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Lay & Order of Ministry Representatives to General Council Executive

Responsibilities

- To serve as a voting member of the Executive of the General Council and understand the duties and powers of the Executive of the General Council (Reference - The Manual, Section 524-526)
Expectations: Prepare for, attend and participate in the meetings of the Executive of the General Council
Frequency: twice a year (usually late October or November, late April or May)
Duration: three days of meetings
Location: usually in Toronto
- Typically to serve as a commissioner to the General Council. “Commissioner” means a lay member or a member of the Order of Ministry who is elected to serve as a member of the General Council and understand the duties and powers of the General Council (Reference - The manual - Section 505)
Expectations: Prepare for, attend and participate in the meeting of the General Council as a commissioner
Frequency: every 3 years (usually in August. This year, August 11 - 18, 2012)
Duration: usually eight days of meetings
Location: varies (2012 – Ottawa, ON)
- Normally to accept at least one and not more than two additional appointments to the following list of committees and task groups:

Permanent Committee on Finance	3
Permanent Committee on GPB Processes	5
Permanent Committee on MEPS	3
Permanent Committee on PMM	3
Nominations	13
Moderator’s Advisory	1
General Secretary’s Supervision	3
Racial justice Advisory	1
Gender justice Advisory	1
Pension Board	1
Funding the Work of the Church	1
Redesign Evaluation Task Group	1
Residential Schools Advisory	1

In addition, ten members are appointed to the Sub-Executive.

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Expectations: Prepare for, attend and participate in the meetings of committees to which the member is appointed as a representative.

Frequency: varies (2 - 4 times per year)

Duration: varies (usually 2 - 4 days)

Location: usually in Toronto

Responsibilities to the Conference

Other responsibilities may be assigned by the Conference that elected the member, (for example):

- Prepare, attend and report at the meetings of the Conference executive.
- Prepare, attend and report at the Annual Meetings of the Conference.
- To ensure that information and concerns of the Executive of the General Council get to the appropriate individuals and committees within the Conference.
- To ensure that information and concerns of the Conference and its Executive get to the appropriate individuals within the General Council.
- Visit Presbyteries in the Conference as possible to report on the work of the Executive of the General Council and to gather information and impressions on the concerns and needs of the church.
- Provide briefing information to the Conference's alternate representative to the Executive of the General Council
- Liaison with the other Conference representative and the Executive Secretary

Number of Positions Open: one position for a London Conference Order of Ministry Representative

Skills and Gifts: Active involvement in a local United Church congregation as well as Presbytery or Conference. A broad understanding of the courts of the United Church and their operation.

Expectations and Term of Office: For Order of Ministry member, beginning with the November, 2012 General Council Executive meeting in Toronto.

(The current Lay member's term does not end until 2015)

Term of office is three years, with an optional second three year term.