



Racialized and Deaf Guests to 40th General Council 2009, Kelowna

Assist the General Council in its process of becoming an intercultural church. In addition to commissioners, two self-identified racialized members and one Deaf member are sought to participate in the 40th General Council as invited guests and intercultural observers.

Racialized Members (2)

Racialized people are people who would self-identify as racial minority, bi-racial, Aboriginal, or Métis. The two selected members will

- attend the entirety of the General Council meeting (August 9–15)
- attend pre-event gatherings for racial minority peoples (August 6–8)
- be willing to serve as corresponding members (“be entitled to speak but not to move motions or to vote”) if named by the Council to these roles
- bring an intercultural lens and racialized perspectives to the proceedings and activities of the Council
- following the Council, report to the Intercultural Ministries Task Group on intercultural observations and suggestions arising from attending General Council
- be willing to use the experience to promote participation and inclusion of other racialized members within the governance of the church
- not already have been named as commissioners

Expenses will be covered for travel, accommodation, and meals.

Deaf Member (1)

The selected member will

- attend a portion of the General Council meeting, the particular days between August 9–11 to be determined in consultation with Michael Blair, Executive Minister, Intercultural and Diverse Communities in Ministry
- attend pre-event gatherings for the Deaf Ministries Working Group (August 6–8)
- be willing to serve as a corresponding member (“be entitled to speak but not to move motions or to vote”) if named by the Council to this role
- bring an intercultural lens and Deaf perspectives to the proceedings and activities of the Council
- following the Council, report to the Intercultural Ministries Task Group on observations and suggestions arising from attending General Council
- be willing to use the experience to promote participation and inclusion of other Deaf members within the governance of the church
- not already have been named as a commissioner

Expenses will be covered for travel, accommodation, and meals. Professional ASL interpretation services will be provided for a portion of the Council to be determined and arranged in consultation with Michael Blair, Executive Minister, Intercultural and Diverse Communities in Ministry.

Opportunities to Serve the General Council of the United Church of Canada

Making a nomination or expressing your interest

If you feel called to serve in this way, please submit an expression of interest to the General Council Nominations Committee (see contact information below). Provide the information listed below in no more than 500 words. If you know of someone else you believe could be called to this role, you may nominate them by contacting Committee Member Services or by encouraging the member to submit his or her own expression of interest.

- Name and contact information
- Name of home pastoral charge/congregation or ministry
- A statement explaining your sense of call to this role and commitment to serve
- The skills and experiences that you would bring, including your racialized and/or Deaf identity
- A summary of current and recent involvement in The United Church of Canada (pastoral charge, presbytery, Conference, or General Council)
- The names and contact information of two people who have discerned with you and support this call
- Please note if you are also being considered to serve as a commissioner

Complete expressions of interest or nominations must be received by May 30.

For more information on discerning a call to serve:

www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/servegc/opportunities/about

For more information on General Council 40:

www.united-church.ca/getinvolved/events/40th-general-council

**Submit expressions of interest or direct questions to
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