



**The United Church  
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General Council**

# **GC45 WF01: BNS01 Clergy Housing Assistance for Summer 2025**

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Most discussion groups supported the intent of this proposal, and supported the goal of ministers having access to attainable housing.

However, many groups noted significant logistical challenges in implementation of the proposal, noting questions about taxation implications, requirements to maintain charitable status, and the requirements of mortgage lenders. Other discussion groups felt they did not have sufficient information on these items to make an informed decision.

Groups recognized that there are systemic issues with the Canadian housing market that the United Church is operating within.

**Therefore, the Way Forward Team proposes:**

**That, in response to BNS01 Clergy Housing Assistance, the 45th General Council, 2025:**

- **take no further action on BNS01 Clergy Housing Assistance, and**
- **direct the General Secretary to incorporate concerns about housing for ministry personnel into the General Council's leadership priority in the strategic plan, and**
- **encourage Commissioners and Corresponding Members, and others in the United Church, to write to their elected officials at all levels of government to address Canada's housing affordability crisis**

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