



Volunteers Needed

Board of Vocation (3 vacancies)

The Board of Vocation is seeking to broaden the lived experiences present in its membership with the addition of three new members who are francophone or racialized.

Overview

The Board of Vocation is responsible for ensuring well-trained, accredited ministry personnel able to lead the church and its people in God's mission in the world.

Responsibilities

The Board has the following authority and responsibilities:

- Establishing
 - standards for training and accreditation of ministry personnel according to denominational policies
 - expectations and standards for continuing education, formation, and professional development
 - implementing standards for admitting ministers from other denominations and readmitting ministers
- Determining a person's fitness and readiness for accreditation to ministry
- Disciplining ministry personnel, including establishing formal hearings and conducting complaints processes
- Administering the Discontinued Service List (Disciplinary and Voluntary)
- Supporting and responding to requests for assistance from regional councils
- Maintaining
 - a registry of accredited ministers
 - a list of trained conflict resolution facilitators
 - a list of recognized Interim Ministers, and those trained for the Ministry of Supervision

Membership

The Board of Vocation consists of 15 members made up of lay people and ordained, diaconal, and designated lay ministry personnel who reflect the diversity of The United Church of Canada.

Skills and Experience

We are seeking church leaders who have a passion for the vocation of ministry and skills in the areas of the Board of Vocation's responsibilities, and who have work or lived experience in marginalized or diverse environments or have a background in diversity and equity. To broaden the expertise and lived experience present on the Board, at this time we are specifically seeking members who are francophone or racialized, particularly those who self-identify as Asian.

Members of the Board will be members of the United Church who are open to contributing to the Office of Vocation as it lives into its responsibilities. All members of the Board will be

- passionately committed to the practice of ministry within The United Church of Canada
- able to commit the time required for this responsibility
- predisposed to collaboration and teamwork
- committed to right relations, the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and their relevance to ministry personnel, the vision of becoming an intercultural church, and the journey to becoming an anti-racist denomination
- comfortable with and able to participate in electronic meetings
- able to listen and discern

Members of the Board of Vocation will have knowledge and expertise in one or more of the following areas: ministry leadership within Indigenous, rural, urban, or francophone contexts; familiarity with standards of practice and ethical standards; and experience in governance.

Expectations and Term

The Board meets at least five times a year, usually by videoconference. Multi-day in-person meetings may occur during the term.

At present, meetings are held on Tuesday afternoons approximately 1:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. Eastern. Each meeting is preceded by a listening session the week before to learn about the business coming to the meeting, and followed, if necessary, by a session for any incomplete business. The next meeting is February 9, 2021.

The appointment is until the 44th General Council meeting in July 2022. Members may be reappointed for a second three-year term by the General Council or its Executive.

If you have questions or if we can offer any assistance, don't hesitate to contact: Diane Bosman, Member Engagement, nominate@united-church.ca or 1-800-268-3781 ext. 2211. (The office is closed, but messages will be returned as soon as possible.)

*Use this [online submission form](#) to nominate someone or express your own interest.
Deadline: **January 11, 2021***