



Indigenous Justice Advisory Group

Key Points

The Indigenous Justice Advisory Group advises both the National Indigenous Council and the General Council Executive on matters related to Indigenous justice, reminding the church that the ministry of healing and reconciliation belongs to the whole church.

Vacancies: One to two vacancies; non-Indigenous/settler, including one young adult

Key skills: Awareness of Indigenous justice issues, particularly in relation to the United Church; committed to right relations

Meeting expectations: Online meetings every other month

About this Volunteer or Elected/Appointed Member Opportunity

Mandate

The Indigenous Justice Advisory Group advises the National Indigenous Organization and the General Council Executive on matters related to Indigenous justice, the legacy of residential schools, and the Calls to Action issued by the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada. This encompasses legal requirements, pastoral care, communication, healing, advocacy, education, reflection, spiritual renewal, and building right relations. The Advisory Group reminds The United Church of Canada that the ministry of healing and reconciliation belongs to the whole church.

Membership

The Advisory Group is made up of three Indigenous members and three non-Indigenous settler/newcomer members, including one Indigenous and one non-Indigenous young adult. Two members of the National Indigenous Elders Council and one member of the National Indigenous Council also participate in the work of this Advisory Group.

Member Skills and Experience

Non-Indigenous members (also known as settlers or newcomers) with:

- good awareness of Indigenous justice issues
- familiarity with the legacy of the residential school system
- familiarity with the United Church's history as it pertains to Indigenous ministry and justice

One of the appointed settler/newcomer members will be a young adult (under the age of 30).

United Church Relationship: Active participant

Expectations and Term

- **Online meetings:** Two to three times per year.
- **In-person meetings:** One or two meetings, of two to three days' duration, over the three-year term.
- **Expectations between meetings:** Occasional reading and requests for decision by email; advocacy for Indigenous justice and reconciliation within one's community and community of faith.
- **Additional appointment possibilities or expectations:** Possible additional short-term working groups.
- **Appointment term:** Three years beginning December 2026, with the possibility for reappointment for a second three-year term.

For all Elected and Appointed Member Roles

The following expectations apply to all elected and appointed member roles for denominational committees and task groups.

Elected and appointed 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

Elected and appointed members agree to a [Behavioural Covenant](#) as a way of committing to mutual relationships, responsibilities, and accountabilities.

All boards and committees of the General Council play a role in living into the [Call and Vision](#) 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.

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.

To the extent possible, each committee or task group will reflect the broad diversity of The United Church of Canada, with particular attention to its equity commitments and the presence of both lay people and ministry personnel from across the geography of the church.

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: Wednesday, October 14, 2026