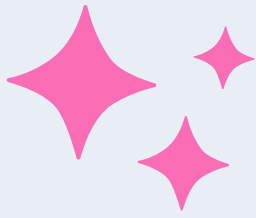


A Guide to Completing your Ministry

STEPS FOR CONGREGATIONS CONSIDERING DISBANDING



**Disbanding can be an emotional process for all involved. While the steps listed here are practical & necessary, be sure to consider how to attend to your Community's emotional and spiritual needs as well.*

STEP 01

Consider Your Options

As a Congregation, if you are unsure if disbanding is the right step, consulting further resources may help.

If disbanding does seem to be your best option, the Congregation would vote to end its ministry as a Community of Faith.



Contact the Communities of Faith Support Committee as you engage in Step 1, for support in this process.



Note that your Proposal to dispose of Property must be submitted to the Property Commission for approval.

STEP 02

Make a Property Plan

Consider what will happen to your material assets when you disband. Click here to access a chart outlining the steps for disposal of Property. Also consider assets such as archival materials, memorial windows or gardens, and other church materials.

STEP 03

Request to Regional Council

Your congregation would make a request to the Regional Council to make a decision to disband your congregation as a Community of Faith.

This request would be considered by the Communities of Faith Support Committee, which would then make a recommendation to the Executive.

When the Executive passes a motion approving the disbanding of your Community, you will be informed regarding the date the disbanding comes into effect.



STEP 04

Legacy

The faith life of the people in the congregation continues after the disbanding, whether through transfer of membership to other congregations, or in other ways.

Consider if your congregation wishes to hold a service of celebration to honour your Community's years of service, worship, and fellowship. ♥

