

¶382B TRANSFER OF ADULT MEMBERSHIP TO ANOTHER DENOMINATION

This is to certify that _____, who wishes to become a member of another evangelical church, is a member in good standing at _____ Church and is cordially commended to the fellowship of _____ or any other such church with which _____ may desire to unite. His/her membership in the Free Methodist Church ceases when this certificate is given.

Member's date of baptism: _____.
 Dated _____
 Pastor _____

¶382C TRANSFER OF YOUTH MEMBERSHIP

This is to certify that _____, a youth member in good standing at _____ church is cordially commended to the _____ church in _____ or in any other place. When he/she is admitted to another society, membership in this society shall cease. This certificate must be deposited with another Free Methodist church within one year, unless renewed.

Member's date of birth _____ and of baptism _____.
 Date received to youth membership _____.
 Member has _____, has not _____, been baptized; has completed instruction classes _____.
 Dated _____
 Pastor _____

¶383A RESTORATION OF CREDENTIALS

This is to certify that the Official Board of the _____ Society hereby recommends to the Ministerial Education, Guidance and Placement Committee of The Free Methodist Church in Canada that the ordination credentials of _____ who has fellowshipped with this congregation for the past _____ months be restored.

Done in the regular session at _____, this _____ day of _____, _____, and signed on behalf of the board by
 _____ *Pastor*
 _____ *Secretary*

¶383B RECOMMENDATION FOR MINISTERIAL CANDIDACY

This is to certify that _____, a Lay Minister in _____ Church is recommended to the Ministerial Education, Guidance and Placement Committee to be considered for Ministerial Candidacy and that once s/he becomes a Ministerial Candidate, s/he is also recommended for appointment as _____ (Lead, Associate or Assistant Pastor) at this local church.

Done by order of the Official Board of the _____ Society of The Free Methodist Church in Canada at _____ this _____ day of _____, 20____.

_____ *Pastor*
 _____ *Secretary*

384A Questions to become an Affiliated Congregation

Before a Free Methodist Affiliation Certificate is signed, the bishop (or a designee) shall ask those who are to become charter members, the following questions:

1. Do you today reaffirm your commitment to Jesus Christ to work under His leadership to build His church?
2. Do you today reaffirm your loyalty to the ministry of _____ *(name of local church)* ?
3. Are you now willing to be a Free Methodist Affiliated Congregation of The Free Methodist Church in Canada by agreeing together to adopt *The Manual of The Free Methodist Church in Canada*, and are you willing to be guided by it and live in harmony with it as a congregation?

¶385A APPLICATION TO MORTGAGE PROPERTY OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

Legal description of property: _____

Type of Building: _____

Amount of Mortgage required:

Amount of existing Church debt:

Estimated value of property:

The title for all property deeds is to be drawn up in accordance with the Second Schedule of the Act of Incorporation and Paragraph 385 of *The Manual*.

Date mortgage authorized by Society: _____

Date mortgage approved by the Trustees, FMCC: _____

Names & Addresses of Trustees:

MORTGAGE TERMS

- *Mortgage term is 1, 3, or 5 years, renewable.*
- *Interest rate is as established at date of mortgage advance, adjusted annually on the anniversary date to the rate then in effect.*
- *Mortgage financing limit is \$600,000.*
- *Repayment schedule is based on blended payments of principal and interest, amortized over 20 years.*
- *Mortgage is open and can be paid in full or in part at any time without notice or penalty.*
- *Adequate insurance coverage is mandatory; the interest of The Free Methodist Church in Canada as First Mortgage is to be shown in the insurance policy.*
- *All legal fees are to be paid by the Church for which the mortgage financing is provided.*
- *Note: Please provide last year's financial statement, budget interim statements for current year.*

Application Date

Secretary, Official Board

**Director, Administrative Services
 The Free Methodist Church in Canada**

¶385B APPLICATION TO PURCHASE PROPERTY FOR THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

Legal Description: _____

Type of Building: _____

Size of Property: _____

Purchase Price: _____

The title for all property deeds is to be drawn up in accordance with the Second Schedule of the Act of Incorporation and Paragraph 385 of *The Manual*.

Names & Addresses of Trustees:

Date purchase authorized by Society: _____

Date purchase approved by the Trustees, FMCIC: _____

Application Date

Secretary of Official Board

***Director of Administrative Services
The Free Methodist Church in Canada***

¶385C APPLICATION TO SELL PROPERTY OF THE FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Name of Church: _____

Address: _____

Legal Description: _____

Type of Building: _____

Size of Property: _____

Name on the Deed: _____

Purpose of Sale: _____

Appraised Value: _____

Expected from Sale: _____

Disposition of Proceeds: _____

Names & Addresses of Trustees:

Date sale authorized by Society: _____

Date sale approved by the Trustee, FMCC: _____

Application Date

Secretary of Official Board

**Director of Administrative Services
The Free Methodist Church in Canada**

¶386 Application for Period of Grace – FMCiC Core Ministries, Giving Streams

On behalf of _____ Church, we reaffirm our congregation’s loyalty to the Free Methodist Church in Canada and our desire to continue to be a committed member congregation of the FMCiC movement in Canada.

As leaders, we acknowledge that we have not been keeping our Core Covenant and, in the spirit of open communication with the FMCiC, we hereby apply for a “Period of Grace” with respect to our support of Core and Giving Streams Ministries as provided for in ¶375.3.4 of *The Manual of The Free Methodist Church in Canada*.

The reason(s) for our lack of full Core support is/are:

Our Goals:

Core Ministries: The Lord Jesus being our helper, we intend to give

- in this budget Year, _____% of our Operating Income (as defined by ¶440.2.2 of The Manual)
- in the next budget Year, _____% of our Operating Income
- in the following budget Year our goal will be _____% of our Operating Income

Giving Streams Ministries: The Lord Jesus being our helper, we intend to give

- in this budget Year: Church Planting _____ Global Missions _____ Leadership Dev. _____
- next budget Year: Church Planting _____ Global Missions _____ Leadership Dev. _____
- the following budget Year: Church Planting _____ Global Missions _____ Leadership Dev _____

Signed,

Official Board Chair: _____ Pastor: _____

Delegate: _____ Treasurer: _____

Date: _____

Please send this signed application to Mark Molczanski:

mark.molczanski@fmcic.ca (PDF), 905.848.2603 (fax), 4315 Village Centre Crt, Mississauga L4Z 1S2 (mail)

¶375.3.4 Churches Experiencing Financial Challenges Asking for a Period of Grace

Paying pastors and keeping the lights on should always remain the first priority. However, rather than fully omitting the payment of the tithe from a church budget, a board should first strive to send a reduced percentage (e.g. 8, 6 or 4%) and communicate this adjustment to the Management Committee of the BOA, through the Director of Administrative Services, with a clear recognition that this decrease is for a time. When this communication is sent, the board should also include goals for how long a period will be required before returning to the full tithe. The plan can propose stages for increasing the percentage within a set timeline. This period of grace should never exceed two years. In extreme circumstances, the church may need to completely halt all payment of the tithe to the national church. If a church remains in this state for the duration of a full year, the National Leadership Team will intervene and see what can be done regarding the church's viability. Churches intending to plant new churches are normally expected to be giving a minimum of 5% to the CORE ministries budget prior to launching a new church.