



MCC Governing Board Policy Handbook

Policy 16 – Assessment Payment

Purpose:

Develop a policy that addresses the implications of non-payment of assessments on a church's affiliation status and to clarify the relationship between the Governing Board and staff implementation of assessment collection procedures.

Policy:

It is the policy of Metropolitan Community Churches that each emerging and affiliated church shall report to MCC its weekly worship attendance and contribute a financial assessment in order to support the global ministry of MCC. The assessment rate and period for reporting and payment are determined by the General Conference. When a church is unable or unwilling to submit its report and/or contribute its assessments in a timely manner, MCC will implement the Assessment Compliance Process as established by the Governing Board. UFMCC BYLAWS Article IX- Church Finances

All churches that are in compliance with an agreed Restoration Plan become eligible for forgiveness of arrears to enable them to move forward in good relationship with the denomination.

Forgiveness of unpaid assessments for a church that has become at least six (6) months behind on reporting and paying assessments at the rate established by General Conference (currently 12%) will only be considered if that church has accepted support from the denomination and has complied with its Restoration Plan.

If a church neglects to report and pay assessments monthly and to communicate with MCC staff about its non-reporting and/or non-payment for six (6) months or more, the church will be deemed non-compliant with denomination affiliation criteria and certain measures will be taken.

Possible measures to be taken may include failure to seat the church's lay delegate(s) at General Conference and/or failure to seat the church's clergy delegate(s) at General Conference. Continued non-compliance may result in additional measures such as non-renewal of clergy licensure for the church's senior pastor and/or suspension of the church affiliation status.

Decisions regarding these measures will be carried out in line with UFMCC Bylaws and the **MCC Ministry Leader Code of Conduct** and, as such, will be implemented by the appropriate member or body of Staff, Senior Leadership Team, Council of Elders and Governing Board.