



**The United Church  
of Canada  
General Council**

# **GC45 GS05 Editorial changes to The Manual, section I.1.2.4 for Summer 2025**

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## **1. What is the issue? Why is it important?**

An amendment to section I.1.2.4 was approved at G44 in February 2022 to allow ministers from other denominations to serve in United Church communities of faith when United Church ministry personnel are unavailable for short-term vacancies.

It is important to periodically review amended sections to ensure clarity and improve the accessibility of the Manual.

## **2. What is the recommendation?**

The General Council approved subsection d) of I.1.2.4 as follows:

Admission Minister, Diaconal Supply and Ordained Supply

### **a. Definition:**

1. An “admission minister” is a diaconal minister (or equivalent) of another denomination or an ordained minister of another denomination who is in the process of admission to the order of ministry of the United Church. (2021)

2. A “diaconal supply” is a diaconal minister (or equivalent) of another denomination whose credentials have been approved by the United Church and who is not in the process of admission to the order of ministry of the United Church. (2021)
3. An “ordained supply” is an ordained minister of another denomination whose credentials have been approved by the United Church and who is not in the process of admission to the order of ministry of the United Church.

b. **Eligibility:** To be eligible for appointment as an admission minister, the minister must first complete certain steps in the process of admission to the order of ministry of the United Church. (2021)

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For policies and procedures for the admission of ministers from other denominations, see the resource available from the [General Council Office](#).

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See also Entering Ministry H.8

- c. **Ethnocultural or linguistic specific congregation:** The regional council may appoint a diaconal supply or ordained supply to a community of faith that has been designated as an ethnocultural or linguistic specific community of faith by the appropriate General Council working unit. That minister does not have to be in the admission process.

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There are additional policies and procedures for appointing and reappointing an admission minister, diaconal supply or ordained supply. See the resources available from the [General Council Office](#). (2021)

#### Original Wording

Diaconal Supply/Ordained Supply - short term supply:

- d. A diaconal or ordained minister from another denomination may serve in an appointment to a United Church community of faith for a period of time, normally up to two years, without a requirement that they be in the process of admission to the order of ministry in the United Church.

#### *Proposed wording*

Diaconal Supply/Ordained Supply - short term supply:

- d. A diaconal or ordained minister from another denomination, whose credentials have been approved by the United Church, may serve in an appointment to a United Church community of faith for a period of time not to exceed two years without prior approval of the Regional Council, without being required to enter the admission process.

## 3. For the body transmitting this proposal to the General Council Executive:

N/A

#### **For the body transmitting this proposal to the General Council:**

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- ☐ Agree
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