

## **A Path Forward**

We, as leaders and fellow-journeymen within the Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches of North America, agree that thorough evaluation and dynamic action are necessary to build a vibrant, biblical and God-honoring path forward.

We, therefore, affirm the following principles and direction so that the FGBC, working with the larger evangelical community, might make more and better disciples of Jesus Christ—thus fulfilling the Great Commission to the glory of God!

1. We agree there is a great need for a recognized enduring leadership community within the FGBC. This community must be entrusted with the development—and long-term implementation—of a consistent and clear vision.
2. We agree this vision must be built around the biblical goal of making disciples by meeting real needs, planting churches, and developing leaders.
3. We agree that to accomplish this goal the FGBC must aggressively seek out and nurture partnerships within the greater evangelical community.
4. In order to facilitate such partnerships, we agree that we should remove unnecessary barriers between our FGBC community and the greater evangelical community. To this end we agree to evaluate and retool our statement of faith, national constitution and the process of joining the FGBC movement. We also agree to reevaluate any other items—such as renaming the position of “Moderator” and the “Fellowship of Grace Brethren Churches” itself—in order to increase our ability to communicate and partner with other Christ-honoring individuals and ministries.
5. We agree to make a concerted effort to identify and train young leaders within our ranks. This training must provide a consistent and clear pathway of ministry and leadership development. We further agree these pathways of training do not need to be centralized, but will need to be endorsed by the enduring leadership community.