

Summary of Bylaws Revisions: Draft 1-8

Preamble	
Article 1 Interpretations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1.3 NFLT replaces BFL • 1.8 Assembly is a meeting of Members • 1.9 Delegate clarified • 1.10 Church Delegate added • 1.11 National Assembly Delegates added • 1.12 General Assembly added • 1.13 National Assembly added as being only Member Organizations • 1.14 Executive Board described as Official Board in charter • 1.15 Officer clarified • 1.17 Member Organization added • 1.20 Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP) added • 1.21 Principal Organization added • 1.22 Referenda added • 1.23 Strategic Partnership Agreements added • 1.24 Collaborative Model added • 1.25 “the Members” is defined as both Member Churches and Member Organizations
Article 2 Statement of Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of Faith language updated • COF includes all Members
Article 3 The Conference in Perspective	
Section 1 Nationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Member Organizations are charities • Conference is the denomination
Section 2 Provincially	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Conference arranged into regions; provinces set membership
Section 3 Internationally	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ICOMB clarified
Article 4 The Canadian Conference in Relation to its Membership	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 classes of membership now included • Member Organization is added • Member Church is the primary member
Section 1 Admission as a Member Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Church can join another province if no provincial conference exists
Section 2 Process for Cessation of a Member Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Defined by the provinces; membership ends upon closing • Membership not transferable
Section 3 Local Congregations	
Section 4 Member Church Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan • Includes financial support of approved budget
Section 5 Assistance when Needed	
Section 6 Suspension of a Member Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Board works with Provincial Faith & Life Team • If suspended in province, then suspended in national • Include good standing definition
Section 7 Membership in the Member Church	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidelines developed in consultation with provinces
Section 8 No Proprietary Rights	
Section 9 Admission as a Member Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW

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Section 10 Process for Cessation of a Member Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW
Section 11 Member Organization Participation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW
Section 12 Suspension of a Member Organization	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW
Article 5 The Authority and Accountability Structures within the Conference	
Section 1 The Conference as Part of the Body of Christ	
Section 2 The Source of Legal Authority	
Section 3 The Will of the Conference	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include use of Referenda
Section 4 Plebiscites and Referenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> At discretion of Executive Board following approved policy
Section 5 The Collaborative Model	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW
Article 6 Assemblies of the Conference	
Section 1 Authority to Convene an Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include electronic meetings
Section 2 Calling Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Allow for calling at an Assembly
Section 3 Date, Location and Agenda of Assemblies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6 weeks notice for General Assembly 4 weeks National Assembly Specify if digital voting allowed
Section 4 Member Church Representation at Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include "good standing" and reference policy documents Include General Assembly Policy
Section 5 Organization Representation at Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW
Section 6 Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include digital voting & policy Clarify no absentee voting
Section 7 Quorum at Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General Assembly requires majority Church Delegates 50 delegates at National Assembly
Section 8 Role of Delegates at General Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Include referenda voting Clarify elections Update list or reporting Clarify accountability Include policy document approval Approve CUSP Approve annual budget Approve auditor Approve audited financial statement Approve new Member Organizations & SPA
Section 10 Role of Delegates at National Assembly	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> NEW - based on published definitions
Article 7 The Executive Board	

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Section 1 The Composition and Election	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Add elected Treasurer as officer, chair FAC, and member of Legacy Board • National Conference Minister replaces 2 BFL reps • National Ministry Team may attend EB meetings • Clarify guests at meetings • MALs to serve on committees • Clarify elections
Section 2 Term of Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify terms • Include Treasurer • Clarify maximum term length
Section 3 Responsibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update wording for Collaborative Model
Section 4 Specific Duties and Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revise list for Collaborative Model • Include prayer & spiritual care for churches • Improve accountability through more information made public
Article 8 Board and Committee Polity	
Section 1 Board and Committee Integrity	
Section 2 Board and Committee Solidarity	
Section 3 Protection of Directors and Officers	
Article 9 National Director	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated language from Executive Director • Includes leadership of National Ministry Team • Includes publishing policy documents
Article 10 National Ministry Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW – added for Collaborative Model
Section 1 Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW
Section 2 Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW
Section 3 Specific Duties and Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW
Section 4 Accountability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW
Article 11 Additional Conference Committees	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List 3 committees in the bylaws • Clarify term limits for committee members
Article 12 National Faith and Life Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated language from Board of Faith & Life
Section 1 Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes MBS and Multiply reps as is current practice • National Conference Minister included • Explains appointment of chair
Section 2 Duties and Functions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated for the Collaborative Model
Article 13 Nominating Committee	
Section 1 Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify membership allowing more flexibility
Section 2 Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include reference to policy documents • Clarify voting and terms • Clarify the list of known positions
Section 3 Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New – included to clarify the election process being used

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify interim appointments
Article 14 Finance & Audit Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Separate Finance Committee and Audit Committee are now combined into one as it has been operating for many years
Section 1 Appointment and Composition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include Treasurer as the chair
Section 2 General Role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update for combined role
Section 3 Specific Responsibilities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update for combined role • Add reporting on risks of related corporations
Article 15 Amending the Confession of Faith	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Added titles to sections.
Section 1 Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Combined information from other section
Section 2 Sponsorship	
Section 3 Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify voting; no referenda allowed
Article 16 Amending the General Operating Bylaw	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include rules relating to member classes • Added titles to sections.
Section 1 Notice	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify notification process by class • Combine information from other section
Section 2 Sponsorship	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Include Member Organizations
Section 3 Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clarify voting including using referenda • Clarify voting by member class
Section 4 Updating Bylaw Appendices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW – allows appendices to be updated easily
Article 17 Jointly Operated Ministries	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Updated language • Clarify voting including referenda
Article 18 Fiscal Year	
Article 19 Appointment of Auditor by Member Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Board set auditor remuneration as is practice • Remuneration to be reported separately in the budget
Article 20 Notice	
Section 1 Method of Notice	
Section 2 Omissions and Errors	
Article 21 Policy Documents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW – policy documents to be made public
Article 22 Dispute Resolution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW – based on best practices as national organization
Article 23 Dissolution	
Section 1 Voting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New-clarify the voting as well as asset allocations
Section 2 Disposition of Assets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Includes approval by Delegates
Article 24 Effective Date	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note the use of referenda.
Appendix A – Confession of Faith	
Appendix B – Listing of Provincial Conferences	
Appendix C – Listing of Member Organizations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW
Appendix D – Charter	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NEW – added to keep documents together for reference purposes