

# Action Items

**Action 1:** We the delegates of Virginia Mennonite Conference acknowledge with regret the withdrawal of Knoxville Mennonite Church from formal membership in VMC. We are grateful for its ministry, and pray that God bless and guide the congregation in its realignment with Central District of Mennonite Church USA.

**Action 2:** We the delegates of Virginia Mennonite Conference acknowledge with regret the withdrawal of the following congregations from formal membership:

**Early Church** in Harrisonburg, VA;  
**Eastside Church** in Harrisonburg, VA;  
**Iglesia Encienda Una Luz** in Harrisonburg, VA;  
**Grace Mennonite Fellowship** in Harrisonburg, VA;  
**Greenmonte Mennonite Fellowship** in Stuarts Draft, VA;  
**Mosaic of Grace** in Harrisonburg, VA;  
**Powhatan Mennonite Church** in Powhatan, VA;  
**Trissels Mennonite Church** in Broadway, VA;  
**West Liberty Mennonite Church** in West Liberty, KY.

We are grateful for their ministry, and pray that God bless and guide the congregations in it's new denominational affiliation.

**Action 3:** We the delegates of Virginia Mennonite Conference acknowledge the closure of Signs of Life in Staunton, VA. We are grateful for its ministry, the legacy it leaves, and the fruit that is yet to come.

**Action 4:** We the delegates of Virginia Mennonite Conference acknowledge the closure of Asheville Mennonite Church in Asheville NC. We are grateful for its ministry, the legacy it leaves, and the fruit that is yet to come.

**Action 5:** That we approve the minutes from the 2024 Winter Delegate Assembly.

**Action 6:** We the delegates affirm Amanda Swartley as a member at large of the Congregational Life Commission.

**Action 7:** We the delegates affirm Pearl Hartman as a member at large of the Faith and Life Commission.

**Action 8:** We the delegates affirm Ron Stoltzfus as treasurer of Conference Council.

**Action 9:** We the delegates of Virginia Mennonite Conference welcome Iglesia Shalom-Nuevo Comienzo in Waynesboro, VA as a Congregation in Formation supported by the Southern District.

**Action 10: (DAWG motion #1)** For the purposes of open discernment and participation, the delegates suspend VMC Bylaws Article III, Section 7, 7.3(b) "Approval of actions shall require a simple majority of those present." This applies only to Motion #2 - Affirmation of VMC Membership in MCUSA.

**Action 11: (DAWG Motion #2)** Virginia Mennonite Conference shall remain a member conference of Mennonite Church USA.

**Action 12: (DAWG motion #3)** The 1995 Confession of Faith in a Mennonite Perspective is the teaching position of Virginia Mennonite Conference. It is expected that all credentialed leaders know the content of the 1995 Confession and commend the Confession as the positions held by Virginia Mennonite Conference.

**Action 13: (DAWG motion #4)** Virginia Mennonite Conference will extend the suspension of VMC Bylaws Article I, Section 1.2 "Ready to function within the Constitution and bylaws of the Virginia Mennonite Conference and the bylaws of Mennonite Church USA." regarding the bylaws of Mennonite Church USA Article III, Section 3 through the end of 2027. **(see addendum Action 13)**

**Action 14: (DAWG motion #5)** VMC leadership will work on a resolution for Mennonite Church USA delegates to consider changing MC USA Bylaws Article III, Section 3 Congregational Derived Membership in Mennonite Church USA.

**Action 15:** Based on the Constitutional change approved by the delegates on February 3, 2024 where VMMissions transitioned to a Conference Endorsed Ministry, Article IX, Section 4 will be deleted to reflect the changes and Section 5 will become Section 4. **(see addendum Action 15)**

**Each vote can be answered as: Yes, Yes with reservations, or No. Comments can be added at the bottom.**

## Mail-in Ballot option

The passing of Action 10 (DAWG motion #1), a temporary bylaw suspension, permits mail-in ballots for Motion 11 (DAWG motion #2), affirming our membership to Mennonite Church USA. Pre-emptively, a delegate may mail-in their ballot (post, email, or drop off at the VMC office) through July 8. If Motion 10 passes, they will be tallied along side the in-person ballots. If it fails, the mail-in ballots are invalidated. **(see addendum mail-in)**

**For a ballot to be eligible, a delegate's name must be on the master delegate list held at the VMC office.** A congregation is permitted 1 delegate for every 100 members or fraction thereof. (e.g. 101-200 = 2 delegates) in addition to any credentialed or commissioned pastor on staff. Each district may appoint up to 5 delegates. Every Conference Endorsed Ministry is eligible for one vote. Any member of Conference Council or Faith and Life Commission is automatically a delegate and is not counted towards a congregation's or district's eligible delegates. One person=one vote.

If you have questions about your delegate status, please check with your congregation, district, or endorsed ministry. If you still have questions, contact June Miller (june.miller@virginiaconference.org).