

STRUCTURE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

PASTORAL CHARGES (2351)

Members - 651,002 - admitted by Session

Meet annually

Chairperson

Committees, Boards, etc.

- Session - Worship
 - Membership
 - Christian Education
 - Discipline
- Committee of Stewards - Finance
- Board of Trustees - Property
- Official Board
- Stewardship
- Manse
- C. E. Committee
- Church Sunday School, etc.
- U.C.M.
- U.C.W.

or

Church Council or Unified Board (approved by Presbytery)

PRESBYTERIES (91)

Membership

- (a) Ministry Personnel
 - (b) lay persons elected by pastoral charges
 - (c) 10 lay persons elected by Presbytery
- Meet as frequently as determined by each Presbytery

Duties and Powers

- Oversight of Pastoral Charges
- Church property
- Students and candidates for Ministry
- Pastoral Relations
- Recommend candidates for Ministry
- Form new Pastoral Charges
- Conduct Covenanting Services with Ministry Personnel
- Oversight of conduct of Ministry Personnel
- Others.

Committees

- Archives
 - Education & Students*
 - Inter-church and Inter-faith relations
 - Extra Appeals (financial)*
 - Finance*
 - Manse
 - Mission In Canada*
 - Stewardship
 - Oversight of Pastoral Charges
 - Pastoral Relations
 - Pension Fund
 - Property
 - Communication*
 - World Outreach*
- * In many cases are Divisions

CONFERENCES (13)

Membership

- (a) Ministry Personnel
 - (b) lay members at least equal to (a) elected by Presbyteries.
- Meet every year or every two years.

President

Duties and Powers

- Oversight and promotion of religious life in Conference
- Examine and ordain/commission candidates
- Decide number and boundaries of Presbyteries
- Dispose of appeals
- Receive ordained or diaconal ministers from other denominations
- Designate Lay Pastoral Ministers
- Others

Committees (* In some cases are Divisions)

- Settlement
- Archives
- Interchurch and Interfaith Relations
- Extra Appeals (Financial)

- Finance*
- Ministry, Personnel and Education (or Education & Students)*
- Stewardship*
- Mission In Canada*
- Pension Fund
- Communication*
- World Outreach*

GENERAL COUNCIL (1)

Membership

(a) Members of order of ministry - approximately 175

(b) Lay Persons equal to (a) (there is a formula)

Meets every three years

Moderator

Duties and Powers

- In general, to enact such legislation and adopt such measures as may tend to promote true Godliness, repress immorality, preserve the unity and well-being of the church and advance the reign of God throughout the world.
- To legislate on doctrine, worship, membership, government, property;
- Prescribe and regulate courses of study for ordered, diaconal and lay pastoral ministry;
- Others.

Committees

Committee on Ministry & Employment Policies & Services

Committee on Programs for Mission & Ministry

Committee on Finance

Committee on Governance, Planning & Budgeting Processes

Units

Programs for Mission & Ministry

Racial Justice

Regional Relations

Resources for Mission & Ministry
 General Council Support & Services
 Financial Stewardship
 Ministry & Employment Policies & Services
 Financial Services
 Information Technology Services
 Ethnic Ministries
 Support to Local Ministries
 Justice, Global & Ecumenical Relations
 Faith Formation & Education
 Resource Production & Distribution
 Legal Counsel
 Residential Schools
 Ministères en Français