



**The United Church
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General Council**

GC42 Treatment of Prison Inmates (GC42 2015 - 069)

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The 42nd General Council (2015) direct the General Secretary, General Council to:

- a. contact the Prime Minister, the party leaders and appropriate ministers calling on them to eliminate solitary confinement;
- b. contact the Prime Minister, the party leaders and appropriate ministers calling on them to:
 - Provide better training of staff regarding mental health issues of offenders;
 - Schedule mental health assessments and development of treatment strategies;
 - Ensure transfer of inmates prone to injuring themselves to treatment centres;
 - Ensure that there is adequate oversight of prison conditions.
 - Work more closely with the John Howard Society, the Elizabeth Fry Society, and the Canadian Mental Health Association in developing better strategies for treatment and training.
 - Work more closely with the interfaith chaplaincies.
- c. That we encourage communities of faith to do the same.

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