

## United Church Commitments to Equity

The United Church of Canada has made several commitments related to equity and self-determination in recent years. These commitments include the following:

- adopting the [United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples](#) as the framework for reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples
- adopting the [Calls to the Church](#) by the Caretakers of Our Indigenous Circle as the basis for a new relationship
- welcoming [people of all sexual orientations and gender identities](#) into full membership and ministry in the church
- committing to becoming [an intercultural church](#)
- committing to becoming an open, accessible, and barrier-free church, where there is [full participation of people with disabilities](#)
- working toward [functional bilingualism and ensuring that francophone ministries are an integral part](#) of the church's identity, mission, and vision
- affirming a vision of [empowered youth and young adults](#) partnering with others and continuing to enliven and transform the church in service of the mission of God
- [opposing discrimination](#) of any kind on the basis of identity
- developing an anti-racism policy and committing to becoming an [anti-racist denomination](#)
- adopting the [United Nations International Decade for People of African Descent](#) (which runs 2015–2024), as part of the church's commitment to anti-racism.