



**The United Church  
of Canada  
General Council**

# **GC42 United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples as a Framework for Reconciliation (2015-11-21-022)**

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That the Executive of the General Council, in response to the Truth and Reconciliation Commission of Canada Call to Action 48 (text below):

1. formally adopt the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and comply with its principles, norms, and standards as a framework for reconciliation;
2. create a Task Group comprising:
  - a. a representative from each of the Aboriginal Ministries Council; Committee on Indigenous Justice and Residential Schools; Permanent Committee on Finance Accountability; Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda; Permanent Committee on Ministry and Employment Policies and Services; Permanent Committee on Program for Mission and Ministry; and the Theology and Inter-Church Interfaith Committee;
  - b. a representative from ANCC and two other Conferences;
  - c. the General Secretary;
  - d. the Executive Minister, Aboriginal Ministries Circle and Indigenous Justice and other resource staff as required; and
3. give direction to the Task Group to:
  - a. develop and implement a process to engage the whole church in complying with this Call to Action, providing a mechanism with which to assess compliance; and
  - b. develop, by March 31, 2016, as recommended by the commission, a statement to the Canadian public indicating how the Church is living out this call, and a format for ongoing reporting.

**Source:**

[https://commons.united-church.ca/Documents/Governance/General Council Executive/GC42 Executive \(2015-2018\)/Minutes/2015-11-21 GCE \(pages 13-44\).pdf](https://commons.united-church.ca/Documents/Governance/General Council Executive/GC42 Executive (2015-2018)/Minutes/2015-11-21 GCE (pages 13-44).pdf)

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