



**If an area conference of MC USA votes to withdraw as a member conference:**

- The effective date of withdraw will be the date of the vote.
- If a congregation of the area conference wishes to remain connected to MC USA there are two options.
  - That congregation can seek membership in another MC USA area conference.
  - If there is interest, those congregations that wish to remain can form a new MC USA conference.
- MC USA will provide support for congregations that wish to remain with MC USA and will help facilitate the transition into a new conference.
  - Congregations that wish to remain with MC USA should contact either Michael Danner ([michaeld@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:michaeld@mennoniteusa.org)) or Rachel Ringenberg Miller ([rachelrm@mennoniteusa.org](mailto:rachelrm@mennoniteusa.org))
- The status of all credentialed leaders in the conference will become “withdrawn,” indicating that they no longer hold an MC USA credential.
  - If the credentialed leader is pastoring a congregation that wishes to remain in MC USA, MC USA will hold that credential as “active” for a one-year period.
- Credentialed leaders or lay persons that are part of a congregation that is leaving with the conference, and who serve on denominational, agency, or other ministry partner boards, as an MC USA appointee, will no longer be able to serve in those roles.
- Congregations that are leaving MC USA with the area conference are not eligible to seat delegates at any delegate assembly as of the date of the vote.