

Different Aspects and Dimensions of Ecumenical and Inter-faith work and Governance Model

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In terms of engaging in Ecumenical and Inter-faith work, there are many levels or organizations, and types of relationships to be built. Ecumenical and Inter-faith work can be engaged in at the local, regional, provincial/state, country, multi-country and global levels. And some organizations are seeking individual church involvement while others are seeking involvement at the denominational level.

Therefore, MCC does need to clarify who has the responsibility to assess, develop and maintain these relationships.

Type of Relationship	Responsible Party
(A) Denominational / Judicatory relationships	
(A-1) Major global or cross-regional bodies (i.e. World Council of Churches, US National Council of Churches, Pan-European bodies...)	MCC Moderator with full Board of Elders agreement. Supported by the Advisory Council
(A-2) US State bodies (i.e. State Council of Churches), Provincial bodies and country (other than US) bodies	Applicable Elder(s) supporting the churches in that area with support from Advisory Council and local churches
(A-3) Regional (large city, county) bodies with 2 or more MCCs in territory	Local churches with Elder(s) supporting the churches in that area approval / support
(A-4) Bodies requiring denominational relationship but only 1 MCC in territory	Local church recommend but Elder supporting that church needs to approve since it is a denominational commitment
(A-5) Denominational / Movement Relationships and Affiliations (i.e. with The Fellowship, UCC...)	MCC Moderator with BoE involvement
(B) Individual church relationships	
(B-1) Any global / national group other than dual affiliations that takes individual church memberships (i.e. Center for Progressive	Local church. However, Advisory Council can provide a recommended list and church can ask their supporting

Christianity)	Elder for opinion / support.
(B-2) Local groups that take individual church involvement	Local church. Recommend informing “around the fellowship” as a vehicle to inform MCC of involvement and activities