
Important update from Fellowship National Council

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Dear Fellowship Family,

With heavy hearts we would like to update you that on April 30, 2026, the Fellowship Prairies Region, at their annual EQUIP Conference, voted 63% in favour (12 in favour, seven against, and one abstention) to remove the memberships of Park City Gospel Church (Winnipeg, MB), Fairview Baptist Church (Calgary, AB), and Fellowship Baptist Church (Edmonton, AB) from the Region and, thereby the National Fellowship, as per the National Fellowship By-Laws (4.3). The motion was as follows:

“Motion by the Fellowship Prairies Leadership Board:

“Whereas Fellowship Prairies Inc. exists to foster healthy leaders and healthy churches for the glory of Christ and the advancement of His Kingdom (By-Laws, Schedule B, Statement of Vision);

“Whereas all member churches have committed to uphold the Statement of Faith, Statement of Vision, Code of Ethics, and the policies and decisions of the Leadership Board (By-Laws Sections 2.01, 3.02.e,f,g&h);

“Whereas this motion is not in regard to theological differences or

complementarian convictions but out of a desire for unity within the Fellowship Prairies region and a historic Baptist commitment to the autonomy of the Local Church;

“Whereas the following churches have engaged in conduct that is sinfully divisive to the unity of the Fellowship, non-compliant with established bylaws of membership (Section 3), and detrimental to the collective ministry efforts (3.03.e,f,g&h): Park City Gospel Church, Winnipeg, MB Fairview Baptist Church, Calgary, AB Fellowship Baptist Church, Edmonton, AB

“Whereas the Leadership Board has followed the dispute resolution process in accordance with By-Laws Section 9.02, having fully completed the Dispute Resolution process; including mediation and arbitration and having received the arbitrators report which is final and binding under the authority of our bylaws (9.02.c) and the Alberta Arbitration Act;

“Whereas the Arbitrator has determined that “there is no realistic path forward other than an Acts 15:39 type of separation, in which these churches and Fellowship Prairies part ways” (Section 7.6 of the Arbitrator’s report) and has directed formal separation in Section 8.7;

“Be it therefore resolved that, the Voting Members of Fellowship Prairies Inc., by ordinary resolution, approve the termination of membership of Park City Gospel Church, Fairview Baptist Church and Fellowship Baptist Church (Edmonton), effective immediately upon the passage of this motion, in accordance with By-Laws Section 3.03 and Section 3.04.

“Be it further resolved that the Leadership Board and Convention, while safeguarding the unity and mission of the Fellowship, extend a spirit of prayerful concern and encouragement for these congregations, trusting the Lord to guide them toward a future of fruitful ministry.”

Please note the third paragraph that clearly states that these churches were not removed for “theological differences or complementarian convictions.” One of the pastors from the removed churches posted on his public blog, “While the issue of our Region does not directly involve complementarianism, it is a related or aggravating issue.” We believe that it is not related at all and that the second clause is an example of why the churches were removed as it spreads divisiveness. We disagree with a few pastors in our movement who are stating that these three churches were removed because of their complementarianism. It is important that we follow Proverbs 18:17, “*The one who states his case first seems right, until the other comes and examines him.*” Very few in our movement have had the opportunity to hear both sides as we have on these matters and we encourage all to remain impartial as James 2:9 warns against showing favouritism.

As a reminder, National Council is not a court of appeals or an adjudicator of any

grievances because we are a local-church-led movement. Any violations of Scripture, Regional or National By-Laws is left to the Region to enforce and discipline. National Council's role is to support our president and collaborate with the Regions in his specific oversight of Fellowship International, FAIR, Chaplaincy, and Member benefits while the Regional boards and directors support and promote church health, leadership development, and church planting. National Council does not have top-down authority, but we do have side-by-side authority under the word of God as fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. This means we listen to any of our member churches, give counsel when consulted, and correct wrong privately.

We wish these three churches only God's best while we also acknowledge our movement of churches needs healing. We ask that you turn to our great Lord and Healer Jesus Christ. Take a look in the mirror first before looking out the window at others. Ask the Lord how you can encourage other churches and pray for them. Rather than these crises pulling us apart, we have a great opportunity to see God bring us together in greater ways and not just being concerned about our local church but our brothers and sisters across our nation.

Seeking the Lord for healing,



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