



**The United Church  
of Canada  
General Council**

# **GC45 GS06 Amendment to Section C.2.14 for Summer 2025**

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

While the Manual states that regional councils can assess and recognize ministries that are not traditional communities of faith, it does not provide a definition. This proposal aims to define such ministries.

## **2. How might the General Council respond to the issue?**

The General Secretary recommends adding the following definition, highlighted in red, to section C.2.14.

### **C.2.14 Regionally Recognized Ministries**

A regionally recognized ministry is a ministry that offers expressions of ministry through education, service, pastoral care, word or sacrament in communities and contexts not designated as communities of faith.

The Regional Council is responsible for:

- a. Assessing and recognizing other ministries; and
- b. Determining how to support ministry personnel serving in such recognized ministries.

FYI: An assessment tool is offered by the General Council to regional councils to help in their work in evaluating whether or not a ministry could be recognized by the regional council.

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

N/A

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

Please select the appropriate option and provide the key discussion points for items being forwarded to the General Council:

- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Disagree without forwarding to the General Council
- ☐ Disagree and forwarding to the General Council
- ☐ Take no action at this time

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