

Constitution

Article III, Section B: Application for membership

Congregations attain Full Membership upon Conference delegate approval of the Board of Directors' recommendation. Congregations may attain Provisional Membership upon approval of the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors shall establish policies and procedures for congregations to attain membership in the conference.

Policies and Procedures

Communities of Faith Joining CDC

A. For Congregations Already Part of an MC USA Conference

1. Congregations which are members of another MC USA conference are expected to follow the process for changing conferences as outlined by MC USA leadership.
2. Congregations requesting membership with Central District Conference shall submit a written request to the CDC Board of Directors to begin the membership process. A congregation which has requested to join the Conference, has met membership criteria, and has been visited by a Conference representative(s) may be introduced by the Board of Directors to the Conference at an Annual Meeting. Congregations whose requests are received 120 days prior to the forthcoming Annual Meeting may be introduced at that Annual Meeting. Upon mutual agreement by the requesting congregation and the Board of Directors, the congregation will be presented to the delegates for affirmation of membership at the Annual Meeting following the year in which they were introduced. During the period between introduction and a delegate decision to affirm membership, the congregation is able and encouraged to participate fully in all conference activities except voting privileges.

B. Congregations Which Are Not Part of an MC USA Conference

1. A congregation or emerging community which is not part of an MC USA conference may apply at any time to join the Conference as a Provisional Member. Congregations or emerging communities attain provisional membership upon approval of the Board of Directors. Provisional Members must be working towards fulfilling the membership criteria. Provisional membership expires as of July 1 of each year and may be renewed for the following year by the Board of Directors prior to expiration. Provisional Members are encouraged to participate in conference activities but do not have voting privileges. Provisional Members derive membership in Mennonite Church USA and may apply for full membership in CDC following the process described in A.2 above.
2. A group which desires to relate to the Conference, but does not yet meet the membership requirements, or does not desire congregational status, is encouraged to participate in conference activities, but does not have voting privileges.

Membership Criteria (already part of the Policies and Procedures)