

### **Ohio Conference Membership Resolution:**

The Ohio Conference constitution will be amended to create two distinct forms of membership within Ohio Conference. Ohio Conference will remain part of Mennonite Church USA (MC USA). Churches can choose to be a part of both Ohio Conference and MC USA or Ohio Conference only. Both forms of membership would be equal in all facets of internal conference workings.

### **Actions Steps:**

- Adopt proposed constitutional amendments.<sup>1</sup>
- Create two separate funding streams. One funding stream will be for donations to Ohio Conference and one for MC USA.<sup>2</sup>
- Create a minimum donation requirement for all Ohio Conference member congregations based on percentage of annual budget of each congregation.<sup>3</sup>
- Define covenant commitments between Ohio Conference pastors, congregations and Leadership Team.<sup>4</sup>
- Define the ongoing relationship of Ohio Conference with MC USA.<sup>5</sup>
- Establish guidelines for all pastors to be credentialed in Ohio Conference.<sup>6</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Leadership Team will seat a task force to write a constitutional amendment proposal that will communicate all the nuances of this resolution in the proper legal/constitutional language.

<sup>2</sup> Stewardship Ministry will create a proposal for how best to have two separate funding streams within Ohio Conference.

<sup>3</sup> Upon request of the Five-Year Plan Review task force and the current changes happening within Ohio Conference, the Leadership Team is asking for a re-commitment from all Ohio Conference churches. Stewardship Ministry will work at establishing an appropriate benchmark for minimum giving.

<sup>4</sup> Along with financial commitments, Leadership Team will work on defining the covenant between Ohio Conference member congregations and pastors and the covenant between member congregations and pastors and Ohio Conference.

<sup>5</sup> Leadership is seating a task force to complete this task.

<sup>6</sup> Congregations that choose to leave Mennonite Church USA, but desire to stay with Ohio Conference will retain their membership with Ohio Conference and the credentials of their pastors will remain with Ohio Conference until the relationship between Ohio Conference and the denomination has been discerned and clarified.