

FORMER MODERATORS

Who will be in attendance at the 40th General Council 2009

	Years Served	General Council
The Very Reverend Sang Chul Lee	1988 – 1990	Victoria, BC
The Very Reverend Dr. Marion S. Best	1994 – 1997	Fergus, ON
The Very Reverend Marion Parly	2000 – 2003	Toronto, ON
The Very Reverend Peter B. Short	2003 – 2006	Thunder Bay, ON

GUESTS OF THE 40TH GENERAL COUNCIL 2009**Ken Anderson – Intercultural Guest**

Ken Anderson has been appointed by the Sub-Executive of the General Council to serve as an intercultural guest and observer to the General Council. Ken is an active member and former chair of the Winnipeg Church of the Deaf. Ken was involved in the consultations that led to the formation of the Working Group on Deaf Ministry.

Susan Beaver – Intercultural Guest

Susan Beaver has been appointed by the Sub-Executive of the General Council to serve as an intercultural guest and observer to the General Council. She is a member of the Grand River United Church, and a Mohawk of the Six Nations of the Grand River. Susan works at the Francis Sandy Theological Centre and serves on their behalf on the Aboriginal Ministries Council. She is on the board of directors of “Nations Uniting” a joint project of three United Churches on Six Nations which aims to facilitate physical, emotional, mental and spiritual healing for individuals and significant cross-cultural healing between people on the reserve and their neighbours.

Emma Chalmers – Intercultural Guest

Emma Chalmers has been appointed by the Sub-Executive of the General Council to serve as an intercultural guest and observer to the General Council. She is a lay leader of the Tongan United Methodist Fellowship which forms part of the congregation of Wilson Height United Church. Emma has been active in intercultural ministry and has represented the Tongan Fellowship on the Ethnic Ministries Committee

Mary Corkery – KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives

Mary Corkery has been Executive Director of KAIROS: Canadian Ecumenical Justice Initiatives since 2003. KAIROS’ work includes research, education and advocacy on economic justice, human rights and peace-building in the Global South and in Canada. Mary has a degree in Adult Education, and has previously worked for CUSO, OXFAM, The Jesuit Centre, Development and Peace and several womens’ groups.

KAIROS is a social justice organization of seven major Canadian Churches, including The United Church of Canada that unites churches and religious organizations in a faithful ecumenical response to the call to "do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with

your God" (Micah 6:8). KAIROS deliberates on issues of common concern, advocates for social change and joins with people of faith and goodwill in action for social transformation working with members, partners and a cross Canada community based network in the areas of ecological justice, solidarity in Canada, human rights and trade and grassroots action for global justice grounded in local communities. It provides an ecumenical space to do research, analysis, education and advocacy around justice issues that complements the work being done in individual denominations.
(www.kairoscanada.org)

Jim Cornelius – Canadian Food Grains Bank

Jim Cornelius, Executive Director of the Canadian Food Grains Bank since 1997, is a certified management consultant who has specialized in international development with business, government and NGOs. Prior to becoming Executive Director he worked with the Canadian Foodgrains Bank in Asmara, Eritrea.

Canadian Foodgrains Bank is a partnership of 15 Canadian church agencies including The United Church of Canada. Together members seek a Christian response to hunger. CFGB's mission is to enable Canadians, working through the member church agencies and their respective local partners, to share resources with, support and learn from hungry populations outside Canada in their efforts to achieve food security. Specific objectives are to increase immediate and sustainable access to food; to increase food security by protecting and building sustainable economic livelihoods, strengthening community development and peace-building; to strengthen international and Canadian public policy and action to address hunger; and to increase Canadian public awareness and engagement with international hunger issues.
(www.foodgrainsbank.ca)

The Rev. Dr. William (Bill) Harrison – The Anglican Church of Canada

Rev. Dr. Harrison has been the Anglican co-chair of the Anglican United Church Dialogue since 2003. He is currently a priest with St. James the Less Parish, Lumby, BC, in the Diocese of Kootenay, and previously was a faculty member of The College of Emmanuel and St. Chad in Saskatoon.

As a partner in the worldwide Anglican Communion, The Anglican Church of Canada values a heritage of biblical faith, reason, liturgy, tradition, bishops and synods, and the rich variety of life in community. Since February of 2003 representatives of the Anglican and United Churches in Canada have been engaged in a dialogue to understand each other better; to encourage and strengthen shared ministry and mission, and to foster other circles of dialogue, regionally and locally, between the two churches. The Dialogue has recently produced *Drawing From The Same Well: The St. Brigid Report* to share with people across our churches some of the stories, conclusions and challenges from the past 6 years of our Dialogue.
(www.anglican.ca)

Don Hill – United Church of Christ, USA

Don Hill is Development Director in the Office Of General Ministries based at the National Office in Cleveland.

The **United Church of Christ** was created in 1957 as a union of the Evangelical and Reformed Church and the Congregational Christian Churches. Blending congregational and presbyterial polity in settings bound by covenantal relationships, the church has continued to articulate its united and uniting vocation by naming a commitment to becoming ever more intentionally multi-racial and multicultural, open and affirming to the gifts of gay and lesbian persons for membership and ordained ministry, a church accessible to all people, and dedicated to the pursuit of ecumenical relationships. This same commitment fosters a concern for justice and peace in the church and throughout the world.

(www.ucc.org)

The Rev. Paul N. Johnson – Canadian Council of Churches

Rev. Paul N. Johnson, Canadian Council of Churches Vice-President from 2006-2009, is from the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada. He is Assistant to the Bishop based in the ELCIC national office in Winnipeg.

Founded in 1944, The **Canadian Council of Churches** is the largest ecumenical body in Canada, now representing 22 churches of Anglican, Eastern and Oriental Orthodox, Protestant and Roman Catholic traditions. Members seek to fulfill together their common calling to the glory of God. The CCC brings member together in a forum where all voices hold equal weight. The Council promotes understanding among members, undertakes theological study and reflection, encourages and hosts church participation in dialogue with people of other faiths, studies, speaks about and acts on issues involving moral and spiritual principles and communicates messages of theological and ethical reflections to Canadian Society and governments.

(www.ccc-cce.ca)

Rabbi Lindsey bat Joseph – Jewish Community

Lindsey bat Joseph is Rabbi of the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre, a Synagogue and Community Centre in Kelowna, affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) as a member congregation. “The mission of the Okanagan Jewish Community Centre is to work towards building a strong and unified Jewish Community in the Okanagan Valley of British Columbia. The OJCC encourages an inclusive atmosphere of understanding and respect amongst Jews of different backgrounds. . . enriching Jewish life by providing opportunities for social, cultural, and educational development.”

Bishop Levee Kadenge – Institute for Theological Reflection Today

Levee Kadenge is a member of and Bishop in the Methodist Church of Zimbabwe and the Director of the Institute. Serving the Methodist Church of Zimbabwe for 30 years, Bishop Kadenge has studied theology at several institutions in Africa and the UK. Living out the Institute’s vision, Bishop Kadenge is active in the promotion of fair and free democratic elections in Zimbabwe and the strengthening of civil society within Zimbabwe.

The Institute for Theological Reflection Today (ITRT) – (Centre for Theological Reflection) based in Harare, Zimbabwe is a faith based organization which strives to empower the Church so that it becomes an active healing instrument for the promotion of good governance and democratic space in Zimbabwe. Zimbabwe is experiencing unprecedented socio-political

and economic upheaval which has paralyzed the once thriving and prospering nation. The moral and social responsibilities of the religious institutions is immense. It is imperative for Church institutions to become visible and audible defenders of social justice and the promotion of democratic systems. The Institution works to provide an environment for peace, healing, reconciliation and forgiveness, empowering Church leaders to become proactive and prophetic in the context of peace building.

Ibutu Susie Kaigongi (Susie Ibutu) – National Council of Churches of Kenya

Ibutu Susie Kaigongi is the Director of Social Service Programs at the National Council of Churches in Kenya. Mrs Ibutu has long been an active supporter of social justice movements within Kenya, throughout Africa and internationally. Her involvement with The United Church of Canada has been extensive including a term as Partner In Residence within Saskatchewan Conference in 1998 and most recently participating in General Council Executive meetings as a global partner representative

The **National Council of Churches of Kenya** is a family of Christian communions and organizations in fellowship and witness. As an ecumenical council they seek to nurture a common understanding of Christian faith and mission and build capacity for member churches to work towards the creation of a just and sustainable society. Through collaborative partnerships the Council gives expression to the Lordship of Christ over all aspects of human life. Working with communities Council members identify needs, acquire necessary resources and promote service that is holistic, relevant and self sustaining.

(www.ncck.org)

Dr. Johnson Mbillah – Program for Christian Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA)

Johnson Mbillah is the General Advisor for PROCMURA. Ordained as a Minister of the Presbyterian Church of Ghana, Dr. Mbillah has studied in Ghana and the UK. He has been active in interfaith relations for some time and published extensively on issues of Islam and Christian-Muslim Relations in Africa. Dr. Mbillah is currently serving as a member of the United Church Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit Advisory committee.

Headquartered in Nairobi, Kenya **Program for Christian Muslim Relations in Africa (PROCMURA)** is a pan-African Christian organisation founded in 1959 with the objective of building good relations between Christians and Muslims in Africa. Africa is a continent where faith communities, in spite of their differences, work together for the wholisitic development of the human family. PROCMURA sees its role as faithful and responsible Christian witness to the Gospel in an interfaith environment of Christians and Muslims. It promotes Christian constructive engagement with Muslims for peace and peaceful coexistence. PROCMURA believes that Christian witness is an integral part of Christian identity and therefore obligatory. It emphasises that the Church in its calling to bear witness to Jesus Christ in the world, should take context seriously as an indispensable requirement for the Christian presence in an interfaith environment. .

(www.en.procmura-prica.org)

Necta Montes – World Student Christian Federation, Asia/Pacific Region

Necta Montes is the Regional Secretary for WSCF-Asia Pacific. A member of the United Church of Christ in the Philippines, as a student, Ms. Montes was active in the Student Christian Movement in the Philippines and is currently continuing to study for a Master's degree in Theology at the Asian Theological Seminary.

The **World Student Christian Federation** - Asia-Pacific Region is part of WSCF's global fellowship of Christian students. WSCF Asia-Pacific currently has a membership of 16 national Student Christian Movements (SCMs). Active in a variety of activities, WSCF-Asia Pacific focuses on ecumenical training for students in transformational leadership, responding to current social realities and concerns including peace building, human rights, economic justice, ecology, interfaith dialogue and community organisation. WSCF organises conferences, training events and solidarity activities. The organisation also carries out programs focussing on women's empowerment and gender justice within a theological framework.

(www.wscfap.org)

Claudia Procula Narzary – Christian Conference of Asia and World Council of Churches Commission On Youth In The Ecumenical Movement

Claudia Procula Narzary, a Bodo woman belonging to St. John's Church, Assam, under the Diocese of Eastern Himalaya, Church of North India, is the 2009 intern working with the Christian Conference of Asia Ecumenical Formation, Gender Justice and Youth Empowerment program. The program promotes leadership development among indigenous and dalit women in Asia and seeks indigenous or dalit women committed to the ideals of the ecumenical movement, to bring their energy, commitment and fresh vision to a specific work assignment. The program is linked to the World Council of Churches Commission on Youth in the Ecumenical Movement.

The World Council of Churches, Commission on Youth in the Ecumenical Movement

project also encourages young adults to become more active in the life of the churches and the ecumenical movement. The new body is made up of 25 young people from the WCC governing and consultative bodies as well as from the broader constituency; it forms a critical think tank, and strengthens the role of youth in the WCC's decision-making processes.

(www.oikoumene.org/youth-in-the-ecumenical-movement/echos-youth-commission)

The **Christian Conference of Asia** based in Chaingmai, Thailand was constituted by a decision of churches, national councils of churches and national Christian councils 1957. Believing that the purpose of God for the church in Asia is life together in a common obedience of witness to the mission of God in the world, CCA exists as an organ and a forum of continuing cooperation among the churches and national Christian bodies in Asia within the framework of the wider ecumenical movement. CCA is committed to the equal participation of women, men, youth, clergy and laity in church and society.

(www.cca.org.hk)

Rev. Kenichi Otsu – Asian Rural Institute

Rev. Kenichi Otsu is an ordained minister of the United Church of Christ in Japan and the Director of the Institute. Rev. Otsu is active in the ecumenical movement in Japan, recognising the importance of ecumenism in identifying and addressing the pressing issues of our times. He

has a keen interest in bridging rural/urban communities with a particular focus on the interrelation of food, life, and the environment. He sees these as global issues important to people in urban as well as rural areas.

Asian Rural Institute is a training center for rural community leaders set on a 6 hectare farm in Northern Japan. The focus of ARI's training program is to create an educational environment in which these leaders can discover within themselves and within their people a more desirable image of community. They learn how to observe situations, identify local resources, and discover ways to use and enhance those resources. At the heart of our program is the concept of 'foodlife' - holding significant value in human life and the food that sustains life. The mission of the Asian Rural institute is to build an environmentally healthy, just, and peaceful world, in which each person can live to his or her fullest potential. This mission is rooted in the love of Jesus Christ. .
(www.ari-edu.org/english)

Dr. Elias Rishmawi – Alternative Tourism Group

Dr. Elias Rishmawi is the Founder and CEO of Medipharm Biolife Group. He is also President of the Board and co-founder of Alternative Tourism Group and former president and co-founder of Defence for Children International, Palestine Section. He is one of the leading figures for peace building and non-violent resistance in the region.

The **Alternative Tourism Group (ATG)** is a Palestinian NGO specializing in tours and pilgrimages that include critical examinations of the history, culture, and politics of the Holy Land. Established in 1995, ATG operates according to the tenets of justice tourism. Justice tourism holds as its central goals the creation of economic opportunities for the local community, positive cultural exchange between guest and host through one-on-one interaction, the protection of the environment, and political/historical education. ATG works to encourage all tourism operators to abandon exploitive mass tourism and to adopt practices that positively affect the host population. Through these methods, ATG seeks to promote a positive image of Palestine and its people and to contribute to establishment of a just peace in the area. ATG is part of an ongoing relationship and network that works closely with the Heads of Churches in Jerusalem (Jerusalem Interchurch Centre), Christian-related organizations in Palestine and Israel, and the World Council of Churches on issues of justice tourism and pilgrimages to the Holy Land
(www.atg.ps)

Ms. Marilia Schuller – KOINONIA

Marilia Schuller is Brazilian by birth and has been appointed as a missionary of the United Methodist Church, USA assigned to KOINONA. Ms. Schuller's work includes promotion of human rights, gender equality and overcoming racism in the church and society. She works closely with Afro-Brazilian religious communities. Ms. Schuller has studied in Brazil and Switzerland and spent 15 years with the World Council of Churches' Program to Combat Racism.

KOINONIA is a Brazilian ecumenical organization, bringing together churches, universities and non-governmental organizations in their efforts to improve the life of the most marginalized in Brazil. KOINONIA programs work to improve lives by developing skills, initiating dialogue to overcome religious and racial intolerance, and defending human rights. Afro-Brazilian religious

expressions and communities are key partners for KOINONIA's work. These faith communities are important spaces for grassroots organisation on education, health and cultural services. Ms. Schuller is currently serving as a member of the United Church Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit Advisory committee.
(www.koinonia.org.br)

Imam Hamid Slimi – Muslim Community

Hamid Slimi is a scholar with specialization in Islamic studies and law as well as comparative religions. He has served the Canadian Muslim Community as a teacher, Imam and chaplain since 1997 and is currently chairperson of the Canadian Council of Imams. Established in 1990, the Canadian Council of Imams is a collective leadership of Imams (Ministers of Religion) in Canada. The Council works to address issues affecting the Muslim Community at large; to assist in coordinating Islamic activities in member communities; to develop policies and practices that enhance understanding of Islam among Muslims and non-Muslims; and to act as an advisor on Islamic matters with various levels of Government.

Rev. Vera Tathum – Moravian Church in Nicaragua

Rev. Vera Tathum is an ordained minister of the Moravian Church, co-pastor of the First Moravian Church in Puerto Cabezas (Creole). She also teaches at the Moravian Inter-University Centre which is connected with the Bluefields Indian & Caribbean University. Her current pastoral work involves work with youth and Sunday school. She has served the Moravian Church in a variety of other capacities as well. .

The **Moravian Church in Nicaragua**, with congregations in almost every community in eastern Nicaragua, is the country's largest and oldest Protestant Church. Established in 1849, the Moravian Church has a long history of providing social support, health care and quality education in addition to ministry of Word and Sacrament. The Moravian Church is a fast-growing and vital church that ministers to four ethnic peoples: the Creole (Afro-descendants) and three Indigenous groups – Miskitu, Sumu Mayagna and Rama. Over the years many relationships have flourished between the United Church and leaders of the Moravian church in exchanges, continued education and commissioning of overseas personnel. The Moravian Church has begun new outreach efforts in several Spanish speaking communities in the western part of Nicaragua.

Susan Towner-Larson – United Church of Christ, USA

Susan Towner-Larson is Minister for Conference Relations, Office Of General Ministries at the National Office in Cleveland.

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(www.ucc.org)

Wanda Yamamoto - Canadian Council for Refugees

Wanda Yamamoto is a member of the CCR Board, and Manager, Volunteer Services at the Manitoba Interfaith Immigration Council

The **Canadian Council for Refugees** is a non-profit umbrella organization committed to the rights and protection of refugees in Canada and around the world and to the settlement of refugees and immigrants in Canada. The membership is made up of organizations involved in the settlement, sponsorship and protection of refugees and immigrants. The Council serves the networking, information-exchange and advocacy needs of its membership.” Its work includes opportunities for networking and professional development, cooperation with other networks to strengthen the defence of refugee rights, policy analysis and information-exchange, and advocacy for the rights of refugees and immigrants through media relations, government relations, research and public education.

(www.ccrweb.ca)

Cordillera People’s Alliance, Philippines

Founded in June, 1984 The Cordillera Peoples Alliance (CPA) is an independent federation of grassroots based peoples’ organizations among indigenous communities in the Cordillera Region, Philippines. CPA is committed to the promotion and defence of indigenous peoples’ rights, human rights, social justice, national freedom and democracy. CPA has launched sustained information drives, advocacy activities, campaigns and direct actions and local struggles on indigenous peoples’ rights and related issues. These activities were implemented along side organizing work of various indigenous communities in the region and building their capacity through education seminars, trainings and various types of assistance. CPA works closely with the United Church of Christ in the Philippines and the National Council of Churches in the Philippines.

Green Communities Canada

Green Communities Canada is a national network of community-based non-profit organizations that deliver innovative environmental programs and services, with a focus on household and community action. Green Communities Canada supports member organizations in working together to achieve environmental sustainability, including healthy ecosystems and communities, sustainable resource use, and clean air, water, and soil.” Formed in 1995, with a national office in Peterborough, Ontario, the organization works with members to share information; coordinate joint programs; and build capacity, visibility, and membership.

(www.gca.ca)

OUR INTERCULTURAL COMMITMENT

Becoming an Intercultural Church Community:

In 2006, at the 39th General Council, The United Church of Canada committed itself to becoming an intercultural church¹. Intercultural is often described as “mutually reciprocal relationships among and between cultures”².

In Canada, many are familiar with the term “multicultural”, which can result in somewhat surface-level celebrations of food, folk, and festivals, with polite social interactions, but without deep learning.

Our “intercultural” commitment promises to take us much deeper. The vision of an intercultural church calls all of us to move to becoming mutually welcoming and racially just communities. It calls us all toward transformation. In an intercultural church, no culture dominates another, all are welcomed and celebrated, obstacles to full participation and leadership are removed, power dynamics are deconstructed, and racial justice prevails.

No one is left unchanged in the intercultural process: some examine their own culture more deeply, some are changed through their interaction with others, and some learn more about what it means to be in intentional intercultural community together. Intercultural is not a substitute for “ethnic”, rather, it is whole way of being church together that goes beyond ethnicity, race, culture, language.

While intercultural is relatively new to the United Church, it is also very old: it reignites the vision given at Pentecost (Acts 2). At Pentecost, people came from many different cultures and backgrounds, but each person heard God’s word in their own language. No one had to give up their identity; God’s Spirit brought them together in a new way.

Understanding Culture and Racialized:

Culture is a way of being: it includes ways of life, values, norms, institutions, behaviours, rules, and guidelines, which are often passed down from one generation to another. At times, people do not realize how greatly culture influences their behaviour until they come across other ways of doing things. The intercultural church seeks to create new cultural ways of being together in community, guided by God’s Spirit.

In describing the intercultural church, a term called “racialized” is increasingly used. A term which may be new to many, racialized includes people who are racial minority, bi-racial, Aboriginal, or Métis. “Racialized” is a more inclusive alternative to “racial minority.” In any culture, those in the majority may be oblivious of their own race. But those who are perceived as belonging to a minority often find racial labels thrust upon them. Further, the term “minority” has implications of power, in terms of how who are named as “minority” and “majority”. As we seek to stretch ourselves beyond the familiar, we also seek new language in describing diverse cultural communities.

¹ “A Transformative Vision for The United Church of Canada,” Report to the 39th General Council of The United Church of Canada, 2006, *Record of Proceedings*.

² Canadian Oxford Dictionary.

Creating an Intercultural Space:

The intercultural church seeks ways of being church together based on deep dialogue and mutual understanding. It calls us to find commonalities among our many differences and to engage in deep relationships. It calls us to create valuable spaces for people to gather in community, to learn from one another, and to nurture better places of belonging. And, it calls us to mutuality.

Such intercultural spaces do not happen by accident: they are created with intention and guided by God's Spirit. At this General Council, we are seeking to create intentional intercultural spaces; one of the ways in which we will be doing this is by prayerfully naming an intercultural litany each day.

Intercultural Encounters:

As we seek to intentionally create intercultural spaces and encounters, there may be insights in the Respectful Community Guidelines,³ developed by the Rev. Eric H.F. Law. These guidelines are often affirmed in community gatherings, and may help guide our intercultural encounters:

- R** = take **Responsibility** for what you say and feel without blaming others
- E** = engage in **Empathetic** listening
- S** = be **Sensitive** to differences in communication styles
- P** = **Ponder** what you hear and feel before you speak
- E** = **Examine** your own assumptions and perceptions
- C** = keep **Confidentiality**
- T** = **Trust** ambiguity because we are *not* here to debate who or what is right or wrong.

As we create this space together, we trust the Spirit, knowing that we will make mistakes, but also giving thanks for the gifts of grace and forgiveness on our mutual journeys of transformation.

Questions for Reflection in Becoming an Intercultural Church:

In your conversations and encounters, you may choose to hold these questions with you:

- What additional values could we hold in an intercultural space? What would we hope to *not* bring to the intercultural space?
- What will help stretch us beyond the familiar?
- How can we intentionally uphold the RESPECT guidelines in our conversations?
- In what ways can we be conscious of the spoken, and unspoken, cultural norms that consistently value some voices more than others?
- Did our members share responsibility for raising cultural awareness, or racial justice, concerns or did the “watchdog” role fall to only a few?
- Am I aware of my own cultural biases and notions of “normal”?
- Am I intentionally creating space for others, and learning from each other?
- In our conversations, do we continue to draw on diverse cultural traditions in prayer, song, and language for God?
- Did anyone feel they were not heard because of their culture or racial identity?

³ Eric H.F. Law, *The Bush was Blazing but not Consumed*, (St. Louis: Chalice Press, 1996). pp. 83-87.

- Where can we persist in asking how we might increase the cultural and racial diversity of our group by bringing others to the table?
- Did we miss any natural openings in our discussions to address how our group might contribute to racial justice or intercultural awareness in our church, neighbourhood, and the world at large?
- If we made policy decision/recommendations in today's meeting, did they move our church a step closer to being more racially just and inclusive in practice?
- What suggestions do we have to improve the process next time?

173 PROPOSALS OF THE 40TH GENERAL COUNCIL 2009

What is a proposal?

The definition from *The Manual 2007* – Section 001 is: “Proposal means a formal request for specific action within the jurisdiction of the Court to which it is directed.” The “Court” is the 40th General Council 2009 gathered in Kelowna. There are 172 proposals to the Court.

Where do proposals come from?

Proposals come from three sources:

- one of the 13 Conferences (105 proposals)
- the Executive of the General Council (21 proposals)
- the General Secretary, General Council (47 proposals)

How will the General Council manage the 173 Proposals?

The General Council will take action on 15 Proposals in the Commons – that is all Commissioners will review, respond and vote on the Proposals related to congregational identity, ministry and priority setting. The balance of the Proposals (158) have been assigned to three “commissions” – Pacific, Atlantic and Arctic (We are a Church that stretches from sea to sea to sea.)

What is a commission?

The definition from *The Manual 2007* – Section 001 is: “Commission” means a member or members of the United Church appointed by a Court or its Executive and given power to do a specific task and to make a Decision or Decisions.” Each commissioner will be appointed to one of the commissions by a motion at the beginning of the General Council meeting. The 157 Proposals have been assigned to one of the Commissions by the General Secretary and the Business Process Group of the General Council Agenda and Planning Committee.

The work of the commissions will be on the Tuesday afternoon and Thursday from mid-morning through the afternoon. Efforts have been made to direct the work to the Commissions in a manner to balance the workload, to keep related pieces of work together, and to give a flavour of the breadth of the matters directed to the General Council. In directing the work to the Commissions a number of Proposals have been marked to be concluded in a consent (omnibus) motion. These Proposals for consent have been identified as they are clear in intent and action, do not have significant human or financial cost, and are consistent with existing policy and practice. Some are from the General Secretary with proposed changes to the Manual to reflect Policy Changes made by or directed to be made by the 39th General Council.

How do you dispose of a proposal?

There is an open conversation process for dealing with a Proposal. The person presiding (The Moderator in the Commons and the Chairperson in a Commission) directs the commissioners to examine a Proposal (In some cases a group of Proposals). Questions may be asked to focus the discussion as the body seeks to determine if the suggested action is necessary, appropriate, and right for this time. Commissioners will need always to remember that the decisions of this General Council must be supported by the available resources, money and time of the next Triennium. Commissioners are invited to ask questions of clarification of the Resource people about the proposal.

All Proposals originating from the Executive of the General Council, the General Secretary and the Conferences are on yellow paper. The specified action is presented first in bold print followed by background information if provided. The background information is provided by the originators of the Proposal. These statements can not be changed (nor can the reports on the white pages). Commissioners may suggest changes only to the text within the bold printed action of a Proposal. Where two or more Proposals are very similar a proposal task group has prepared and submitted for your consideration a single Proposal (printed on blue pages). These Proposals along with Consent Proposals also prepared by the proposal task group are included in the work book. These are offerings to the Commissions and will be presented formally in the Commission time.

The person presiding will direct the conversation as an informal process until the proposal is shaped, reflects the consensus of the court (or commission) and clearly defines a course of action. When the court (or commission) is ready, the Proposal is put forward as a Motion to the court (or commission). The normal rules of debate and procedure (see *The Manual*, Appendix III) are then applied.

There are five ways a court (or a commission) can dispose of a proposal:

1. Adopt the proposal (as is or with changes)
2. Take action different from that requested in the proposal but dealing with same subject matter
3. Refer to the proposal to the one of two places:
 - The General Secretary, General Council
 - The Executive of the General Council(The General Secretary or the Executive may refer work to other bodies)
4. Receive the proposal for information and take no action

5. Defeat the proposal

In Summary

173 Proposals, 105 directed from Conferences, 21 from the GCE and 47 from the General Secretary

To be heard by the General Council, 14 in Common time, 159 by Commissions; 45 by Pacific, 40 Atlantic, and 74 by Arctic. (The apparent imbalance of the Arctic Commission may be explained by the large number of Proposals suggesting required Manual Changes that must be approved by the General Council but may be done so in a Consent Motion.)

Of which an unknown number of actions will be directed to either the General Secretary, General Council for implementation or to the Executive of the General Council for study, policy and procedure development and oversight.

Paul Reed,
Business Processes

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Housekeeping Service

- Towel exchange and garbage removal service is provided every second day of your stay.
- A full housekeeping service which includes clean linen, towels, cleaning of bathrooms, kitchen and vacuuming will be provided on the fourth day of your stay.
- Towel Exchange – Please help us conserve our natural resources – if you would like your towels replaced, please leave your used towels on the floor. Towels left hanging on the towel rack will not be removed to be laundered.

- Please be aware that some amenities expected in hotel style accommodation will not be available: hangers, hair-dryers, telephones, alarm clocks, radios/TVs. The rooms are pleasant but simply furnished. If you need more than a single pillow, you'll want to bring one.

Front Desk Hours of Operation

The Front Desk is open 24 hours. Front Desk staff can be reached by calling 250-807-8055.

Messages/Mail

Telephone messages are recorded and delivered to your room by the Front Desk staff.

Phones

There are no phones in the bedrooms.

Security

Security on campus is available 24 hours and can be reached directly by calling 250-807-9236. Blue Emergency security phones are in various locations on campus. This line goes directly to the security office which is located in the Student Service Centre.

The front doors to the Kalamalka building will be locked after 10pm. To ensure your safety we ask that the main doors to all buildings remain closed at all times. For your own safety please keep your room door closed and locked at all times.

Lost Keys

There is a \$60.00 fee for a lost key.

For Your Convenience:

Telephone Services

Public telephones are located outside the foyer of the Arts, Library, Science buildings and in the lower level of the Gymnasium. A complimentary telephone for local calls is located beside the Student Union Bookstore in the Student Services Centre.

Vending machines

Located in the first floor lounge in Valhalla and in the second floor lounge of Kalamalka.

Laundry Service

Located beside the TV lounge on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floors in the Valhalla and Kalamalka buildings and in The Cascades Building C. Boxed Tide laundry soap may be purchased at the Front Desk for \$1.00 per box.

Laundry Facilities are card operated by Smart Card. A laundry card costs \$5.00 and is non-refundable. The card may be purchased from the Smart Card machine located in the laundry room in building C and loaded with a specific value. It cost \$1.00/wash and \$1.00/dry.

Irons, Ironing Boards, Alarm Clocks and Hairdryers

These items may be borrowed free of charge and are subject to availability. Please contact the Front Desk.

Internet/Computers

Complimentary internet is available by connecting to the internet modem in your bedroom. Only computer with high speed internet capabilities are able to connect to the modem and receive service.

Connection to wireless internet on campus is available through Fat Port wireless connection. There will be a prompt to create an account; a credit card will be required to access this service.

Charges for using Fat Port Wireless Connection:

24 hours =\$10.00

120 minutes = \$10.00 (this is timed by when you are connected to the internet)

1 week = \$20.00

Recycling

Recycling stations for plastic, cans, glass and paper can be found in the lounges on each floor of the Valhalla and on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th floor lounges of the Kalamalka. Blue boxes are located in the Cascade townhouses for plastic, cans, glass and paper. Batteries, printing cartridges and cellular products can be safely disposed of at a recycling station in the cafeteria.

Campus Information

Cafeteria

(Located on the upper level of the Student Services Centre)

Hours of Operation: 8:00am – 4:00pm Monday through Friday

Breakfast, lunch and dinner are provided to participants with a GC40 nametag.

Bank Machines

A cash machine is located on the main level of the Student Services Centre and in the lobby on the main floor of the Arts Building.

Tim Hortons

Located in located in the Library Building

Smoking & Alcohol

Smoking is not permitted in any of the buildings and residences on campus or near their exits.

Smoking is *only* permitted in the gazebos located in various areas on campus.

Alcoholic beverages may only be consumed within the privacy of your room. The legal drinking age in BC is 19 years.

INFLUENZA AND GENERAL COUNCIL 40

June 18, 2009

Creating and maintaining safe places where all can thrive is a high priority for the Christian church. With this in mind, we want to update you on our church's response to the current influenza pandemic. At this time, the World Health organization, WHO, considers the overall severity of the influenza pandemic to be moderate. This assessment is based on scientific evidence available to WHO, as well as input from its Member States on the pandemic's impact on their health systems, and their social and economic functioning. Currently, travel restrictions have not been imposed by WHO. However, unnecessary travel is discouraged and individuals should monitor the situation at their destination when determining if they will travel.

General Council personnel have given thought to ways of responding to an influenza outbreak. This is outlined in [The United Church of Canada Emergency Plan](http://www.united-church.ca/local/duty/emergency) [www.united-church.ca/local/duty/emergency] which is available on The United Church of Canada website. With the gathering of church delegates from across the country, we are cognizant of the concerns individuals may have related to this issue.

We encourage everyone to adopt a prevention approach. Practicing good hygiene, including proper hand-washing techniques, is the first step. Limit the amount and degree of physical contact with others. Acknowledging an individual may mean a nod of the head rather than the traditional handshake. Stay home if you are exhibiting flu-like symptoms—fever, cough, sore throat, muscle and joint pain, shortness of breath, loss of appetite, runny nose or nausea, vomiting, and diarrhea.

The local public health unit will be the best source of information with regards to changing our practices. It is this agency that will have the authority to cancel meetings and gatherings if the need arises. Congregations and other ministries should ensure that their communication tree/phone directory is up to date in case it has to be used due to a decision by the public health authorities. The use of e-mail, websites and telephone are alternatives for church communities to stay connected.

At times like this, we are given the opportunity to give our faith substance. Jesus taught us to love one another. By taking the necessary precautions to avoid the spread of disease, by accompanying those who need support in this time, we demonstrate our care for our brothers and sisters, wherever they may dwell.

Beverlea Oag,
Program Co-ordinator, Duty of Care and Incorporated Ministries
The United Church of Canada

LEARNING OPTIONS, UPDATED

Summary Descriptions

The purpose of learning options is to offer commissioners an opportunity to engage particular subjects in greater depth than time in the whole court will allow. The learning options will focus on topics that are related to either: theme, discernment, business before the court or issues related to the work of the church. Those presenting the options will not be repeating material already available in your workbook or during time in the court but will be offering more in depth information. Commissioners will then have an opportunity to discuss with the presenters and each other the topic of the session. These times will be Monday and Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:30. Tickets will be available at the Council. As space will be limited in each session it will be good to spread your Conference members amongst the sessions so you can inform each other as to what you heard. ***This is still a draft list*** – we are still confirming topics and presenters and issues may emerge as we hear from Conference annual meetings.

Emerging Approaches, Issues and Hopes for Youth and Young Adult Ministry in The United Church of Canada

Through the practices of Sabbath (resting, ceasing, embracing, and feasting) we invite people to bring their questions, their passion and their voice to this circle which will explore current and emerging approaches, issues and hopes of youth and young adults and those who minister to them in the United Church of Canada.

Living Into Right Relationships

This workshop will introduce participants to the 5-year Living into Right Relations initiative begun in May 2008 to build a network of Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal people across the country committed to exploring the nature of, and walking together in, right relationship. The session will provide opportunities for listening, strategy planning and networking.

United for Peace – Moral, Personal and Political Issues in our Context

Partners of The United Church of Canada contribute to the building of peace and ending of violence as core activities in their response to God's call. The United Church is currently involved in a two year advocacy, fundraising and educational campaign, "United for Peace". Engage with partner perspectives about the root causes of ongoing conflict and how we can join them in working to bring about God's Shalom.

Whole World Ecumenism –Living out Ecumenical and Interfaith Relationships

In Mending the World the United Church named the search for justice for God's creatures and healing for God's creation as the church's first priority. We approach this priority through "whole world ecumenism": Whole world ecumenism makes common cause with all people of good will, whether they be people of faith or not, for the creation of a world that is just, participatory and sustainable. In this workshop, commissioners, ecumenical and interfaith partners, will explore ways these commitments can be lived out in the relationships of congregations with neighbours of different faith and denominational traditions. How do we learn to know each other through the building of right relations and seeking justice in our local communities? What resources are available to support ecumenical and interfaith activities? What are some of the gifts and challenges of this work?

Covenanting to Live Faithfully In the Midst of Empire

Through his ministry, Jesus challenged the Roman Empire. Learn from partners of the United Church of Canada about the how the communities they work with experience and challenge empire today. Explore how we are affected by empire and can covenant and act for new life in creation.

Sustainable Community – What does it look like and How can we achieve it?

The 2009-2011 United Church Mission Theme is "Living for Creation: Choosing Life over Empire". Learn from partners how acting to prevent environmental degradation and confronting threats such as climate change, water stress, pollution and species extinction is a matter of faith. Across the country, United Church ministries, groups, and congregations are choosing life over death-dealing empire by becoming involved in advocating for and building sustainable communities, working toward a sustainable Earth Community. Share how your group is involved in these efforts.

Racial Justice

These learning options will introduce the ongoing work of racial justice in the United Church, including making connections with becoming an intercultural church and mandatory racial justice training for ministry personnel (passed at the 39th General Council in 2006).

Come to this learning option to:

- Engage in self-examination around privilege and internalized racism
- Reflect on the systemic nature of racism within the church and the wider society
- Find tools to begin or continue the work of racial justice in local ministry contexts

Building Congregational Strategies For The Truth and Reconciliation Process

This workshop will build on the presentation by the TRC Commissioners and the table group discussion earlier in the day on what United Church members can do locally to prepare for participation in the Truth and Reconciliation Commission. It will be a brainstorming session to gather ideas to be compiled into a handbook for congregations in the fall of 2009. A number of residential school survivors will be present.

Becoming an Intercultural Church

Curious about deepening our commitment to becoming an intercultural church? Looking for ways to make your church more interculturally inclusive? Wondering what "intercultural" might mean in your local context? Come and explore broad vision, theological insights, and practical ways to deepen congregational engagement around intercultural ministries. This learning option will further the work that began in plenary, and offer a smaller setting to engage questions and conversations about what it means to become an intercultural church.

Peace Policy and Responsibility to Protect

When a state fails to protect its citizens from ongoing conflict, or is the perpetrator of massive abuses of human rights of its citizens, is military intervention justified? If yes, under what criteria and conditions? If not, why not? How are we called to respond as a church in these situations? In November 2008, the General Council Executive approved the policy on "Responsibility to Protect" as part of the United Church's overall peace policy. Find out more

about United Church policy on "responsibility to protect" and partners' perspectives on these difficult situations.

Partnership Policy and Practices: Congregational Roles

What difference does partnership make? How do forming right relations enable us to better engage in God's mission together? Global partners explore these questions in light of the 10 partnership principles approved by General Council Executive in November 2008 that guide the United Church's involvement in global partnership. Find out how these principles can enable your congregation to become involved in global partnership.

Emerging Spirit

This will be an opportunity for discussion with leaders from the Emerging Spirit program about: (1) some key learning about the new context in which the church is called to minister; (2) the state of the church as the project has experienced and observed it; and (3) key ingredients in the life of congregations who are making the transition to write a new chapter in their ministry.

Intergenerational Options

Many churches devote great resources of time, talent, and money to one hour on Sunday morning. In many cases it is the single most important thing that a community of faith does, yet it is also often the most divisive. How do we make worship truly intergenerational? Do we even really want to try to include all generations in one celebration? How is intergenerational different from child- or youth-led worship? What happens when generations don't speak the same language, how can we be intergenerational in those settings? What does our way of worshipping say about our understanding of God?

Meaning of Ministry

Spiritual depth, wisdom, sensitivity and compassion are all attributes that define ministry, and are gifts or charisms of the Spirit that can be found in all effective leaders. If that much is true about ministry in general, then what differentiates the ministry of believers from the Order of Ministry, and why if at all does making a distinction between Order of Ministry from other forms of ministry matter?

Call and the Development of Leadership Within the Church

The entire church is called to invite people to various forms of leadership in and on behalf of the church. How does the church foster "a culture of call" where the practice of noticing and naming gifts and nurturing call are activities that are practiced freely?

Lively Ministries in Small Membership Churches

What is our vision of small? Participants are invited to consider smallness from a variety of perspectives, including these three observations:

- Small is "big" – transformation happens in small communities
- Small has to be different – it can't just replicate the past
- Small is common – many of our congregations, rural and urban, have a small attendance.

Introduction à Nos Voix Unies & a la Liturgie en français Introduction to Nos Voix Unies & to Worship in French

Ce tout nouveau recueil veut offrir, dans un esprit œcuménique, à toute l'Église unie, une occasion de nourrir et de célébrer sa foi en Jésus Christ avec des chants et des textes liturgiques, écrits dans un langage inclusif et actuel, provenant de tous les coins du monde exprimant l'unité et la diversité de l'Église et la richesse culturelle de nos milieux. *Nos Voix Unies* est un projet particulièrement attendu dans nos communautés de foi puisque c'est le premier recueil de chants en français depuis la création de l'Église Unie. L'atelier inclura des suggestions et expériences pour intégrer du Français dans les liturgies.

This new hymn book offers to the whole United Church, in an ecumenical spirit, an opportunity to nourish and celebrate their faith in Jesus Christ with songs and liturgical texts written in an inclusive style, reflecting all corners of the earth and expressing both the unity and diversity of the church, and the cultural gifts in our midst. Communities of faith in our midst have been eagerly awaiting the release of *Nos Voix Unies* as the first French hymn book to be produced since the founding of The United Church of Canada. The workshop will also include tips and experiences how to do worship welcoming Francophones.

Des nouvelles modèles de ministères en contexte francophone Beginning New Models of Ministry in the Francophone Context

L'intérêt et le désir sincère de s'ouvrir aux populations francophones du pays et de leur offrir des services pastoraux et des cultes en français ou bilingues sont de plus en plus manifestes dans notre Église ; nombre de ces initiatives permettent à des communautés entières de découvrir la richesse de la diversité de l'Église unie, son engagement pour la justice ainsi que son sens de l'inclusivité et de l'accueil qui la caractérise

A deep desire to open itself to francophone populations around the country offering pastoral and ministry services in French, or in bilingual settings has been increasingly apparent in our Church. A number of new francophone ministry initiatives have enabled communities to discover the richness and diversity of the United Church and celebrate the church's deep commitment to social justice and yearning to be inclusive. A varieties of experiences and «how too» will be shared re starting/consolidating ministries to Francophones in a variety of contexts.

Focussed Bible Study

A quiet and reflective opportunity to be present to each other and the Spirit as we are opened to the Word.

It Takes A Village

An experiential learning process facilitated by Kathi Camilleri. This experience will illustrate how, prior to European contact, First Peoples had well-established cultural and spiritual identities. Their children were the centre of their lives. The whole village was involved in caring for children and teaching them in the ways of their people. Participants then learn about the wide-ranging destructive impact of taking the children away to residential schools.

MEDIA COVERAGE AT GENERAL COUNCIL

The secular media's presence at General Council varies from year to year, depending on the degree of local interest and the relevance of the Council's agenda to the wider world.

It is customary for reporters to identify themselves as journalists whenever they are working. To help them do this, the General Council Newsroom asks that all media people who are attending General Council wear special nametags.

As a Commissioner or Youth Forum delegate, you may be approached by reporters wanting to interview you. All accredited media, including *The United Church Observer* and *General Council Newsroom* staff will be wearing **press/media/newsroom** staff identification badges.

Also, as a Commissioner or Youth Forum Delegate, if you have been asked to report on the work of the 40th General Council 2009 for your local newspaper, or other media outlet, please come to the Newsroom for proper identification. Any participant at General Council who is also functioning as a journalist should be wearing a media nametag. This is particularly important if you intend to quote individuals who may not be aware that comments made in private conversation may also appear in a news report.

Please remember that while you are encouraged to cooperate with the media, it is usually best to assume that **all** conversations with reporters are **on the record** (that is, for publication). Some reporters may agree not to identify the source of their information, however, these terms must be agreed to **in advance** of the conversation with the reporter.

Remember also, that when you speak to a reporter, you are being asked for your personal views on matters being discussed by the General Council. This is true, unless of course, you have been named a designated spokesperson for a particular group.

While reporters are not permitted onto the floor during business sessions, stewards may deliver messages from reporters who wish to meet with you. The message will indicate when and where you are to meet, and usually the subject matter to be discussed. We would ask that you indicate to the person delivering the message whether you are able to meet with the reporter or suggest an alternate time that would be more convenient.

Usually we suggest that reporters schedule interviews with Commissioners during breaks in order not to disturb your participation in Council. There are times, however, when reporters have an immediate deadline and need to speak to you as soon as possible. When this happens, the message you will be handed will ask that you slip away at your earliest convenience.

Stewards may also hand you a message indicating that a reporter wishes to speak to you long distance. You are welcome to return these phone calls from the Newsroom.

In addition to the secular media's coverage of General Council, the United Church's own reporters, including *The United Church Observer*, play a significant role in the life of General Council. *General Council News* staff and volunteers will be publishing daily news reports in

French and English, as well as producing bilingual video clips for The United Church of Canada's YouTube channel. These news reports will be posted throughout General Council on the United Church's 40th General Council website (gc40.united-church.ca). There you will also find links to 40th General Council postings on Twitter, Flickr, and Blogger.

In keeping with the initiative to make the 40th General Council as "green" a Council as possible, we will not be providing Commissioners with printed copies of General Council News. However, there will be a PDF version of each day's news posted on the 40th General Council website for those who wish to print copies when they return home. We will also be providing each table group with a single printed copy of General Council News each day for table group members to share.

Again, if you are asked, I encourage you to cooperate with the media. Reporters are here to do an important and difficult job of reporting accurately and fairly what is happening at General Council. To do that job well, they need our help.

And finally, if you have any questions regarding the media's presence or coverage of General Council, please contact me on-site in the General Council Newsroom, directly across from the plenary hall in Room 027.

Mary-Frances Denis
Communications Officer
June 1, 2009

ACRONYMS

We discourage the use of acronyms because they tend to exclude those who don't know them, but there are still some in this workbook, mostly from older reports. For that reason we include here a glossary of what the acronyms stand for.

A&P	Agenda and Planning Committee
ADR	Alternate Dispute Resolution
AGM	Annual General Meeting
ANCC	All Native Circle Conference
ANW	Alberta and Northwest Conference
AOTS	As One That Serves (Men's Ministries)
ARCH	Archives
AVEL	Audio Visual Education Library
BC	British Columbia Conference
BQ	Bay of Quinte Conference
CAYT	Children and Young Teens Program at General Council

CCC	Canadian Council of Churches
CECM	Congregational, Educational and Community Ministries
CES	Conference Executive Secretary(ies)/Speaker
COC	Community of Concern
DM	Diaconal Ministry
EAP	Employee Assistance Program
EM	Ethnic Ministries Unit
ES	Emerging Spirit
FFE	Faith Formation and Education Unit
FIN	Finance
FinS	Financial Stewardship Unit
FS	Financial Services Unit
GC	General Council
GCE	Executive of the General Council
GCM	General Council Minister(s)
GCO	General Council Office
GCSE	General Council Sub-Executive
GP	Global Partner(s)
GPBP	Governance, Planning and Budgeting Processes
GCM	General Council Minister
GS	General Secretary, General Council
HAM	Hamilton Conference
ICDC	Intercultural and Diverse Communities in Ministry Unit
ITS	Information Technology Services Unit
JGER	Justice, Global and Ecumenical Relations Unit
LM	Lay Ministry
LON	London Conference
M&O	Montreal and Ottawa Conference
M&S	Mission and Service
MAC	Moderator's Advisory Committee
MAL	Member(s) at Large
MAR	Maritime Conference
MECC	Middle East Council of Churches
MEPS	Ministry and Employment Policies and Services Unit
MNWO	Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario Conference
MOD	Moderator
MTU	Manitou Conference
N&L	Newfoundland and Labrador Conference
NWO	National Women's Organization
OM	Ordered Ministry
OMGS	The Offices of the Moderator and General Secretary
OMNI	Omnibus
PAR	Pre-authorized Remittance
PC-FIN	Permanent Committee, Finance
PC-GPBP	Permanent Committee, Governance, Planning and Budgeting Processes
PC-MEPS	Permanent Committee, Ministry and Employment Policies and Services

PC-PMM	Permanent Committee, Programs for Mission and Ministry
PMM	Programs for Mission and Ministry
ROP	Record of Proceedings
RPD	Resource Production and Distribution Unit
RSSC	Residential Schools Steering Committee
SK	Saskatchewan Conference
SLM	Support to Local Ministries Unit
SPK	Speaker
T&F	Committee on Theology and Faith
TOR	Toronto Conference
UCC	The United Church of Canada
UCW	United Church Women
UMiF	Unité de Ministères en Français / Ministries in French Unit
VU	Voices United
WC	WonderCafe
WCC	World Council of Churches
YF	Youth Forum Program at General Council

IN MEMORIAM

(Aug. 20, 2006 to May 15, 2009)

The following is a list of members of the order of ministry and lay pastoral ministers in active service who have died since the rise of the 39th General Council.

"They rest from their labours and their works do follow them" *Rev. 14:13*

Name	Date of Birth	Year Entering Ministry	Date of Death
Newfoundland and Labrador Conference			
Hickman, Frederick Smith	Feb. 14, 1922	1967	May 13, 2008
Hobbs, Cecil	Jun. 5, 1921	1954	Sep. 26, 2008
Hodder, Nelson Bramwell	Dec. 26, 1912	1948	Jun. 3, 2007
Johnson, Wilbur Bert	Dec. 24, 1919	1950	Dec. 30, 2006
Layden, Albert George	Oct. 11, 1945	2007	Apr. 24, 2008
Legrow, Alfred Butt	May 8, 1918	1957	Oct. 18, 2008
Mehaney, Levi William	Mar. 26, 1929	1956	Nov. 23, 2007
Parsons, Ernest W.	Apr. 7, 1921	1968	Feb. 22, 2009

Saunders, George Manuel	Jun. 19, 1926	1957	Mar. 9, 2007
Short, Joan Sybil	Jan. 22, 1922	1990	Jun. 16, 2008
Tucker, Raymond Douglas	Apr. 7, 1931	1960	Sep. 20, 2006

Maritime Conference

Burrows, Lloyd Pulsifer	Sep. 2, 1949	1973	Jan. 28, 2009
Cook, John Merlyn	Jul. 24, 1932	1957	Mar. 6, 2008
Crooks, Donald Herbert	Feb. 7, 1935	1959	Jan. 16, 2007
Farquhar, Alexander James	Sep. 24, 1926	1951	Mar. 9, 2008
Finson, Sheila (Shelley) Elsie Grace	Mar. 2, 1936	1979	Feb. 3, 2008
Higgins, Harold George Watson	Oct. 6, 1918	1962	Mar. 9, 2008
Hilder, Harold Lewis	Nov. 15, 1929	1955	Oct. 1, 2007
MacDonald, Peter Stuart	Nov. 2, 1915	1938	Aug. 19, 2007
MacDougall, Mary Elizabeth	Dec. 7, 1914	1945	Jan. 23, 2009
MacGuire, Donald James	Oct. 5, 1922	1948	Sep. 16, 2008
MacKenzie, Roy Herbert	Jun. 1, 1919	1944	Aug. 3, 2008
MacLean, Gordon David	Aug. 13, 1953	1981	Dec. 11, 2008
MacQueen, Stanley George	Sep. 17, 1915	1942	Sep. 17, 2006
Micklethwaite, George William	Aug. 22, 1937	1971	Apr. 20, 2008
Mueller, Robert Conrad	Feb. 1, 1917	1944	Jan. 30, 2007
Murray, Hugh Arthur	Oct. 2, 1921	1965	Nov. 7, 2007
Reid, Geraldine Gertrude	May 8, 1932	1961	Jul. 2, 2007
Stiles, Frank Bernard	Feb. 28, 1935	1964	Nov. 25, 2007
Thomas, William Harold	May 20, 1907	1936	Aug. 11, 2007

Montreal and Ottawa Conference

Anderson, John Sellar	Apr 25, 1913	1965	May 31, 2006
Atchison, Sparling Wendell	May 20, 1920	1949	Jul. 10, 2008
Carmichael, Oliver Douglas	May 2, 1931	1962	Jul. 22, 2008
Chaplin, Arnold Craig	May 13, 1955	1980	May 9, 2007
Finès, Hervé	Aug. 18, 1923	1953	Aug. 5, 2007
Kennedy, William Whan	May 23, 1916	1969	Feb. 29, 2008
Monaco, Ugo	Mar. 18, 1928	1964	Dec. 7, 2006
Uhrich, James Addison	Jul. 22, 1943	1968	May 30, 2009

Bay of Quinte Conference

Adams, Gordon Stephen James	Jul. 10, 1917	1943	Apr. 15, 2008
Canniff, Sally Christine	Aug. 11, 1950	1991	Dec. 18, 2008
French, Richard Watson	Sep. 13, 1910	1940	Apr. 9, 2008
Kellogg, James Clare	Mar. 10, 1923	1948	Jun. 27, 2007
Leeman, Walfrid Aleksanteri	Jul. 5, 1923	1955	Sep. 2, 2008
Martin, Kenneth Harold	Apr. 28, 1941	1974	Feb. 28, 2008
McKay, William Angus	Apr. 27, 1914	1938	Dec. 27, 2007
Payton, James Arnold	Jan. 23, 1930	1960	Oct. 12, 2007
Raham, Norma Josephine	Nov. 30, 1921	1988	Sep. 6, 2007
Shuter, Douglas Beverley	Mar. 20, 1926	1956	Mar. 10, 2008
Smith, Thomas Henry	Dec. 12, 1910	1941	Jan. 13, 2008
Smits, Karel Teddy	Apr. 8, 1921	1948	Feb. 22, 2008
Southall, George Arthur	Jul. 27, 1930	1962	May 4, 2008
Tansley, Donald Edward	Oct. 16, 1914	1944	Oct. 21, 2008

Taylor, Clyde Gilbert	Jun. 21, 1933	1960	Oct. 18, 2008
Turner, Caroline Roberta	Oct. 31, 1933	1984	Feb. 20, 2009
Woollard, J. Keith	Jan. 30, 1917	1948	Mar. 7, 2009

Toronto Conference

Ashton, Marjory Hazel	Nov. 25, 1937	1970	Mar. 6, 2009
Bartlett, Robert McQueen	May 8, 1919	1952	Sep. 29, 2008
Boyce, Greer Woods	May 18, 1921	1944	Sep. 21, 2008
Burgess, Harold Neal	Apr. 28, 1915	1943	Jul. 20, 2008
Craig, Robert Brycelain	Feb. 7, 1916	1948	Apr. 14, 2009
Ennals, Bernard Franklin	Jan. 23, 1916	1942	Aug. 8, 2008
Grant, John Webster	Jun. 27, 1919	1943	Dec. 16, 2006
Legge, Garth Warren	Jul. 25, 1922	1949	Feb. 21, 2007
McClintock, George Bernard	Apr. 3, 1924	1952	Jul. 9, 2007
Middaugh, Norman Charles	Dec. 19, 1922	1952	Dec. 25, 2006
Morris, Wesley Alfred	Dec. 10, 1916	1947	Nov. 24, 2006
Muir, Douglas Alexander Campbell	Apr. 5, 1915	1952	Nov. 7, 2008
Munro, Robert Keith	Sep. 27, 1940	1966	Jan. 18, 2008
Robinson, John Proctor	Dec. 24, 1927	1959	Nov. 6, 2007
Sharp, Christopher Robin	Mar. 25, 1927	1959	Aug. 29, 2006
Smith, Robert (Robin) Bell	Jun. 12, 1924	1947	Sep. 25, 2007
Taylor-Walsh, Lorne Henry	Jul. 4, 1932	1975	Sep. 29, 2006
Telford, Francis James	Dec. 18, 1921	1949	Nov. 11, 2008
Wilkie, John MacDonald	Mar. 21, 1922	1954	Jul. 2, 2008

Hamilton Conference

Barnes, Allan John	Nov. 23, 1933	1961	Mar. 30, 2007
Bauman, Kenneth	Jan. 3, 1938	1969	Feb. 7, 2007
Binns, Susan Kate Helen	Feb. 3, 1936	1958	Oct. 24, 2007
Brydon, Douglas Alexander	Dec. 13, 1911	1940	May 25, 2007
Cowan, Edgar Graham	Feb. 10, 1917	1942	Nov. 17, 2008
Dyke, Cyril Dennis	Jun. 12, 1921	1971	Mar. 10, 2007
Fetter, Lawrence Edmund	Feb. 13, 1935	1959	Dec. 9, 2006
Grundy, Robert Eric	Oct. 6, 1923	1959	Jun. 3, 2008
Harley, Alan Lester	Dec. 20, 1924	1955	Mar. 6, 2007
Hershey, Sydney James	Jan. 3, 1921	1964	Jun. 28, 2007
Horachek, Joan Evelyn	Sep. 6, 1924	1983	Dec. 31, 2007
Jackson, Franklin Ralph	Aug. 20, 1930	1955	Mar. 23, 2009
Lake, John Howard	Nov. 3, 1919	1954	Sep. 8, 2006
Loper, Brant Phister	Jul. 17, 1929	1962	May 29, 2007
Macintosh, Alistair John	Oct. 23, 1917	1959	Aug. 12, 2008
Madden, Frederick Ewart	Mar. 31, 1920	1946	Dec. 21, 2006
Martin, Lloyd Buddell	Jul. 5, 1930	1965	Feb. 21, 2009
Matton, Robert Thornton	Feb. 20, 1954	1988	Sep. 17, 2008
McNairn, Norman Alastair	Feb. 2, 1911	1937	Oct. 6, 2008
McPhee, Douglas Haig	Aug. 27, 1919	1963	Jan. 16, 2009
Morgan, Frank Henry	Dec. 12, 1913	1942	Nov. 29, 2006
Morgan, Ira Ross	Apr. 4, 1924	1965	Aug. 28, 2006
Readhead, Ross Edmund	Jul. 6, 1923	1952	Jul. 6, 2008
Rhijnsburger, Jan	Nov. 2, 1929	1968	Jul. 4, 2008

Royle, Ernest Stanley	Jun. 10, 1935	1959	Jan. 23, 2008
Steed, Robert Arthur	May 5, 1916	1940	Aug. 23, 2007
Stevens, Harry Chesley	Aug. 16, 1922	1974	Jan. 8, 2007
Tudor, Keith Frederick	Nov. 14, 1924	1953	Jun. 26, 2007
Wardle, Kenneth Alfred	Sep. 27, 1931	1959	Dec. 2, 2007
Wilkinson, William Giffen	Dec. 7, 1921	1956	Apr. 15, 2008
Wilson, Pearl Margaret	Mar. 20, 1915	1948	Dec. 30, 2007

London Conference

Ball, George Nash	Mar. 30, 1917	1943	May 27, 2008
Barnes, Phyllis Ivy	Dec. 14, 1925	1981	Feb. 20, 2008
Burtch, Hugh Cragger	Oct. 28, 1921	1958	Feb. 15, 2008
Campbell, Murray Ernest	May 14, 1933	1966	Sep. 4, 2007
Clarke, John Ewart Phillips	Oct. 10, 1926	1956	Apr. 14, 2009
Davies, John	Apr. 20, 1914	1947	Mar. 16, 2009
Engel, Donald John	Jul. 19, 1944	2006	Sep. 12, 2008
Fellows, Joseph Ernest	May 26, 1927	1967	Jul. 28, 2007
Forsythe, James Edmund	Aug. 2, 1928	1954	Apr. 22, 2007
Lang, Alton Wilbur	Oct. 17, 1920	1955	Aug. 8, 2007
MacKinnon, Farquhar	Jan. 3, 1932	1955	Dec. 15, 2008
McKay, John Franklin	Mar. 26, 1928	1957	Jan. 9, 2009
Morrow, George Edwin	Jul. 4, 1907	1933	Jul. 7, 2008
Morton, Norman Frank	Apr. 18, 1924	1973	Aug. 31, 2006
Rapson, Alexander	Nov. 25, 1907	1936	Nov. 4, 2007
Whalls, Robert William	Oct. 18, 1955	1987	Mar. 31, 2008
Williams, John Robert	Feb. 15, 1921	1948	Jul. 29, 2008

Manitou Conference

Buchanan, William James Victor	Jun. 25, 1909	1938	Sep. 29, 2006
Haslam, Samuel Heywood	Dec. 18, 1908	1937	Oct. 18, 2006

Conference of Manitoba and Northwestern Ontario

Bennett, David Edward	Mar. 25, 1917	1953	Nov. 19, 2006
Christie, William Constantine	Apr. 1, 1937	1961	Jul. 13, 2008
Dean, Pamela Aileen (LM)	Mar. 18, 1949	1992	Feb. 9, 2007
Frascati Lochhead, Marta	Apr. 16, 1953	1991	Mar. 7, 2008
MacDermid, Gordon Edward	Sep. 22, 1939	1961	Mar. 3, 2009
McIntosh, Cecil Ronald	Jul. 17, 1934	1965	Aug. 23, 2007
McNeill, George Bruce	Feb. 3, 1925	1955	Aug 1, 2008
Smith, Euston Ivan	Mar. 26, 1931	1967	Jul. 31, 2008
White, Hubert Edward	Jun. 13, 1921	1950	Jan.6, 2007
Williams, Peter Frederick	Nov. 4, 1932	1968	Mar. 22, 2009

Saskatchewan Conference

Buhr, Gerald Leonard	Apr. 4, 1928	1965	Mar. 29, 2007
Groome, Agnes Jean	Nov. 5, 1918	1984	May 30, 2008
Haggart, Mary Leslie	March 14, 1920	1954	May 7, 2007
Hetherington, Richard	1920	1956	Sep. 20, 2006
Hoffman, David Wayne	Sep. 13, 1953	1981	Oct. 30, 2007
Hurd, Dorothy Marguerite	Apr. 23, 1932	1978	Mar. 20, 2008

Mather, George Bertram (Bert)	Dec. 2, 1915	1944	Nov. 25, 2007
Miller, Douglas Maxwell	Dec. 19, 1919	1959	Jul. 22, 2007
Nagus, Robert Lewis	Feb. 18, 1924	1954	Oct. 27, 2007
Patton, Desmond Granville	Nov. 22, 1922	1969	Jan. 8, 2008
Sisson, Virginia Grace (LPM)	Dec. 23, 1940	2005	Jan. 15, 2008
Verrall, Arthur Wesley	Sep. 26, 1925	1956	Aug. 18, 2007
Watt, Doris Ellen (LM)	Oct. 7, 1948	1996	Feb. 22, 2007
Wyatt, Melvin Grant	Oct. 21, 1917	1973	Jan. 4, 2009

Alberta and Northwest Conference

Agnew, Lloyd Russell	Nov. 20, 1918	1951	Nov. 20, 2007
Beach, William Walter	Apr. 13, 1931	1955	Jan. 15, 2008
Beckwith, David Alan	Sep. 23, 1941	1966	Oct. 2, 2006
Birse, Archibald	Jun. 23, 1917	1956	Aug. 28, 2006
Bray, Thomas Wills	Apr. 10, 1928	1953	Oct. 26, 2008
De Man, Kenneth Rodney	Nov. 1, 1953	1986	Sep. 24, 2007
Harke, Herbert Arthur	Jun. 26, 1926	1953	Oct. 5, 2006
Hessels, Cornelis Karel (Kees)	Nov. 28, 1921	1961	Oct. 7, 2008
Mack, Helen Elizabeth	Jul. 21, 1917	1950	Jul. 1, 2007
MacLellan, Alexander	Jul. 17, 1921	1969	Dec. 14, 2007
McPhee, Frank Angus	Feb. 23, 1920	1947	Feb. 16, 2007
Muir, Laura Christianna	May 12, 1913	1954	Mar. 6, 2007
Radway, Norman Glen	Mar. 2, 1931	1963	Aug. 15, 2008
Reed, Ruth Alleyne	May 15, 1922	1965	Dec. 13, 2006
Simms, Robert William	May 4, 1938	1982	Jul. 12, 2007
Soles, Douglas Albert	Jul. 31, 1925	1970	Dec. 4, 2007
Syer, Elizabeth (Betty) Ellen	Dec. 11, 1917	1951	Mar. 12, 2008
Syer, Keith Gorman	Mar. 18, 1918	1949	Aug. 25, 2007
Vincent, Sidney Reginald	Apr. 21, 1914	1942	Aug. 4, 2006
Walker, Peter	Mar. 10, 1926	1974	Dec. 30, 2007
Whitworth, Derek Walter	May 24, 1928	1969	Nov. 10, 2006
Wilk, Stephen William	Dec. 31, 1922	1952	Nov. 12, 2006

British Columbia Conference

Andrews, Frank George	Feb. 19, 1911	1959	Jul. 28, 2008
Bonham, John Stanley	Jul. 3, 1910	1934	Nov. 11, 2007
Burnham, William Lemuel	May 28, 1926	1954	Sep. 18, 2006
Cumming, Ivan Everett	Sep. 1, 1927	1953	Oct. 7, 2007
Doan, Samuel Allan	Apr. 5, 1926	1969	Jan. 6, 2008
Golightly, Francis (Frank) Henry	Jan. 1, 1909	1938	Aug. 25, 2006
Griffiths-Ling, Betty	Aug. 9, 1918	1971	Jan. 31, 2009
Hall, Richard Frank	Apr. 27, 1928	1967	Mar. 16, 2007
Howard, Oliver Rolfe	Feb. 19, 1927	1953	Oct. 16, 2008
Hyde, Gordon David George	Jun. 30, 1927	1966	Sep. 14, 2007
Jones, Edward Donovan	1916	1946	Nov. 3, 2006
MacKay, Chauncey Woodrow	Oct. 24, 1919	1943	Sep. 28, 2006
McLellan, Edith	Oct. 13, 1921	1981	Dec. 3, 2008
Muir, Francis Hoare	Nov. 10, 1916	1949	Jun. 22, 2008
Mullens, Hendrik Johannes	Dec. 6, 1920	1962	Jun. 16, 2007
Ormiston, James Douglas	Jan. 18, 1923	1949	Aug. 14, 2008

Rolston, Peter Carson	Aug. 15, 1937	1965	Nov. 3, 2006
Sherwood, Alexander Garnet	Jul. 30, 1914	1968	May 18, 2007
Siwallace, Mary Lynn	Sep. 3, 1946	2005	Nov. 6, 2007
Smith, Robert Timothy	Feb. 13, 1951	1994	May 18, 2008
Stevens, Francis H.	Oct. 8, 1906	1930	Dec. 7, 2008
Taylor, William Bruce	Oct. 13, 1919	1952	Sep. 11, 2007
Thompson, Murray Stewart	May 11, 1923	1946	Feb. 1, 2009
Tunbridge, Marjorie A.	Sep. 23, 1921	1948	Dec. 28, 2008
Turner, Gordon Bruce	Jul. 20, 1939	1965	Jan. 19, 2009
Un-Rau, Albert Menno	May 3, 1930	1977	Mar. 7, 2009
Ware, James Levante	May 10, 1929	1965	Oct. 29, 2007
Williams, John George	Oct. 21, 1921	1974	May 5, 2008
Yates, Gordon Wilson	Feb. 18, 1926	1954	May 26, 2006
All Native Circle Conference			
Harper, Benny	Sep. 15, 1944	1997	Jan. 29, 2008
McFarlane, William John	Feb. 17, 1934	1968	Feb. 2, 2009

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