

## CALC's National Council

The National Council (NC) provides general oversight and management for CALC. The National Council consists of the Executive, the elected Elders and the elected Trustees. The Executive is made up of the President, Vice President, Secretary and the Treasurer.

### Qualifications.

Each member of the National Council is elected from: (a) the Roster of Pastors of this Association; (b) a believing member of a member congregation; or (c) an associate member.

If elected from the Roster of Pastors of this Association, the member should first be a "pastor". It is recommended that the pastor-member maintain contact with the parish ministry by serving at least part time on the staff of a congregation of this Association.

Candidates are chosen for: (a) their commitment to Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord and to the divine inspiration, revelation, and inerrancy of the Scriptures; (b) evidence of the fruit of the Spirit in life suitable to the function of the office; (c) evidence of Spirit-bestowed gifts of wisdom, knowledge, and administrative ability; and (d) their full intention to uphold CALC's Constitution, most especially, the Confession of Faith (Article Three), and the Statement of Purpose (Article Five).

### Election/Term

Members of the NC are elected by the delegates to the Annual General Convention to four year terms. They are elected for staggered terms with about a third of its number elected each year.

CALC seeks to maintain a balance between clergy and laity on the National Council. To this end following an election: (a) either the President or the Vice President is a lay person; either the Vice-President or Treasurer is a lay person; a majority of the elected Trustees and a majority of the elected Elders are lay people.

If President is unable to serve by reason of resignation, removal or death, the Vice-President shall serve as President until the next Annual General Convention, when a new President is elected. If any other member of the National Council dies, resigns, or is unable to serve, a temporary replacement shall be elected by the National Council to serve until the next General Convention. At the next General Convention the registered delegates shall elect a successor for the unexpired term of the National Council Member who died, resigned or was removed.

### National Council's Authority/Responsibilities.

The National Council functions as CALC's legislative agency in the interim between General Conventions in order to deal with situations which necessitate action before the next General Convention. Legislative acts by the National Council are affirmed by a the vote of a majority of all its members and must be presented to the next General Convention for review. This includes interpreting CALC's Constitution and Bylaws. Any such interpretation shall be reported to the next General Convention for final decision.

The National Council meets at least once a year. Additional meetings may be called by the President and must be called when requested by at least one-third of the Board Elders or by at least one- third of the Board of Trustees. Meetings may be held by telephone conference or Internet conference.

National Council receives reports and resolutions prepared by CALC's various officers, jurisdictional units, councils, boards, and committees, and, after consideration, transmit them to the General Convention with their recommendations.

The National Council may consider disagreements which may arise and shall endeavour to resolve differences.

The National Council, after seeking proper counsel, can determine whether any officer is unable to serve. If such a decision is challenged, it shall be referred immediately to the Board of Appeals and Adjudication whose decision is final.