

London Conference Nominations

There are a number of opportunities for enthusiastic and skilled people to serve Conference committees. The challenge is to match the right person to the right position.

The Nominations Committee of Conference, following a model used by the United Church nationally, has recently begun a Self-Nominating Process; a three part process:

First, the Committee seeking new members posts a vacancy on the London Conference website www.londonconference.ca/content.php?id=34. This information outlines the mandate of the committee, the number of people required, the membership of the committee, the skills and gifts required for the position, expectations about the number of meetings per year, and the term of office.

Secondly, persons interested can apply for the positions they're interested in by filling out the application on the website and mailing/emailing the application to the Conference Office.

On the application form, you will be asked to identify yourself and how you can be contacted.

You will be asked:

- 1) to share a bit about yourself and your involvement in the United Church;
- 2) why the opportunity interests you and why you feel called to this work;
- 3) the gifts you bring and what you hope to learn from being part of the committee.

The names and phone numbers of two references are required.

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The idea is to open up opportunities to people who may have a particular passion, interest, or skill set that might not otherwise be chosen. So you are encouraged to self-nominate, or if you know of someone who would be an asset to a committee, encourage them to apply.

The third part of the process involves discernment by the Conference Nominating Committee. Nominating yourself does not guarantee a position. There may be a number of applicants for one position. There may be questions of the balance of gifts, skills, gender, ministry and lay, and geographic diversity.

The Nominations Committee meets to prayerfully discern the matching of applicants and positions.

Recommendations are then made to the Annual Meeting of Conference.

The exception is the position of President-Elect of Conference. The job description and application is posted on the Conference website, but this is a position elected at the Annual Meeting.

Currently, we are looking for:

- 3 members for the Learning Fund
- 1 member for St. Joseph's Spiritual Care Advisory
- 2 members for the Nominations Committee
- 1 Retiree and Pension Liaison
- 2 members for the Staff Committee
- 3 members for the Archives Committee
- Any number of people willing to be President-Elect

So in brief, check the Nominations page of the website, apply or find applicants by mid-April, and you will hear back from the Nominations Committee.

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