is the Son of God and accepts him as one's personal Saviour and acknowledges him as Master and Lord of one's life. The Mennonite Brethren Church follows the Anabaptist traditions stressing a practical Biblical foundation, which is expressed in a believer's witness, worship, and church affirmed leadership.
4. Discipleship includes separation from the sins of the world and a commitment to peace and love in family, community, and country.
5. Any applicant aged 12 years or above, may make an application for membership. To be eligible, applicants must have:
 - a) been enlightened by the Holy Spirit to repent of their sins; and
 - b) confessed the Lord Jesus as Saviour; and
 - c) shown evidence of a regenerated heart by a consistent walk in faith; and
 - d) adopted the statement of faith held by the **Church**; and
 - e) attended **Church** services regularly for at least six (6) months, and
 - f) completed the baptismal class or membership transfer class.

Upon interview by the **Church Board**, recommendation by the pastoral staff and approval from the **Church Board**, an applicant may be accepted as *member*.

6. Upon a person qualifying and being accepted for membership pursuant to Bylaw 5, admission of such person to membership of the **Church** shall occur upon each and any one of the following:
 - a) Baptism by immersion, upon personal confession of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ, evidence of Christian conduct and willingness to and support the principles and practices of the **Church**;
 - b) Letter of membership transfer from another Protestant Church duly received by the **Church** as to baptism upon profession of faith. The **Church** also accepts into membership believers baptized by a mode other than immersion;
 - c) Reinstatement of a dismissed *member* who gives evidence of genuine repentance acceptable to the **Church Board**; or
 - d) Reinstatement after a six (6) month period of renewed activity of a person previously removed from the register due to prolonged inactivity.
7. The responsibilities of *members* include:
 - a) To be faithful in all the spiritual duties essential to the Christian life. Such duties include regular attendance of **Church** services, giving for the **Church's** full support and its charities, and sharing in its organized work;
 - b) To discern and vote for *members* to serve as **Deacons**;
 - c) To consider for approval the annual budget and/or such other expenditures that may be presented upon the recommendation of the **Church Board**;
 - d) To consider for approval such projects and ministries as may be recommended by the **Church Board**;

- e) To discern and vote for the calling and hiring of the **Lead Pastor**;
- f) To consider for approval such other issues, matters, actions and recommendation as may be presented by the **Church Board**; and
- g) To otherwise uphold the Church Constitution and comply with these Bylaws.

8. Rights of a **Member**

- a) Only **Active Members**, as defined in the Church Policy Manual, of 19 years of age or older shall be eligible to vote at a general meeting and on Deacons election.
- b) Only **Active Members**, as defined in the Church Policy Manual, of 21 years of age or older shall be eligible to be nominated and elected as Church Board member.
- c) **Members** do not have ownership rights of any **Church** property.

9. Review of Membership

9.1 A **member** may be dismissed upon:

- a) flagrant and/or wilful conduct which is irreconcilable with the **Church's** Statement of Faith or other standards of conduct and faith adopted by the **Church** from time to time and for which such **Member** does not show remorse; or
- b) conduct which brought disgrace to His Holy name or the reputation of the **Church**; or
- c) teaching or leading astray other **Members** in the way that is contrary to the truth of our beliefs; or
- d) committing criminal acts; or
- e) consistent and unrepentant immoral conduct in accordance to biblical teachings.

The person who is the subject of the proposed resolution for expulsion must be given an opportunity to be heard by the **Church Board** and a member appointed by the Conference Minister of the British Columbia Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches (BCMB). The final resolution will rest upon the **Church Board**.

9.2 A person may cease to be a **member** of the **Church** as follows:

- a) By delivering his/her letter of transfer to another Evangelical Christian Church, to the Church Secretary/Church Administrator of the **Church** or by mailing it to the address of the **Church**;
- b) Upon issuance of a Baptismal certificate by the **Church** to another Evangelical Christian Church;
- c) On having been released from membership by the **Church Board** with the option of affiliation with another church;
- d) On being removed by reason of inactivity of 2 years or more and after well documented attempts by the Pastoral staff and/or **Church Board** to bring that person back into fellowship;
- e) Death;
- f) On being dismissed;
- g) Upon voluntary surrender of his/her membership with the **Church**.

PART 3 MEETING OF MEMBERS

10. General meetings include annual general meetings and extraordinary general meetings. Every general meeting, other than an annual general meeting, is an extraordinary general meeting.
11. The **Church Board** shall convene an extraordinary general meeting:
 - a) when they see fit; or
 - b) by the request signed by 10% or more **active members**, submitted to and received by the **Church Board** Secretary setting forth the purpose of the meeting, without delay.
12. Notice of a general meeting including an agenda for the meeting must be provided at least 14 days prior to the date of the general meeting. Notice of a general meeting must specify the place, day and hour of the meeting and in case of special business, the general nature of that business. Notice given at **Church** services and/or in electronic mail is considered to be proper notification.
13. The accidental omission to give notice of a meeting to, or the non-receipt of a notice by, any of the members entitled to receive notice does not invalidate proceedings at that meeting.
14. Annual general meeting shall be convened once a year to approve the financial statements and ministry reports of the previous year, and the annual budget of the current year. It must be held at least once in every calendar year and not more than 15 months after the holding of the last annual general meeting.

PART 4 PROCEEDINGS AT GENERAL MEETINGS

15. Business, other than the election of the chair of the meeting (in accordance with Bylaw 18) and the adjournment or termination of the meeting, must not be conducted at a general meeting at a time when a quorum is not present.
 - a) If at any time during a general meeting there ceases to be a quorum present, business then in progress must be suspended until there is a quorum present or until the meeting is adjourned or terminated;
 - b) A quorum is 25% of active **members**, as defined by the Church Policy Manual.
16. If a quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for a general meeting, it must stand adjourned to the same day in the following week, at the same time and place, and if, at the adjourned meeting, a quorum is not present within 30 minutes from the time appointed for the meeting, the **active members** present shall constitute a quorum.
17. Subject to Bylaw 18, the **Chairperson of the Church Board** shall preside as chair of a general members' meeting. At the discretion of the **Church Board**, a **Moderator** may be appointed as chair of the general members' meetings. In the absence of both, one of the **Church Board** members must preside as chair of the meeting.

18. If at a general meeting,

- a) there is no chairperson, co-chairperson or other members of the **Church Board** present within 15 minutes after the appointed time for the holding of the meeting; or
- b) the **Chairperson** and all the other members of the **Church Board** are unwilling to act as the chair,

then the **members** present must choose one of their **members** to be the chair of the general meeting.

- 19. A general meeting may be adjourned (subject to provisions of Bylaw 15) from time to time and from place to place, but business must not be conducted at an adjourned meeting other than the business left unfinished at the meeting from which the adjournment took place.
- 20. When a meeting is adjourned for 10 days or more, notice of the adjourned meeting must be given as in the case of the original meeting (as stipulated in Bylaw 12).
- 21. Except as provided in these Bylaws, it is not necessary to give notice of an adjournment or of the business to be conducted at an adjourned general meeting.
- 22. A resolution proposed at a meeting need not be seconded if it has already been approved by the **Church Board**, and the chair of a meeting may move or propose a new resolution which then requires a second.
- 23. In case of a tie vote, the chairperson does not have a casting or second vote in addition to the vote to which he or she may be entitled to as a **member** and the proposed resolution does not pass.
- 24. An **active member** present at a meeting of **members** is entitled to one vote.
- 25. Voting is by show of hand and/or a secret ballot as decided by the **Church Board** prior to the meeting.
- 26. Voting by proxy is not permitted.
- 27. All motions at a general meeting must be passed by a two-thirds majority vote of the **active members** present at the meeting.
- 28. With the exception of rules specified in these Bylaws, all general meetings shall be conducted according to Robert's Rules of Order.
- 29. The following business shall be conducted at each annual general meeting:
 - a) the report of the **Church Board**;
 - b) the consideration of the financial statement which could include the proposed budget for the current fiscal year;
 - c) the report of the auditor, if any;
 - d) the appointment of the accountant/auditor, if required;
 - e) the election or affirmation of **deacons** and any other officers or committees;

- f) the review and consideration of, and where necessary, the processing of recommendations arising from various ministry reports; and
 - g) other businesses that, under these Bylaws, ought to be conducted at an annual general meeting, or business that is brought under consideration by the report of the **Church Board**.
30. All business conducted at an annual general meeting except those matters set out in bylaw 29 above, and all business conducted at an extraordinary general meeting, shall be considered special business.

PART 5 DEACONS, OFFICERS AND CHURCH BOARD

Deacons Qualification

31. The **Deacons** shall be Christians baptized for at least 2 years and are **members** of the **Church** who subscribe to and whose lives demonstrate the qualifications for leadership reflected in the **Church's** Statement of Faith, which is the Mennonite Brethren Confession of Faith.

Deacons Nomination

32. The **Church Board** shall form a Deacons Nominating Committee which shall be responsible for nominating candidates for **Deacons** election in accordance with these Bylaws.
33. The Deacons Nominating Committee shall consist of an odd number of members and not less than five (except as provided in Bylaw 36). One chosen from and by the pastoral team, half of the remaining members chosen from and by the **Deacons**, and the other half to be chosen from the general **members** in accordance with Bylaws 34 to 35. The number of members in the Deacons Nominating Committee shall be determined by the **Church Board** from time to time conforming to provisions of this Bylaw.
34. The **Church Board** can nominate **members** from the **Church** to be candidates for the membership representatives in the Committee. **Members** of the **Church** can also nominate **members** to be candidates for the membership representatives. In both cases, the consent of the nominated **members** shall be obtained. **Members'** nominations must be submitted to the **Church Board** in writing and signed by two members as nominators.
35. If the number of candidates for membership representatives exceeds the number required, an election by the general members must be held. The candidates receiving the highest number of votes shall be elected.
36. In case there is only one or no membership representative chosen from church **members**, the Deacons Nominating Committee shall function with fewer than five members.
37. The Deacons Nominating Committee shall elect a person amongst members of the Committee, other than the pastor, to be the Chairperson of the Committee.
38. Prospective candidates for the Deacons Nominating Committee members should meet the same qualifications of Deacons in accordance with the **Church's** Policy Manual.

39. Members of the Deacons Nominating Committee are not eligible to run for *Deacons* election.

Deacons Election

40. The Deacons Nominating Committee shall discuss nomination in confidentiality and a minimum of two-thirds (2/3) vote is required for nominating a member for *Deacon* election.
41. *Members* of the *Church* may submit other written nominations, each signed by two *members*, to the Deacons Nominating Committee. The nominees are required to meet the *Deacons* qualifications specified in the Church Policy Manual. All nominations by members must first be accepted by the Deacon Nominating Committee before they are included in the list of nominees. Acceptance is by a minimum of two-thirds majority vote within the Committee. In case of declining a *member's* nomination, the Committee does not have to provide a reason for privacy and confidentiality reason.
42. Voting for *Deacons*
- a) When the number of candidate(s) for *Deacons* election is more than the number of vacancy, an election by members must be held. Candidates with the highest number of votes and two-thirds majority vote are needed to be elected. In the event that there are still vacancies after the first round of voting, the number of candidate(s), with the highest votes, that are necessary to fill the vacancies shall enter into a second round of voting. Those who fulfill the requirement of two-thirds majority vote in this second round will be elected.
 - b) When the number of candidates for *Deacons* election is equal to or less than the number of vacancy, an affirming vote of two-thirds (2/3) majority is required for each successful candidate.

Church Board

43. The *Church Board* may exercise all the powers and do all the acts and things that the *Church* may exercise to do, and that are not by these Bylaws or by statute or otherwise lawfully directed or required to be exercised or done by the *Church* in a general meeting, but subject, nevertheless to:
- a) All laws affecting the *Church*;
 - b) These Bylaws; and
 - c) Rules, not being inconsistent with these bylaws that are made from time to time by the *Church* in a general meeting.
44. A rule made by the *Church* in a general meeting does not invalidate a prior act of the *Church Board* that would have been valid if that rule had not been made.
45. The number of *Deacons* will be five (5) or such greater number determined from time to time by the *Church Board*.

46. The *Chairperson*, Vice-chair, Secretary, Treasurer and one or more other members elected pursuant to these bylaws are the *Deacons* of the *Church*, who all have voting rights in the *Church Board* meetings.
47. In addition to the *Deacons*, the *Church Board* consists of the following ex-officio members:
 - a) the *Lead Pastor* (with voting right)
 - b) all pastoral staff (with no voting right)
48. The *Deacons* must retire from office by each annual general meeting when their successors are elected.
 - a) Term for the *Deacons* is three (3) years, eligible for re-election for a second three (3) year term. After which one has to retire for one year before running for election again. An ideal number of newly elected *Deacons* shall be no greater than 50% of the total number of *Deacons* in the *Church Board*.
 - b) If a *Deacon* resigns from his position or otherwise ceases to hold office for any reason, the *Church Board* may appoint a *member* within eight (8) weeks to take the place of the former *Deacon* with the term lasting until the close of the following Annual General Meeting. The appointed *Deacon* must meet all requirements in the policy manual for a *Deacon* and must have previously served as a *Deacon* of the *Church*.
49. Each office including the *Chairperson*, Vice-chair, Secretary and Treasurer shall be elected by acclamation or by ballot among the *Deacons* annually.
50. An act or proceeding of the *Church Board* is not invalid merely because there are less than the prescribed numbers of *Deacons* in office during the period of time when a *Deacon* is in the process of being appointed in Bylaw 48 b).
51. *Active members* may, by special resolution, remove a *Deacon*, before the expiration of his term of office. A successor may be appointed to complete the term of office pursuant to Bylaw 48 b) above.
52. A *Deacon* must not be remunerated for being or acting as a *Deacon* but the *Deacons* may be reimbursed for all expenses necessary and reasonably incurred by the *Deacons* while engaged in the affairs of the *Church*.

PART 6 PROCEEDINGS OF CHURCH BOARD

53. The *Church Board* may meet at the place they think fit to conduct business, adjourn and otherwise regulate their meetings and proceedings, as they see fit.
54. The *Church Board* may from time to time set the quorum necessary to conduct business, and unless so set, the quorum is two-thirds (2/3) of the members with voting rights then in office. The *Lead Pastor* or his appointee (ex-officio church board member listed in Bylaw 47) must be present in any *Church Board* meeting.

55. The **Chairperson** is the chair of all meetings of the **Church Board**, but if at a meeting, the **Chairperson** is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the Vice Chair or the Secretary must act as chair, but if neither is present, the **Church Board** members with voting right present may choose one of the voting members present to be the chair at that meeting.
56. Two **Church Board** members may at any time notify the Secretary and request the **Church Board** to convene a meeting.
57. The **Church Board** may delegate any, but not all, of their powers to a working committee consisting of the Church Board members as they see fit.
58. Working committee(s) may be appointed by the **Church Board**. Such working committee(s) must report the nature and scope of their activities from time to time to the **Church Board** if required.
59. A working committee must elect a chair of its meetings, but if no chair is elected, or if at a meeting, the chair is not present within 30 minutes after the time appointed for holding the meeting, the **Deacons** present who are members of the committee must choose one of the **Deacons** to be the chair of the meeting.
60. The members of a committee may meet and adjourn as they think proper.
61. For a first meeting of the **Church Board** held immediately following the appointment or election of a **Church Board** member, the fact of not giving notice to the newly elected **Church Board** member or members does not invalidate the meeting to be constituted, if a quorum of the **Church Board** is present.
62. A **Church Board** member who may be absent for more than 60 days may send, email, deliver or fax to the address of the **Church**, a waiver of notice of any meeting of the **Church Board** and may at any time withdraw the waiver, and until the waiver is withdrawn:
 - a) A notice of meeting of the **Church Board** is not required to be sent to that **Church Board** member; and
 - b) Any and all meetings of the **Church Board**, notice of which has not been given to that **Church Board** member, are valid and effective if a quorum of the **Church Board** is present.
 - c) The calculation of quorum shall exclude board members who have sent in a waiver.
63. Questions arising at a meeting of the **Church Board** must be decided by a simple majority of votes.
64. In the case of a tie vote, the **Chairperson** does not have a second or casting vote.
65. A resolution proposed at a meeting of the **Church Board** needs not be seconded and the **Chairperson** of a meeting may move or propose a resolution.

66. A resolution in writing, signed by all the **Church Board** members and placed with the minutes of the **Church Board**, is as valid and effective as if regularly passed at a meeting of the **Church Board**.

PART 7 DUTIES OF OFFICERS

67. The **Church Board** must form and determine the members of the executive committee before the next fiscal year.
68. The executive committee members shall consist of five **Church Board** members including the **Chairperson**, Lead Pastor, Vice Chairperson, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
69. Any member of the executive committee or Lead Pastor may convene a meeting of the executive committee which shall meet and adjourn as it thinks proper.
70. All members of the executive committee form a quorum necessary for any meeting. Decision has to be unanimous and to be ratified at the forthcoming **Church Board** meeting(s).
71. In the absence of any member of the executive committee, the executive committee must appoint another **deacon** to act in the place of the absent member in order to form quorum for a meeting. In the absence of the **Lead Pastor**, he must appoint a pastoral representative to act in his place.
72. The responsibilities of the executive committee include the following:
- Attend to emergency matters that arise between **Church Board** meetings;
 - Has the authority to approve financial matters \$3000 and under;
 - Executive and administrative duties of the **Church Board**;
 - Reporting to each meeting of the **Church Board**.
73. The responsibilities of the **Chairperson** include the following:
- To call and preside at all business meetings of the **Church**, the **Church Board** and the executive committee;
 - To be one of the **Church's** representatives, whenever possible, at the conventions of the BC Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches and the Canadian Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches as they are called from time to time.
74. The Vice Chairperson must carry out the duties of the **Chairperson** during the **Chairperson's** absence.
75. The Secretary's duties include the following:
- To take minutes of the **Church Board**, executive committee and general meetings;
 - To keep an accurate record of all **Church** business at general meetings, the **Church Board** meetings and executive committee meetings;
 - To carry out the duties of the **Chairperson** in his/her absence in the event that the position of Vice Chairperson is vacant;

- d) To issue notices of all meetings of the members, the **Church Board** or the executive committee;
- e) To monitor the safe-keeping of all records and documents of the **Church** and take responsibility that relevant records and documents are required to be kept for the prescribed length of time by the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA);
- f) To distribute copies of the previous meeting to all participants.

76. The Treasurer's duties include the following:

- a) To monitor safe-keeping and take responsibility for all the **Church** monies, records and documents, and to submit a detailed account of all receipts and disbursements;
- b) To monitor safe-keeping all the financial records that are required to be kept for a certain period of time in accordance with the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) regulations;
- c) To sign and issue to donors, and to monitor safe-keeping of record, of donations received for the **Church**;
- d) To prepare or have prepared annual audited or unaudited financial statements for review by the **Church Board** firstly and then the annual meeting of the **members**;
- e) To prepare budgets for review;
- f) The Treasurer shall not be one of the signing officers of the **Church**.

77. No one person can assume two office positions.

78. In the absence of the Secretary from a meeting, the **Church Board** must appoint another **Church Board** member to act as secretary of the meeting.

PART 8 BORROWING

79. The **Church Board** is authorized to borrow and repay money on behalf of the **Church** with the proviso and restriction that the **Church** may not in any given fiscal year borrow an amount in excess of 10% of the **Church's** average total annual revenues (averaged over the **Church's** three previous fiscal years) without first receiving:

- a) the prior written approval from the BC Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches;
and
- b) a **special resolution** of the **Members**.

80. For the purposes of this section, the term "borrow" shall also mean the guaranteeing of any third party's debt. This provision is unalterable.

81. The **Church** shall have beneficial ownership of all real property known as Port Moody Pacific Grace MB Church as registered to the BC Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches.

PART 9 INSURANCE

82. The *Church* shall hold such insurance as the BC Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches requires be held by all of its member churches. This provision is unalterable.

PART 10 AUDITOR AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

83. The *Church* shall appoint an auditor to conduct an audit if it is decided by the Church Board as necessary and appropriate or upon request:

- a) in writing by the BC Conference of Mennonite Brethren Churches, and then only for such period of time as the Conference has requested; or
- b) by a minimum of 30% of the voting *Members* at an annual general meeting or special general meeting of the *Church*.

A *member* of the *Church Board* or employee of the *Church* shall not be the auditor of the *Church*.

84. The annual financial statements shall be either compiled or reviewed or audited by a Chartered Professional Accountant.

PART 11 CHURCH REPRESENTATION

85. The *Church Board* may from time to time appoint, in its discretion, the following:

- a) A correspondent for the official denominational publication; and
- b) Delegates when required or requested to Provincial and Canadian Conferences.

PART 12 ORDINANCES

86. Baptism by immersion is practiced in this *Church* except for physical or health reasons when baptism by sprinkling is conducted.
87. Holy Communion is to commemorate Christ according to His command, conducted at least once a month for all born again baptized Christians.
88. *Church* members may request pastor of this *Church* to officiate their marriage ceremonies or funeral services of family members in accordance with the following stated guidelines:
- a) The marriage partner must be a Christian and the marriage is between one man and one woman; and
 - b) *Members* who invite the pastor of this *Church* to officiate funerals must not allow other family members to construct altars or conduct ceremonies that resemble to idol worship,

chanting, occult practices and rituals of other religions throughout the ceremony officiated by the pastor.

PART 13 BYLAWS

89. The *Church Board* shall be the highest authority in the interpretation of these Bylaws.
90. On being admitted to membership, each *member* is entitled to, and the *Church* must give the *member* without charge, a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the *Church*.
91. The Constitution and/or these bylaws may only be amended as follows:
 - a) The *Church Board* or 10% of *members* of the *Church* may initiate a proposed amendment to the constitution and or these Bylaws by submitting the request in writing to the *Church Board*.
 - b) The *Church Board* shall review the proposed amendments and present it to the *Church* at the next Annual General Meeting or at such other meeting as may be called. A minimum of 30 days must then elapse before a vote is taken to adopt the amendments; and
 - c) Any approved amendments must be passed by *special resolution*.

Dated this 17 day of July, 2022

