

Motions for BBC Congregational Meeting

Four primary issues have been prominent in the discussions around the CBWC Identity Statement and the implications of it for our churches and pastors: the definition of marriage, women in leadership, the autonomy of the local church and the impact of the statement on credentialed ministers. These four motions seek to gain congregational input in order for the Elders to provide clear direction to our delegates at the 2023 CBWC Assembly.

Motion 1a - Identity Statement: Support from BBC

To affirm the Identity Statement of the CBWC, which includes the CBWC statement on marriage, passed by the Assembly in May, 2022.

Motion 1b - Identity Statement: Implications for Pastors

To allow our BBC pastors and staff to respond to the CBWC Identity Statement according to their own conscience without the possibility of jeopardizing their employment with Bonavista Baptist Church.

Motion 2 - Women in Church Leadership Positions

To recognize the spiritual gifts of all believers and faithfully call both men and women into all areas of leadership within the church including the role of pastor.

Motion 3 - Autonomy of the Local Church

To commit to a unified witness with our association of churches on primary matters, as defined by our statement of faith, while fostering autonomy for local churches to think and act according to their own conviction in secondary matters.

Motion 4 - Affiliation with CBWC

To affirm that the relationship between Bonavista Baptist Church and the CBWC is one of willing affiliation founded upon mutual respect in which the power to make decisions on governance policy ultimately remains with the local church.