

Consultants

The following are designated consultants under The United Church of Canada's Sexual Misconduct Policy:

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Jennifer Bawden Miller, Designated Lay Minister, Hamilton, Ontario. With years of volunteer work with victim services in the secular community, Jennifer is willing to share her experience by serving our church through the Sexual Misconduct Prevention and Response Committee.

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Karen Holmes is a minister living in Calgary, AB. Karen has over 30 years' pastoral experience in situations of transition and transformation. She has training and experience as an Interim Minister, a Spiritual Director, and a Supervisor of Theological Students, and is in her second decade as an SMPR Consultant.

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Marjorie Lewis is the Chaplain and Dean of the Manning Memorial Chapel at Acadia University in Wolfville, NS. She is a practical theologian and hails from the United Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands (UCJCI). The Rev. Dr. Lewis is a counsellor, researcher, educator, and administrator with four decades of experience in ministry and is experienced in pastoral counselling, spiritual care, spiritual direction, and supervision of counsellors in Christian and multi-faith contexts. Marjorie's training, experience, and academic work (which has taken place in the Caribbean, Canada, and the UK) demonstrate cultural competence in providing spiritual care informed by considerations of gender, social class, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.

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