

Canadian MB CUSP Strategic Partnership Agreement

March 9, 2022

Following is a Strategic Partnership Agreement (SPA) in pursuit of a Canadian MB Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan (CUSP) approved at June 2021 National Assembly between the following partners:

- Provincial Conferences: ABMB, BCMB, MBCM, ONMB, AEFMQ, SKMB;
- National Partners: Legacy, MB Seminary, Multiply; and
- CCMBC

Preamble

Since 1945, the family of MB Churches in Canada have sought to offer their energy and emphasis to God's mission in Canada and beyond. The CCMBC Charter creates a wide spectrum of wholistic ministries it is entitled to offer and through the years it has. Alongside, six provinces have also established their own organizational status and several organizations has also been created to pursue specialized services to the churches and beyond. These organizations. Legacy, MB Seminary, and Multiply have their own boards but board composition is under the control of CCMBC.

CCMBC has also committed to a new Collaborative Model of governance and cooperative ministry. The collaborative model is guided by the following values:

1. We cooperate to increase our collective impact for God in our country and beyond.
2. We commit to a process in which all partners have a significant voice in shaping what we do and how we do it. The goal is to make decisions by consensus. While the partners make official decisions within annual National Assemblies, the National Ministry Team and National Council are key groups in designing our plan.
3. Our spirit is one of mutual support and servanthood, looking for the good of others and all.
4. We join our resources, both financial and non-financial, in order to pursue a Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan, looking for each partner to offer what they are able.
5. This agreement expresses our aspirations in fulfilling our sense of mission and calling by God for our time, but is not legally binding, nor restrictive in limiting what other partnerships or ventures partners may choose to pursue.

Recently, CCMBC has also crafted a new mission statement as well as committed to a collaborative process and partnership in pursuing that mission. Our mission is *"to cultivate a community and culture of healthy disciple-making churches and ministries, faithfully joining Jesus in his mission."*

The founding partners of this Collaborative Partnership are:

1. Six Provincial MB Conferences: Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Alberta, and British Columbia.
2. Legacy – an organization offering financial and administrative services to MB Churches and their leaders.
3. MB Seminary – a graduate school providing education and training for pastors and others toward ministry.
4. Multiply – a global mission agency operated in partnership with the USMB denomination.
5. CCMBC – the national organization committed to coordinate and facilitate the partnership (referred to as a Principal Organization).

The criteria for partnership include:

1. Agreement with our CCMBC Confession of Faith,
2. Holding independent legal standing and charitable status,
3. If a ministry organization, one with at least a national scope.
4. Support for the CCMBC mission and CUSP.
5. Agreement with the CUSP SPA.

Purpose and Scope

In pursuit of our common mission and CUSP, the partners agree to serve and support one another while respecting our separate legal standing, governance, fiduciary roles, missions, and freedom to engage in other partnerships or projects. The CUSP partnership is specifically focused on pursuing the elements of the CUSP.

Roles and Relationships

All partners have full voice in shaping the CUSP as well as its approval, funding, execution, and assessment.

We will seek to make decisions by consensus. Consensus does not necessarily mean unanimity and should take seriously substantial reservations expressed by any partner.

The NMT will serve as the primary locus for the work of planning, execution, and assessment and each partner is represented on the NMT by a senior leader or designate.

Final decisions related to the CUSP and its funding will require the approvals of necessary partner governing bodies. Final approval of the CUSP and its Budget will be sought at the CCMBC National Assembly.

CCMBC serves as the Principal organization in order to facilitate the partnership, its planning, execution, and assessment.

The CCMBC National Director serves as chair of the NMT and the CUSP Partnership.

Additional teams may be appointed by the partners to coordinate the work of particular CUSP Goals.

Contributions

It is assumed that Partners will seek to support the goals and tactics of the CUSP as they are able.

Annual Ministry Support provided by the provinces will be the source of funding for the CUSP. Partners are also able to provide additional resources such as personnel or other assets toward the CUSP.

The scope and pace of operationalizing the CUSP will depend upon resources from Annual Ministry Support from the Provinces each year. Budgets will be considered and approved at National Assemblies.

As partners, we endeavour to live within our means and avoid operating with an annual deficit.

Term, Amendments, Dispute Resolution, and Changes to Partnership

It is intended that the Collaborative model and CUSP Partnership should function over many years. While a full review of the SPA will be undertaken at 5-year intervals, individual partners may initiate reviews or amendments at any time.

It is hoped that disputes can be resolved informally. Should formal resolution be required the partners agree to use the Dispute Resolution process outline in the CCMBC Bylaws.

Should a partner wish to cease being a partner, the process should include both adequate notice as well as willingness to engage in a resolution effort. In terms of notice, it is requested that written notice be given 18 months prior to the end of a fiscal year ending December 31st. For example, if a partner wished to conclude their partnership by December 31, 2026, they would provide written notice to the other partners by June 30, 2025.

New partners would need to meet the criteria for membership and be affirmed at a National Assembly.

Signatures

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Executive Director

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Glossary

NMT National Ministry Team, consisting of the Senior Administrators from each Provincial Conference, Legacy, MB Seminary, Multiply, and the NFLT. See GOB section for more detail.

CUSP Collaborative Unified Strategic Plan. This is the jointly approved strategic plan that the partners agree to pursue and resource.

CCMBC The Canadian Conference of MB Churches in Canada is federally-chartered charitable organization and operates under its Charter and GOB.

Principal Organization A Principal Organization is the agency which the partners agree will coordinate the work of the CUSP. It includes providing functions:

USMB The United States MB Conference is the sister national MB Conference in the USA.

National Council This is a Council consisting of representatives from all the partnership Board and Teams and meets at least once a year to fulfil its roles as detailed in the GOB.

National Assembly This is the Annual General Meeting of the CCMBC and CUSP Partners. Please see GOB for details on its scope and scheduling.

Following are the acronyms for the Provincial Conferences

ABMB	Alberta
BCMB	British Columbia
MBCM	Manitoba
ONMB	Ontario
AEFMQ	Quebec
SKMB	Saskatchewan