

## Overview of Local Ministries

### About This Resource

This resource summarizes policies that are mandatory and must be followed. The policies are found in Section B of *The Manual*.

	<b>Type</b>	<b>Description and Purpose</b>	<b>Relationship to Wider United Church</b>	<b>Requirements</b>
<p style="text-align: center;">↑</p> <p style="text-align: center;">more</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↑</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Degrees of Governance</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p> <p style="text-align: center;">less</p> <p style="text-align: center;">↓</p>	Pastoral Charge	A pastoral charge is one or more congregations that meet for public worship.	Formed by presbytery.  Accountable to presbytery.	Must have a governance structure that meets the minimum requirements of <i>The Manual</i> .
	Congregation	A congregation is a group of people that is formed to meet for public worship.	Formed by presbytery.  Accountable to presbytery.	Must have a governance structure that meets the minimum requirements of <i>The Manual</i> .
	Outreach Ministry	An outreach ministry is a community-based ministry (hospital, chaplaincy, social service centre, community project, etc.) that is supported in some way by a court of the United Church.  It is not a congregation, pastoral charge, or mission.	Recognized by presbytery, Conference, or a General Council working unit.  Relates to the recognizing body through supervision or some other way.  May receive funding from the recognizing body.	Must have a governance structure approved by the recognizing body.  If incorporated, must meet the United Church's requirements for incorporated ministries.
	Mission	A mission is a group of people that meets for public worship.  It may be time-limited or transitional.	Recognized by presbytery.  Accountable to presbytery.	Elects representatives to the presbytery.  Operates with minimal organizational structure.
	Other Local Ministries	Other local ministries may be any type of ministry that arises within a community in response to local needs.  They may be time-limited or transitional.	May be recognized by presbytery, Conference, or a General Council working unit.	Must work with the presbytery to determine appropriate governance, oversight, and accountability structures.  May not need a formal governance structure.

