

National Indigenous Organization (8 vacancies, including 2 youth or young adults)

Overview

In August 2019 at the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering the National Indigenous Council will bring forward a framework for a new National Indigenous Organization that will operate within the context of the larger United Church of Canada. The new organization and the National Indigenous Elders Council will move to more traditional approaches of governance while representing and offering their diverse Indigenous cultural understandings within the church structure.

Responsibilities

The National Indigenous Organization will exist and operate within the context of The United Church of Canada. It will

- be a decision-making body, informing policy and practices that impact Indigenous Peoples within the United Church
- receive direction on priorities at the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering
- receive advice and direction from working/advisory groups made up of representatives from Indigenous communities of faith across Canada (urban, small town, rural, and First Nations)
- select a member to serve as a member of the General Council Executive

Membership

The National Indigenous Organization consists of eight members, two of whom are youth and young adults, who are Indigenous people and reflect the diversity of The United Church of Canada with respect to gender identity, age, geography, and vocation.

Nomination Process

Anyone nominating someone to the new organization will be knowledgeable about who they are nominating and why they are nominating the individual, as well as possess knowledge about the work of Indigenous Ministries and Justice within The United Church of Canada.

1. Nominations will come from communities of faith. The nomination form will be completed by the nominating community.
 - a. Please ensure the nominee has given permission to allow this nomination.
 - b. Please include a personal statement from the nominee that speaks to their commitment and gifts.
2. The participants of the National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering will receive a docket of all candidates prior to arriving at the Gathering.
3. A vote to determine membership of the organization will occur at the Gathering.

All nominees are expected to attend the 2019 National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering and enter into a process of engagement with the participants. The selection process will seek representation from across the country—i.e., eastern Canada, central Canada, and western Canada.

Gifts and Skills

Appointees to this organization will bring a commitment to the work of the Indigenous church and The United Church of Canada. We are seeking individuals who are

- strategic thinkers
- knowledge keepers
- carriers of the history

- Indigenous peoples who represent the urban/off-reserve and LGBTQIA2S+ communities
- youth (must be at least 18 years of age) and young adults (two)

Expectations and Term

The term of this appointment is until the rise of the next National Indigenous Spiritual Gathering in August 2022, with the possibility of reappointment for an additional three-year term. The new organization will determine a strategy for staggered terms to create continuity.

The National Indigenous Organization will meet at least four times a year, usually by videoconferencing, conference call, or e-mail. An inaugural (face-to-face) meeting is set for September 28–29, 2019, in Winnipeg, Manitoba. Typically, there is one face-to-face meeting each year. Meetings may occur during the week or on weekends. Members are expected to attend all meetings.

Closing date: Tuesday, June 18, 2019

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