

STRUCTURE OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

PASTORAL CHARGES (2206) statistics from www.united-church.ca
Members – 478,909 - admitted by Session

Meet annually

Committees, Boards, etc.

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

or

Church Council or Unified Board (approved by Presbytery)

PRESBYTERIES (85)

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

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| - Oversight of Pastoral Charges | - Conduct Covenanting Services with Ministry Personnel |
| - Church property | - Oversight of conduct of Ministry Personnel |
| - Students and candidates for Ministry | - Recommend candidates for Ministry |
| - Pastoral Relations | - Recognition of Designated Lay Ministers |
| - Form new Pastoral Charges | |

Committees

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

CONFERENCES (13)

Membership

- (a) Ministry Personnel
- (b) lay members at least equal to (a) elected by Presbyteries.

Meet at least every third year, or more frequently, but always prior to a meeting of the General Council.

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
- Others

Committees

- Settlement
- Archives
- Extra Appeals (Financial)
- Ministry, Personnel and Education
- Finance
- Pension
- Communication
- Stewardship

GENERAL COUNCIL (1)

Membership (meets every three years)

- (a) Members of order of ministry - approximately 175
- (b) Lay Persons equal to (a) (there is a formula)

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.

Permanent 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

Resource Production & Distribution

Legal Counsel

Residential Schools

Inter Cultural & Diverse Communities in Ministry

Financial Services

Support to Local Ministries

Justice, Global & Ecumenical Relations

Faith Formation & Education

Financial Stewardship

Ministry & Employment Policies & Services

Ministères en Français

Information Technology Services