**New name, same beliefs and mission!**

On February 23, 2023, the ministers of Conservative Mennonite Conference voted in favor of changing the dba name of the group of churches this congregation is affiliated with from CMC to Rosedale Network of Churches. This was the culmination of discussions about a name change that began in 2015, although there had been significant discussions even prior to that dating back to the early 1990s.

**Why Rosedale Network of Churches?**

* Thanks to the effective ministries of our educational arm (Rosedale Bible College) and our mission arm (Rosedale International) the name *Rosedale* has become widely known in Anabaptist circles in the U.S. and around the world. For years, it has been common for people to refer to our body of churches as *Rosedale* instead of *Conservative Mennonite Conference*. We have chosen to embrace this name.
* More than just a location on a map, the name *Rosedale* has come to represent an evangelical Anabaptism that is committed to the authority of Scripture, the ethics of God’s kingdom, and the mission God has for us in this world. While some understandably lament the loss of *Mennonite* from our name, others lament that the term *Mennonite* has come to represent too broad a spectrum of beliefs and practices.
* *Network of Churches* describes what we are. Beginning in 1910 with informal fellowship among a handful of pastors who wrote letters and visited and preached in one another’s congregations, a network of interconnected local churches began to take shape around shared convictions, challenges, and opportunities to advance the gospel.
* *Rosedale Network of Churches* emphasizes the bond between our churches, Rosedale Bible College, and Rosedale International, and our commitment to work together to see disciple-making, evangelical-Anabaptist churches thriving in neighborhoods all around the world.
* On a practical level, this change brings our agency names back into alignment. Once we were Conservative Amish Mennonite Conference, Conservative Amish Mennonite Winter Bible School, and Conservative Amish Mennonite Board of Missions and Charities. Now we are Rosedale Network of Churches, Rosedale Bible College, and Rosedale International.

*Rosedale Network* will be used as a shortened version of the name when not using the full name. In situations where it is more appropriate to use initials, *RNOC* will be used. Additionally, “a global family of Anabaptists” will be used as a tagline in places where the name is publicly displayed.

Does this change have an effect on the names of individual churches in Rosedale Network? No. Many of our churches have *Mennonite* in their name, and many do not. We expect that will continue to be the case as each local congregation determines what is best in their setting.

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