



The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada
Ministry Vocations, Human Resources Unit
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Action Recognizing an Inquirer by Session and Presbytery/District

To be used by an individual seeking to be recognized as an inquirer within The United Church of Canada. Completed form is to be forwarded to the presbytery through the session or equivalent body of the congregation of which the individual is a member.

Individual's Contact Information

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| First name | Middle | Last name |
| Address | | City |
| Province | Postal code | Home phone |
| E-mail | Other phone | |

I, _____, request the session of _____
to recognize me as an inquirer to discern a call to ministry in The United Church of Canada. I have attached a letter to the session expressing my call to ministry.

I became a member of The United Church of Canada on _____ at _____.
Date Pastoral Charge/Congregation

I have previously been an inquirer Yes No and a candidate Yes No for any stream of ministry.
If yes, please give dates and locations and provide further information in attached letter.

Individual Year Month Day

Distribution

Individual sends original and attached letter to the session.

Action of Session

The session (or its equivalent) of _____ Congregation/Pastoral Charge in _____
Presbytery/District recognizes the above-named person as an inquirer. She/he is an active member of
this congregation.

Date of membership recorded: Year: _____ Month: _____ Day: _____.

We agree to establish an intentional relationship with this inquirer and to set up a discernment committee to explore his/her vocation and call. At this time, we have identified the following gifts and abilities in this person:

We appoint to the discernment committee the following two people:

| Name | Complete address | Phone |
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and are advised by the inquirer that she/he is appointing the following person from the congregation to the discernment committee:

| Name | Complete address | Phone |
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| Clerk of Session (or equivalent) | Year | Month | Day |
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Distribution

- Session makes a copy for its records and sends the original to the Presbytery/District Education and Students Committee.

Action of Presbytery/District E&S Committee

The Education and Students Committee of _____ Presbytery/District, upon receiving the request of the above-named congregation/pastoral charge, agrees to:

1. Appoint one or two people to the discernment committee as follows:

| Name | Complete address | Phone |
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| Name | Complete address | Phone |
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2. Train and support the discernment committee.
3. Be available to review the process of the discernment committee or of the session should such a request be made by the Inquirer or a member of the congregation or presbytery/district.
4. Act on the recommendation of the session to establish a discernment committee and name the presbytery/district members of that committee. The date on which this form is signed is the starting date of the minimum 12-month inquiry process with the discernment committee.

| Presbytery/District Education and Students Convenor | Year | Month | Day |
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Distribution

- One copy for the E&S Committee
- One copy to the session
- One copy to the individual
- Original to Ministry Vocations, Human Resources Unit