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In the company of God and one another, our community can be transformative.

Ethnic Ministries believes that God is calling us to transformation as individuals, as communities, and as church, with all the life-giving traditions, faiths, and cultures we have been gifted with for God's mission.

From 2005-2006, Ethnic Ministries conducted extensive re-visioning processes to reflect on a transformative vision for The United Church of Canada. To facilitate shaping this vision for the whole Church, Ethnic Ministries conducted several focus groups across the country; consulted with ethnic minority and ethnic majority constituents; conferred with leaders from both Aboriginal and Francophone communities; met with leaders involved with urban ministries; gathered insights from senior staff in the General Council Offices, Conferences, and presbyteries; collected information from Statistics Canada; and consulted with many individuals and congregations in Church with varying degrees of connection to Ethnic Ministries or none at all, including those in rural contexts. Through these conversations and consultations, a vision emerged of a national church where the intercultural¹⁶ dimension of ministries is emphasized as a denominational priority.

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