

AMC 2 CALLS TO THE CHURCH FROM THE CARETAKERS OF THE INDIGENOUS CIRCLE

Origin: Aboriginal Ministries Council

1. What is the issue?

The United Church of Canada has committed to living out the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, which includes recognition that Indigenous Peoples have the right to make their own decisions, and to make those decisions in their own ways.

2. Why is this issue important?

This is part of how we seek to fulfill the words of our apologies, and to respond to the Calls to Action of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

3. How might the General Council Executive respond to the issue?

By receiving the report of the Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle, discussing it to ensure that it is understood and embraced, and recommending it for approval at the 43rd General Council of the United Church of Canada.

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

The Comprehensive Review Task Group which reported to the General Council in 2015 had engaged in consultations with the Aboriginal Ministries Council and its members, but realized that the conversations needed more time. The 42nd General Council directed that the Executive establish a process to continue these conversations.

At the November 2015 GCE meeting, the Aboriginal Ministries Council proposed a framework that would begin with conversations among the Indigenous groups that make up the Aboriginal Ministries Council, with executive members to be invited as listeners, and would follow with occasions for joint conversation and collaboration. This process was accepted by the GCE and the resulting work of the Caretakers of the Indigenous Circle has been shared with the GCE in an earlier form, discussed at the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering, and worked on further by the Caretakers to reflect the input of the National Aboriginal Spiritual Gathering.

✓ **G&A 23 EXTENDING THE COMMITTEES OF THE EXECUTIVE OF
THE GENERAL COUNCIL**

Origin: Permanent Committee on Governance and Agenda

1. What is the issue?

Since the current Executive has been extended to December 31, 2018, the status of the committees which relate to the Executive also need to be determined.

2. Why is this issue important?

In order to manage work during this extension period and prepare to transition to the new structure, the current Executive will need the support of committees who are familiar with any work in progress and any which is transitioning.

3. How might the General Council Executive respond to the issue?

The Governance and Agenda Committee proposes that:

The Executive of the General Council approve extending the term of the Sub-Executive and all committees of the Executive of the General Council until December 31, 2018, to allow for appropriate transitional arrangements to be put in place.

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

At its special meeting on September 30, 2017, the 42nd General Council approved extending the term of the Executive of the 42nd General Council to enable an appropriate transition. The new Executive will be appointed at the 43rd General Council meeting in July 2018 and will assume office on January 1, 2019.

The Sub-Executive is typically called upon to meet from time to time to approve various matters in between Executive meetings, with notice given to all members of the Executive, and will need to continue to function in this way through the transitional period.

For consistency during the transition period, the terms of the members of the committees of the Executive of the General Council should also be extended to December 31, 2018, with new committees assuming office on January 1, 2019.

Committees would not take on new work during this time that cannot be completed before the end of 2018. It is understood that some currently appointed members may not be able to accept this extension to their appointment. These vacancies will not be filled with new members.