



Duchess Mennonite Church

Duchess Mennonite Church Proxy Form for Election of Council Nominees

Duchess Mennonite Church encourages all active members to participate in the AGM election process for Council of Elders. Understandably, some members may not be able to attend for a variety of reasons. DMC policy states that active members unable to attend are able to express their vote through a proxy vote system, as noted below, taken from Council of Elders Policy “III.D.8”:

8. Proxy voting is defined to mean a DMC active member unable to attend the duly advertised meeting of the membership, elects to give his or her written authority to one specific attending active member to cast the said absent voting member's choice. Proxy voting, as defined, is allowed under the following conditions:

- a. A proxy form available from the office is fully completed which gives either signed or a verbal statement of authorization (witnessed by another DMC member) for the attending member to be given power to cast a ballot on the absent member’s behalf.
- b. Proxy forms must be presented to the Discernment Committee at the time of ballot distribution at the AGM by the attending member. The Discernment Committee will then give that person an extra ballot to cast for the signed proxy authorization form that is presented.

I authorize _____ (DMC active member) to cast a ballot for me, since I am unable to attend the _____ (date) member’s meeting. I verify that I have confidentially shared my voting choice with this person.

Print Name

Signature

Witness – Print Name

Signature

OR:

I declare that _____ (DMC active member who is currently unable to give written proxy permission) has given me verbal permission to fill out this proxy form to grant _____ (DMC active member name who plans to attend the member’s meeting) permission to cast a proxy vote on behalf of the active member who is unable to attend the _____ (date) meeting.

Print Name of Witness

Signature