

Resolution:¹ *Ohio Conference fully supports the Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective. Given the cultural context we inhabit, we emphasize our support of Article 19, "Family, Singleness & Marriage," while valuing all 24 articles as a guide for our life together.*²

Action steps:

CREDENTIALING MINISTRY TEAM:³

- *Will not recognize a congregation's request to credential a pastor in a same-sex relationship.*
- *Will suspend the credentials of any Conference-credentialed pastor who performs a same-gender ceremony, until a review to determine whether to reinstate (with repentance and recommitment) or to terminate or withdraw credentials.*

LEADERSHIP TEAM:

- *Will conduct a review of the Five-Year Plan and current Conference leadership and leadership structure.*⁴
- *Will have discussion with all Ohio Conference pastors to explore what it would take to see recommitment to each other within Ohio Conference.*⁵
- *Will facilitate ongoing conversations between pastors using face-to-face communication⁶ and use digital technology to communicate to Ohio Conference churches what the Leadership Team is doing.*⁷

¹ **Delegates voted to adopt this entire document as a resolution, including all action steps listed.**

These action steps will be followed through by the Credentialing Ministry Team and the Leadership Team.

² The Leadership Team wants to affirm that it believes in and upholds the entire Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective, 1995. However, in our current context we feel it is important to affirm that we believe in and will lead Ohio Conference in accordance to Article 19.

³ This information was published in the *Ohio Mennonite Evangel*, but the Leadership Team feels that it is important to list as an action step to affirm the work of the Credentialing Ministry Team and to assure Ohio Conference of where we stand on this issue.

⁴ Leadership Team has not yet decided how this will be done, but if the resolution is passed we will be tasked with doing this. Leadership Team may do this review process on its own, may seat a task force or hire an outside firm to conduct a review.

⁵ We are all aware that some churches have already left Ohio Conference and there are others considering leaving. Leadership Team will look into what needs to be done to foster commitment and recommitment amongst Ohio Conference congregations.

⁶ The pastors that have been able to attend the all-Ohio Conference pastor meetings have shared that this sort of thing should happen more often. As the Leadership Team attempts to navigate Ohio Conference through these turbulent times, we will look to facilitate discussions amongst Ohio Conference pastors as much as possible to aid us in this process.

⁷ All of the above work will take time and cooperation. The Leadership Team will be seeking feedback and help from pastors and congregations in the process. Leadership Team will plan to communicate as much as possible the type of progress that is being made.