

Appendix 1

PARTNER COUNCIL

TERMS OF REFERENCE:

Presented and approved by GCE, September 2019

The Partners Advisory Council is one way The United Church of Canada lives out key partnership principles. It enables partner voices and input to be heard at all levels of the church, including governance structures, and affirms the importance of global partner accompaniment of the church as we continue to live out God's mission in Canada and globally.

The Partners Advisory Council shall:

- Connect to various ministries, regions and structures of the United Church bringing global perspective, wisdom and experience.
- Deepen understanding of United Church context informed by global perspectives. .
- Reflect back to the United Church their perspectives of United Church ministry in Canada and globally.
- Offer advice on how to effectively engage in partner consultation.
- Offer advice on General council programs that may benefit from a global perspective
- Be a lens for checking United Church policies and practices to ensure consistency with partnership principles
- Bring to the United Church's attention critical global or regional issues that might have an impact on our common mission/ministry work
- Serve as a mechanism for feedback regarding specific United Church policy decisions that might have an impact on global partners

MEMBERSHIP

Up to 7 persons representing regions of global engagement (Africa, Middle East, Latin America and Caribbean, Asia, Global Ecumenical and Canada) and LGBTQI+ partners and an invitation to each Council meeting to be extended to regional staff of full communion partners.

STAFF RESOURCES

Executive Minister, Church in Mission Unit

TERM OF OFFICE

3 years, renewable once

MEETINGS

One face to face meeting per year, electronic consultation as needed

ACCOUNTABILITY

Reporting to the Executive of General Council