

Finance Advisory Committee (4–6 members)

We are seeking members with expertise in various financial disciplines for this committee, which meets primarily through videoconference call.

Mandate

The Finance Advisory Committee provides support, leadership, and advice on the finances of the General Council Office, the General Council, and its Executive, and the impact on the Regions and Communities of Faith.

The Finance Advisory Committee is responsible for

- monitoring the finances and policies of the General Council, including assets, liabilities, income, expenditures, considerations of its short- and long-term financial issues, risk management, and investment and fund management
- considering and suggesting long-term financial planning for the General Council
- working with the Executive and Finance team to recommend the assumptions on which the annual budget is prepared
- recommending the overall expenditure and income budget to the Executive
- recommending financial and sustainable strategies
- ensuring that the Executive has adequate information to brief the General Council regularly on its finances

All boards and committees of the General Council play a role in living into the <u>Call and Vision</u> of the United Church in fulfilling their responsibilities. Boards and committees work in partnership with the General Council Office as it implements the objectives of the strategic plan.

Membership

The committee is composed of six to eight members, including two voting members of the General Council Executive and up to six members who have senior-level financial accreditation or experience. Ideally the make-up of the committee will include individuals with professional accreditation and/or work experience in financial disciplines including accounting, risk management, strategic planning, operations management, real estate, or philanthropic fundraising. The membership composition will give attention to the church's equity commitments and the presence of both lay people and ministry personnel from across the geography of the church.

To ensure continuity, approximately half of the committee positions will be filled through the reappointment of currently serving members.

Member Skills and Experience

The committee is seeking new members who are able to contribute some or all of the following gifts: a passion for and sound understanding of The United Church of Canada, in-depth financial experience and skills, stewardship knowledge and experience, theological reflection skills and experience, or related governance and strategic planning experience.

Committee members will be

- active participants 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: Active participant or full member

Equity Commitment

The United Church is committed to working toward the full participation of people with disabilities; youth and young adults; those who identify as Two Spirit or LGBTQIA+, Indigenous, racialized, or francophone; people active in French ministries; those 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 people.

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

Expectations and Term

The Committee meets monthly (12 times throughout the year) and as necessary by videoconference call. In line with achieving our climate commitments, face-to-face meetings will be minimized. Additional committee or task group meetings will occasionally be used for items specific to agenda projects where warranted.

Members of this committee agree to a <u>Behavioural Covenant</u> as a way of committing to mutual relationships, responsibilities, and accountabilities.

The term of this appointment is for three years (August 2025–August 2028) with the possibility of reappointment for a second three-year term.

Visit our opportunities page for information on this and other opportunities.

Use our <u>online nominations form</u> to nominate someone or express your own interest.

Deadline: Thursday, March 20, 2025.