



**The United Church of Canada
L'Église Unie du Canada**

Ministry Vocations, Human Resources Unit
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Application for Appointment as a Designated Lay Minister

First name Middle Last name

Address City

Province Postal code Home phone

E-mail Other phone

I am currently an active member of The United Church of Canada and have been for more than 24 months. I am active and in close association with

_____ Congregation/Pastoral Charge in

_____ Presbytery/District, and having been recommended by the discernment committee, I now make application to be considered for an appointment as a designated lay minister.

In support of this application, I attach my responses to the request for information on page 2.

Please read and consider the following statements:

I am in heart and conscience in essential agreement with the doctrine and polity of The United Church of Canada as set forth in the Basis of Union in *The Manual* and I accept the same as in substance agreeable to the teaching of the Holy Scripture.

I am prepared to conform to the government and polity of The United Church of Canada while serving as a designated lay minister, as outlined in *The Manual*.

I understand that I must participate in the educational program for Designated Lay Ministers. I understand that this includes the following components:

- Supervised Ministry Education in a presbytery appointment of at least 50 percent time
- six 10-day Learning Circles twice a year over three years
- three "external" courses

I understand that once appointed by a presbytery/district, I am required to join the Pension Plan of the United Church and, unless waived because of coverage by the plan of my spouse/partner, the Group Insurance Plan.

By signing this application to be appointed as a designated lay minister, I indicate my knowledge of, and willing consent to, the above statements contained in the box.

Signature Date

This application and attachments will be reviewed by your Presbytery/District E&S Committee in assessing readiness for appointment. Your responses will be an important source of information about yourself along with the information provided by your discernment committee and the Conference Interview Board.

In support of this application, please provide the following information on separate, typed sheets:

1. Attach a resumé outlining your
 - a. educational background
 - b. work history
 - c. involvement in church activities
 - d. involvement in community activities
 - e. hobbies, sports, interests
2. In a narrative statement (approximately 500 words), identify some of the highlights of your faith journey, including
 - a. your participation in the life and mission of the church
 - b. experiences that demonstrate your capacity for leadership
 - c. your understanding of your call to discipleship
 - d. your understanding and experience of God
3. Describe your experience and your relationship with the discernment committee over the period of your inquiry.
4. What are some of the gifts, abilities, and skills you bring to the church and its ministry?
5. You are required to provide an original copy of a current police records check (CPIC level 2 vulnerable sector) to the Presbytery/District E&S Committee at the time of your interview.
6. Is there any other information you would like to offer?

<i>Applicant:</i>	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep a copy for your records.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Forward the original and attachments to your session.