

**MOTION:**

*It is moved that CCMBC implement the Collaborative Model in partnership with the Provincial conferences and MB ministry partners.*

**MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE COLLABORATIVE MODEL:**

- Please watch the video at: [www.bit.ly/together-as-one](http://www.bit.ly/together-as-one)
- Visit: [www.mennonitebrethren.ca/intro-to-the-new-collaborative-model/](http://www.mennonitebrethren.ca/intro-to-the-new-collaborative-model/)
  - Please read: Collective\_Impact.pdf
  - Please read: Collective\_Impact\_Summary.pdf
- If you have any detailed questions that you would like answered before Gathering, please email [model@mbchurches.ca](mailto:model@mbchurches.ca).

**WHAT IS MEANT BY THE “COLLABORATIVE MODEL”?**

- a) All six provincial conferences, the national conference and MB ministry partners (MB Seminary, MB Mission and C2C) agree to work together to create a collective impact in Canada.
- b) The six Provincial Directors, the National Director, and a leader from the MB Seminary, MB Mission and C2C will form a new National Ministry Team who will meet regularly. This team will work to strengthen the ministry partnerships.
- c) The provincial conferences will coordinate and deliver services as described by the services model. The national conference will focus on a national denominational role.
- d) A single stream of conference support will be given by the churches to their provincial conferences who will then fund the national conference to complete the tasks that are required at a national level. The two conference giving streams are being combined into one stream with the goal that the total giving by the churches to conference ministry will remain the same.
- e) The national budget will be presented at each provincial convention. (See: *Motion (m) – Approval of a Referendum for the 2019 CCMBC Budget.*) The six provincial budgets and national budget will be developed at the same time, led by the work of the National Ministry Team.
- f) The members of the provincial boards will form a National Assembly which will replace church delegates attending the Annual General Meeting (Gathering) of the national conference. The goal of bringing together all the provincial boards is to align decision making nationally. The details of the National Assembly’s voting structure will be determined as part of the next steps.
- g) Provincial Faith and Life teams will form a National Faith and Life team. A national staff member will be employed to help resource the National Faith and Life team. The national study conferences (EQUIP) will continue to play an important role for gathering the MB family together as part of Building Community.
- h) Members of the National Assembly will form the Assembly Executive. Churches will continue to elect the officers (Moderator, Vice-oderator, Secretary) of the Assembly Executive.

**IF THE COLLABORATIVE MODEL IS APPROVED, WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?**

- i. In the fall of 2018, each province will continue to use their own meeting format (clusters, regional meetings, etc.) to process church feedback regarding the Collaborative Model. In particular, the design of the National Assembly will be discussed.
- ii. Starting January 2019, churches will be asked to combine their provincial and national conference support and send both to the provincial conference office.

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- iii. At the spring 2019 provincial conventions, the CCMBC 2019 budget will be presented to churches for approval. The initial plans for the National Assembly will also be presented for processing with churches.
- iv. A Special General Meeting (SGM) will be held in June 2019 to discuss the proposed National Assembly design and required revisions to the CCMBC General Operating Bylaw, but they will not be voted on. The CCMBC 2018 financial statements and auditor could be approved at this meeting, but no other motions will be processed. (Required quorum for this meeting is 30 delegates.)
- v. In fall of 2019, a Special General Meeting will be held at the EQUIP 2019 study conference to approve the revised General Operating Bylaws as it relates to the National Assembly. (Required quorum for this meeting is 100 delegates.)
- vi. In 2020, the Collaborative Model will function under the revised CCMBC bylaws.

The timeline for processing the Collaborative Model with churches will be over two years and will have included two sets of provincial conventions (2018, 2019), a national gathering, two Special General Meetings as well as regional meetings hosted by the provincial conferences. All of the “straw votes” held at the 2018 provincial conventions were supportive of the model.

Note: With the introduction of the Collaborative Model, it is not necessary to change any of the provincial conference bylaws since the membership and voting pertains to matters of the national conference.