

# ***FEB CENTRAL***

## ***Church Recognition Procedures and Requirements***

### **Introduction**

FEB CENTRAL Church Recognition is the process by which it is determined if a local church fits within the parameters of Baptist polity, doctrinal beliefs, financial viability and self-propagating ministry that would position the church to be recognized as a church within the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada and FEB CENTRAL.

### **Step One: Church Approaches Association**

To begin the recognition process the local church must contact the association executive or FEB CENTRAL (who would direct them to the association if possible). The association representative is responsible to inform the church representative of the procedure and requirements of this process and would set a date for a pre-recognition meeting with the association executive.

### **Step Two: Pre-recognition meeting**

The pre-recognition serves the purpose of ensuring that all necessary documents are in order before the full recognition council meets and to set the date for the Recognition Council.

The requirements are:

1. Constitution/bylaws
2. Confirmation that Pastor, Elders and/or Deacons are in place.
3. Agreement with the Affirmation of Faith of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.
4. Agreement with the bylaws of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada and FEB CENTRAL.
5. Charitable status with the Canada Revenue and Customs Agency.
6. A signed Covenant of Agreement.
7. Financial statement showing the financial viability of the church and are expected to give in support of FEB CENTRAL Ministries.

### **Step Three: Recognition Council**

At the recognition council the church representative will present the required documents both in writing and as a verbal overview. Time will be given for the council to ask questions. When council is satisfied that they clearly understand the position of the church then the representatives of the church will be asked to leave and an in camera session will begin to determine if council is agreed that the church should be recognized as a church in the FEB CENTRAL.

**COVENANT OF AGREEMENT AND  
APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE FEB CENTRAL REGION  
OF THE FELLOWSHIP OF EVANGELICAL BAPTIST CHURCHES IN CANADA**

Dear Friends:

This is to certify that the \_\_\_\_\_ Church in \_\_\_\_\_ was recognized as a regularly constituted Baptist Church by a Council composed of \_\_\_\_\_ Messengers from \_\_\_\_\_ Fellowship Baptist Churches. These assembled on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_ .

In affirmation of and agreement as follows:

1. With the Affirmation of Faith of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.
2. With the Bylaws of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.
3. With the Bylaws of FEB CENTRAL Region.
4. To financially support the ministries of FEB CENTRAL by contributing 4% of our annual budget.
5. To give priority in our missions budget to the support of the Fellowship – National, French, International and others.
6. To participate in our local FEB CENTRAL Association, FEB CENTRAL Region, Fellowship activities and events as we are able.
7. To engage in a review of our ministry at least every 5 years with the help of FEB CENTRAL.

We \_\_\_\_\_ Church do hereby make application for membership in The Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada.

Signed on behalf of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church

Date \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Church Trustee or Officer

NOTE: Please include the following information with the application:

- (1) Copy of the Minutes of Regional Council where applicable.
- (2) Copy of Minutes of Recognition Council.