

Our Denominational Affiliation: Moving Forward

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On Sunday, April 23 over 40 people attended a congregational meeting to discuss our denominational affiliation. The Elders believe that this discussion provided much clarity on this issue and that a majority of people favor ending our association with the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada.

To this end, the elders will move the following 2-part motion to be voted on at a congregational meeting on

The Elders move

- 1) That we send a letter to the Credentialing Committee of the Congregational Christian Churches in Canada indicating that we will end our association with the denomination as of July 1, 2023.
- 2) That we will function as a non-denominational church while continuing to forge strong relationships with other Christian churches and organizations.

This motion will be made and voted on with the understanding that the following issues will need to be addressed over the coming months.

- We will need to decide regarding the extra outreach funds that will be available
- Our pastor will need to be registered with Nova Scotia Vital Statistics in order to officiate weddings
- We will need to find ways to make our connections with organizations like Church Renewal and the Aaron Ministry Network less dependent on our pastor
- We will have to adopt our own position statements on Family and Human Sexuality
- We will investigate whether a church-wide membership with RightNow Media is advantageous for our church
- In order to be prepared for the possible need for future legal representation, we will seek clarity on which organization(s) provide this

Further, at the congregational meeting when the vote will be held, the process will be as follows:

- One of the elders will make the motion
- We will be looking for someone to second that motion
- Then there will be opportunity for discussion, questions, and clarification
- Then the vote will take place

As always, please contact our pastor or one of our elders with any questions or concerns you may have.