



Volunteers Needed

Judicial Committee (3 vacancies)

We are seeking three people from across the church who are knowledgeable in legal processes and the governance of the church.

Mandate

The Judicial Committee is an essential part of the United Church's structure. It assesses appeals to determine whether there are grounds for the appeal to be heard.

The Judicial Committee is responsible for dealing with all appeals to the General Council of

- decisions of formal hearings held by a community of faith or regional council
- other decisions of regional councils
- decisions of the Executive of the General Council
- decisions of the Board of Vocation
- rulings of the General Secretary of the General Council

The Judicial Committee appoints hearing committees for any appeals that will be heard. The Judicial Committee works with General Council staff to provide orientation and guidance for the hearing committees, receives their decisions, and reports their actions to the General Council.

Membership

The Judicial Committee is made up of up to nine members who reflect the diversity of the United Church, with particular attention to its equity commitments and the presence of both lay people and ministry personnel from across the geography of the church. At least four of these members will be specialists, which means they have previous legal or administrative tribunal experience. A chair is selected from the members of the Judicial Committee. The chair's duties include facilitating meetings and fostering an effective and respectful team.

Member Skills and Experience

All members of the Judicial Committee will have an aptitude for and skills in legal processes or in the governance of the church. Those serving as specialists have legal or administrative tribunal experience as assessed by the chair and resource staff of the Judicial Committee.

Committee members will be

- active in a community of faith or ministry
- committed to the calling of the United Church and willing to discern God's yearnings for this work
- predisposed to collaboration and teamwork

- able to listen and discern
- committed to right relations, the principles of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, 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 commit the time required for this responsibility

United Church Relationship: Full member

Equity Commitment

The United Church is committed to working toward the full participation of people with disabilities; youth and young adults; people who identify as Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+, Indigenous, racialized, or francophone; people active in French ministries; people who speak a primary language other than English or French; and people from marginalized communities not named here. This is a part of the United Church's commitments to equity and self-determination, as well as eliminating barriers and working toward the full participation of all peoples.

Individuals with these identities and lived experiences are encouraged to express interest.

Expectations and Term

The committee meets as needed by video-conference call, usually three or four times per year.

Members of this committee agree to a [Behavioural Covenant](#) as a way of committing to mutual relationships, responsibilities, and accountabilities.

Terms of appointment are for nine years beginning in August 2025 at the conclusion of the 45th General Council.

Visit our [opportunities page](#) for information on this and other opportunities.
Use our [online nominations form](#) to nominate someone or express your own interest.
Deadline: Thursday, March 20, 2025.