

Bylaws For Canada East Mission (CEM) Conference

Derived from the 2002 Bylaws of the Community of Christ [referenced as (Article. Section)] and previous Conference actions. Revised October 21, 2023.

Article 1. The Function of the CEM Conference is to:

- A. Sustain the President, Financial Officer, Executive Staff, other Officers, and Appointees assigned to the Mission; (I.4; VI.3; VI.5)
- B. Consider legislation of concern to the area as a whole and which is in harmony with, and subject to, World Conference action and subject to the advice of the World Conference officers concerned; (VI.5)
- C. Sustain a Mission Centre council established according to World Church guidelines; (VI.4)
- D. Approve the budget; (VI.5)
- E. Elect delegates to the World Conference; (IV.1)
- F. Consider recommendations for submission to the World Conference; (VI.5)
- G. Hear reports from Mission and World Church officers, committees, commissions, and boards, or like bodies, on matters pertaining to the Mission's program, and consider any recommendations;
- H. Authorize and provide for by-laws and officers of corporations, associations, foundations, etc., which may be formed from time to time to support the Mission's program.

Article 2. Conference Organization

- A. The CEM President presides, except that another member of the Mission staff may be chosen to preside, at the request or absence of the President; (VI.8)
- B. The Conference shall be structured on a delegate basis, with additional ex-officio members; (VI.5)
- C. Conferences should be held annually, and special conferences may be called more often; (IV.1;IV.4;VI.5). As directed by World Church, such conferences could be in-person, electronic or hybrid, but all voting must be in real time.
- D. Legislation for consideration by the annual conference is to be forwarded to the Mission office and is to be post-marked no later than 21 days before such conference.
- E. A list of delegates and alternates from each congregation is to be supplied to the Mission office at least two weeks before the annual conference.

F. A list of delegates unable to attend must be given to the Conference Credentials Committee not less than one hour prior to the opening of the first business session.

Article 3. Conference Membership

A. The conference shall have Delegates from the following:

1. congregations, from each's membership list;
2. non-resident membership; and
3. the category list called General.

B. Delegates shall be selected on the ratio of one for each fifteen members, except that fractions shall be rounded up to the next integral Delegate number.

C. A quorum for the conference is twenty-five of the Delegates.

D. A number of Alternates may be selected equal to the relevant number of Delegates.

E. The following individuals from the CEM have ex-officio status at conference: All High priests, All Seventies, Mission Commission and Committee Chairpersons, the Conference Secretary, the Conference Parliamentarian, Congregation Pastors, Mission Executives, and assigned Appointees.

F. Members of the First Presidency, the Council of Twelve, and the Presiding Bishopric shall have voice and vote when present.

G. The term of office for Delegates and Alternates is about one year, from the start of the annual meeting for which they were selected until the start of the next annual conference, or until their replacements are selected within that interval.

Article 4. Parliamentary Rules of Order

A. The parliamentary authority for the conference will be the current edition of ROBERT'S RULES OF ORDER NEWLY REVISED, where the rules are not in conflict with the church's Bylaws or any special or standing rules of order adopted by the conference from time to time. (VIII)

B. Votes are calculated on those Conference members present, qualified to vote, and voting.

Article 5: Amendments

CEM Conference Bylaws may be amended at any CEM conference by a two-thirds vote, provided that Notice of the full text of such proposed amendment are published to the CEM membership at least sixty days prior to the convening of the CEM conference at which they will be considered.