



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

**Ministry Vocations, Ministry and Employment Unit**  
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**Application to Be Received as a Candidate  
for the Order of Ministry**

*To be used by an inquirer seeking to be received as a candidate for ordered ministry in The United Church of Canada.*

I, \_\_\_\_\_, having completed a discernment process with \_\_\_\_\_ Pastoral Charge in \_\_\_\_\_ Presbytery, now attach the necessary documentation listed below, and make application to be received as a

- Candidate for Diaconal Ministry
- Candidate for Ordained Ministry

- As a result of a proposal passed by the 40th General Council 2009, and a successful remit, candidates who are recommended for ordination or commissioning to diaconal ministry may choose either to agree to transfer and settlement or to seek a call or appointment. I am aware that candidates are required to make a decision by February 1 of the year in which they are recommended for ordination or commissioning.
- I have attached a resumé outlining my educational background, work history, involvement in church activities, involvement in community activities, hobbies, sports, interests, etc.
- I have attached a narrative statement (approximately 1,500 words) identifying some of the highlights of my faith journey, including:
  - my participation in the life and mission of the church, and experiences and people who have influenced me to offer myself for ministry in the church
  - my understanding of ministry (lay, diaconal, and ordained) and my understanding of my call to ministry
  - my understanding and experience of God
  - a description of my experience and relationship with the Discernment Committee over the period of inquiry
  - a statement outlining some of the gifts, abilities, and skills I bring to the church and its ministry
  - anticipated plans to finance my studies
- I agree to provide an original copy of a current police record check as described in the Police Records Check Handbook to the Presbytery E&S Committee when I appear for my candidacy interview.
- I agree to complete the two mandatory trainings required of all ministry personnel as outlined in the *Entering Ministry Handbook*.

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 Inquirer Year Month Day

**Distribution**  
 *Inquirer makes a copy of completed form and required attachments for their records and sends the originals to the governing body of the pastoral charge.*