



AS FEB CENTRAL CHURCHES, WE DREAM OF GOD REIGNING OUR MOVEMENT TO BE A GROWING FAMILY OF INTERDEPENDENT CHURCHES COMMITTED TO REACHING THE LOST UNTIL EVERY MAN, WOMAN, AND CHILD BELONGS

OUR PAST

As part of the Fellowship of Evangelical Baptist Churches in Canada, the region of FEB Central was founded in 1986 on the biblical foundation that we are *stronger together* when we work together.

In 2014, **Stronger Together** was introduced as the funding model for our region to work together and fulfill God's mission. All our member churches have been expected to contribute an amount based on their revenue category (8 tier fee structure). We are grateful and thankful for the way in which our churches have participated, and all that God has accomplished in FEB Central as we have worked together over the past 10 years:

- Close to 100 church plants were launched and supported with training, coaching, and resources
- 50 churches were intentionally coached in revitalization
- 112 churches were assisted in finding new senior pastors, and 86 churches were assisted in finding ministry staff
- Over 1900 junior and senior high youth last year participated in retreats where the gospel was shared, and lives were challenged to consider ministry as a lifetime vocation. Many professions of faith resulted in local church baptisms
- FEB Central Staff has grown to a team of 5 full-time and 16 part-time staff to assist in serving the over 1 million square kilometer region.

OUR PRESENT REALITY

Our FEB Central Region of Ontario and Anglophone Quebec has grown to roughly 300 churches with nearly 50,000 people meeting weekly. It reaches across 1 million+ square kilometres of rural, suburban, and urban populations. It is home to 44% of Canada's population (around 20 million people) and is one of the most diverse cultural spectrums in the world. There are 200 + languages spoken in Toronto alone.

According to the 2021 Canadian Census:

- More than one third of Canada's population, 34.6%, has no religious affiliation – up from 23.9% a decade earlier
- Ontario is home to more than 69% of Canada's Hindu population, 53% of Canada's Muslim population, and 46% of Canada's Buddhist population

Approximately one third of Canada's church buildings will be closing in the next ten years according to the National Trust for Canada.



The spiritual needs of our Region are great.
We have work to do, and we still believe that we are
stronger together when we work together.

OUR RESPONSE

A renewed vision for the Region was unanimously approved by our FEB Central Board in February 2024 and introduced at our AGM and Stronger Conference in the Spring of 2024.

It's the dream of starting and strengthening churches to become a Fellowship of healthy, interdependent, biblically sound, Spirit led, and mission-driven churches across every city, town, and village in Ontario and English-speaking Quebec.

With a spirit of interdependence, we will focus on **Caring** for Pastors and Churches, **Strengthening** Church Health and Vitality, **Advancing** Leaders, and **Catalyzing** Church Planting *for the sake of the gospel*.

A NEW FUNDING MODEL - 3%

While the needs of the region and the support that the FEB Central Ministry Centre provides have both grown exponentially over the past ten years, our funding model has not been updated since it was first set 10 years ago.

To better meet the growing needs, it was unanimously agreed at the FEB Central Regional June 2024 board meeting to update the original tiered fee structure. It was decided to adopt an **annual 3% membership contribution with a \$30,000 cap** as our new funding model. This means that member churches will be asked to contribute the equivalent of 3% of their annual budget. This will enable us to work together as a family of churches, starting and strengthening churches and leaders, and advancing the Gospel together in Ontario and English-speaking Quebec.

To calculate your church's contribution:

**Total general budget x .03 = 3% fee
(\$30,000 Cap)**

Example for a Church with a total general budget of:

\$125,000 X .03 = \$3,750

\$500,000 X .03 = \$15,000

\$1.25 million X .03 = \$37,500 is capped at \$30,000

It should be noted that

- Support for any designated ministry within FEB Central including Church Planting General will be counted towards the 3% contribution
- Individual Support of FEB Central Church Planters does not count towards the 3% contribution but is strongly encouraged. These donations can be funnelled through FEB Central until the church plants obtain their own charitable status
- Support for Fellowship National Ministries **over and above** the 3% contribution to FEB Central is encouraged and should be sent directly to them
- Exceptions to the 3% requirement will be extended to churches in crisis/ transition
- We realize that it takes time for changes to budgets to be approved, but we do request that you speak to your board as soon as possible to begin the process

OUR FAITH

God has given us a big dream to start and strengthen churches. As we rely on the Lord together, and each member church contributes its share, we believe that God would have us

- Grow to 500 churches reaching more than 100,000 souls
- See 6% annual growth through new church plants
- Engage 10% of our churches annually in consultations
- Provide 5 key ministry retreats annually for pastors, pastors' wives, women in ministry, couples, and youth leaders
- Equip more than 1000 pastors and church leaders each year at our Stronger Conference
- Increase coaching and mentorship of our pastors and leaders
- Provide networking opportunities among our churches for more efficient use of kingdom resources
- Communicate effectively all that the Lord is doing among us so that we can rejoice together as the Lord moves us forward by His grace.



This is our dream but be prepared. The Lord might say “Nice try!”, and then blow us away with an abundance of fruit that is more than we ever asked for or imagined!

Please see the [Stronger Together Form for information and payment options](#) for your annual contribution as a FEB Central Member Church.