

CONSTITUTION AND STANDING RULES OF THE CONGREGATIONAL UNION OF CANADA.

I. That the name of this Association be "The Congregational Union of Canada."

II. That it shall consist of Ministers and Professors or Tutors in Colleges and Theological Institutes, and of Churches, of the Congregational or Independent order, of approved character and sentiments, duly received at a general meeting.

III. That this Union is founded on a full recognition of the distinctive principle of Congregational Churches, namely, the Scriptural right of every separate Church to maintain perfect independence in the government and administration of its own particular affairs; and therefore that the Union shall not, in any case, assume Legislative Authority or become a Court of Appeal.

IV. That the following are the objects contemplated in its formation. 1. To promote evangelical religion in connection with the Congregational Denomination. 2. To cultivate brotherly affection and co-operation in everything relating to the interests of the associated Churches. 3. To establish fraternal correspondence with the several Congregational Unions on this Continent and in Europe. 4. To address an annual or occasional letter to the associated Churches, accompanied with such information as may be deemed necessary. 5. To obtain accurate statistical information relative to the Congregational Churches throughout the British American Provinces.

V. To promote the accomplishment of these objects and the general interests of the Union, an Annual Meeting of its members shall be held, each of the associated Churches being represented by two lay delegates, the meeting to be held at such time and place as may be appointed at each Annual Meeting.

VI. That the officers of the Union be a Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Minute Secretary, and Committee, all to be chosen annually, who shall execute the instructions of the Union, and prepare a docket of business for the Annual Meeting.

STANDING RULES.

I. Students who have finished their course at the Canadian Congregational Theological Institute who are ordained to the Ministry, and persons recommended by Associations of the same Church Order in other Countries with which a fraternal correspondence is maintained, shall be eligible for admission at any Annual Meeting; in the case of other Ministers and all Churches, a statement of doctrinal and ecclesiastical sentiments shall be made, and testimonials, if any, be supplied; and they shall be received only after having been proposed at the previous Meeting.

II. The Union shall meet annually on the second Wednesday in June, at four o'clock p.m., for organization; to commence with devotional exercises: the Chairman of the last meeting, (or failing him the Pastor in the place of meeting,) to preside then, and until his successor be appointed.