

Direct the Executive of the General Council to develop a process by which the church will actively seek sites for settlement throughout the church that meet the needs of all candidates for the Order of Ministry, Diaconal and Ordained (whether that be congregational ministry or other Presbytery recognized community agencies/institutions) so that those who offer their gifts and calling to the church may be settled.

**Carried**

**Diaconal Ministry References (Red 2)**

Michelle Slater introduced Proposals M&O 3, ANW 1, and a new proposal, Red 2. She noted that three response sheets were received in favour of the proposals. Discussion on the proposal took place and Dwaine Dornan, co-chair, confirmed that the proposal is consistent with the diaconal minister term in *The Manual*.

**Motion: Ian March-MacCuish/Jim Blanchard**

**GC 39 2006 - 075**

Having heard Proposals M&O 3 and ANW 1, that the 39th General Council 2006 directs the General Secretary to ensure that with regard to the definition of Diaconal Minister, all relevant sections of *The Manual* of The United Church of Canada be changed to match the wording found in Section 001 of *The Manual*.

**Motion to Amend: Julianne Kasmer/Jean Lee**

And

That all services of ordination and commissioning use the wording of Basis of Union-11.3, question, #2 along with *The Manual* section 001.

Further, when referring to diaconal ministry, that the terms “commissioned” and “commissioning” always be followed by the term “in” or “to diaconal ministry”

**Carried**

**Motion as Amended - Carried**

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**Designated Lay Ministry/Congregational Designated Ministry (GS 34)**

The Chair introduced Proposal GS 34 and noted the response sheets received. Ministry Employment Policies and Services staff member, Joe Ramsay, clarified the background to the proposal with comments, questions, and discussion.

**Motion: Ian March-MacCuish/Jim Blanchard**

**GC 39 2006 - 076**

That the 39th General Council 2006:

Approve the policy that:

1. There be two streams of paid accountable lay ministry in the United Church:
  - (i) Designated Lay Ministers who are accountable to a Presbytery and recognized by the Conference; and
  - (ii) Congregational Designated Ministers who are accountable to a Pastoral Charge and recognized by the Presbytery.
2. Presbyteries shall approve all paid accountable ministry positions by either:
  - (i) declaring a vacancy that may be filled by a member of the Order of Ministry or a Designated Lay Minister; or
  - (ii) approving a Congregational Designated Ministry position to be filled by someone appropriately qualified according to guidelines to be approved by the Executive of the General Council.

And that *The Manual* be revised to reflect this policy.

**Carried**

Dwaine Dorman, co-chair, reviewed Proposals GS 3, ANW 5, LON 5, and GCE 7. It was agreed, through consensus, to consider the proposals separately.

**Exercise of Discipline of Ministry Personnel (GS 3)**

**Motion: Jim Blanchard/Ian March MacCuish**

**GC 39 2006 - 077**

That the 39th General Council 2006:

1. Receive for information the report “The Exercise of Discipline of Ministry Personnel”.
2. Adopt the draft standards of practice contained in that report as the standards of practice for Ministry Personnel in The United Church of Canada (Section 5).
3. Adopt the draft ethical standards contained in that report with the addition of the words “they are called to” following “in these positions” in Section 6.2.1, as the ethical standards for Ministry Personnel in The United Church of Canada (Section 6).
4. Direct the Executive of the General Council:
  - a. to develop and execute an implementation plan for the standards of practice and ethical standards as outlined in the report; and
  - b. to evaluate the present process for discipline and oversight of Ministry Personnel.

**Motion to Amend: James Ball/Robert Brinn**

That the word “profession” be removed from the Standards of Ethics and be replaced by the word “vocation”.

**Carried**

**Motion as Amended - Carried**

**Code of Ethics for Youth Ministry (ANW 5) (LON 5)**

Proposals ANW 5 and LON 5 were introduced and discussed with comments. Discussion included concerns about separate codes of ethics.

**Motion: Allan Warren/Diana Brecka**

**GC 39 2006 - 078**

That ANW 5 – Code of Ethics for Youth Ministry be adopted.

**Motion to Amend: Andrew Johnson/Matt Woodall**

Add: for those paid, and/or volunteer who work with youth.

**Carried**

**Motion as Amended – Defeated**

Proposal LON 5 was introduced and discussion continued.

**Motion: Ian March March-MacCuish/Jim Blanchard**

**GC 39 2006 - 079**

That the 39th General Council 2006:

That a Code of Ethics be developed for Youth Ministry using as a resource the Code of Ethics and commentary that was developed at the National Consultation on Youth Ministry Training (November 2004).

**Carried**

**Leadership Outcomes Framework for Ordered Ministry (GCE 7)**

Michelle Slater introduced proposal GCE 7 and noted that many response sheets were received on this proposal. Questions were clarified, staff responded to questions, and a new proposal was introduced.

Concerns were raised and suggestions made by the parliamentarian, Linsell Hurd.

**Motion: Michael Kooiman/Susan Cameron**

**GC 39 2006 - 080**

That no further action be taken on GCE 7.

**Defeated**

**Motion: Teresa Burnett-Cole/Roz Vincent-Haven**

**GC 39 2006 - 081**

That we receive the report and:

Direct the Executive of the General Council to review the Leadership Outcomes Framework in light of the Standards of Practice in the 39th General Council 2006 Record of Proceedings with a view to harmonizing the Leadership Outcomes Framework with the Standards of Practice; and to undertake further study including reviewing response forms and correspondence received by the 39th General Council 2006.

**Motion to Amend: James Ball/Joyce MacKinnon**

Add clause:

Understanding that the 39th General Council 2006 sees the principle benefit of an Leadership Outcomes Framework model and its usefulness as an evaluative aid to E&S Committees in their work, to students who are in preparation for ministry and continuing education.

**Defeated**

The chair was challenged and there was a request to send the proposal to the Reference and Counsel. The chair's ruling was upheld and it was agreed to continue.

**Motion - Carried**

**The Meaning of Ministry (BQ 1)**

Proposal BQ 1 was introduced.

**Motion: Jim Blanchard/Ian March-MacCuish**

**GC 39 2006 - 082**

That the 39th General Council 2006 direct the Executive of the General Council to:  
Engage the whole church in a time of discernment concerning the meaning of ministry in The United Church of Canada and

That the discernment would give attention to the following issues:

- a theology of call and vocation
- the theology of ordered ministry
- the theology of lay pastoral ministry
- the theology of lay ministry
- the ecumenical implications

**Carried**

**Rethinking the Order of Ministry (ANW 3)**

The Business Chair introduced Proposal ANW 3 and suggested that it be referred to the Executive of the General Council for implementation. Two response forms were received.

**Motion: Ian March-MacCuish/Jim Blanchard**

**GC 39 2006 - 083**

That the 39th General Council 2006 refer ANW3, Rethinking the Order of Ministry, to the Executive of the General Council for consideration in implementing BQ 1, The Meaning of Ministry.

**Carried**

**Accountable Ministry (ANW 10)**

Proposal ANW 10 was introduced.

**Motion: Jim Blanchard/Ian March-MacCuish**

**GC 39 2006 - 084**

That the 39th General Council 2006 receive and take no action on Proposal ANW 10 – Accountable Ministry.

**Carried**

**Recognition of Spouses of Overseas Personnel (LON 1)**

Proposal LON 1 was introduced with discussion and comments.