



Fellowship Prairies

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Fellowship Prairies Pastors, Boards, and Delegates,

At Equip 2025, a motion was passed to initiate a third-party investigation and report to the delegates.

We are now writing to advise you that, after discussions with lawyers, we understand that the motion violates the Fellowship Prairies Bylaws on dispute resolution (Section 9) and is therefore legally not allowed. The Board nor the delegates can contravene the organization's bylaws.

This ruling has been further confirmed by Fellowship National's own legal counsel, thereby leading President Jones to decline to participate in the motion as indicated in his letter to our membership on September 19, 2025.

Therefore, as per the bylaws, we are resuming the arbitration process. Within these parameters, Steve Jones has offered to help in this process with the selection of an Arbitrator. As such, and in keeping with the sentiments expressed at Convention that a resolution be expedited, we will be pursuing the President's offer to select an arbitrator with arbitration set to be completed by December 19, 2025.

Please be in prayer as we complete this process.

Sincerely,

Ben Smith, Chair

On Behalf of the Leadership Board of Fellowship Prairies

