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- Representing the Regional Churches to Mennonite World Conference, church agencies, other ecumenical and inter-faith bodies and the wider society
- Supporting the Regional Churches and congregations with administrative resources such as pastors' salary guidelines as well as pension and health benefit plans for pastors



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## Future Directions: Covenant New

### Mennonite Church Canada Special Assembly Update

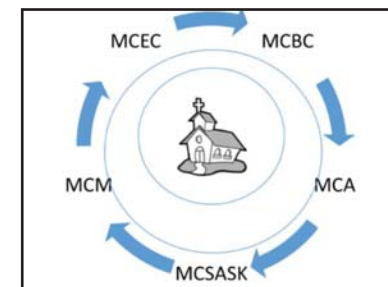
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### What actions were taken by the delegates?

1. A new Covenant was affirmed. Regional Churches pledge to work together in mission at home and around the world.
2. A new bylaw for MC Canada was passed to implement our covenant commitments.
3. A new Operating Agreement was commended to the new Joint Council (formerly General Board) to guide the work and mission of Regional Churches and congregations.
4. Working Group Reports were commended to the Joint Council to further develop and refine the proposed structure.
5. A Financial Plan was recommended to the Joint Council for further action and development.

### What is the focus of the new model?

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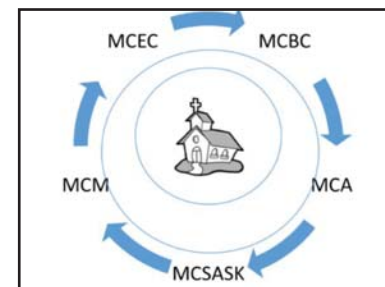
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