



**The United Church
of Canada
General Council**

GC41 Transgender

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March 2012 Motion passed by the Executive of the General Council: Policies Related to Gender Identity

The Executive of the General Council affirmed that:

- a. The United Church of Canada acknowledges the difference (distinction) between gender identity referring to a person's innate, deeply felt sense of being male, female, both or neither; and sexual orientation – having to do with the gender to which one is emotionally and physically attracted, and
- b. "Gender identity" is not a barrier to membership and ministry of The United Church of Canada.

The Executive also requested that the General Secretary, General Council:

- c. update all existing policy statements which refer only to "sexual orientation" by adding "and gender identities" to those policy statements and,
- d. provide opportunities for members of the Transgender community to share their stories at the 41st General Council 2012.

The Executive of The General Council Meeting on March 24 – 26, 2012

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