



The United Church of Canada General Council

GC40 The United Church of Canada Commitment to Inclusion (GC 40 2009 - 089)

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That the 40th General Council 2009:

1. Declare that in matters respecting doctrine, worship, membership and governance, The United Church of Canada is opposed to discrimination against any person on the basis of age, ancestry, colour, disability, ethnic origin, gender identity, language, marital status, place of origin, race, sexual orientation, socio-economic status or any other basis by which a person is devalued.
2. Commit The United Church of Canada to journey to where there will be no discrimination in any aspect of church life and strongly urge each court, congregation and other ministries to embrace this commitment.
3. And direct the General Secretary, General Council, to develop educational resources that will assist courts and congregations to identify how they discriminate and develop a plan to make room for all those who would be part of the body of Christ within The United Church of Canada.

4. And design a process for the reporting of data and sharing of stories of the journey in order for the 41st General Council 2012 to assess what else is needed to become a church where everyone can have “a place at the table.”
5. And that presbyteries be mandated to include this commitment in their triennial oversight visits.

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