

ARTICLE 3 - AUTHORITY

This Association is independent and sovereign in itself, and respects the autonomy of the local congregation. This Association has no authority or ecclesiastical jurisdiction over any church. It shall be the responsibility of the Association to be available for fraternal counsel when such counsel is requested by the church or by representatives present and voting in annual sessions of the Association. The Association retains the right to refuse to recognize representatives from any church which persists in practices contrary to the purpose and doctrinal statements of the Association.