



Roman Catholic–United Church Dialogue

Key Points

In the coming term this interdenominational dialogue will focus on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, as a part of living into the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action. The Dialogue includes The United Church of Canada, the Roman Catholic Church in Canada, and The Presbyterian Church in Canada.

Vacancies: Two to three vacancies; with one appointed by the Indigenous Church

Key skills: Deep understanding of the United Church, a commitment to reconciliation, and the ability to participate respectfully in interdenominational dialogue

Meeting expectations: One in-person meeting and three to four online meetings annually

About this Volunteer or Elected/Appointed Member Opportunity

Mandate

The Roman Catholic–United Church Dialogue is an interdenominational dialogue in its 51st year. The purpose of the Dialogue is to foster mutual understanding and Christian unity. Members of the group explore cultural attitudes as well as theological and doctrinal issues. The Dialogue meets twice per year to discuss issues of common concern to our two denominations. This provides a unique forum for members of our churches to share our perspectives, even on controversial themes. The Dialogue has produced reports on topics such as baptism, sin and reconciliation, marriage, and care of creation.

Upcoming Focus

The Dialogue for the next three years will focus on reconciliation with Indigenous peoples, part of the ongoing commitment to living into the National Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action.

For the upcoming dialogue, the United Church and the Roman Catholic Church in Canada have invited The Presbyterian Church in Canada to participate equally. The group determines its agenda in consultation with the three sponsoring bodies.

Membership

The group will be made up of three members from the Presbyterian Church, three from the United Church, and six from the Roman Catholic Church, along with one to two staff persons. As possible, the three members from the United Church will include one member of the Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee, and one person appointed by the Indigenous Church.

Skills and Experience

The Dialogue is seeking three lay or ordered members of the United Church who have an in-depth knowledge and understanding of The United Church of Canada ethos, theology, doctrine, and polity, as well as the United Church's commitments to reconciliation and justice with Indigenous peoples, and the church's equity commitments. Ideally, at least one of these members will have a strong academic theological background. At least one of these members will be from the Indigenous United Church.

Specific skills and experience that would be assets to this work include:

- a good understanding of, and personal commitment to, dialogue with different denominational expressions of Christian faith
- strong capacity to participate in theological dialogue
- knowledge and understanding of cross-cultural experience

It is critical that members contribute to the Dialogue with an understanding of themselves as representatives of The United Church of Canada, and have an openness to hearing about another Christian tradition from its named representatives. Personal experience or connection with the Roman Catholic Church is not required.

United Church Relationship: Active participant

Expectations and Term

- **Online meetings:** Three to four times per year; one to two hours in length.
- **In-person meetings:** Two-day meeting once yearly; location to be decided.
- **Expectations between meetings:** Research, writing, possible occasional consultations within the United Church (e.g. with the Indigenous Church, Theology and Inter-Church Inter-Faith Committee, or other groups).
- **Additional appointment possibilities or expectations:** None
- **Appointment term:** Three years (January 2027–2030), with the possibility for reappointment.

Learn More

[Past reports of the Roman Catholic–United Church Dialogue](#)

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